



Bimalin Lahiri

September 22, 1937 - February 2, 2026

Dr. Bimalin Lahiri, born September 22, 1937, in Kolkata, India, passed away at home on February 2, 2026. For over five decades, he proudly called West Hartford, Connecticut his home. He lived a remarkable life defined by service, deep compassion, and unwavering integrity—leaving a lasting imprint on medicine in Connecticut and on the many people who were fortunate enough to know him.

A man of duty in every sense, he also served honorably in the United States Army Reserves.

In 1964, Dr. Lahiri arrived in Hartford to complete his internal medicine residency at Saint Francis Hospital, followed by a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Yale University. After his training, he returned to Saint Francis, where he devoted more than fifty years to caring for patients and strengthening the medical community, retiring in 2019.

At Saint Francis, Dr. Lahiri helped shape the future of critical care. He was instrumental in the development of the hospital's Intensive Care Unit and served as Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. He was widely respected for his clinical excellence, calm presence, and steadfast leadership. Families will remember him for the care he provided during life's most difficult moments, and colleagues will remember him as a physician who held himself

—and everyone around him—to the highest standard, always in service of the patient.

One of the most defining parts of Dr. Lahiri's life was his dedication to teaching and mentorship. He took great pride in training young doctors and guiding medical students, and he was honored over the years with numerous teaching awards from UCONN and the Yale University School of Medicine. He did more than teach medicine—he helped shape physicians, leaving behind generations of doctors who carry forward his values: discipline, humility, and compassion.

Above all, Dr. Lahiri was a devoted family man. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Trudy, his devoted companion and greatest support through every chapter of life. He leaves behind his son Thomas (Julie) Lahiri, his daughter Monika (George) Selmont, and his four cherished grandchildren—Luke, Nate, Kevin, and Katie—who brought him immense pride and joy. He is also survived by his sister, Tripti Moitra, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

He was predeceased by his mother (Niva), father (Amulya), and brother (Amalin).

Dr. Lahiri will be remembered not only for what he accomplished, but for who he was: principled, brilliant, deeply compassionate, and guided by a quiet sense of duty. He changed lives through the patients he cared for, the physicians he mentored, and the family he loved so deeply. His legacy will live on in the halls of Saint Francis Hospital, throughout the medical community, and in the hearts of all those who knew him.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to his caregivers and care team for their compassion, kindness, and unwavering support during this time.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 N. Main Street In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association or Helping Haitian Children, Inc. A memorial service is being planned for the Spring.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Rear entrance - 225 King Philip Drive, West Hartford CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Bimalin Lahiri*.



February 24 at 03:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Bimalin Lahiri*.

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“ *Love's Tapestry* was purchased for the family of *Bimalin Lahiri*.



February 24 at 03:24 PM



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MT

“ *Mary Jo Tryba lit a candle in memory of Bimalin Lahiri*



Mary Jo Tryba - February 17 at 12:46 PM

MT

I would like to pay tribute to a wonderfully caring doctor I had for a decade plus. I have pulmonary insufficiency due to muscle disease and Dr. Lahiri helped me with his expertise and kindness. My sympathies are with his family. Mary Jo

Mary Jo Tryba - February 17 at 12:50 PM

FP

“ *Sending our sincerest sympathy to Trudy and family for the passing of Tosh. We feel blessed to have know such a truly special person, friend and colleague. Joe and Frankie Polidoro*

Frankie Polidoro - February 08 at 10:49 AM

JM

“ Dear Trudy and Family,

Susan and I send our sincerest sorrow at Tosh's passing. I treasure the 50 years I had working alongside him at Saint Francis. He was forever kind, brilliant and energetic. His dedication and great medical skill inspired us to be better doctors. One of his greatest legacies will be the many doctors that he trained. He left Saint Francis with a world class pulmonary department of his disciples. These young leaders and staff physicians now make up the strongest core of the hospital.

I truly cherish his friendship over the years and the honor of being able to provide care for him at one point. May God's blessing and peace sustain you and your family through your loss.

Joe and Susan Sappington

Joseph Sappington, MD - February 07 at 05:58 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Lahiri's passing. During my years at St. Francis, he was always a mainstay. We often encountered each other in the corridors and in the ICU at the hospital. I still have the image of him discussing cases, politics, and personalities with me. My patients were always safe if they were in his care. His knowledge, his communication, and his calm during difficult clinical situations were an example for any clinician. I will miss Dr. Lahiri.

I and my wife, Elizabeth, send you, Dr. Lahiri's Family, our condolences and prayers on his passing.

