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## Faculty Development – The Evolution of Clinician Educator Training at Bassett

By Dr. Darah Wright and Laurel Marling

### Origins

Over ten years ago, Bassett held its first Faculty Development Workshop. Dr. James Dalton headed the 2015 initiative to train Bassett's clinician educators on best practices for medical teachers. Dalton explained then the necessity of supporting faculty to adapt to the changing landscape of medical education and develop skills beyond the traditional qualifications of demonstrating medical knowledge and skill in patient care. Dalton and his core team of educators worked with doctors from the Royal College of London to develop and deliver the new curriculum.

The intent of the original workshop was to prepare faculty to teach residents the six core competencies of medical practice. These skills, introduced by the ACGME in 1999, better ensured that graduate medical learners were ready to independently and competently care for patients. In addition to patient care and medical knowledge, other skills emerged as priorities: professionalism, interpersonal and communication skills, practice-based learning and improvement, and systems-based practice.

Since the inaugural workshops and the adoption of competencies, medical education has exploded with research, which resulted in new evidence-based strategies for teaching the next generation of physicians and surgeons. Medical educators now must have deep knowledge about their practices and patients, teach ACGME competencies, and communicate in ways their learners can hear, respond to, and retain.

To create environments that allow for proximal learning, faculty must be deliberate about what and how they want to teach.

Effective teachers must consider the range of learning styles and experiences learners present, set expectations with and for their learners, and create rapport and relate to their learners so that constructive feedback and evaluation are normalized. Finally, the modern medical educator must encourage reflection and self-awareness in both learners and faculty to drive intrinsically motivated improvements.

### New Faculty Development Director

Keeping up with this ever-changing work is the responsibility of Dr. Darah Wright, a primary care doctor in Cobleskill and Bassett's Director of Faculty Development. Dr. Wright is also the Director of the Primary Care Clerkship for the Columbia-Bassett Program and a preceptor for the 5-week capstone rotation scheduled each January.



Dr. Darah Wright

Wright leads Faculty Development's efforts to bring new clinical teaching practices to the workshops. As part of her role, she heads the Faculty Development Workgroup consisting of

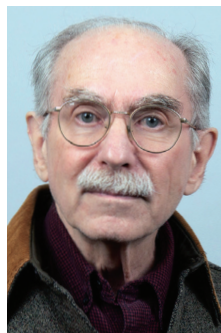
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## Message from the President of the Medical Alumni Board of Directors

I knew by the second week of my Ambu Clinic elective in Cooperstown that I belonged at Bassett.

In the summer of 1980, the Olympics took place in Moscow, and the U.S.—still deep in the Cold War—boycotted the games. The Iran hostage crisis dominated the headlines. New York City's heatwave broke records, the streets surrounding Montefiore Hospital were an oven. Susan and I escaped to my clinical clerkships in New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and then Cooperstown.

I loved medical school, fortunate to have landed at Albert Einstein in the Bronx. But as I began my clinical rotations at our city hospitals, I also saw the cruelty that seemed to be an expected part of medical training, with humiliation used as a teaching tool. The relish with which some attendings tormented trainees



Dr. David E. Newman

to drive home some detail—sometimes in front of patients—was brutal.

Bassett was different. I could sense it almost immediately. The kindest and most committed mentors I had ever met welcomed me to Ambu Clinic—Bob Sioussset, Emery Herman, David Svahn, others. I met interns and residents who later would become lifelong friends. And I encountered an amazingly diverse and interesting population of patients at this little hospital in the middle of nowhere. Later that year, I ranked Bassett's Medicine residency and rotating internship first and second in my match application, to improve my chance of success.

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# 2026 Residency/Fellowship Match Results

The Cupola is the newsletter of the Medical Alumni Association of Bassett Medical Center. The Association was founded to provide support and recommendations to Bassett's Medical Education Department; to assist in recruiting medical students, house staff and attending staff; and to provide financial support to develop and enhance medical education at Bassett.

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All of Bassett's residency and fellowship programs had success in the 2026 Match through the National Resident Matching Program. The following roster contains the appointments for the 2026-27 academic year.

