

My father died on December 2, 2021, following hospitalization for COVID-19. Approximately one to two weeks before his final hospitalization, he sought treatment at St. Francis Medical Center in Colorado Springs. He was not admitted and told me that the hospital considered him insufficiently ill for hospitalization. His condition continued to deteriorate. I later drove him to an urgent-care facility near Walmart in Monument, Colorado, because he could barely breathe. The urgent-care staff determined that his condition required emergency transportation and called an ambulance, which transported him to UCHealth Memorial Hospital North. After several days in the hospital, my father called and told me that he was going to be intubated. I contacted the hospital every night thereafter for updates. His condition deteriorated until I was called and told to come say goodbye. He died at Memorial Hospital North on December 2, 2021.