*Sincerely
Steve Lange MD*

Steve Lange MD - February 07 at 03:46 PM

DK

“ I first met Dr Lahore as a new physician coming from NY. He struck me with his significant knowledge and thorough assessment of our common patients. He was the one I could rely on for advice; his constant presence, humility and unwavering support and care were really humbling. He was well respected by every provider from every specialty and everyone flocked around him to learn the art of medicine. It is a great loss for the medical community in general and SFH in particular.

He will always be missed.

My sincere condolences for the family for his great loss.

D Korkmaz - February 07 at 12:57 PM

AH

“ Chief, Thanks for everything.. And let me be the one to tell you this , for once... Very good job you did ! , and we will miss you ..

Ahammed Hashim - February 07 at 11:52 AM

CM

“ Words cannot fully express what our beloved Chief meant to us. He was more than a teacher or mentor—he was someone who shaped us not only as physicians, but as people. He taught us medicine with excellence, guided us to become strong and thoughtful pulmonary attendings, and above all showed us how to lead with compassion, humility, and humanity.

His belief in us and his unwavering support played a profound role in our growth and confidence. We are incredibly fortunate to have learned under his guidance and to have witnessed his legacy firsthand. The lessons he shared, the kindness he showed, and the moments we spent with him will remain with us forever.

Goodbye, dear Chief. You will always be remembered and deeply missed.

May you rest peacefully, surrounded by angels, knowing how many lives you touched and how much you were loved.

Chin Bulathsinghala MD

Chinthaka Bulathsinghala MD - February 07 at 08:35 AM

MC

“*Dr. Lahiri was so much more than just a gifted pulmonologist. He was an angel whose job it was to heal, teach and love. He was someone that when you met him, either as a colleague or patient, it was impossible to not become friends with him.*

A number of years ago, my father became a patient of Dr. Lahiri. My father, who suffered from many pulmonary issues was an interesting man, as was Dr. Lahiri. Dr. Lahiri took my father under his wing and treated him with compassion and love. His unwavering skill and knowledge saved and prolonged my father's life. As anyone that knew him can imagine, Dr. Lahiri and my father became friends through this process. A friendship that was different because it was between an doctor and his patient, but a genuine friendship nonetheless. My father has been gone now for sixteen years. I will never forget the bond Dr. Lahiri and my father shared, and will be forever grateful for the gift of life he gave my father.

My sincere condolences and prayers to Dr. Lahiri, his family, friends, colleagues and the countless lives he touched. May he rest in peace.

The Caldeira Family

Marcus Caldeira - February 07 at 06:53 AM

SM

“ Heartfelt condolences to Trudy and the family on this loss!

Dr.Lahiri will for ever be remembered by the Saint Francis/UCONN community for his exemplary work ethic, as a teacher par excellence, brilliant clinical skills while constantly exuding compassion, and a physician of physicians who exemplified the best of humanity. An amazing mentor, he brought out the best of teaching skills in his students and was available 24/7 for his colleagues/trainees.

Over the last 3 decades, have been his student/resident, colleague and patient - fortunate to be at the receiving end of his teaching, wisdom and medical care.

To quote the philosophical text Bhagavad Gita :BG 2.20: The soul is neither born, nor does it ever die; nor having once existed, does it ever cease to be. The soul is without birth, eternal, immortal, and ageless. It is not destroyed when the body is destroyed.

Dr.Lahiri will live in the hearts of everyone he taught, worked with and cared for - for ever!

Sankar Niranjana MD - February 07 at 05:28 AM

“ Tribute to Dr. Lahiri

The one who once called me “young and restless” is now at rest. Dr. Lahiri was the first mentor under whom I began my career as an observer in 1999. He taught many of us not only how to listen to the lungs, but how to truly listen to our patients.

Duty first was not merely a phrase for him, it was a way of life. I still remember the days when he would return from long international travel and go straight to the hospital without pause. On one occasion, he landed at JFK after a long flight from India and drove directly to the ICU to begin rounds. That was his dedication, quiet, unwavering, and lived through action rather than words.

One of his most remarkable qualities was that he never gave up on his students. He believed in us, trusted us, guided us, and stood by us with unwavering patience. When we think of inspiring people, we often hope to become like them one day. Yet there are those rare, extraordinary individuals whose greatness feels beyond reach. Dr. Lahiri was one of them.

He was the kind of teacher who left every intern, resident, fellow, and faculty member in quiet awe. His presence commanded respect, his humility invited affection, and his dedication shaped countless careers.