## General Surgery

**Madhulika Badri, M.D.**, Drexel University College of Medicine

**Raquel Lara, M.D.**, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine

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## Internal Medicine

**Maria Aftab, M.B., B.S.**, King Edward Medical College (Pakistan)

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**Ayush Bhattarai, M.B., B.S.**, Nepalese Army Institute of Health Sciences College of Medicine (Nepal)

**Bhargavram Channagiri Srinivas, M.B., B.S.**, Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Mallasamudra (India)

**Abdul Khan, M.D.**, St. George's University School of Medicine (Grenada)

**Jaedt Lim, M.D.**, University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (Philippines)

**Qian Liu, B.Med.**, Harbin Medical University (China)

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**Anna Terenik, M.D.**, Novosibirsk State Medical Academy (Russia)

## Transitional Year

**Chengchong Ai, B.Med.**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China)

**Madison Alexander, M.D.**, St. George's University School of Medicine (Grenada)

**Alan Finkelstein, M.D.**, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

**Jonathan Herrera, M.D.**, Albany Medical College

**John Liu, M.D.**, Creighton University School of Medicine

**Daniel Ma, M.D.**, Albany Medical College

**Hayden Naizer, M.D.**, McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas - Houston

**Mrinal Sharma, M.D.**, American University of Antigua College of Medicine (Antigua)

**Charu Vyas, M.D.**, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

## Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship

**Carlos Espiche Salazar, M.D., M.Ed.**, Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Apl (Peru)

**Berke Cenktug Korucu, M.D.**, Uludag Universitesi Tip Fakultesi (Turkey)

**Suman Paudel, M.B., B.S.**, Gandaki Medical College (Nepal) ■

## President from page 1

We moved from our fourth-floor walkup on East 25th street to a little \$25,000 house we found in Fly Creek that next June.

Bassett itself was, of course, different back then. Only Cooperstown, no "health network." You knew everyone, and it seemed like everyone knew you. And in my three years of residency, I remember only two instances of teaching by humiliation.

Forty-five years later, Bassett Hospital is The Mothership surrounded by five other network hospitals, 34 ambulatory clinics, and 21 school-based health centers—94 locations in all, spread across eight New York counties.

Coordinating patient care and HR amongst 94 separate locations requires layers of administrative governance unimaginable back in 1981. And some of the collegiality that arises from "knowing everyone" is inevitably lost.

But our organization has not succumbed to the levels of corporatization seen almost everywhere else in the health care "industry." I can still reach a specialist on the phone when I need a curbside consult. Conscientious, high-quality patient care remains prioritized above "through-put." The trainees I encounter—residents, Columbia-Bassett students, Greg's NP residents—astonish me with their depth and humanity, and they say they feel valued and respected.

Alumni have a key role in sustaining and carrying forward this unique ethos that has defined what kind of professionals we have become. Our mentors left indelible impressions upon us during our formative years. We can fill that role for today's generation of trainees. Regardless of where we are in the country, or in our careers, we are a very real part of the Bassett Healthcare Network. ■

## Bassett Residents Match into Fellowships

Several residents who will be completing their training at Bassett received the following fellowship appointments:

**Panisara Fangsaard, M.D.** (Internal Medicine) Gastroenterology Fellowship, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Ga.

**Alex Kurtz, M.D.** (General Surgery) Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Fellowship, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, N.C.

**Suman Paudel, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, N.Y.

**Lydia Rafferty, M.D.** (General Surgery) Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa.

**Arzu Shahid, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Endocrinology Fellowship, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

**Suprita Shrestha, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Endocrinology Fellowship, SUNY-Downstate, Brooklyn, N.Y. ■

## David S. Svahn Humanities in Medicine Memorial Lecture

The David S. Svahn Humanities in Medicine memorial lecture will be live-streamed on May 15, 2026, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Medicine Grand Rounds in the Clark Auditorium at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

The guest lecturer is Dr. Michael Flanagan, Associate Dean at the Penn State College of Medicine. Flanagan is a practicing Family Medicine physician and a painter with a commitment to humanities in Medicine. He recently returned from a two-week trip to Italy doing a Humanities in Medicine tour with Penn State pre-med students. Readers may access the presentation at:

[www.bassett.org/svahn-lecture](http://www.bassett.org/svahn-lecture).

