



Bahij Joseph Chaho, M.D.

November 29, 1933 - November 29, 2010

Bahij Joseph Chaho, M.D., 77, of West Hartford, the husband of the late Dorothy C. "Doris" Chaho, died Monday, November 29, 2010 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Zahle, Lebanon, he was the youngest of six children of the late Youssef and Jameleh Chaho. Dr. Chaho attended the Oriental College in Zahle, Lebanon, and then St. Joseph University in Beirut, where he earned his medical degree. He excelled in all his studies and was admitted to training in surgery in the United States where he met his wife Doris (Kwiatkowski) Chaho. In 1964, after completing his surgical training he returned to Zahle, Lebanon and practiced surgery faithfully, and served his community honorably and bravely even under extremely dangerous conditions during the war. Dr. Chaho was a great humanitarian. He treated his patients with dignity and often took minimal or no compensation from those who were unable to pay for his services. In 1989, he stopped practicing surgery due to ill health and returned to Connecticut where he served as Vice President and Treasurer of the Maximilian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation, Inc. once again serving his community with kindness and generosity. He continued his charitable work until his retirement in 2003. During his career, Dr. Chaho was affiliated with Memorial Hospital (Sloan Kettering), NY, NY, Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT, Tel Chiha Hospital, Zahle, Lebanon, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon, and was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is survived by his three children, Marion L. Barrak and her husband, Bechara, of Avon, Michael B. Chaho and his wife, Nidale, of Avon, and Joseph B. Chaho of West Hartford; his beloved grandchildren, Stephanie and Sandra Barrak of Avon, and Alex Bahij and Michael Joe Chaho of Avon; and his siblings, Rose Hana, Fahme Chaho, Saeed Chaho, and Yacoub Chaho. He was predeceased by his brother, Fadel Chaho.

Friends and family will be received at a memorial gathering Sunday, December 5, 2010, 2 – 5 p.m. at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 South Main Street, West Hartford. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Archdiocese of the Syriac Orthodox Church for the Eastern United States, 260 Elm Avenue Teaneck, NJ 07666.

Comments



“ I really feel very sorry for the loss of Dr Chaho.He was always for me a great example due to his brilliant career and his great humanity.
I will never forget him when he came home during the war of Zahle in 1981 after a long stay in Tell Chiha hospital where he worked in extreme difficult conditions and saved many lives.
During my actual practice as anesthesiologist in the town of Zahle,i always meet patients who have been operated before by the late Dr Chaho and they talk about his excellent skills and outstanding practice.
My condolences go to his children Marion,Micheal and my friend Joseph and their families and i share with them the sense of profound sadness.

Naji Mounir Abou Jalad - Zahle,Lebanon - neighbour - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We have never had the privilege to meet Dr. Chaho in person, but his deeds and contributions speak for themselves. There are very few individuals who are truly special: they come to this world and leave a legacy. They touch the lives of so many people. Dr. Bahij was one of them. A humble, dedicated, and noble man who helped so many people in so many ways.
Dr. Chaho was no ordinary surgeon, but an extraordinary and benevolent human being who viewed medicine not as a career, but as a mission. In addition, his charitable endeavors are equally impressive.
Our hearts go out to his children: Marion, Michael, and Joseph, their spouses, and the entire Chaho family and their relatives. We share their sense of profound sadness and are truly sorry for their loss.

Dr. and Mrs Ghassan and Ahlam El-Eid

Dr. and Mrs Ghassan and Ahlam El-Eid - Wolcott, CT - friends of the family - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to the family of Dr. Bahij Chaho, may god rest his sole.

Edward and Leyla Danha - Schiller Park, IL - Friends - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ On behave of REV, FR. Yacoub Youhanoun, Board of Directors anh parishioners of St. John the Baptist Syriac Orthodox Church in Villa Park Illinois. we would like to extend our dipest condolences to the family of Dr. Bahij Chaho may GOD rest his sole in peace, and may god provide you with confort during this sad time.

Edward Danha on behave of Mr Henry Samaan President of Board of - Villa Park, IL - Friends - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Many of us come and go, but only few leave a great mark in this world. Dr. Chaho, you were one of those special people that will always be remembered for your extraordinary gift of making people feel good, humility, benevolence and generosity. To Marion, Mike, Joe and the entire Chaho family, we are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

George & Lina Taweh - CT - December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM