



## Dr. David F. Headley

May 29, 2022

David F. Headley, MD of Moorestown, NJ. Died on May 29, 2022 at the age of 73. Dr. Headley received his medical degree from Georgetown Medical School, class of 1977. He practiced medicine in Burlington County for many years and was associated with Memorial Hospital of Burlington Co. now Virtua. In 2012 he transferred his practice to Crozer Health in Pennsylvania where he was still in practice.

Beloved husband of Barbara J. Headley (nee Goldman). Survived by his children William Brian Weaver, Adam Christopher Headley, Jennifer Christina Headley, and Lauren Christa Headley, Julie Schatz, Katie Schatz. Granddaughter Olivia Christine Headley. Son of the late Charles E. Headley and Carolyn Cobb Headley. Brother of Stephen (Lydia) Headley, Margaret (Walter) Brosz, Jane (Stephen) Nix and Sarah (Raymond) Trentacost. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Growing up in Denville, NJ., he had fond memories of the boy scouts, and enjoyed hiking, especially to Sunfish Pond, and the White Mountains with his brother Steve. Dave loved the family farm and his father's garden.. Traveling to Florida and staying at his condo brought him much joy, especially swimming in the ocean and pool, then going to his favorite restaurant, Catfish Dewey's. He loved his stamp, rock, and coin collection, and watching his favorite movies with Jenn, Dan, and Olivia. He spent hours with his electronic equipment, getting advice from Adam, knowing he would know the answer. He was excited every time Brian sent him a slew of movies to watch and enjoy.

As a physician, without a doubt, the most brilliant provider. He always knew what the issue was, and what needed to be done. His medical expertise was undeniable. Everyone knew if Dave was there, everything would be fine. He is loved and cherished by many people. He was a good and honest man.

Funeral service 10:30 am Monday June 6, 2022 at the Lewis Funeral Home, 78 E. Main St. Moorestown, NJ.

Viewing 5- 8 pm on Sunday June 5, 2022, at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, PO Box 22324, New York, NY 10087

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeview Memorial Park

Rt. # 130 North  
Cinnaminson, NJ

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN **5**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BH

“ Merry Christmas, Dave. I missed you and wished you were here. Everyone wanted you to be here with us. It is not the same. There is an empty chair, lost laughter, you, sitting at the head of the table, the chatter and laughter. You made the holiday what it was supposed to be. There is a profound emptiness. I do not think it can be fixed. I think of you all the time. I was thinking about you yesterday, wishing I could talk to you again. Tell you how you changed my life, made me who I am. You never gave up on the family or me. It feels like yesterday that you were here. I want to go back and redo our life. I want to be in Florida with you, going to the beach, swimming in the pool, eating at Catfish Dewey's. I want it back, but I know it will not happen. I am afraid. I trusted you as my doctor, and so did the family. I feel lost some days about what to do if something happens. I do call George. He is amazing. He lost his wife a couple of months ago, Pat. He really misses her, too. He feels like a connection to you. Well, it will be 2026 soon. I cannot believe how long you have been gone. You are missed by your siblings, too. They talk about you fondly. Never forget how smart you were and how much your children and I love and miss you. Love, Barbie



Barb Headley - December 27, 2025 at 02:46 PM

MJ

“ I wish I could visit your family and just sit and talk!

Michael Jackson - October 19, 2025 at 05:47 AM

MJ

“ Dr Headley you saved my life I would be dead of it wasn't for you! It hit me so hard when I was laying in the hospital and I found out u passed away! You were really good to my sister and I. We loved u like a father figure! I hate that u left Mt.Holly, but I do not blame u for making that decision! I remember how much you loved your family all the stories u told us about your trips to Florida! God bless u may God continue to bless your family! Michael Jackson and family will never forget what u did for me!