## Recipients of the 2025 William F. Streck Fellowship in Health Policy and Management



Amy Beveridge



Alexis Bartlett



Dr. Juan Jose  
Delgado Hurtado



Krystalea Nestle



Jason Waselewski

Bassett Healthcare Network announced the recipients of the 2025 William F. Streck, M.D., Fellowship in Health Policy and Management. This fellowship provides non-degree educational and practical experiences for Bassett Healthcare Network medical, nursing, and administrative staff members, preparing them for future challenges in health care.

The award committee reviewed applications from many candidates and awarded funds to five Bassett Healthcare Network caregivers.

■ **Amy Beveridge**, Director of Accreditation & Regulatory Readiness. Amy will take an online Project Management certificate course from Cornell University.

■ **Alexis Bartlett**, Supervisor in BMC Prime Care Cooperstown and Outpatient Psychiatry. Alexis will take an online Health Care Operations Management certificate course from Cornell University.

■ **Dr. Juan Jose Delgado Hurtado**, Division Chief of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism - Department of

Medicine. Dr. Delgado Hurtado will take an online Executive Healthcare Leadership certificate course from Cornell University.

■ **Krystalea Nestle**, Sonographer - Radiology-Ultrasound Department. Krystalea will complete a 90-hour Perinatal Advanced Practice Sonographer residency in Fresno, Calif.

■ **Jason Waselewski**, Manager of Talent Acquisition - Human Resources. Jason will take an online Strategic Healthcare Leadership certificate course from Cornell University.

Dr. William Streck served as Bassett Healthcare Network's President & CEO for two stretches of its recent history—first from 1984 to 2014, and then again from 2018 to 2020. This namesake fellowship was created in 2014 to celebrate Dr. Streck's first 30-year tenure. This endowment is an investment in Bassett's role as a leader in rural health care. ■



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# THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM — ALUMNI NEWS

*Please keep your notes and photos coming!*

## 1970s

**James Flax, M.D.** (Psychiatry resident 1974-76) I continue to practice psychiatry in my private office in Rockland County, N.Y., while spending more time with family, friends and doing the sports I enjoy—backcountry skiing, XC skiing and cycling. Cycling the Cooperstown countryside last fall brought back many fine memories.

## Michael Bauer, M.D.

(Medicine resident 1977-80, attending pulmonologist 1988-2025) and **Russell Kelley, M.D.** (Medicine resident 1977-80) shared the following update.

Mike and Stephanie Bauer reunited with Russ and Pat Kelley for a great visit in Kiawah Island, S.C. Mike and Russ both completed their Internal Medicine Residency at MIBH in 1980. Mike has recently retired after a three-decade career as a pulmonologist at MIBH. He and Stephanie continue to live on Pioneer Street and enjoy all that Cooperstown has to offer. Russ was a diagnostic radiologist at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Mass., for 30 years, 15 years as Department Chair. Russ and Pat now reside permanently on Kiawah Island. Our combined families now have more children and grandchildren than we can count. We all send our best wishes to Bassett friends and families.



*James Flax at his most recent XC ski race in the North American Birkie*

## 1980s

**John Dunn, M.D.** (Transitional Year resident 1984-85; Medicine resident 1986-87 and 1989-90) Greetings former colleagues and Bassett community! Although my life and career have been somewhat eclectic, I look very fondly on my years at MIBH and credit many of you with teaching me what it means to be a physician. I spent a couple of years in the Boston area, then moved to northern Vermont where I practiced emergency medicine in St. Albans, then primary care for a while, and I am now per diem at UVM's urgent care clinic.

The outdoors has always been a big part of my life, and I have remained active in hiking, skiing, climbing, etc. In addition to my part-time work at UVM and being co-owner of a local community rec center, I am also working every other week as a winter caretaker at a hut four miles from the road in New Hampshire's White Mountains. I snowshoe or ski up to the hut every other Wednesday and care for the building and its hiker guests for a week at a time, which gives me great pleasure.

