



# Fereidoon Mahdi

JUN 3, 1929 - FEB 11, 2013



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## **Fereidoon Mahdi**

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**D**r. Fereidoon Mahdi, 83, of Nutley, passed away Monday, February 11, 2013 at Clara Maass Medical Center after a long illness. Born in Iran, he brought his family to Nutley in 1971 and established his home and medical practice.

Dr. Mahdi faithfully served as a local physician and surgeon in the community of Nutley and practiced at Clara Maass Hospital for over 20 years which was his home away from home. He was known for his humbleness and generosity among his patients and colleagues.

After the tragic loss of his youngest daughter, Fereshteh, he retired and became an avid reader of arts and philosophy and authored two books. He loved to entertain and cook for his friends. He stayed in touch with his childhood friend of 62 years, Dr. Rezai over the years by writing letters and sharing his adventures. He enjoyed music, played the violin, recited poetry and loved to spend hours in the New York City public library. As a young man, he taught himself French by reading Les Miserables in its original French text and translated a medical surgical journal from French to Farsi in his 3rd year of medical school.

Beloved husband of Dr. Zahra Mahdi Barkhordari with whom he shared a love of books and compassion for the poor. Together, they would routinely cook for the homeless and feed the orphans in Iran. He is also survived by his beloved children, Dr. Frouzandeh Mahdi, Dr. Lawrence Mahdi, Catheryne Majewski and Ferdos Mahdi; his sons-in-law, Dr. Mahmoud Haery and John Majewski; his daughter-in-law, Lily Mahdi and his grandchildren, Leila, Reza and Yalda Haery, Kristina, Kevin and Christopher Majewski and Yasaman and Payman Mahdi. He will be sadly missed by his caregiver, Paul Vargas.

If desired, donations may be made to National Parkinson Foundation.

Funeral:

Wednesday, Feb 13, 2013,

Hennessey Heights Funeral Home, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604



## Obituary

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Cemetery:

11 AM- Mount Holiness Memorial Park, Butler, NJ 07405

Donations:

Memorial donation may be made to:

National Parkinson Foundation

Gift Processing Center

PO Box 5018 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Dr. Mahdi,s Family, I only saw in the Nutley Sun about his passing so I am late with this. Please accept my condolences. I was his patient in the 70,s. He was always patient and very kind. Over the years I met him frequently at the Shop Rite or walking on the avenue. He always thanked me for stopping to talk to him. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##maryann lauber##imported-end##

March 23 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To: Dr. Fereidoon Mahdi's FamilyFrom: RezaisIf only we knew what to say to comfort you. But words are "inadequate" to express our heartfelt sympathy or to ease your pain and sorrow. You know we share your grief but how we wish that sharing could lighten the burden for you.No loss is profound and painful as the loss of a family member. Too often we fail to see the true value of something until only after we lose it. Losing parents or a spouse can feel like being plunged into emotional whirlpool.An overwhelming sense of personal loss has permeated my thoughts. To echo Mahdi's sentiment, "we were two souls emerged together in one body". With his departure, I feel that "a piece of my soul has forever gone away". FaustBy knowing him intimately since our high school days, I have been privileged to witness an ordinary person who possessed both strengths and weaknesses like everyone else overcome his monumental adversities. He traveled an extraordinary journey. He will be missed sorely. Mahdi, in my humble judgment, was a rare leader who embodied the qualities of openness, friendship and independence.Mahdi now is with "Nostratallah", his beloved childhood soul mate. Rest in peace.Nasser: Baltimore, MD USA##imported-begin##Nasser Rezai##imported-end##

March 1 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thank you to all who have shared such beautiful and encouraging messages. The Mahdi, Haery and Majewski family appreciate your kind and thoughtful words.##imported-begin##cathy majewski##imported-end##

February 28 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry to hear this news - please accept our thoughts, prayers and sympathy. I have fond memories from long ago but I am often reminded of his wonderful legacy whenever I see or speak with Dr Mahdi's wonderful family. We love you, Farzad, Robin, Arianna and Sophie##imported-begin##Farzad Barkhordari##imported-end##

