



Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able

November 26, 1955 - July 11, 2026

Arnold Marcus Able, known to everyone who loved him as Arnie, passed away on Saturday, July 11th, 2026 at his beloved home on Kent Island, MD. He was born on November 26, 1955, in Charleston, South Carolina, and grew up in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, the son of Henry and Theodosia Able. He is survived by his brothers, Michael, Hank, and Christopher, who remember him as a devoted brother throughout his life.

Arnie went on to earn both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Physics from Clemson University, laying the foundation for a career defined by curiosity, precision, and a drive to build something meaningful. He became a respected medical physicist and a natural entrepreneur, founding AMP Global, which later grew into Aspekt Solutions and was recently acquired by Varian, a Siemens Healthineers company. His work reflected a lifelong dedication to innovation and to improving the lives of others through science.

It was through his work that Arnie met the love of his life, Karen, when he took a job with her father. Their connection was immediate and unmistakable, and after only five months together, Arnie proposed. He and Karen were married on June 20, 1981, beginning a partnership that would last a lifetime. Together they built a home and raised three children: Christopher, Jessica, and Samantha. Arnie took immense pride and joy in his family, a joy that only grew with the arrival of his five grandchildren, Alex, Isa, Olivia, Mateo, and Damian,

who lovingly called him Papa and who he adored without measure.

Outside of his professional accomplishments, Arnie was a man of many passions. He loved to travel, always eager to see new places and create new experiences. He was a passionate guitar player, finding joy in music throughout his life. He took on countless household renovation projects with enthusiasm, never one to shy away from a hands-on challenge. He was endlessly in pursuit of the perfect cappuccino, and he found quiet peace in birdwatching. He was an avid reader and cherished quiet evenings watching movies with Karen. But above all else, nothing brought Arnie more happiness than spending time with his grandchildren, who filled his later years with laughter and love.

Arnie will be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, a loyal brother, and a man who built a business, a marriage, a family, and a life, with care, integrity, and heart. He had a special gift for gathering everyone under one roof, and he lit up whenever the whole family was together, trading stories and laughter around the table. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth and generosity that touched everyone fortunate enough to know him.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Able; his son, Christopher Able, and wife, Michelle; his daughter, Jessica Rivero and Gabriel Rivero; his daughter, Samantha Able, and husband, Michael Borges; his grandchildren, Alex, Isa, Olivia, Mateo, and Damian; his brother, Michael Able, and wife, Lynn; his brother, Hank Able; and his brother, Christopher Able, and wife, Kimberly.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Arnie's memory to Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage, in honor of his love of birdwatching and his cherished home on the Eastern Shore.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Gathering

JUL **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 20 at 04:12 PM

HK

“ *I wanted to share this picture of Arnie and Tom from our wedding. He was our Best Man and Tom's best friend since high school. After reading the many memories that people have posted, it is without a doubt that Arnie was a best man in every aspect of his life.*



Holly Kirkpatrick - July 22 at 06:55 PM

PF

“ *I met Arnie (and Karen) when our sons Chris and Robbie played ice hockey at DeMatha and we shared carpooling duty to and from school. I remember some fun parties at your home in Bowie. I know how hard it is to lose your husband and father and am so sorry for your loss. May happy memories and the love of friends and family give you comfort during this sad and difficult time. Paula Farmer*

Paula Farmer - July 22 at 04:26 PM

MK

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Able family. I knew Arnie for years in his professional role working with him on radiation oncology projects. He was excellent in his chosen career but more than that he was great fun! I was so saddened to hear of his untimely passing. May he rest in peace and may your wonderful memories give you solace. In deepest sympathy, Dr. Maria Kelly*

Maria Kelly - July 22 at 12:21 PM

LS

“Arnie was truly one of the most intelligent and quick-witted people I have ever known. He had a way of making you think, making you laugh, and often doing both at the same time. I had the honor and pleasure of working with him for three years, and I am so grateful that we continued to stay in touch afterward.

To many, Arnie was an industry icon, and he absolutely earned that recognition. He was incredibly knowledgeable, respected, and accomplished. But what stood out to me even more was the person behind all of that. Arnie was genuine, caring, thoughtful, and always willing to share his wisdom, encouragement, and humor with others.

He had a presence that was impossible to forget. Whether he was offering advice, telling a story, making a perfectly timed comment, or simply checking in, Arnie made people feel seen and valued. He left an impression not only because of what he knew, but because of how he treated people.