As my medical career comes to an end, I am doing more writing, including a novel and memoir in the works. All the best and maybe I'll see you at a reunion one day.



*John Dunn caretaking at Carter Notch Hut, N.H.*

**Lewis Zulick, M.D.** (Surgery resident 1984-89) I plan to retire from my General Surgery Practice in May of this year. For the past 10 years, I have been employed by the Rochester Regional Health organization in their eastern region working at Clifton Springs Hospital clinic and at Newark Wayne Community Hospital. Before that I was in private practice, starting back in 1992, mostly working at Clifton Springs Hospital. I also worked

part time from 2019-2024 as a "surgicalist" in the north country at Carthage Area Hospital. This allowed me to spend more time at our cottage in the Thousand Islands. My wife, Cheryl, has been working in real estate and as a fitness instructor. We have six grandkids between here and the Boston area, which will keep us busy. I am in the midst of continuing education to become a certified personal coach through the international Coaching Federation specializing in coaching physicians.



*Lewis Zulick with wife Cheryl in the Piedmont region of Italy*

## Richard Baker, Jr., M.D.

(Transitional Year resident 1989-90) I fondly remember my time spent in Cooperstown, at Bassett. After my internship I moved from orthopedics to radiology. I finished my residency at Dartmouth Hitchcock (DH) and remained on their faculty for three years, working at the VA and DHMC. While at DHMC I worked with **Rand Swenson**, a fellow Bassett intern.

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*L to R: Dr. Bauer, Dr. Kelley, Pat Kelley, and Stephanie Bauer in S.C.*

I was recruited to a private group in Madison, Wis., by a couple of former Dartmouth faculty radiologists. I joined Madison Radiologists in 1997 and had a thriving Vascular Interventional and Neurointerventional practice for 28 years. In November of 2024, I left my practice and started a position as Chief of Radiology at the local VA, affiliated with the University of Wisconsin. I am loving my new job with teaching responsibilities several times a week.

On a personal note, I have three grandchildren. My middle daughter, born at Bassett, has two sons, and my eldest is expecting her second. My oldest daughter used to do Saturday rounds with me. Betsy, a lovable unit clerk, took care of her while I was rounding. The morning finished with the best

blueberry pancakes in the cafeteria. This was a wonderful phase of life. My son lives in NYC and is busy managing rock bands and negotiating record contracts.

I've been in Madison since 1997. If there are med students interviewing in Madison, we would be happy to host them. We live right next to the University Hospital.

I have very fond memories of the faculty at Bassett and my intern and resident colleagues. John Davis and Alan Kozak, among many others, were such wonderful role models and mentors. I hope to make it back to Cooperstown to visit soon.

### 2000s

**Rory Sears, D.O.** (Medicine resident 2004-07, chief resident 2007-08) After four

years of being Chief of Staff at Samaritan Medical Center (Watertown, N.Y.), I am going to step into the role of Internal Medicine Program Director. I remain in full practice in pulmonary/critical care, and we have developed one of the region's premier Interventional and navigational bronchoscopy programs to date. First in New York for certain technologies including the recent Monarch Quest system that incorporates AI into finding more precise pathways to smaller lesions in the lung.

Man, I love my job! I have the kindest patients and have received the Heart-to-Heart award 3 times in my career here. I am happily married still to Dave, who stayed by me during medical school, residency, and fellowship. Lastly, we actually have our first pulmonary

education day next week that I started for the residents. I will be presenting on "being comfortable with the uncomfortable." But there will be other presenters on sleep medicine and pulmonary hypertension including a senior resident.

### 2010s

**Wisit Cheungpasitporn, M.D.** (Medicine resident 2010-13) was recently selected as the 2026 Teacher of the Year by the Fellows' Association in Nephrology at Mayo Clinic. He was honored with the same award last year.