Michael Jackson - October 19, 2025 at 05:45 AM

BH

Michael, thank you so much. He missed everyone in Mt. Holly. That was where he was happiest. He had fond memories of all his patients. It was his second home. He always wondered if he should have stayed. He saved my life, too! It means a lot to me that you wrote this message. Thank you. I wish you and your family the very best. Barb Headley

Barb Headley - December 27, 2025 at 02:52 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave, guess what? Jenn and Dan had a baby girl on February 27. You would be so proud. Her name is Isabella Grace. She is so cute. You would be the best Pop Pop ever, just like you did with Olivia. You would have watched TV with her on your lap, laughing at the cartoons. I can see you sitting on Jenn's porch in the swing and you being so happy and proud. I will tell her all about you. What a great Pop Pop you would have been. Olivia thinks of you often and misses you so much. We all do. Life is so different now. I wish you were here to enjoy everything. Your flowers are blooming, and soon your blueberry bush will have blueberries. I wish you were here.  
Love you, Barbie



Barbara Headley - April 28, 2025 at 03:19 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave, well, here we are Merry Christmas. It is not the same without you. Everything and everyone are different. No one is who they were when you were here. Christmas for the kids and Olivia is just not as happy and easygoing. It's like there is a cloud over us. No real joy especially for me. You made such a difference in everyone's life. The corner of the sofa that was yours was empty. The gifts that you would have gotten were not there. I did not know it would be this sad without you for everyone. We all miss you. Olivia said Merry Christmas. She said she loves you. I love you too. I miss you. Love, Barbie

Barbara J Headley - December 25, 2024 at 06:24 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave, I am heartbroken. Katie passed away last night. She was only 34 years old. I know you loved her, and I did too. Remember the day we picked up the twins at the airport? Boy was that exciting. The years that followed and the love and caring you showed to them through the surgeries and daily lives can never be denied. You were amazing and they loved you so much. They miss you too like the rest of us. It was not fair that Katie passed away. She had a hard life. So sad. What a loss. Remember the birthday party we had with them at Redstone? That was a great day. I want to thank you for always helping and being a loving father to them. You have no idea how much we all miss you. I wish you were here. It is such a loss that you are gone. It's Thanksgiving this week. We will miss you. Love you, Barbie

Barbara J Headley - November 23, 2024 at 03:11 PM

BH

“ Well, Dave, that is the end of an era. The condo in Florida was sold. I cried through it all. All our dreams and hopes are gone. No more walking on the beach, swimming in the pool, flying first class, going to Catfish Dewey's, and laughing. All gone. So many memories. So much fun. Remember, it's another sunny day! My heart is broken. My dreams are broken. I am broken. No one wants to hear it. There are a copy people, but that is it. I wish you were here. We could keep our life going. It ended too soon and too abruptly. I felt such pain signing the papers. No one understands. You lost so much time and life. I wish you were here. Love you, Barbie

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**Barbara J Headley** - April 26, 2024 at 01:58 PM

BH

“ Merry Christmas Dave. Everyone was here and we all miss you so much. You were thought of in so many ways. Your siblings also had many great thoughts about you and wished you were here. We all wish you were here watching movies, eating, laughing, listening to music, and opening presents with us. It's so unfair. It's not right what happened to you. George emailed me and was very nice to me. So many people remember you. Rory misses you a lot too. We went to the Pub for his birthday, and it was different without you. I miss you so much. I miss all of your help and laughter on this special day. Merry Christmas Dave. We all love you. Love, Barbie

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**Barbara Headley** - December 25, 2023 at 08:24 PM

BH

“ Just thinking about you today. It is so hard to not cry and wish you were here. I know you would be happy to be involved in Christmas and go to all the light shows and restaurants. It is so unfair. Not right. I wish you were here with us.

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**Barbara Headley** - December 10, 2023 at 02:11 PM

BH

“ Happy Anniversary Dave. You would have brought me a beautiful card and most likely a ton of lottery tickets. Opening them was fun, even though I knew I would not win. You would write Barbie on the card, no one would ever call me Barbie again. It meant a lot to me. I found a birthday card I never opened in a gift bag. It was from my last birthday with you. I wonder why it was not opened. It was more than heartbreaking to read it. You had so many hopes and dreams and future plans. Devastating that you did not get to do any of it. I will remember that day forever. I miss you a lot and wish you were here to give me my card and lottery tickets and say Happy Anniversary to me. Love, Barbie

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**Barbara Headley** - October 14, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ Dr. David F. Headley