Thank you, Dr. Lahiri, for the lessons you taught, the trust you placed in us, and the lives you touched. Your legacy will continue to live on in every patient we serve and every student we guide.

My deepest condolences and love to the family.

Varalakshmi Niranjan MD

Varalakshmi Niranjan - February 06 at 11:15 PM

NB

“ *Dr Lahiri was always the ultimate professor and clinician who taught by his words and his actions in so many ways. His patients had such great trust in his compassionate clinical demeanor as well as his knowledge of medicine. We who were his students, residents and fellows learned so much from him about being a good physician-he will always be an example to follow in our professional lives. My sincere condolences to his family on his passing away.*
Nelson Bondhus

Nelson Bondhus - February 06 at 10:07 PM

TH

“ *Tony Hoxha purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bimalin Lahiri.*



Tony Hoxha - February 06 at 06:56 PM

SH

“ *Dear Trudy, sending condolences and love to you and your family. Dr. Lahiri was truly a great man and a great doctor: kind and compassionate to patients, colleagues, and mentees alike. Both of my parents, Dr. Ali Imran and Mary, deeply valued him as a friend and colleague, and shared so many stories with us from spending time with the both of you.*

*With love, and prayers for your comfort and patience,
Sara Hashmi*

SARA HASHMI - February 06 at 05:10 PM

AZ

“ Dr. Lahiri was an extraordinary physician and teacher. His selfless devotion to the care of his patients and the education of his students touched countless lives with his rare combination of clinical expertise, kindness and humility. He treated every patient with genuine concern and respect. He was unfailingly supportive, patient and very generous with his time for all his trainees. He greatly enjoyed his role as a clinician and teacher at which he was unsurpassed. He served as an excellent role model for his students and colleagues. He will be greatly missed.

Anthony Zaldonis MD

Anthony Zaldonis - February 06 at 01:27 PM

DG

“ It was always a pleasure meeting Dr. Bimalin Lahiri whenever we visited our son Dr. Prashant Grover in Connecticut. Apart from being a great doctor and teacher he was indeed an excellent person with great human qualities. We will always miss him. We pray for his soul to rest in eternal peace and give strength to his family members to bear this great loss with fortitude.

Indu and Prem Grover

New Delhi.

Dr. P. D. Grover (Ex. Prof & Dean IIT Delhi)

Dr. P.D. Grover - February 06 at 12:03 PM

MQ

“ Dr Lahiri, or "Chief" as he was affectionately known to my fellow medical residents, was an important man in my life and in my training. As a medical resident from 1984 till 1987 I learned not only how to take care of patients but how to genuinely care for patients. Doing rounds with him in the ICU was an enlightening experience. I saw in him how a compassionate and competent physician can be combined to make a patient's stay in the hospital both helpful and hopeful. He was the most hard-working physician I ever met and always seem to be brilliant even at 7 am rounds. He taught me to "push digoxin" (one of his favorite drugs) and how to push myself. For that I will be forever grateful. The world of medicine has lost one of its giants.

Mark Quitadamo

mark quitadamo - February 06 at 11:47 AM

TP

“ The cardiothoracic surgery PAs purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bimalin Lahiri.



The cardiothoracic surgery PAs - February 06 at 10:30 AM

TP

“ The cardiothoracic surgery PAs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bimalin Lahiri.

The cardiothoracic surgery PAs - February 06 at 10:30 AM

CB

“ Chinthaka B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bimalin Lahiri.

Chinthaka B. - February 06 at 09:01 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bimalin Lahiri.



February 06 at 02:46 AM

VY

“ Vanessa Yap planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bimalin Lahiri.

Vanessa Yap - February 06 at 02:46 AM

CM

“ I worked with Dr. Lahiri at St. Francis in the MSICU for 10 years. I began as a travel RN from Canada. He was welcoming, kind and a wonderful teacher and colleague. He was so good with the patients and their families especially when their circumstances were not favorable. He could deliver the bad news and was able to comfort all involved. A true man of integrity, a wonderful educator. He will be truly missed. My condolences to his family and friends ♥️ Cathy Murphy

Cathy Murphy - February 06 at 01:45 AM

CF

“ Credit One Bank Family purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Bimalin Lahiri.



Credit One Bank Family - February 05 at 05:38 PM

CF

“ Credit One Bank Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bimalin Lahiri.

Credit One Bank Family - February 05 at 05:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Bimalin Lahiri.



February 05 at 01:19 PM

KF

“ Katherine Cayetano, MD and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Bimalin Lahiri.