The award, which is decided fully by the trainees, recognizes the recipient's "superior compassion and commitment to education, mentoring, and patient care." ■

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## Bassett Welcomes Tyler Malone, Ph.D., as Director of the Bassett Research Institute

Bassett Healthcare Network has named Tyler Malone, Ph.D., as the incoming director of the Bassett Research Institute. Dr. Malone most recently served as the deputy director of the North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.

Dr. Malone's appointment follows a national search for the next leader of the Bassett Research Institute's mission. He succeeds Dr. Anne Gadomski, who retired after serving more than 28 years at the Bassett Research Institute, six of them as director. Following Dr. Gadomski's retirement, Stephen Clark served as interim director of the Bassett Research Institute in addition to his duties in research and grants administration.

The Bassett Research Institute, founded nearly 100 years ago, is an integral part of Bassett's mission. Through groundbreaking exploration in the fields of immunology, tissue transplantation, community health, injury prevention, and chronic and infectious disease studies, Bassett research faculty and staff have been pioneers in advancing rural health for decades. The first bone marrow transplant in the world took place at Bassett Medical Center in 1956. The Bassett Research Institute also collaborates closely with its partner organization, the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH), led by Dr. Julie Sorensen. NYCAMH's team of nationally recognized experts care for workers in the farming, fishing, and forestry industries by addressing and preventing occupational injuries and illness.

"I am absolutely thrilled to join Bassett's team



*Tyler Malone, Ph.D.*

of exceptional researchers," said Dr. Malone. "The Bassett Research Institute is infused with cross-disciplinary expertise, including biostatistics, rural health, occupational health, and other specialties. This institution has done incredible work to impact rural health outcomes, an area I am deeply passionate about. This is a dream professional opportunity."

Dr. Malone attended Illinois State University, where he studied biology and mathematics. He went on to the University of Michigan and earned a master's degree in biostatistics. He attained a Ph.D. in health policy and management

with an economics minor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His research focused on rural health services in vulnerable populations, substance use disorders, and mental health outcomes.

While working as a research assistant as a doctoral candidate, Dr. Malone became connected to the North Carolina Rural Health Research Program (the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research), an organization that seeks to address problems in rural health care delivery through research, policy development, data analysis, and collaboration with human services organizations to address complex social issues affecting rural populations. He was named deputy director in July 2025. Dr. Malone began his tenure with the Bassett Research Institute in February of this year. ■

# BASSETT LOOKS BACK



Early days of faculty development at Bassett (1957)

## Faculty from page 1

program directors and associate program directors for our medical, surgery, transitional year, and nurse practitioner residency programs, as well as core faculty from Prime Care.

Dr. Wright continues Dr. Dalton's tradition of hosting two formal Faculty Development Workshops. These sessions are open to clinician educators and provide networking opportunities for our faculty to meet, share experiences and challenges, and practice strategies to build better teaching practices.

## Formal Workshop: Creating Clinical Learning Environments

Faculty Development Workshops continue to focus on core skills for medical learners with new attention to creating a culture of learning and a positive, rigorous climate for trainees and educators alike—a challenging task for busy clinicians. Workshops provide simple, easy to use tools and mindsets that educators can apply to establish quick rapport with learners, plan teaching points, use effective ways to boost understanding and retention, and create learning environments that develop confidence, competence, and autonomy.

## The Future of Faculty Development: Informal and In-house

Faculty development is working on several in-house initiatives to support medical educators. Through our new faculty development specialist, Laurel Graham Marling, we offer voluntary observations and feedback and an online clinical teaching toolkit.



Laurel Graham Marling, M.A.

Medical Grand Rounds presentations are more regularly dedicated to medical education topics. New clinical educators in Cardiology and Prime Care are oriented to their roles and responsibilities as educators, and faculty development microteaching sessions are available and can be tailored to each department's needs.

More important, focusing on faculty fosters the joy and flourishing that spring from working with learners. Being a medical teacher is a challenging, deeply rewarding endeavor, but with competing institutional priorities, we need robust faculty development initiatives with organizational support. We need to empower teachers to excel in their roles as educators and encourage and reward their work. This investment is essential to the future of rural medicine.