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM

BH

“ Happy Birthday, Dave. I wish you were here to enjoy it. Everyone would come and bring gifts and cards. You would laugh so hard at the cards Dan and Adam would bring you. I remember your last birthday holding up your card from them and the funny look on your face. It was priceless! Then you would sit outside and talk to Jenn and Dan about everything under the sun. Food, gifts, and cake are next. It was so special for you I am glad that we could do that for you. I just do not know what to do. It was not fair what happened to you. We all miss you and talk about you all the time. You were a very special person. Love, Barbie

Barbara Headley - August 16, 2023 at 11:20 AM

BH

“ Hi Dave, thinking about you today. Went to your remembrance mass at the cemetery. Very sad. I am not sure what to do. I knew whatever you said was right and I trusted you so much. I miss and love you.  
Barbie

Barbara Headley - July 15, 2023 at 02:53 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave, well Jenn moved into her new house. What a beautiful home. You would love it, especially the property. So many trees and flowers and a wonderful deck for you to sit on. There is a swing on the front porch, I can see you out there swinging for hours. You always loved rocking and swinging. Adam, Olivia and I went the day they moved in to help. Adam put some deck furniture together. I wish you were here. You know how much I hate to drive. We could go visit together. Now nothing is the same. Florida is done, vacations, casinos, just about everything we loved is gone. I went to your memorial service, for the one-year mark since you passed away. It was hard. Every day is hard. Olivia is here, and she misses you very much. We talk about you a lot and sometimes even laugh about a silly thing you did. I miss you, Dave. I wish we could go back and fix this.  
Barbie

Barbara Headley - June 30, 2023 at 12:27 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave, I am so upset. I cannot believe it has been a year since you passed away on Monday. What happened this year? Where was I? I cannot stop thinking about what happened. They said you were getting better and would be coming home. I never thought you would die. I miss you. I dread this weekend. I am having flashbacks that are unbearable. I keep thinking I could have fixed it. Changed it. If only we had called George, maybe it would be different. I am lost. I have not been to our condo in Florida. We are not having a BBQ for Memorial Day. Olivia is coming here today, and Jenn and Dan are coming down to see you on Monday and have lunch with me and Adam. Everyone is heartbroken beyond belief. I try to get better. I want to have happy memories not just the last ones. I know you would want to be here with us. I planted the basil. I thought about you at the time. You are missed beyond belief. Adam visited you and put your roses on the grave for you. He cried and cried. He loves and misses you so much. I do too. I love you Dave and miss you.  
Barbie

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Barbara Headley - May 27, 2023 at 11:39 AM

BH

“ Hi Dave, Feeling sad today. I keep remembering this time last year. I thought you were better. I never thought you would not get better. It never occurred to me that you would not be here. I want my life back. It is so different now. No fun. No trips to Florida and our favorite places. I did not plant tomatoes or basil. I just did not have the heart to. You will not be there to sit there in your chair and eat the tomatoes with Olivia or me. So many things are gone now. I cannot believe that without you so much is just over. I wish you were here. I want to go back in time and fix this. I think about it a lot. What could I have done differently? You should be here. This cannot be real. I miss you.  
Barbie

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Barbara J Headley - April 29, 2023 at 06:09 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave. I am so sad. Your car has been sitting and things started to go wrong. The battery died and the tire went flat. I fixed them but started to worry about what could happen. I did not know what to do. I tried to hold off. I thought if the car was there, you would come back. I decided to sell your car. I waited as long as I could. I would see it there and I thought if it was there, you would come home. It is just another reminder you are not coming home. I remember knowing when you were almost here. I could hear your classical music or book on tape all the way down the street. I also remember you sitting in there for hours listening to books on tape or classical music. And sometimes sleeping. Now that it is gone, you are even further away. I would see it there and look for you. I sat in it and talked to you. I am so lost. You would say I was wasting money to buy a new car, to drive them until they die. I felt bad buying a new car. I traded mine and yours for one new one. You would like it. We could take trips in it. Remember the trip to Triangle NY to the property? That was fun, even though the tire almost came off, not knowing until we got home, they did not put the lug nuts on, only one. I see your face and cry. I see your picture waving in Florida and remember that day you were so happy. Or the picture in front of your favorite restaurant Catfish Dewey's. I remember taking the picture I am broken. I want that back. This was not fair. It's not fair. I miss you. I thought we had more time. I thought you would always be here.