February 21 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, You shared your love and concern of your father's condition when we had the employee walk last year. I feel sad for your loss and hope all the memories of your father will make you strong in the future. Love, Li##imported-begin##Li Li##imported-end##

February 19 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Praying the Lord will comfort your family during this difficult time. When you consider your family, you know that he has left quite a legacy behind!##imported-begin##Samantha Bruno##imported-end##

February 19 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I offer my heartfelt sympathies and deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Wesley K Savage##imported-end##

February 19 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, My condolences to you and your family in the loss of your father. May you find peace in knowing that he is with his maker and at peace. May God's peace and grace be with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Muriel##imported-end##

February 16 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

He will be forever remembered in our hearts...##imported-begin##Fran Macavinta##imported-end##

February 16 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the family of Dr. Mahdi,I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Mahdi, but I know that he left the legacy of a beautiful, loving family and my good friend Kristina, who has one of the kindest, most genuine hearts that I know. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Kevin Ryan##imported-end##

February 16 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Are Condolences For your Loss##imported-begin##Mr Mrs Ron Bellsiano##imported-end##

February 16 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Majewski family and all other relatives : I am very sorry for your loss. It was great to have the opportunity to read about him and learn a little more about your family. WITH LOVE!##imported-begin##Elaine##imported-end##

February 15 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy and family,Thank you for sharing a bit about your dad. I am sorry for your loss and hope that memories of his wonderful life will give you comfort in the future years.Lots of love,Christine##imported-begin##Christine Comerci##imported-end##

February 15 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, Please accept my deepest condolences on yours and family's loss. As the time goes by the loss and pain changes to blessings and good memories that you cherish for the rest of your life. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to ease your pain. With sympathies,  
Jay###imported-begin##Jay Patel###imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy and family, My deepest sympathies go out to all of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Seema##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, My condolences to you and your family on your loss. Although I only lived next door to your dad for a few years, I remember his smile and wave whenever he was out in the yard. I know the pain of losing a parent, and know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy Casani##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dr. Mahdi, our sincere condolences to you and your family with the loss of your father.##imported-begin##Barbara & Al Mazzola##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dr. Mahdi, our sincere sympathy to you and your family with the loss of your father.##imported-begin##Barbara & Richie Sammarco##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dr. Mahdi was a very kind hearted man, I had the opportunity to come to know him when I was a child, often seeing him at family gatherings always smiling. My most touching memory of him is when I was about 9 years old, I was selling candy for school and had lost my envelope with the money and was frantically and tearfully looking around... Dr. Mahdi observed me and called me over, reaching into his pocket handing me his own money to replace what I had lost. He had a very generous and kind heart which can be seen in the character of his children, Fran, Larry, Cathy and Ferdos as well as his grandchildren, Leila, Reza, Yalda, Kristina, Kevin, Christopher, Yasaman and Payman who certainly will live on to continue his legacy of humbleness and generosity. God Bless Dr. Mahdi and his family.##imported-begin##Sima Farid##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. Your brother bob##imported-begin##bob and rosanne fede##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mahdi family; I was very saddened to learn about Dr. Mahdi's passing away. I express to you all my sincere condolences, deepest sympathy, and wish all of you much strength during these troubled times. I have known Dr. Mahdi nearly all my life since my childhood. I cherish the times he spent with all of us .... Many kind memories of him in our home in Tehran Bahar, then in our home in Shemiran, and to Nutley and Mahwah. He was a kind, soft spoken, mild mannered, good hearted, positive, intelligent individual. I 'll always remeber his contagious smile and his special dancing... His loss will be felt by us all. We'll cherish the beautiful times we had when he was among us. May his soul rest in peace.##imported-begin##Dr. Nick M. Safai / Nader##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

