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Dr. Charles Lindy Lewis passed away peacefully January 16, 2020, with his son Charles by his side. Dr. Lewis was born in Kevil, Kentucky on November 17, 1928 to Lottie May Ferguson Lewis and Mack Octavis Lewis. His mother died when he was 6 years old after giving birth to his younger brother, Morris Thomas (Lewis) Clark in the middle of the Great Depression. He grew up on a farm in Monkey's Eyebrow, Kentucky with his Father and two older brothers, Mack Octavis Lewis, Jr. and James Paul Lewis.

He joins his brothers Mack and Morris, his parents, his beloved wife of many years, Darden Nelle Lewis, and his granddaughter, Megan Elizabeth Shepherd in Heaven. He is survived by his children, Charles Wayne Lewis of Memphis, Tennessee, his daughter, Janet Lynn Lewis Shepherd of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, along with four grandchildren, who he loved and was so proud of, Robert, Gracie, William and Anna Shepherd; his brother James Lewis of Paducah, Kentucky, along with nieces and nephews. He loved his family dearly and was a wonderful husband, father and family man.

Charles graduated from Union University and Southern School of Optometry, where he worked to put himself thru school selling books and bibles for Southeastern Books and other jobs. He would brag as he drove that he had once worked as a taxi driver! After graduating from optometry school, he joined the U.S. Army, where he served for four years. He went on to serve in the Army Reserve for twenty years. He met his loving wife, Darden Nelle Williams, who he adored more than anyone, at Bellevue Baptist Church, where they both attended and were married.

He loved his optometry business and his patients! He worked long hours because he was a hard worker by nature and because he loved what he did. He recently stated that he felt very blessed to have loved what he did for a living and he practiced optometry up until July of this year. He once owned a laboratory L & M Optical, where he made his own lenses but later sold it. His wife and son both worked with him, helping him to run his practice, so he was able to be with family while



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he worked. He thought of his other employees as extended family. He greatly appreciated Dorothy Holmes, who helped him for many years.

Dr. Lewis was friendly with everyone he met and always had a kind word to say. He kept a positive outlook on life and when asked how he was doing, he would reply, "super-good!", while he told everyone to "make it a fantastic day!" He had a kind, loving, giving heart and was always ready to help someone in need or share the gospel with them. He had a strong faith and put Jesus first in his life. He lived by the book of Proverbs and Dave Ramsey.

He was loved by many and will be sorely missed by his children, extended family, patients, friends, and acquaintances that he met along the way.

But mostly Dr. Lewis would want you to smile and make it a good day, as he did every day! He will live on in our hearts forever.

The family invites relatives and friend to gather on Monday, January 20 from 12:00 pm until the time of the funeral service at 1:00 pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery.

At the request of the family, memorial contributions can be made in Dr. Lewis' memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.






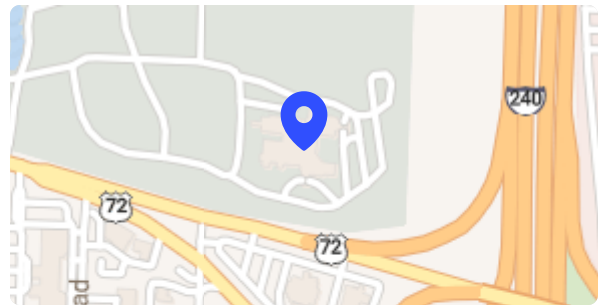
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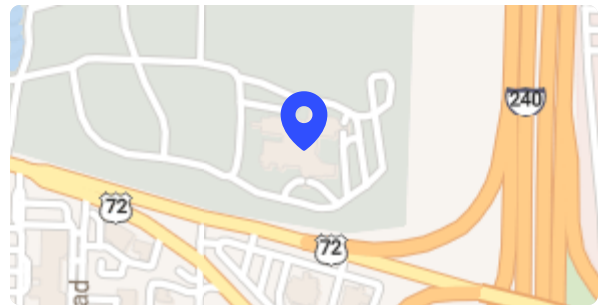
Visitation

-  **Monday**, January 20, 2020
-  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT
-  **Memorial Park Funeral Home**
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119



Funeral Service

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Aereal Reed posted:

I've been to the office at least 10 times knocking and getting no answer, I decided to google his name and I've run in to this, My friend, my doctor, you will forever be in my heart, you were a beautiful soul inside and out, I will miss you soooo much, Rest In Peace my friend, until we meet again, tell your wife I said hello, much love ❤️

October 4 at 6:38 PM

PS

Patricia Sherley September 12 at 1:37 AM

Dr Lewis was a great dr I moved away but wanted to stop by next month and I decided to google his name to find out of his demise pray for his family he will be missed can hear him say "Do that make it better" rest in Doc

LT

Lucia Turnage January 14 at 1:54 PM

I will miss you Dr. Lewis ❤️ You've been my doctor from the age of 15yrs. I'm now 49. I will miss you forever ❤️



Dr. Monique Turner posted:

Dr. Lewis and his wife were beautiful people inside and out. He was my optometrist for over twenty years. He always asked " Does this make it better?" He kept a smile and treated everyone with kindness. He will be sorely missed. I send my prayers to his family.Dr. Monique Turner

September 27 at 11:19 AM

PS

Patricia Sherley September 12 at 1:34 AM

Yes I can remember those exact words I'm so saddened to here of his passing



Tequila lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Dr. Lewis was my first optometrist at my age of 8! I loved going to his office because it was so cozy. The wait always took awhile, but he knew how to keep us entertain with a little joke here and there! My mom told me about his passing earlier this year, but I just was thinking about him today and had to confirm for myself. He had a heart of gold, and I know that he may be still passing out cards in heaven. Thanks Dr. Lewis for helping me become patient throughout life, as well as your continuous offering of the daily bread. You have been missed and I pray that your family is doing well!! Save me a place up there. God bless!!



April 30 at 8:26 AM



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DW

Debra Washington posted:

He had one of the beautiful kind spirit I've every encountered from a doctor. He will surely be missed.....RIP

March 8 at 8:54 AM

KH

Kenya Henderson posted:

Dr. Lewis will be missed! His patients loved him. My first job working in an optometrist office was at his office. Everyone in Memphis has probably seen him at least once! I am praying for the family.

January 31 at 10:02 PM

LD

Laschanda Dye posted:

He was such a kind person. I bought my first pair of glasses from him. May he RIP...

January 31 at 5:32 PM

CM

Cassandra Moore December 8 at 4:05 PM

Dr. Lewis, you will be missed. You prescribed my first pair of eyeglasses when I was in the fifth grade. I came numerous times for contact lenses. Now I'm sixty five years of age. I heart goes out to your family.



Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Lewis, family.



January 19 at 1:35 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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