Barbie

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Barbara J Headley - March 31, 2023 at 06:03 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave. I am having a hard time. I cannot believe how hard this is. If you were here, you would know what I should do about everything, especially medical. I trusted you with my life. Why did you have to go? I want you back. This is a really hard and a sad situation. I miss you so much. So many memories.

Barbie

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Barbara Headley - March 16, 2023 at 04:54 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave. Well, I wish you were here; you would know what I should do. I talked to George for advice because I trust him. If you were here, you would tell me what to do. I am so afraid. I need you here with me. Everything I do is alone now. It is so hard. I hope you know that everyone misses you and talks about you all the time. It was a tragedy what happened to you. I miss you so much. Love you, Barbie.

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Barbara Headley - March 05, 2023 at 06:30 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave, I still thought we had more time. I really miss you. Today is Valentine's Day. Happy Valentine's Day. You always got me a beautiful card full of lottery tickets. I waited for it! Always thought I would win. We were lucky if we broke even. I wish you would walk through the door with my card or I would find it on the dresser waiting for me. I want more time with you. Life is so different. I miss knowing you were there for me and would always take care of me. Rory misses you too. He wishes he could call you and get your medical expertise. I do too! You were the smartest doctor ever. No one could match you. No one. I wish we could go back and call George, he would have helped us. I am so sorry we didn't. Well, Happy Valentine's Day. love you.  
Barb

Barbara Headley - February 14, 2023 at 02:55 PM

BH

“ Hi Dave, well it is New Year's Eve. And you are not here. Olivia misses you. She was remembering last New Year's Eve and the fireworks and bagels. Christmas was different. You were not on the couch in the corner opening gifts and laughing. Your seat at dinner was not you. No one ate roasted nuts. It is not the same. Nothing is the same. I am afraid and worried. I miss you. I am sorry. I wish I could have saved you. I feel awful. I wish you were here.  
Barb



Barbara J Headley - December 31, 2022 at 09:19 PM

YC

“ Dr. Headley was the best physician ever. I am so sad to learn of his passing. He always knew what the issue was. When he left Burlington County we lost a great physician. I learned of his passing because I am experiencing an illness that no one can seem to pinpoint and I did an internet search to try to locate where doctor Headley was currently practicing because I knew that I could trust his answer. My prayers to his family through this difficult time.

Yvette Carpenter - December 23, 2022 at 03:26 PM

BH

Yvette,  
Thank you so much for your kind message. Dave passed away unexpectedly. He was practicing in Philadelphia. It was a tragedy. I am heartbroken. I totally understand. I knew he could save me no matter what. He just knew what to do. I felt so safe and trusted every word he said. I would tell him what I was feeling, and he would say, get this test and take this medication and you will be fine. He was always right! I hope you are doing well.  
Barb Headley

Barbara J Headley - December 31, 2022 at 09:15 PM

AM

Hello Barbara

*I remember your husband David and just saw this obituary of his passing. I am so very sorry to hear this. You may not remember me, I was a patient of yours many years ago. I was wondering if you and David were still in practice and that is how I came upon the obituary. Sincere condolences to you and your family. I know it must be difficult for you but memories are never forgotten. I hope you are well. I was going to message you on Facebook because I wanted to ask you about a doctor that you had good things to say about.*

*Again, my prayers and thoughts are with you,  
Anne Muth*

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**Anne Muth** - January 29, 2023 at 06:55 PM

BH

“ *Hi Dave, it's almost Christmas I am so upset. I have to do this for everyone else. It is one of the most painful things I will have done. It feels meaningless. What is the point? You will not be here. The only picture I have of you from last year, is you are asleep on the loveseat with Jenn and Penny. You always liked being with Jenn. I hope I can make it I do not see a future. I am sorry. I wish I could go back and save you. I wish you had gone to the hospital where George was. I wish,,, I now have to go to your grave and see your grave blanket on your grave. I cannot take it. I need you. I am so sorry.*

*Barbie*

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**Barbara Headley** - December 21, 2022 at 11:17 AM