To the family of Dr. Mahdi,As a retired OR nurse at Clara MaassI had the opportunity of working with him for many, many years. He was indeed a humble, caring, politephysician and a pleasure to work with. Never did a harsh word leave his mouth during all those years.My late husband and I would meet him in the Shop Rite occasionally where they would discuss their love of books. Dr Mahdi was an extraordinary man and will be missed by all who new him.My condolences and prayers go out to all.May he rest in peace!##imported-begin##Ann Coffey##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the family of Dr. Mahdi;I am so sorry for your loss. I hope time will bring you all peace and the good memories with Dr. Mahdi would ease your sorrow and pain.I first met Dr. Mahdi about 17 years ago when he would visit us in Mahwah during our periods of stay in NJ or when we would visit him in Nutley.Dr. Mahdi was always nice, courteous, very considerate and respectful of others, positive attitude who loved family. We truly enjoyed his company. He continued to visit as long as his health allowed him; he was making Sunday calls to us in Utah even well into his health problems. We truly miss seeing him and miss his Sunday conversations.We miss the loss even from some 2300 miles away. You are all in our prayers, best wishes to all.##imported-begin##Trina Safai##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Family of Dr. Mahdi;My thoughts, deep and sincere sympathy are with all of you at this time. I always looked forward going to visit Dr. Mahdi with my parents in Nutley OR when he visited us in Mahwah.He carried a good conversation with me, made me laugh... called me Saadi during the phone calls.I try to think of all the wonderfull momoreis I remeber about him over the last 13 years.Condolences to all. With sympathy!##imported-begin##Cyrus Safai##imported-end##

February 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rest in Peace, Dr. Mahdi##imported-begin##Martha Nimmer##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy and family, Our deepest sympathies go out to all of you during this difficult time. Although your father is gone his legacy lives on in each and every one of his children and grandchildren. God Bless you all. Ian, Jackie and Ashlea##imported-begin##J.H.##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Fereidoon Mahdi, but I met his granddaughter Kristina while in school at NYU and she is a very close friend. Kristina has such a beautiful heart and now I know where all her love and compassion came from. My sincerest condolences to the entire family. My prayers and love are with you.##imported-begin##Patricia Bradby##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dr. Mahdi's Family, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to you for the loss of dear Dr. Mahdi. my heart is with you at these difficult days.##imported-begin##Shaheen Haeri##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Grandpa, Words cannot describe the absence we feel now that you are no longer here with us, but we are left with the sweetest and warmest thoughts of your kindness and memories that will last us our lifetimes. Thank you for being a wonderful grandfather and teaching me the importance of family, patience, and serving those in need. You took care of me during the times I needed to be cared for the most - we will carry on your love for arts, music, medicine, and philosophy in anyway we can! Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Kristina##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Cathy - you and the family are in my prayers.Lamentations 3:19-25The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words. I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to hopewhen I remember this:The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness;his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.I will see you this weekend. XOXOJoanne##imported-begin##Joanne M.##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Although I didn't know Dr. Madhi directly, the words that were spoken by his family have shown me what a great, caring, compassionate man he was. His legacy lives on. Prayers to God to bring comfort and healing for the family in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Joel Jelinski##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My condolences and sympathies to the whole family. What an amazing man. Kristina, I know you will continue to make him proud. You too are loyal and selfless, with an amazing heart and unending compassion.Love,Alexandra Siclait##imported-begin##Alexandra Siclait##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Dr.Lawrence Mahdi & Family,Our deepest sympathy upon the loss of your father. May you always be proud of all that he accomplished in his lifetime.He not only surpassed as a physician, but raised a beautiful family. During the next few weeks,months and years allow the joy that he brought into your life be a source of comfort and strength that you hold close to your heart.##imported-begin##Jennie & Joanne Scudese##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Catherine: Deepest condolences for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Dennis Chiu##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Very sorry for your loss. Larry for all you have done for my family I wish there was something I could for you and yours. Deepest condolences ,Jimmy Fede##imported-begin##James Fede##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My condolences. Your father sounds like a wonderful man.##imported-begin##Mike Pietoso##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, I am so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. His memorial was beautiful, it is easy see where your compassion and love originates from. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lisa Spear##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, May you find comfort and strength in the wonderful memories of your Dad. My sincere condolences to you and your family. ##imported-begin##Lisa Nalepka##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. Please accept my sincere condolences.Suri##imported-begin##Suri ##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