Dr. Dalton understood this truth years ago, and Dr. Wright remains committed to this legacy that has for so long elevated our institution. Like Dr. Mary Imogene Bassett herself, we are all learners, and we are all teachers. We must collaborate to create a vibrant academic community that values teaching and learning for our patients' sake and for our own. ■

## Physician Employment Opportunities in the Bassett Healthcare Network

Thinking of a career move? Do you know another physician seeking a position in an award-winning network of six hospitals and 30 regional sites? Consider these openings in Central New York and Cooperstown.

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| <b>Anesthesiology</b>   | <b>General Surgery - Breast</b>                  |
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| <b>Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist</b>                 | <b>Neurology Specialist</b>                      |
| <b>Dermatologist</b>  | <b>Noninvasive Cardiology</b>                    |
| <b>Experienced Hospitalist - Division Chief, Little Falls</b> | <b>Orthopedics - Total Joint</b>                 |
| <b>Gastroenterology Chief</b>                                 | <b>Radiology - Diagnostic and Interventional</b> |
| <b>General Dentist - Oneonta</b>                              |  |

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<https://www.bassett.org/careers/physicians-and-advanced-practice-clinicians> or call Medical Staff Recruitment at 607-547-6982.



## A reminder: Who are the members of the Bassett Medical Alumni Association?

You are past and current interns, residents and fellows. You are former and current members of the senior doctoral staff. And you are students of the Columbia-Bassett Medical School program or students who spent your final two years of medical school at Bassett.

## IN MEMORIAM: Bassett Remembers

### David Kirk Aldrich, M.D. (1941 – 2025)



*Dr. David "Robin" Kirk Aldrich*

Dr. David "Robin" Kirk Aldrich of Nokomis, Florida, passed peacefully on September 5, 2025. He received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Washington before entering the Mary Imogene Bassett in 1969 first as a rotating intern, followed by four more years of training as a surgical resident, one of which was spent at Columbia University's Presbyterian Hospital. He was triple board-certified in General, Vascular, and Thoracic Surgery, practicing at Venice Hospital for 37 years.

He enjoyed spending time with family, reading, boating, fishing, and attending horse shows at Fox Lea Farm. He won the Boca Grande fishing tournament in the mid 1980s.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Linda Spano Aldrich; his children David and Kimberly; his four grandchildren, Virginia, Madeline, Caroline, and David; and one brother, Gerald.

### Terry Mather Clark, M.D. (1943 – 2025)

Dr. Terry Mather Clark, a resident of Clemson, South Carolina, passed away July 25, 2025. He completed his undergraduate degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo before entering the University of Buffalo's School of Medicine, from which he received his medical doctor degree. He entered Bassett as a rotating intern in 1971. His year at Bassett was followed by a three-year radiology residency in Charlottesville, Virginia. He practiced in the upstate of South Carolina for 31 years.

He was a man of many interests and a collector of American country furniture, paintings, folk art, sports memorabilia, and classic automobiles. He was an active member in the Clemson Methodist Church and the Clemson community, playing important roles in Rotary, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, free clinics, and the Recovering Professionals Program under the auspices of the South Carolina Medical Association. He was an avid sports fan, tennis player, and skier.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Barbara Joan Tener Terry; his children Shannon and Nathan; and grandsons Bennett, Banks, and Crawford.

Memorial donations may be sent to Soteria CDC ([soteriacdc.org](https://soteriacdc.org)), Via Hospice ([hpccr.org/](https://hpccr.org/)) or Clemson United Methodist Church ([clemsonumc.org](https://clemsonumc.org)).

### Herbert J. Marx, M.D. (1932 – 2026)

In this issue of The Cupola which focuses on teaching and faculty development, we sadly report the March 18 passing of Emeritus Bassett staff member Herbert Marx, a distinguished and highly recognized clinician, teacher, and researcher, and Bassett's first Chief of Cardiology.



*Dr. Herbert Marx*

Having grown up in Queens, N.Y., the son of German immigrant parents, he received his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. After working for a short period of time as an engineer, he entered medical school at Columbia where, after graduation in 1960, he remained as a medical house officer for the next two years.