BH

“ *Hi Dave. Well, I put the condo up for sale today. We have been there in the building for about 25 years. We had planned every day when you got there, all stupid stuff but important to us. I will miss waking up, taking rides, and going to orange Grove, the malls, and Catfish Dewey's. The holidays, shopping, buying rib roast and being so excited to try it. I am wrapping presents and that is your job. I really do a lousy job. You were so patient and cared so much. I cry all the time. Our life was so full and different. What I knew as my life is over. The plans, the trips, the future, all of it. It's done. Everything changed now. I do not see a future. It was supposed to be us. I never expected you to leave. You were like the juggernaut. Just kept on going, always there, always helping me. I am afraid I will get sick, who will know what to do? No one but you. I do love you.*

*Barb*



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**Barbara J Headley** - December 09, 2022 at 06:46 PM

BH

“ Barbara Headley lit a candle in memory of David Headley



Barbara Headley - November 23, 2022 at 04:22 PM

BH

“ Dave, it is Thanksgiving tomorrow. Now you are missing another holiday. It seems so unreal that you are gone. You have missed the spring, summer, your blueberries and tomatoes, fall leaves, going to the farm picking vegetables, and now another holiday lost. I will never go to Souderton to shop at the outlet, have breakfast in that little restaurant. There are no presents for Christmas under the tree. I found one in your trunk for Olivia, a puzzle. I will miss you sitting next to me, hanging out with Jenn, Dan, Olivia, Adam, and Brian. Watching movies and laughing What happened was so unfair and wrong. I am having trouble moving forward. I wish I could fix it. I know you counted on me. I am broken. I know I should be better by now. I hope that I can find peace. I miss you.  
Barb

Barbara Headley - November 23, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ Dr. David F. Headley

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

BH

“ Dave, well here we are, Oct. 22 and I am so heartbroken. How do I get better, what will bring me comfort? I look for you everywhere and wish the door would open and you would be standing there. I miss you. Life is so different now. I went through our anniversary alone, and now it will be my birthday. Soon it will be Thanksgiving and Christmas. Jenn is sad, she was looking at Christmas presents and remembered she will not be giving you yours. We are all broken. I know if you were here, you would help me. You saved me so many times. You are not here to save me.  
Barbie

Barbara J Headley - October 22, 2022 at 03:03 PM

MD

“ I was looking at an old blood test of mine and noticed Dr. Headley's name as the prescribing physician and wondered how he was doing after his retirement. I remember him always taking the time to patiently answer my question and providing thoughtful insight into my health. I won't to thank his family for allowing him to serve us, his patients. I remember Barbara's kindness too in the office. Thank you. Martin D.

Martin D - September 28, 2022 at 03:22 PM

BH

Martin,  
Thank you so much for your kind words. We are heartbroken. Dave was sick with covid pneumonia. He cared for the covid patients in the hospital and saved many lives. He was a hero. He often took pictures of himself in his hazmat suit in the covid unit. It was a tragedy. He actually did not retire. He went to work for Crozer Health and remained there until his death. He is sadly missed and loved by so many. Thank you for remembering me as well.  
Barb

Barbara Headley - October 11, 2022 at 06:01 PM

LG

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. Headley. I recently learned of his passing. Dr. Headley was the first physician to hire me after graduating school. I learned so much from his teachings, Barb, and Nancy in the office. Till this day, I've never forgotten the tools he taught me and still use today working in the hospital. His patience, great sense of humor, and great bedside manner made him an excellent physician and employer. Rest well my friend. Laketa



Laketa Green - June 24, 2022 at 01:17 PM

BH

Laketa,  
Thank you so much. I remember you and am so happy you took away some great tools that have helped you through the years. He was a hero taking care of covid patients for almost 3 years. Unfortunately, he was unable to recover from covid pneumonia. We will all miss him so much.  
Barb

Barbara Headley - June 25, 2022 at 05:11 PM



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Lewis Funeral Home - June 10, 2022 at 12:58 PM

BH

“ I still cannot believe you are gone. My heart breaks thinking about it. We had so much fun in Florida, you were so happy there. Even though we had a routine, it was a great one. You loved taking rides anywhere. So excited to go to a museum, beach, boardwalk, or just walk around the Christmas Tree Shop. I would ask what you want to do, and you would say let's go there. It was fun for us. I can still see you on the hammock laying under the tree. What am I going to do without you? I am lost and heartbroken Dave, if you were here, you would help me. You would call me Barbie every time. I will miss you. I felt safe with you, knowing that no matter what, you would save me.

