I would like to dedicate this issue of Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis to the memory of my father, Giuseppe (Joseph) Favaloro, who passed away in July of 2016, only two weeks short of celebrating his 70th wedding anniversary with his wife, my mother, Santa Maria.

Although my father had no direct affiliation with this journal, and although life is unpredictable, our journeys involve many events and relationships that drive our course and ultimately lead us to the place that we occupy within this universe. Giuseppe was born in Italy in 1922, and like many of the young men of his generation, was swept up in the Second World War during his late teens. Unlike many of his comrades and friends, Giuseppe survived this horrendous war. However, life in Italy was really no easier after this catastrophic event than life had been during the war, especially trying to bring up a family. Accordingly, following in the earlier footsteps of his brother Emanuele, the Favaloro family, then comprising Giuseppe, Santa Maria, and their five children (Ernesto, Carmen, John, Bartolo, Emmanuel), left their homeland to arrive in a new land land called Australia. Here, Giuseppe anglicized his name to Joseph, and with his wife Santa Maria, worked hard to raise their family, adding two more children (Tony and Anna) to the clan along the way.

I was 2 years old at the time of the migration in 1960, and have no memory of the trip, but I can certainly recognize that any decision to move an entire family to an unfamiliar environment is not one that is taken lightly. Today, there is no doubt that I, and my brothers and sisters, would not be where we are, if had it not been for the actions of my father, and the woman, my mother, who so closely shared his life.

Giuseppe Favaloro — this issue of Seminars in Thrombosis & Hemostasis is dedicated to you. May you rest in peace.