



Joseph Lahoda

July 4, 1926 - July 7, 2013

Joseph G. Lahoda, MD, 87 of Cinnaminson NJ, an obstetrician and gynecologist who practiced in the area for several decades, passed away peacefully on July 7, 2013, surrounded by family. Dr. Lahoda was a native of Thompson, PA. He is survived by his wife Charlotte (Madrak) of almost 58 years, and children, Joseph (Amy) of Langhorne, PA, Mark (Connie) of West Deptford, NJ, and Eric (Pamela), of Bensalem, PA; seven grandchildren, Kristen, Brittany, Michael, Ashley, Lindsay, Sarah, and Jason; and two brothers, Henry of Mayfield, PA, and Thomas most recently in Boynton Beach, FL. Dr. Lahoda was a kind and compassionate man who was devoted to family, to his patients, and to his faith. He had a wry sense of humor and he always saw the best in people. He was a very ethical man who expected the same from others; he valued hard work and education as a path to success; at the same time he always encouraged his children to pursue their passions. Fourth of July birthday parties and family ski trips were a longstanding tradition in the Lahoda household; he enjoyed skiing with his family and grandchildren until he was 85, always proud to take advantage of his senior citizen discount. He loved Polka music, playing the saxophone, gardening, and annual trips to the Philadelphia Auto Show. During his medical career, Dr. Lahoda delivered between fifteen and twenty thousand babies. In solo practice for much of his career, Dr. Lahoda was often called away in the middle of the night to help bring a new life into the world. He was very meticulous in every aspect of his professional life and he was an early adopter of advanced surgical techniques. During his career and after he retired, former patients would often recognize him and tell him that he had cared for them and on many occasions introduce him to the children that he delivered. Dr. Lahoda was a classic American success story. The second youngest of nine children, Dr. Lahoda came from humble beginnings. He was the son of Ukrainian immigrants who owned a small dairy farm in Thompson PA. He was president of his high school class as well as the salutatorian, and loved playing the saxophone. After serving in the Army Air Corps, Dr. Lahoda obtained his BS in Biology from the University of Scranton in 1951 and earned his medical degree from Georgetown University in 1955. Dr. Lahoda did his internship at Robert Packer Hospital, Guthrie Clinic, in Sayre, PA. In 1956, Dr. Lahoda joined the military and after completing United States Army Medical School Service Training, was a General Medical Officer at

Brook Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. From 1957-1960, Dr. Lahoda completed his residency in obstetrics & gynecology at Pennsylvania Hospital, in Philadelphia, PA. During the next four years, Dr. Lahoda served as Chief of OB/GYN department at Munson Army Hospital, Fort Leavenworth, KS, and later as Chief of OB/GYN department at Womac Army Hospital in Fort Bragg, NC. Dr. Lahoda completed his service as a Major in the United States Regular Army Medical Corps. Dr. Lahoda's private practice began in 1964 and continued until 1997, when he retired at age 71. His private practice included staff appointments to Rancocas Hospital (Our Lady of Lourdes) Willingboro, NJ, Virtua Memorial Hospital, Mt. Holly, NJ, Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital, Riverside, NJ, and Lower Bucks Hospital, Bristol, PA. A Board Certified physician, Dr. Lahoda was a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology, New Jersey OB/GYN Society, Burlington County Medical Society, American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists and the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Dr. Lahoda's Life Celebration and viewing Wednesday Eve 7-9 p.m. and Thursday 9-10 a.m. at Snover/Givnish of Cinnaminson 1200 Route 130 North. His Mass of Christian Burial will follow 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church, 2500 Branch Pike, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077. Burial will be private at St. Mary Russian Cemetery, Thompson, PA. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make a contribution to St. Charles Borromeo Church. To share your condolences with the family and your fondest memories of Dr. Lahoda, please visit www.snovergivnish.com

Previous Events

Burial

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

St. Mary Russian Orthodox Cemetery

Tribute Wall

VD

“ I am very sad to hear, Dr Lahoda was the best doctor I ever had. He delivered both of my children. I use to see him & his wife at mass, at St Charles in Cinnaminson. Lovely Man, he was a Doctor of compassion, he cared about his patients. God Bless You,Doctor!