Barb

Barbara Headley - June 10, 2022 at 11:29 AM

LM

So sorry for your loss Barb. My prayers are with you and your family. ❤️❤️❤️

Liz McCool - August 20, 2022 at 04:16 PM

BH

Liz,  
Thank you so much. I am heartbroken and lost.  
Barb

Barbara Headley - October 11, 2022 at 06:07 PM

KL

“ Dr Headley was one of our favorite doctors in the emergency dept dcmh. He was always kind to all patients and staff. Our countless admissions , of course right at change of shift , and he never got mad. He always went above and beyond and took the time to listen to staff and the patient. He will be missed dearly . thoughts and prayers to the Headley family. from DCMH EMERGENCY DEPT STAFF

kathleen lavin - June 06, 2022 at 11:43 AM

BH

*Thank you so much for your kind words. He was an amazing doctor who is so missed by everyone*  
*Barb Headley*

**Barbara Headley** - June 11, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Headley as his chief at DCMH. David was a tremendous physician, colleague and friend. He would always ask me how I was doing and offer some sage advice. ‘They just don’t make them like they used to’ is a very apt saying for Dr. Headley - patients, nurses, doctors, friends and family will sorely miss him, but his kindness will forever live on.*

**Vivek Ramanathan** - June 06, 2022 at 09:18 AM

BH

*Thank you he always talked about the pie and how delicious it was from The Pie Lady. He was so grateful*  
*Barb*

**Barbara Headley** - June 11, 2022 at 11:25 AM

LP

“ *Lisa Pedrick lit a candle in memory of Dr. David F. Headley*



**Lisa Pedrick** - June 05, 2022 at 05:18 PM

WM

“ *David always lifted the load I felt making hospital cardiology rounds at Delaware County Memorial. I welcomed his perceptive insights and even more the memories of good times in Moorestown where I attended Moorestown Friends and to this day consider it the best town in all of America. I often admitted I could never be as dedicated, compassionate, or benevolent as he.*



*I hope to see you in the next world, My Friend, if you will have me.*

*Walter A Kornienko MD*

**Walter A Kornienko MD** - June 05, 2022 at 02:42 PM

“David developed a longstanding interest in Chemistry, which began with a chemistry set that he and I received as a Christmas present. The accompanying booklet had minimal scientific content but did provide “recipes” to reproducibly make bright blue or pink colors, fountains of bubbles, astringent odors, each of which resulted from a procedure of specific steps using mysterious chemical names. Chemistry sets older than ours were prized because they contained a sample of Potassium Nitrate which could be used to make a small amount of gun powder, or the like. However, lacking ‘niter’, we would (to no avail) read through the manual hoping to find a substitute reagent. In any event this introduced us to chemical nomenclature and provided many hours of entertainment. It also linked to mineralogy and thereby to David’s nascent rock collection. We came to realize that many household commodities were actually important chemicals, Sulfuric Acid, Sodium Hydroxide, Ammonia, Lime, Sodium Hypochlorite, Acetic Acid, etc. The chemistry set began to grow, and David appropriated an old Refrigerator and chest of drawers in the basement to store chemicals and equipment.

David’s interest in chemistry was also supported by the leader to the local 4-H Club. Our father, who once led a 4-H Club, our Grandfather Cobb, an active farmer, and our mother, who grew up on the Cobb Farm, determined that we would benefit from a more organized approach to gardening - such as that promulgated by the 4-H organization. It turned into a lot of time and work, but the entire family benefited from our help with Dad’s flowers and vegetable garden. For a few years we exhibited tomatoes and summer squash at the Morris as County Fair and I think David may still have one or two of the ribbons. Dave and I were initially puzzled - chagrined that, in one instance, 3 small, green tomatoes, belonging to another exhibitor, were awarded a blue ribbon. Dad pointed out that the produce was judged not just by its beauty or size, but by the uniform maturity and consistent size of the exhibited fruit.

