



## Dr. Charles "Charlie" Bahn

March 10, 1927 - April 23, 2019

Dr. Charles "Charlie" Bahn of McCordsville, IN, passed away on April 23, 2019, at the age of 92. The youngest of 3 children of William C. and Louise B. Bahn, he grew up in Cape Girardeau, MO. Preceding him in death were his parents, both siblings (Dr. G. Eugene Bahn and Louis W. Bahn) and his first and second wives [Betty B. (Morrow) Bahn, and Loeta J. (McMackin) Bahn].

He is survived by his children: Martel L. (Robert) Plummer of McCordsville, IN; Charles F. Bahn, Jr, of Aurora, MO; Christopher F. (Geri) Bahn of Loudon County, TN; R. Stuart Bahn (Amy) of Hendersonville, TN; and Stephen A. (Yvette) Bahn of Cleveland, TN; as well as eleven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren., two step-grandchildren and four step great-grandchildren.

Charlie will be remembered for his ready supply of jokes, sense of adventure, enjoyment of the outdoors, love of family, and his commitment to the medical profession and his patients. Likewise, many will recall his active involvement with both his and the neighborhood children via games, hikes, workshop projects, camping, scouting and sailing, as well as his highly-imaginative story-telling prowess. He loved photography and was a fine musician, playing both clarinet and saxophone at school and in a high school dance-band.

Charlie graduated with a BS in Medicine from Missouri U in 1949, then from Washington U Medical School in 1952. On December 27, 1949, he married

his high school sweetheart, Betty Morrow. After completing a fellowship at Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans, LA, he joined the U.S. Air Force via the Physician Draft and the couple and their young daughter moved to Okinawa where he served two years at Kadena Air Base. Upon discharge he completed a dual post-graduate training program at Ochsner in Internal Medicine, as well as their very first Gastroenterology class.

In 1956, they moved home to Cape Girardeau, MO, where he opened his initial medical practice, later forming Cape Internal Medicine Group in 1959, then Gastroenterology Specialists during his final few years in medicine. His foremost specialties included early work with the Gastroscope, then pioneering work with the fiber-optic colonoscopy procedure in the 1970s. In the mid-1970s, he and several medical peers laid the groundwork, and initiated the purchase of land, for the Cape Girardeau Doctors' Park medical campus.

After the death of his wife, he married Loeta J. McMackin in 1976. They remained in Cape Girardeau until his retirement in 1988, at which time they moved to Prescott, AZ. He and his wife quickly grew to love the beauty of the Southwest and exploring Native American history and culture. They could often be found camping throughout the West, driving back roads, and exploring ancient ruins of the Native Americans.

During the next 15 years, he continued doing a labor-of-love, working in several medical-related jobs in AZ. Charlie was a devout Christian and active in the Prescott First Baptist Church and Sunday School classes. He was a lifelong member of Rotary International. He learned the art of wood-turning on his lathe and crafted beautiful wooden bowls, many inlaid with turquoise and precious stones. Over his lifetime, Charlie enjoyed collecting and restoring antique cars, one of which won a national competition, including Model-T's, Model-A's, Rolls Royces and a Packard. He also actively participated in two

medical missions in Ghana, Africa.

After the death of his second wife in 2016, he moved to Indiana to be nearer his children.

A memorial service is being held on April 26th at his home, Traditions at Brookside in McCordsville, IN, for residents there. In addition, a memorial service and visitation / celebration-of-life with family and friends will take place in Prescott, AZ, at Solid Rock Church, at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 01st.

A visitation for friends and family to celebrate his life will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 1, at Drury Plaza Conference Center, 3351 Percy Drive, in Cape Girardeau.

Private burial will take place at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery next to his beloved wives.

In lieu of flowers, Charlie's wish was for any memorial contributions be made to one of the organizations he was so fond of, including:

I.) Ochsner Hospital Foundation - Via Ochsner Clinic Foundation, Attn: Gastroenterology Dept, 1514 Jefferson Highway, BH 607, New Orleans, LA, 70121.

II.) Heifer International - <https://www.heifer.org/campaign/end-hunger-poverty-donation.html>

III.) American Red Cross – Via PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839; or <https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/>, adding your name, and, “in memory of Dr. Charles F Bahn”, under Donor Name.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Drury Plaza Conference Center  
3351 Percy Drive  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Yiur dad was a talented, educated man who did so much for so many. He was my Sunday school teacher when I was in high school. He was the best Sunday school teacher I ever had while growing up! I still have the beautiful alarm clock that he and your mom gave me when I graduated high school in 1970. The card he enclosed with the clock said the world was my ouster and I was to go find the pearl. Good memories for me. Y'all were blessed to have him in your lives for so many wonderful years. My thoughts and prayers are with each if you. With Live, Jane Rader DeBoe*

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**Jane DeBoe** - May 04, 2019 at 02:42 AM

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*Thanks, Jane. That is SO neat hearing that; your thoughts are greatly appreciated.*

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**Chris Bahn** - May 09, 2019 at 09:11 AM

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*I lived up the street from you all on fair lane. Martel and I were friends even when you moved to brook wood. Then I became a nurse and worked with your daffodils a lot. He was a kind and gentle soul.*

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**cathy flentge tenkhoff.** - May 28, 2019 at 03:24 AM