



## Joel Fredric Lehrer

May 2, 1931 - January 26, 2024

Teaneck – Dr. Joel F. Lehrer of Englewood, New Jersey, husband, father and grandfather passed away on January 26, 2024.

He is survived by his beloved wife Nancy; devoted children Brian and Hilary (Wenner); sister Barbara (Banchik); loving grandchildren Allison (Wenner), Kristin (Wenner), Colton and Claudia. He was preceded in death by his parents Isidore and Helen Lehrer.

Joel was born on May 2, 1931 at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. He was a proud graduate of Brooklyn Tech High School in 1948, and graduated Cornell University in 1952. He earned his medical degree from State University of New York Medical Center in New York City in 1956.

After medical school he served his country as a Captain in the United States Air Force, which included a tour on Iwo Jima.

After his military service he began a surgical residency at Kings County Hospital in 1959. He went on to complete residencies in otolaryngology at both Kings County and Mt. Sinai Hospital. He completed a Fellowship in otolaryngology at Mt. Sinai in 1964.

Joel enjoyed a long career in private practice as a surgeon specializing in

inner ear disorders. His practice included stints as the Chief of the Neurotology Clinic at Mt. Sinai from 1965-1968; and Chief of the Department of Otolaryngology at Holy Name Hospital from 1997-2000, and 2006-2010. He was President of the Bergen County Society of the Otolaryngologists, and maintained affiliations with both Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck and Valley Hospital in Ridgewood. He published many articles on inner-ear disorders in peer-reviewed medical journals, and lectured around the world on various topics.

In addition to his dedication to his practice and his patients, Joel was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved to take his family skiing in Colorado, and play golf and tennis in Vermont, where he kept a second home. There were even times of one-on-one football games or basketball games in New Jersey before the reality of middle age set in. He loved to travel with his wife Nancy, and made certain that his children had the same opportunity to see as much of the world as he did.

Joel was a man of science and medicine. However, he was also an avid reader of literature and history. He was a member of the Lotos Club in New York City for 50 years. He served as President from 1987-1991, and was a Member of the Board until 1997. Although he loved to work and read, he also found the time to serve on the ski patrol at Haystack Mountain in Vermont from 1973-1988.

Services will be held at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ on January 31, 2024 from 4-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joel's memory may be made to The Halifax Fire Dept., PO Box 27 W Halifax, VT 05358 or Villa Marie Claire at [www.holyname.org](http://www.holyname.org). For more information or to visit Joel's tribute page, please visit [www.volkleber.com](http://www.volkleber.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
info@volkleber.com  
<http://www.volkleber.com>

## Chapel Service

JAN 31. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joel Fredric Lehrer*



**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - January 31, 2024 at 12:25 PM

RF

*Joel was a wonderful president of our Lotos Club . A thoughtful and intelligent man*

**roger fruedman** - January 31, 2024 at 05:48 PM

RF

*Joel spoke from his heart and never was involved in arguments*

**roger fruedman** - January 31, 2024 at 05:50 PM

RB

*Dr. Lehrer was a great man, friend and doctor, he saved my life and I will be forever grateful. My most sincere condolences to his family.*

**RB** - March 07, 2024 at 11:18 AM

SA

*You'll be missed Dr Joel lehrer I adored you as your patient you always there for me. RIP 🙏*

**Sahar** - April 02, 2025 at 12:02 AM

GS

*I recently hard of your passing. I too adored you as your patient. I had acute vestibular neuritis and besides treating my condition, you made me feel that you truly understood what I was experiencing how debilitating this condition was. I will never forget you.*

*I also will never forget your wonderful and energetic personality.*

*Gail Schaefer*

*One of your patients*

Gail Schaefer - October 13, 2025 at 07:59 AM

RF

“ roger fruedman sent a virtual gift in memory of Joel Lehrer



roger fruedman - January 31, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ 238 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - January 31, 2024 at 12:20 PM

SW

“ I was a patient of Dr. Lehrer's for many years. He was so kind, considerate, really listened to your concerns and even called me at home to check to see how I was doing. My condolences to the family and may he rest in peace

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**Sue Weglowski** - January 30, 2024 at 01:26 PM

PL

“ I worked for him for a few years and he was such a kind giving man. Anytime he had an issue with his computer he would call for me at the front desk and I would have to go and figure what had happened. He cared so much for his patients and his patients LOVED him. He will be missed by many. Patty

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**Patty Laski** - January 30, 2024 at 09:32 AM

ER

Dr. Lehrer was my ENT for several years, up until he retired. A skilled medical practitioner who was very caring and took special care of his patients. Farewell dear doctor, you will be missed.

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**Elaine Rowin** - January 30, 2024 at 02:47 PM

LL

“ I worked for him for only about 5 years but boy did he leave his mark! What a legacy he is leaving behind! What a doctor! There will be no other like him in that field! I learned so much from him because he loved to teach as he was going along. His patients have surely missed him as will I. Rest in Peace Dr Lehrer ❤️ Lois

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**LOIS LOZY** - January 27, 2024 at 08:29 PM

NS

“ Dear Brian - I'm sorry to read this news. I still remember enjoying meeting your parents at NU and they were a beautiful couple - so connected and fun to be with. Your dad was talented in so many areas and remained humble. Lucky you are to have such lovely parents. Enjoy the time recollecting memories together despite the deep grief you must all be feeling. Special thoughts and warm hugs sent to your mom. Xo Nakisa

nakisa serry - January 27, 2024 at 12:50 PM

KC

Dr. Lehrer was my doctor for many many years. He was a terrific doctor. So sad dr passed away. May he rest in peace.

Kathrine Coviello - January 27, 2024 at 05:58 PM

JM

My sincere sympathy to Nancy and the Lehrer family..I worked for NJENT for 26 years..his patients loved him..he was a good boss..Rest in peace Dr Lehrer

Jacqueline McDonough - January 28, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JS

Dr. Lehrer was my outstanding ENT for many years and went all out to deal with my conditions and issues. Heartfelt condolences to his family and everyone else who knew him.

Joseph Schwab - January 30, 2024 at 05:46 PM

SW

I was a patient of Dr. Lehrer's for many years. He was a kind, caring and wonderful doctor who really took the time to listen to you. Deepest sympathies to the family. May he rest in peace.  
Sue Weglowski

Sue Weglowski - January 30, 2024 at 10:56 PM



*Dr. Lehrer was the most compassionate and amazing Doctor. He is missed dearly. I was a patient for many years only having been to the office last Feb 2023. No other Dr. will ever replace him and his kindness. Condolences to his family*

*Jessica Moore*

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**Jessica Moore** - April 05, 2024 at 03:10 PM