The leader of the 4-H club was a friend and next-door neighbor of Grandfather Cobb named Oliver Sheffield. Oliver Sheffield Ph.D. was a native of Puerto Rico. Oliver asked David if he was interested in chemistry one day and he encouraged David to pursue that study. Although he did not tell us, he was one of the senior research staff at Picatinny Arsenal. One day he invited David and I to his home office. It had a small library and a number of professional journals. On his desk lay open a large black tome, entitled Encyclopedia of Explosives. David and I had a look at it when someone telephoned Oliver for an extended discussion. I believe the volume listed Oliver as an associate editor. (It is still advertised as 9 volumes on Amazon for \$2000 in paperback.) The pages listed explicit chemical formulae, physical properties, Heat of Formation (I think), critical temperatures, etc. Many of the entries were blank as the compounds were dangerous to work with and the measurement had not yet been completed. David and I were impressed that a friend of our grandfather-farmer, a polite unassuming 4-H club leader was actually a significant scientist. Intuitively, this became a “doable” thing, even if your family had limited income. Oliver was also very good reference when applying to college. David majored in chemistry at Rutgers University We frequently spent the

*week ends at home in Denville, where the food was first rate and also an expert secretary typist was on short call, i.e. Mother. During his limited free hours David would often follow his curiosity and run experiments relating to course work. I think his degree in chemistry formed a strong basis for his subsequent career as a medical doctor. His native curiosity and love of chemistry never left him, but melded with his medical training. He was a loving father and provided an environment were his*

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**Stephen Headley** - June 05, 2022 at 11:25 AM

“ David always enjoyed hiking on the Appalachian Trail. One summer we joined with a number of Boy Scout friends and followed the Trail from High Point NJ along the NY-NJ state lines to Sun Fish Pond, a few miles from the Delaware Water Gap. I think this was the first long hike that David and I made. It was a learning experience involving how much weight not to carry and how much water one should carry. He, myself, our cousin Jack Headley and an enterprising neighbor, Jon Jorganson, returned to Sunfish Pond a year later and camped at there for several days. It is a large, isolated, glacial lake surrounded by forest that offers very clear, deep water and pleasant swimming. We camped near a section of the Appalachian Trail rises sharply above the water and gives a wide view of the lake and opposing shoreline. We enjoyed exploring the surrounding area, swimming, and at night gathering about a camp fire to drink tea and talk – but had no luck fishing. Later, David with some of Scout Troop 99 continued along the Trail in Pennsylvania where it follows the Susquehanna River.

We also hiked parts of the Appalachian Trail in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, having been shown photos and listened to stories of our Uncle Frank Headley visits, who started climbing in the “Whites” when he himself was a student at Dartmouth. The Trail in the White Mountains often follows ridges that are above tree line and affords panoramic views of the surrounding Peaks such as Mt. Washington and Mt. Jefferson. Another section is the Franconia Ridge Trail connecting Mts. Lafayette and Lincoln where our sister Jane accompanied us. In the evening we returned to a lodge and were served a meal in common at a long table. David enjoyed meeting other hikers who were frequently more experienced, and commonly more traveled. They would tell of challenging parts of the trail and amusing coincidences encountered while camping in the wilderness, a smaller world than one would expect. David fondly recalled these summer excursions which he shared with family and friends.

It is a long ride back to New Jersey from Gorham, NH., and that weekend we decided to break up the driving by stopping in Boston where Margaret worked at Tufts and Sara was visiting school friends. This was the first time David and I stayed in Boston; it was a beastly hot evening in the city, but nevertheless a refreshing visit. We returned many times

Stephen Headley

LT

“ I was a patient of Dr. Headley's for many years and loved him dearly. When he moved to PA, I was so sad. He was so kind and generous with his time, was never in a hurry to get done with the visit. He always listened to symptoms and was a great diagnostician . Not only that he had this very dry sense of humor that would take me a minute "to get" and then I would laugh my head off. I was a teacher in those days and I was always reading a book when he entered the room. I think he loved books as much as I do and he always wanted to know what the book was about and why I was reading it. This usually led to some theological discussion. In a way he doctored my soul as much as my body. We often spoke of children and his adoration of his family shown brightly . I remember when he and Barb adopted the twins and I was in awe of this loving man and his wife. The picture posed here by David Lee made me SOB. This is exactly the relaxed pose he always struck in his chair during my appointments. I have replaced my doctor with a good guy, but no doctor will ever replace the friend I found in Dr. David Headley. I pray for this grieving family and send so much love to them. Sincerely,  
Lindy Thomas