He then went to the University of Washington in Seattle to complete his medicine residency and enter a two-year program in biomedical engineering, followed by Cardiology fellowship at UCSF. On completion, he moved back eastward to the University of Rochester's medical center to become a member of its Cardiology faculty.

In 1971, he moved with his wife Mary and their young family to Cooperstown as Bassett's only cardiologist, soon to be joined by a Rochester colleague, Dr. David Vaules. Over his long career at Bassett, he was quickly recognized for his meticulous approach to clinical problems, his skills as an accomplished bedside teacher, and his role as a teacher of electrocardiography to both students and residents. He was one of the early recipients of the Department of Medicine's Golden Apple teaching award conferred by the Medicine house staff in 1984. He was also given special recognition in 2023 by Medicine residents as an excellent teacher of EKG readings.

All remember his ready availability for questions and consultative help, sitting in his office at a desk surrounded by incredible stacks of journals and articles. He had an uncanny ability to always quickly locate an article of relevance to questions asked.

As a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), he remained active in the American Heart Association (AHA) at both the local and state levels. He was elected to the ACC Board of Governors as governor for Upstate New York and served as president of the AHA New York State Affiliate and its Central New York chapter.

Until very recently, he was a very visible member of the Cooperstown community, often as a runner on Cooperstown's West Lake Road, a cyclist about town, or a caretaker of his yard on Pioneer Street. He was an avid tennis player, and in more recent years, a skilled ping pong competitor. Throughout his time in Cooperstown, he remained an active member of the local Presbyterian Church and could be seen at many of its functions.

Dr. Marx is survived by his wife, Mary, and their three children, John, Katherine, and Ken. Memorial contributions can be made in Herb Marx's name and sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Cooperstown, 25 Church Street, Cooperstown, NY, 13326, or via the church website: <https://www.cooppres.org/donate>. ■



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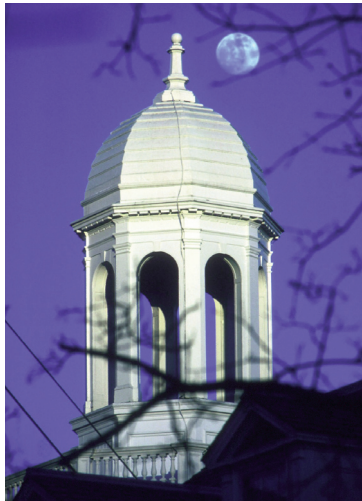
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## Planning Today, Impact Tomorrow: The Quiet Strength of Legacy Giving

For many people, the desire to make a difference doesn't end with their lifetime—it grows into something more enduring. While annual gifts and ongoing support are vital, there is a unique and powerful way to extend that impact far into the future: thoughtful legacy planning.

Legacy gifts—such as beneficiary designations, retirement account gifts, or other estate-based plans—allow individuals to support the causes they care about while maintaining full control of their assets during their lifetime. These gifts are often simple to arrange and can be updated as circumstances change, making them one of the most flexible ways to give.

For organizations like Friends of Bassett Healthcare Network, legacy gifts play a critical role in sustaining long-term strength. They provide the resources needed to plan ahead, invest in innovation, and ensure that high-quality care remains available to the communities that depend on it. In regions where access to care can be fragile, this kind of forward-looking support is especially meaningful.



One of the most compelling aspects of legacy giving is its accessibility. It is not reserved for a select few. Many individuals find that by designating a portion of a retirement account or naming a nonprofit as a beneficiary, they can create a gift that is both significant and achievable—often with greater impact than they might have imagined.

These gifts are, at their core, deeply personal. They reflect a lifetime of experiences, values, and connections. They honor the institutions that have shaped our lives and ensure that others can benefit from them in the years to come.

In choosing to include Friends of Bassett Healthcare Network—or another organization that holds special meaning—in your plans, you are doing more than making a gift. You are creating continuity, strengthening community, and leaving behind a legacy that will carry forward your commitment to care and compassion. ■