Dr. James C. Harris, 80, of Baltimore, Md., passed away Monday. He was married to Dr. Cathy DeAngelis, a native of Old Forge, for 41 years.

Born Nov. 6, 1940, in Birmingham, Ala., he was the son of the late James C.O. and Mary V. Respess Harris. He graduated from the University of Maryland and the George Washington School of Medicine and completed a residency and a fellowship in adult and in child and adolescent neuropsychiatry at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.
He founded the autism programs at Johns Hopkins and the Kennedy Center, and authored the textbook that defined the field of developmental neuropsychiatry, which won the Doody's Medical Book of the Year Award. He served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Public Health Service from 1967-70 in Thailand. He and his wife traveled to the seven continents where they advised, lectured and taught.

In addition to his wife, Cathy, he is survived by a brother, John R. Harris, Alexandria, Va.; two sisters-in-law, Seena DeRobertis, Old Forge; and Grace Herron, Clarks Summit; 10 nieces and nephews; 26 grandnieces and nephews; and three great-grandnieces and nephews; and thousands of medical faculty, fellows, residents, students and nurses.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Harris.

In lieu of flowers, anyone who so desires may send a contribution to the Professor James C. Harris, M.D. Leadership Fund at the Johns Hopkins Department of Psychiatry.

The funeral service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Louis V. Ciuccio Funeral Home, 145 Moosic Road, Old Forge. Interment, Old Forge Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may pay their respects at the funeral home on Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, those attending the viewing or funeral are kindly asked to follow safety measures of wearing a mask and socially distancing. To leave an online condolence or for directions, please visit the funeral home's website at ciucciofuneralhome.com.