I only had the privilege of knowing Arnie for the last five years, and I feel this loss deeply. I can only imagine how much he will be missed by his family, close friends, and those who had the blessing of knowing him for many years.

When I think of Arnie, I cannot help but smile. I choose to celebrate his life, his humor, his brilliance, and the beautiful person he was. His example will continue to live on through the many people he influenced and inspired.

I will always be grateful that our paths crossed, and I will carry his lessons and spirit with me as I continue trying to “Be Like Arnie.”

Sincerely,
Lynessa Smith

Lynessa Smith - July 21 at 01:41 PM

BE

“*Arnie was one of the good ones. While our primary relationship was professional, based on his accomplishments and reputation in the medical physics field, I was able to get to know Arnie as a person over the past decade. What I observed was a beloved boss, friend, family member and colleague who found it easy to think of others before himself and, I’m sure, was able to share that value with all those who interacted with him. Julie and I, and the entire L2 Capital family, send our heartfelt condolences to Arnie’s family and friends.*

*Fondly,
Julie and Bob Leivne*

Bob evine - July 21 at 10:28 AM

KC

“*My condolences to the Able family and know Arnie will be tremendously missed by his colleagues and the physics community.*

Arnie and I worked together back in 1988 at Sibley Memorial Hospital and over the years enjoyed a customer/vendor relationship. Arnie pushed hard to ensure the clinicians he represented were getting the best value and support they needed. When Arnie became part of Varian, we were back to being co-workers and enjoyed working together again.

Arnie was an excellent physicist and committed to serving a purpose in the cancer care community. He will be greatly missed and am so sorry for your loss.

Kim Chambers

Kim Chambers - July 21 at 09:29 AM

HJ

“ *Howe, J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*

Howe, J. - July 21 at 09:10 AM

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“ -- *purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*



-- - July 20 at 05:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*



July 20 at 03:02 PM

CF

“ Dear Able Family,

I was deeply saddened to learn of Dr. Arnie Able's passing. Please accept my sincerest condolences during this difficult time.

For the past six years, I had the privilege of knowing Dr. Able as my mentor. He guided me through the highly specialized field of radiation shielding for linear accelerators used in cancer treatment and the design of high-density radiation vaults. While his technical knowledge was extraordinary, what I will remember most was the generosity with which he shared it.

Dr. Able was always willing to teach, answer questions, and invest his time so that others could grow. He helped me understand the responsibility that comes with designing environments that protect patients, clinicians, and the public while supporting life-saving cancer treatments. His mentorship gave me confidence in my work and challenged me to hold myself to the highest professional standards.

Beyond his expertise, Dr. Able was simply a wonderful person. He was kind, patient, thoughtful, and genuinely invested in the success of those he worked with. I feel incredibly fortunate to have spent the last six years learning from him, and I will always be grateful for the friendship and guidance he gave me.

My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. I hope it brings you some comfort to know how profoundly Dr. Able impacted the lives and careers of those fortunate enough to know him. He will be greatly missed, but his influence will remain with me throughout my life and career.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Cesare "Chez" Fabietti

Cesare Chez Fabietti - July 20 at 02:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

July 20 at 02:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.



July 20 at 02:23 PM



“ Arnie, I owe so much of my success to you. You were the only one to take a risk and hire me out of grad school, when my resume was empty. You taught me how to be “clinically relevant”, one of your favorite catch phrases. You truly modeled your tenets of “integrity, honesty, and transparency”. I never feared our check-ins, as you had a unique ability of pointing out my weaknesses without making me feel weak. You would encourage me and give me confidence when you sensed I was down. You always asked about my family. You let me drive your brand new Tesla and insisted that I floor it—you were so trusting! I severely miss being able to reach out, and regret not telling you how much I appreciate you. I’ll always remember you with a smile, and will always enjoy sharing stories of your influence. Joe Gardner

Joe Gardner - July 20 at 01:53 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*



July 19 at 07:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

July 18 at 05:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*



July 18 at 05:57 PM



“ *Frank and Karen Sullivan Galway Ireland purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*



Frank and Karen Sullivan Galway Ireland - July 16 at 11:10 AM

FI

“ Frank and Karen Sullivan Galway Ireland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