Lindy Thomas - June 04, 2022 at 11:30 AM

BH

Linda,  
Thank you so much. I remember you as well. He was an amazing man, and we miss him so much. I am heartbroken.  
Barb

Barbara Headley - October 11, 2022 at 06:16 PM

NL

“ Nancy LaCouture lit a candle in memory of Dr. David F. Headley



Nancy LaCouture - June 03, 2022 at 10:47 PM

NL

“ Nancy LaCouture lit a candle in memory of Dr. David F. Headley



Nancy LaCouture - June 03, 2022 at 10:46 PM

EH

“ I worked with Dr. Headley many years ago, at Masonic Home. Dr. Headley was a great doctor, & was always wonderful with all of his patients. Had a heart of gold, & a great sense of humor. My heart is saddened. I send my condolences to the Headley family and their friends. Rest In Peace, Dr. Headley. 🙏🙏

Elaine Heath - June 03, 2022 at 02:44 PM

BH

Thank you so much for your kind words.  
Barb Headley

Barbara Headley - June 11, 2022 at 11:27 AM

MB

“ Dr. Headley and I worked together for many years when we were associated with the Masonic Home of NJ. He was a brilliant physician and wonderful person. Sending my deepest sympathy to his family. Marjorie Berleth

Marjorie Berleth - June 03, 2022 at 10:50 AM

SD

“ I was a patient of Dr. Headley in NJ for more than 30 years, and was saddened when he closed his practice to relocate it to PA. He and Barbara were a top notch team. My deepest condolences to the family.

Sheila D'Avino

Sheila D'Avino - June 03, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ Sue Clevenger lit a candle in memory of Dr. David F. Headley



Sue Clevenger - June 03, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ Doc you were not only my favorite doctor of all time but you were also a good friend to me!! Without you who knows if I would ever been able to afford a computer!! You will be missed by many!! RIP Doc!!

Sue Clevenger - June 03, 2022 at 08:55 AM

BH

*Sue,  
Thank you. I remember you fondly and we all miss him and are heartbroken.  
Barb*

Barbara Headley - October 11, 2022 at 06:17 PM

JM

“ *Dr. Headley. A brilliant physician and a wonderful human being. My wife, an RN, worked with him at Memorial and held him and his expertise in the highest regard. We became his patients and felt blessed to have him monitoring our health. Blessings to his family, friends and associates.*

*Jim & Diane McManus*

Jim McManus - June 02, 2022 at 06:20 PM

MB

“ *David was very precious to his brother and sisters. He had a wonderful laugh and a great sense of humor. He made a wicked gingerbread house. Love from sister, Maggie*

margaret brosz - June 02, 2022 at 10:13 AM

DD

“ *Dr. Headley was the kindest physician I ever worked with. He was never too busy to listen to anyone who needed him.*



Denise Daigle - June 01, 2022 at 03:22 PM

BH

“ *Dave, I will forever miss you. I always knew you were there for your family no matter what. You saved me many times. I am heartbroken that you are not here with us. I am lost without you. I will miss hearing you call me Barbie. I love you.  
Barb*

Barbara J. Headley - June 01, 2022 at 12:27 AM

LP

*I love you, my Sister Barb.*

Lisa Pedrick - June 05, 2022 at 05:17 PM

BH

*Love you too sis.*

**Barbara Headley** - June 12, 2022 at 11:01 PM

DL

“ *Dr. Headley was an amazing physician--kind and caring. It was a privilege to work alongside him, and he will truly be missed.*



**David Lee** - May 31, 2022 at 10:15 PM

AD

*Dr Headley will be much missed by the DCMH staff. He is an excellent physician who is very dedicated to his work. He is very friendly and easy to get along with. We will surely miss you.*

**Aderonke** - June 02, 2022 at 11:22 AM

SC

“ *Susan Cunningham sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. David F. Headley*



**Susan Cunningham** - May 31, 2022 at 08:06 PM

SC

“ *Susan Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Dr. David F. Headley*



**Susan Cunningham** - May 31, 2022 at 08:05 PM