Katherine Cayetano, MD and Family - February 05 at 01:19 PM

HL

“ Hans-dieter L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bimalin Lahiri.

Hans-dieter L. - February 05 at 12:32 PM

MP

“ Dr. Lahiri was a friend, colleague and a strong supporter of the Saint Francis mission. My personal connection with him was his unending encouragement for me to stay in leadership and continue to grow.

I will forever remember his kindness and his promotion of old culture.

I will miss being at the services but wish to convey my respects from a distance.

M. N. Prakash

MN Prakash - February 05 at 11:31 AM

RT

“ Dr. Lahiri was a wonderful man and doctor. Our family was blessed to have him to provide care to my wife Marianne through her very difficult medical challenges. He cared for her with kindness, understanding and a positive outlook and we will be forever grateful.
Ross Tutschulte

Ross Tutschulte - February 05 at 10:03 AM

RO

“ My father, Dr. William Ryan was a friend of Dr. Lahiri (Taj) at St. Francis Hospital. I will remember him at mass. Sincerely, Rev. Joseph Ryan, OSA

Rev. Joseph Ryan OSA - February 05 at 09:55 AM

LM

“ Dr Lahiri had an indelible impact on the St Francis community. He was one of a handful of physicians who welcomed my husband, Dr Tony Morgan to St Francis in 1984. Tony always considered Tosh a mentor, a colleague , and a true friend.

I fondly remember Dr Lahiri right by my side in 1988 when this young speech pathologist trialed the first “speaking “ tracheostomy tube on a patient in the original Respiratory ICU. I believe he may have more excited than me when the patient was able to finally talk and communicate. A testament to his dedication to his patients. The type of legacy that Dr Lahiri leaves with SO many people is rarely seen and comes from a deep commitment to help others and a strong compassion for human beings. My thoughts are with his family. Be blessed to know what a special human being he was.

Linda Mackay-Morgan - February 05 at 09:29 AM

CC

“ *Dear Dr. Lahiri Family*

My deepest sympathy to all of you at this difficult time. Dr. Lahiri was my late father’s pulmonary doctor and managed his challenging hospital stays at St Francis along with his primary care doctor Dr Robert Reginio. I never forgotten Dr. Lahiri he was a remarkable brilliant doctor and well admired by his patients and their families. He truly cared for each of patients and treated them with dignity kindness and compassion

I am so sorry for your loss

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Carol Celio

Wethersfield CT

Carol Celio - February 05 at 09:02 AM

RM

“ *Dr. Lahiri represented the best of our profession. It was an honor to have shared time with him.*

Russell Ciafone, MD - February 05 at 08:41 AM

AD

“ *To all, what a remarkable life. The Dowling family was so blessed to have known Dr Lahiri. He was an impeccable medical professional and was a rock to our family through some very difficult medical challenges. More importantly, he was a precious friend to my parents, Kevin and Jane Dowling. He was with my sisters and I as almost a third parent many times. In happy times, there was nothing more rewarding than making him laugh. We will miss him.*

Anne Melissa Dowling - February 05 at 07:24 AM

JR

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of Dr. Lahiri. He was a kind soul with a brilliant mind. I always had such deep respect for him when he took time out of his busy schedule to speak with me at St Francis Hospital and Medical Center.*
Judy Randazzo.

Judy Randazzo - February 05 at 06:38 AM

IT

“ *Uncle Tosh thank you for all the wonderful memories. All the Whaler games, Red Sox games and the many sleepovers and especially for asking me to show you how to drive stick shift again after 20 years. My condolences to the family. ❤️ You have done so much for so many. You will never be forgotten. You will be missed. Rest in peace Uncle Tosh. Love you Inge*

Inge Theriault - February 05 at 05:09 AM



“ *Uncle Tush what role model you’ve been to me you will be missed. Tears words are not enough. My condolences to the whole family friends here in Germany the news from your passing was received with heartbreaking. Rest In Peace Uncle Tush Evi, Mo, Sarah, Melissa.* 🕯️ 🙏 ❤️ 🌹

Mario Molina - February 05 at 01:54 AM



“ *My condolences to your family. I was a Respiratory Therapist under Dr Lahiri for 25 years at St Francis Medical Center. He was a wonderful man and teacher. He will not be forgotten!*

Robert Boesch - February 04 at 09:53 PM



“ *Tom Waring purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bimalin Lahiri.*



Tom Waring - February 04 at 05:57 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bimalin Lahiri.*



February 04 at 05:30 PM

KK

“ Kersten & Klaus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bimalin Lahiri.

Kersten & Klaus - February 04 at 05:30 PM