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**C**harles Richard Arkin, MD of Memphis, TN, went to be with the Lord on 19 October 2024 at the age of 85. Visitation will be October 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN 38119. A funeral Mass will be held October 25, 2024 at 2 p.m. at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 8151 Chimneyrock Blvd., Cordova, TN 38016.

Born outside of Chicago, Charles lived there until the age of nine, after which he moved to central Tennessee, then Orlando, FL, West Palm, FL, and finally settling in Memphis where he was a member of the first graduating class of White Station High School in 1957. Charles attended Memphis State University where he received a degree in Chemistry and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. In March 1961, he entered medical school at the University of Tennessee at Memphis where he earned his MD in June 1964. After an Internship at Baptist Hospital, Charles did a Residency in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Rheumatology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Returning to Memphis in July 1969, Charles began what would become 55 years of rheumatology private practice. Charles continued to strive professionally, earning board certifications in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology and then becoming a Fellow in both the American College of Internal Medicine and the American College of Rheumatology. Charles was a Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of Tennessee and authored several journal articles. Dr. Arkin had a reputation for taking the time to listen to his patients and making sure their needs were met.

Charles and his wife, Carole, were married in 1966 and had two children. For many years he was an ardent fan of and team physician for the University of Memphis basketball team. He equally loved being a part of the choir at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church and was a founding member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Charles and Carole enjoyed traveling to many destinations over the years including western Europe, Poland, Israel, China, Russia, Japan, and several Caribbean islands. Charles and family were avid water enthusiasts with regular weekends and holidays spent boating and relaxing at Pickwick Lake.



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Dr. Arkin was predeceased by his brother, Eli “Arch” Arkin. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Carole Arkin; his daughter Sharon Trice (Mark) of Cordova, TN; his son Richard Arkin (Laura) of Orlando, FL; his four grandchildren Clayton Trice (Breanne); Camille Trice; Brenna and Ashlyn Williams and one great grandchild Clayton William Trice.

Charles will be greatly missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Francis Catholic Church in memory of Dr. Charles R. Arkin, honoring his life and supporting the community he held dear.



# Events

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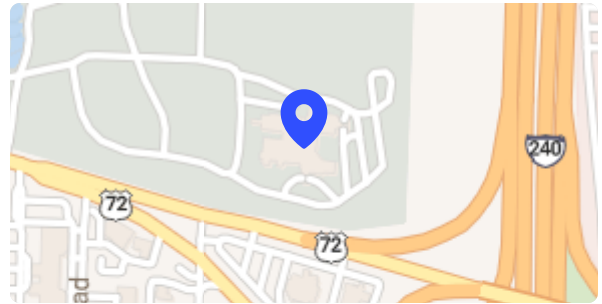
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## Visitation

**Thursday**, October 24, 2024

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

**Memorial Park Funeral Home**  
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119



## Funeral Mass

**Friday**, October 25, 2024

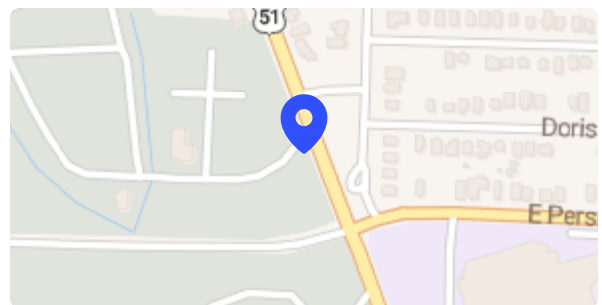
2:00 PM CT

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
8151 Chimney Rock Blvd, Cordova TN 38016



## Cemetery Details

**Calvary Cemetery**  
1663 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis TN 38106





# Tribute Wall

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**Ashlyn Williams** sent a virtual gift in honor of Charles.

ashlyn williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Arkin

April 14 at 1:07 PM



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**Ashlyn Williams** posted:

My step-grandpa. He was nice.

April 14 at 12:59 PM

MH

**Melaina Hughes** posted:

Dear family, I was a patient of Dr. Arkin. I have a rare autoimmune issue and he fought tooth and nail to get the insurance company to approve the treatments I needed. He never gave up!! I could tell how much he loved both God and his family just by being in his office. I will always be thankful and grateful he was my doctor and did so much for me and my health.

November 17 at 10:59 AM

RI

**Richard** shared 4 photos to the **Good\_Memories** album.

October 22 at 8:12 AM



SJ

**Sandra Jones** posted:

One of the kindest people I have ever known. He was so full of joy and compassion.. Truly interested in all walks of life. He was a true gentleman.

October 28 at 12:33 PM



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**Melissa A Shumpert** posted:

I will always remember Dr. Arkin's humor and how much he loved his family. Dr. Arkin was always showing me pictures of the grands and great grands. He just lit up when he talked about them. He also enjoyed his time at the lake house with his family. I think the thing that gave Dr. Arkin most pleasure was taking care of others. He was able to do that almost up until his last breath. Dr. Arkin you will be missed, more than you know. Family, stay encouraged knowing that your husband, father, grandfather, and friend lived a long, beautiful life. Cherish every memory. Love, Melissa Shumpert

October 22 at 8:12 AM



Richard shared 4 photos to the **Good\_Memories** album.

October 29 at 2:02 PM



2007



2008



1981



2006



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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