Veronica DeFulgentis - March 10 at 01:31 PM



“ Joseph Lahoda

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM

JC

“ Joey and I were great friends when we were in High School.. He was a sweet boy..We had so much fun together.. Joey was quiet but loved good, clean fun. I'll always miss him. We went to the proms together.Had coke's at the candy store.. Just fun times and beautiful friendship.. I feel so sad for his wife lose of the love of her life..What a nice kid he was.. Love in Christ..Janet

Janet Clift - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Dr Lahoda was my baby doctor but was off the weekend when I delivered. However I felt like he was a good friend during my pregnancy. I am sorry to hear that he passed. He always seemed so young. He was so nice to talk to also. I will miss him.

Sandra Novoshielski - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I was just speaking to my daughter, who is now 24, about Dr. Lahoda who delivered her on January 5, 1989 just last week about 'who' was delivered her, etc. He was the warmest doctor I have known. It was my first pregnancy and I was a nervous wreck. His gentle voice always found a way to calm me at my visits. I will never forget when he told me that I was having a baby girl! Dr. Lahoda comes into my conversatons with my daughter from time to time with wonderful memories that my daughter wants to know about. I will forever cherish the little ceramic shoe he has given me engraved with my daughter's name, birth, etc. R.I.P. Dr. Lahoda. You will be missed I am sure by many.

Margaret Potter - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Though we did not personally know the good doctor, we have known his son Eric and daughter-in-law Pam for a long time. From them we learnt how active Dr. Lahoda was and how many babies he delivered in his life time; thus providing great service to the society. We are sure that he will look down from heaven benevolently upon thousands of people that he helped bring into the world!

Ramesh Jain - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Today I cried when I read the obituary of the passing of Dr. Lahoda. He delivered both of my children in 1976 & 1984. When doctor Dr. Lahoda retired, I was glad for him but sad for me. I have often thought of him throughout the years. To me he was the best doctor in the world. Mrs. Lahoda and family...I am sorry for your loss of your beloved husband and father. It was my honor to have known him. Sincerely, Joanne Fenimore (Delran, NJ)

July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Lahoda was my doctor for many years until he retired. I was so happy for him to spend time with his wonderful family but sad that I would lose such a great doctor. I am proud to say that I have 4 "children" ages 25 -30, all of whom Dr. Joe brought into the world with kindness, compassion and professionalism. I'm so proud to have known him. His family must be so honored and blessed. He will be missed. Cheryl Ross

July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I was a recently married 21 year old in a completely new state when by pure chance I asked Dr. Lahoda to be my ob. Talk about guidance from above! My father back home was just diagnosed with a terrible cancer. Dr. Lahoda's gentleness and kindness to me - as well as his expert care - will never be forgotten. I am sending his obituary to the baby he delivered - my now 42 year old son in California. I am sure Dr. Lahoda is enjoying his well deserved place in heaven and I will keep you all in my prayers at this difficult time of loss.

Grace Howe - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mark, you and your family are in our hearts and prayers. I know how much your father will be missed by all of you. Please take comfort in all of the wonderful memories you have of him and in the thought of him at peace with God.

Donna and Keith Coughey - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Aunt Charlotte, Jody, Mark, Eric and family, I am very sorry for your loss. You were blessed to have such a wonderful man in your lives. I will always remember Uncle Joe as a true gentleman and a good friend. May God bless you with many great memories of happy times together.

Peter Olsheski - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Dear Charlotte, Jody, Mark, and Eric and Families, may God be with you to help you through this very sad time in your lives. I so loved and cherished my Uncle "Dr. Joe" as I enjoyed calling him. He stayed with us when he completed his B.S. degree at the Univ. of Scranton, and I remembered him 'studying' --all those bones. In fact, he was the one who insisted my Mom send me to college. In recent years he visited us often in Thompson when he came up to his class reunions. And we shared so much gabbing at night just laughing and enjoying. I, and my family, were truly blessed to have Dr. Joe pass through our lives. He touched us deeply and he was a person filled with 'Goodness' and 'Godness' and shared it with others.

Michalene - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Your father led a blessed life. You and your family are in my prayers.

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PA

“ I was a patient of Dr. Lahoda for only a short time before his retirement. I remember a very kind man, a true gentleman.

Patricia Amicucci - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ We are truly saddened regarding the passing of Joe. For the short period that our family know him we found that Joe was a truly caring and nice person. My personal memory of Joe was at Pam and Eric's wedding where I had time to talk and laugh with Joe throughout the day. We send our prayers to all members of the Lahoda family during this difficult time. Regards, Mike Nicholson and family...

Mike Nicholson - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ The finest, unpretentious, person, I've ever known. Frank F.