my deepest sympathy for your loss. May he rest in peace and may God give you much needed strength in such a loss.##imported-begin##Dida Sanchez##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss - my prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Barbara Hirsch##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, Kristina, Kevin, Chris and family - I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father and grandfather. Please accept my sincere condolences. Love you.##imported-begin##Lisa Clavell##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Larry: My prayers for your family. I remember your dad. He was a great guy. I went to go see him once after getting hurt playing ball. Jerry Haven, NHS class of 1974##imported-begin##Jerry Haven##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, We are both so sorry for your loss. Please accept our warmest condolences to you and your family. Your dad seems like such a lovely human being and I wish I had known him. love to all.. Preeti & Sen##imported-begin##PREETI DESAI##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear family of late Dr. Mahdi: Though he is absent now, his memories will for ever last in our thoughts and prayers. Please accept our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Hamed Haeri##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Dr. Mahdi. Take comfort in knowing he is in a better place--no longer ill or in pain.##imported-begin##Tracey Gowa##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy, Dear Frouzandeh, Though I did not really know your father, I knew his daughters. I am sorry for your loss and how you must feel. But I believe it is not that you have left this life but rather what you did while you were here and what you leave behind when you must move on. And it must be clear to everyone that knew your father that what he did here was remarkable and what he left behind, at the very least, was two wonderful daughters and a family he must have been proud to have raised. I'm sure that in this life and the next there is a great sense of pride and love.##imported-begin##Fataneh Vazvaei##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cathy and family, I was fortunate to have met your father and remember him as a distinguished gentleman and Loving father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. With sympathy, Maria##imported-begin##Maria Siva-Mari##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Fouroandeh, Cathy & family: Thank you for allowing me to be part of your family during this very special time. I have lost my dear mom not so long ago and relate to the countless thoughts that go through one's head at times like this. We remember the great times when we were children and they were a point of our strength & support and times when the tables turned and we became the strong ones taking care of them during their fragile times. Regardless we will always love them & cherish the beautiful times when our lives were blessed with their love. Condolences-Farhad & Fereshteh Sedarati

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My condolences to the family.

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

His passing cannot diminish the important ways your father touched your life. The love that you shared will remain forever.

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Catheryne, I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences and prayers.

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Cathy and Family, I express my deepest sympathy for you and your family in the loss of your love one. May you have peace and know that God will comfort you throughout these tough times.

February 13 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Very sorry to hear of the loss of Doctor Mahdi. Our thoughts and prayers are for you in this sad time. Sincerely, Pat & Joe Barry

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Grandpa, I am so sad and my spirit is very heavy. I was going to come visit you with Kristina next week. I love you and want to thank you for always worrying about my health and advising my mom on how to ensure a good future for me and save money for me. I thank you for coming to my parties and kissing me. I miss your beautiful smile and sweet disposition. You were a humble man and never asked for recognition. I miss you and hope to honor your legacy by working hard everyday and always smiling and singing.

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Daddy, I appreciate ALL your sacrifices, hard work, words of wisdom that you gave me during our life. I appreciate that you left your birth country and embarked on a trip to America to build a new home for your family. I appreciate the lonely year that you spent here to start your own practice before you send for us to join you. I appreciate that you picked us up from JFK airport in September 1971 and brought us to Nutley and purchased a home for us in such a safe community. I appreciate all the long hours you put in to make house calls and make your rounds at Clara Maass and have your office hours. I appreciate how you emphasized academics everyday and wanted us to succeed. I appreciate your smile, your dance, your walk, your songs, your poetry. I appreciate how you cooked for the poor. I appreciate how you kissed my hand the last time that you were able to recognize me. I appreciate that you never complained when you suffered.

February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My condolences to the family for the loss of such a beautiful person! Though I have not had the pleasure to meet Dr. Mahdi, I am privileged to have the opportunity to work with and have a friendship with Cathy Majewski. I can see where she gets her positive values on life and her gentle and loving spirit from.....her family! Sincerely, Francine Sandomeno

February 13 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My heart goes out to my dearest Cathy and her family at this very sad time. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Amie Kirschner##imported-end##

February 12 at 8:00 PM



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