

# In Memoriam

## Luca Minelli

Our friend Luca has sadly passed away.  
He passed away silently and humbly as he lived his life.

Luca was a great professional, a humanist and an extraordinary friend. Both of us could tell thousands of stories to explain how Luca changed the face of surgery in Italy, in Europe and in the world. Luca did that with humility and with an open heart to his colleagues, his patients and to the entire world. We have done countless number of courses together in Negrar, many people we have convinced and so many of those have become close friends.

Luca first created a kind of fraternity of minimally invasive surgeons that is rarely found in our profession. We were proud to be part of this incredible story of women health revolution with him and he was the most revolutionary of us.

Luca could have pretended to have a higher position, be more academic; or more honourable, but he was not interested in status. His interest can be summarized as 'Curing, Caring and Teaching'. He invented new and better techniques to treat and cure patients with endometriosis, he cared so much for them, but also for all his colleagues, especially the younger ones who he taught without fatigue.

No one can pretend to have been the best or the preferred fellow of Luca, that was not in his character... Luca loved them all equally.

Sharing knowledge was a duty for Luca and he has been successful! But for him it wasn't enough and improving the human condition was also his duty. Very few of us knew that all profits of the school that Luca founded were donated to humanitarian causes.

This is certainly because of his humble character that he left us silently during this terrible period of pandemic. The deep sadness of his loss is added by our inability to accompany him one last time. But we will come to you Luca, to salute you and certainly we will not be the only ones.

Rest in Peace, Brother...

Arnaud Wattiez

Armando Romeo