July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Aunt Charlotte and cousins, I have so many fond memories at Grandma and Grandpa's farm. Uncle Joe was a wonderful person and I'm so thankful for all his thoughtfulness to mom. To many happy precious memories to comfort you. with love and thoughts.

Marie - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I send my condolences and prayers to Dr. Lahoda's family. My mother was his patient, and she really treasured him, as did my Dad. I was not lucky enough to have him bring me into the world, but he delivered my 3 sisters. Dr. Lahoda respected all life - our family will never forget that and how wonderful he was to everyone. The world has lost a wonderful man, but I know that God has lovingly welcomed him into heaven. Sincerely, Casey Romanoff

July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ My sympathy and prayers to Dr. Lahoda's wife and children. He was my Ob/Gyn for many years and he delivered all three of my daughters, Sara Teresa 1985, Danielle Marie 1987 and Andrea Nicole 1991. He was so kind and compassionate as a person and as a doctor. After each of my daughters were delivered, a little ceramic baby shoe was given to us with their birth information imprinted upon it. The girls still have these precious mementos and everytime I look at them I think of my favorite doctor I have ever had and probably ever will. Dr. Lahoda thank you for all the wonderful memories of my doctor visits with you and may your family find comfort during this time of loss. Please know that you were very loved by so many people and hope you will look down from heaven and protect all the people whos lives you touched. RIP

Sara Alesso - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr Lahoda's passing. He was a lovely, lovely person. I cleaned Dr L's office for years when he was in the East Building at Rancocas Hospital. He was always respectful of me and the hard work for which I was responsible. He never failed to ask about my classwork and give encouragement. I have fond memories of Dr Lahoda. I am so sorry for your loss.

Judy Bay - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I have often thought of Dr. Lahoda through the years..... He delivered our twin sons on October 20 1976... it was quite a surprise for all of us..Dr. Lahoda really had to convince me that we had another baby to deliver... although they were small they were very healthy. Very sorry for all of you.

Mary Ann Demski - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Charlotte, Joe, Mark, Eric Amy, Connie, Pam, Brittany, Ashley, Lindsay, Kristen, Michael, Sarah and Jason- There are no words- I can only imagine your disbelief and pain following the loss of your beloved Pop-Pop. Treasure those last days and remember the celebration of his life and the legacy his has left in you. I will miss his smile, his soft words, and that twinkle in his eyes! A quiet man who demonstrated his great capacity for life and love in everything and everyone. My love and prayers to you all and my hope is that each new day brings comfort and healing.

Denise - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Dr. Lahoda selflessly left his bed on the night of May 5th 1968 to bring my daughter, the light of my life, into this world. He then gave me a connection with Pennsylvania Hospital which in later years would save my life. I feel fortunate to have ever been in his care. God bless him and his family.

Judi Savarese - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Uncle Joe was probably the best brother anyone could ever ask for. He would sometimes stay with my mother--his sister-- Helen Lahoda Stack when he came to his beloved 'class reunions'.I remember when he gave her a \$100 bill [when 10 dollars was a lot] when he stayed overnight for one reunion. She was so escatic ,she cried. That is the type of person he was . Kind, generous, and a real nice guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Catherine Staros - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Aunt Charlotte, Jodi, Mark, Eric and family...my heart is with you all at this difficult time. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Uncle Joe was truly the kindest and most gentle person I've ever known. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Peace and love to everyone.

Ardis Crespo - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Charlotte and cousins, I am very sorry for your loss. Uncle Joe was always admired by me for his inspiration and success. He was a uncle that I was very proud to have. Linda (Lahoda) Rizzo. Windsor, NY

July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ My deepest sympathies to Mrs. Lahoda and family. Dr. Lahoda delivered my son 37 years ago and was my gyn for many years until I moved out of state. To this day I have never had a doctor that was so devoted and compassionate. He was never too busy to take a little extra time to talk and have a real concerned interest about what was going on in my life.

Patricia Lakatos - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Dr. Lahoda was truly an angel living among us here on earth. We are so fortunate to have shared so many happy family celebrations with him. We extend our deepest sympathies to you, Charlotte, and his beloved children Joe, Amy, Mark, Connie, Eric, Pam, and grandchildren Kristen, Brittany, Michael, Ashley, Lindsay, Sara and Jason for this devastating loss. Please take comfort in knowing that he has left a beautiful legacy behind in his family and in all of the precious lives he brought into the world. We will miss him dearly. With Love and Sympathy, Rudy, Yvonne, Rudi, Chris and Erin

Rudy and Yvonne Kraeher - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM