

## **FELIPE A. PRADAS, TECH CONSULTANT, VOLUNTEER; AT 58**

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Dr. Felipe Antonio Pradas, an information technology consultant, died of cancer Sunday at his home. He was 58.

Dr. Pradas assisted national and international businesses in developing and using information technology and helped create interactive CD-ROMs for use in the mental health field. Dr. Pradas was well known in Stow for his community service. "The way he incorporated his beliefs into his everyday life was very powerful," said his wife, Nanci Mara Pradas.

Dr. Pradas served as a catechist and director of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at St. Isidore Church in Stow. "He believed in giving himself and actively being involved," said his wife. "He felt that's just what you do on this earth."

Dr. Pradas was also active in the local schools as a substitute teacher and a member of the parent council. "He was the only dad who went to all the bake sales and all the plays," said Alicia Pradas-Monne, one of his daughters.

Above all, his daughters remember his sensitivity and how he cared for his family. Sometimes just a glimpse of them would make him sentimental. "We would be driving in the car, and all of a sudden he would look in the rear-view mirror and get teary-eyed," said daughter Alexandra Pradas.

Dr. Pradas was born in Teruel, Spain in 1944. He came to the United States with his family in 1958. He studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received a master's degree in engineering. This year he and his wife both received doctorates in psychology from North Central University in Minneapolis.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Alexandra and Mariana of Stow and Alicia Pradas-Monne of Pacifica, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Dara Spatz of Wellington, Fla.; his mother, Juana Aracil de Pradas, of Spain; sisters Asuncion Pradas of the Canary Islands and Teresa Pradas of Madrid; brothers Joaquin Pradas and Joseph Pradas, both of New York, George Pradas of Virginia, and Eugenio Pradas of Madrid.

A funeral Mass will be said today at noon at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Stow, followed by burial in Woodlawn Cemetery in Acton.