Frank and Karen Sullivan Galway Ireland - July 16 at 11:10 AM

PS

“ I had the privilege of working professionally with Arnie for many years when I left NIH and started my private practice in radiation medicine in Maryland over thirty years ago. We co-developed a company and worked side by side through many years and in many projects offering radiation services in Maryland. I was proud to call Arnie my friend as well as having him as a huge professional support to me over the years. He was even brave enough to attend a rugby game with me in Scotland and attended many social events in Ireland over the years! Nothing was too hard for Arnie to tackle and I trusted him greatly. I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing, and I wish to extend my sincere sympathy to Karen and Arnie's family. He will be missed here as well as by his many friends at home. We have an Irish expression, ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely
Dr. Frank Sullivan
Galway
Ireland

Prof Frank Sullivan - July 16 at 11:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

July 16 at 05:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*



July 16 at 05:51 AM

ML

“ I first met Arnie in 1984. I hired his company to provide health physics services to the hospital where I was working in Northern Virginia. We bonded immediately over our desire to do the best work that we could. He created his own company soon after and I stayed with him. In 1993 I went to work at an outpatient imaging center in Northern Virginia and I hired him there. I then, in 1999, was at Children's National Medical Center. They had their own physicist, but I kept in touch. Next, in 2007, was a radiology position at GW Hospital. The physicist there had not surveyed our radiology equipment, and we had a regulatory survey coming up. I was in a panic and needed him. We didn't discuss a contract or money. He just sent his team in to get the job done. I wanted him to play the role of Radiation Safety Officer. He told me he was way too busy running his company and taking care of clients. But he agreed. Our work relationship continued until I left GW in 2019.

I kept talking to Arnie and would call him to check-in or ask him a physics question at one of the places I worked. Arnie is one of the kindest, smartest individuals I know (I cannot use the past tense). Here's one memory. After we successfully passed one of the regulatory surveys at GW Hospital, administration invited staff to a happy hour at a local restaurant. I invited Arnie. The hospital CEO Kim Russo was at the celebration. He walked up to Kim and said to her, "I will do anything you need me to do to support your organization." She replied, "Well that is the kind of partner we need."

That's what Arnie is. A partner, a friend, and a supporter. He did it all with a logical brilliance that was so modest that you felt like you were talking over a beer. I love Arnie Able.

Mark Lerner - July 15 at 06:46 PM

BB

“It is difficult to capture in words the impact that one extraordinary person can have over a lifetime. I had the privilege of knowing him for nearly 40 years, and throughout that time, he never wavered in his integrity, kindness, or unwavering commitment to his patients and colleagues.

He was a true professional whose passion for patient care set a standard that inspired everyone fortunate enough to work alongside him. His wisdom, compassion, and quiet leadership influenced not only countless patients from behind the scenes, but also generations of healthcare professionals who benefited from his mentorship and example of what a true leader represented.

Beyond his remarkable accomplishments, I will remember him as a genuinely kind and humble person who treated everyone with dignity and respect. His character was as exceptional as his expertise. I will cherish all of our talks over a great cup of coffee from Starbucks.

His contributions to our profession will continue to be felt for years to come, but his greatest legacy is the countless lives he touched through his compassion, generosity, and unwavering dedication to doing what was right. It has been an honor to know him, to learn from him, and to call him my friend. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Bonnie Bresnahan

Bonnie Bresnahan - July 15 at 06:27 PM

CC

“ CCA South Carolina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.



CCA South Carolina - July 15 at 03:59 PM

CC

“ CCA South Carolina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

CCA South Carolina - July 15 at 03:59 PM

MP

“ Mike, Kristen, Maria & Dave Prado purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.



Mike, Kristen, Maria & Dave Prado - July 15 at 02:51 PM

MP

“ Mike, Kristen, Maria & Dave Prado planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

Mike, Kristen, Maria & Dave Prado - July 15 at 02:51 PM

KM

“ My condolences to Karen and the family. Arnie Able WAS Radiation Oncology and the reason I am a Dosimetrist today. The world has lost a gentle giant. Keeping you in prayer . Philippians 2:3–8 Kim Marter

kim marter - July 15 at 09:21 AM

ND

“ Nayha D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

Nayha D. - July 15 at 07:29 AM

ND

“ I feel grateful to have been able to work with Arnie these past few years - he was a wealth of knowledge, always so kind and generous to me (especially with his time), and a constant source of encouragement. He will dearly be missed. Truly one of a kind. Nayha Dixit (Colleague and friend at AOS).

Nayha Dixit - July 15 at 07:29 AM

CC

Dear Arnie, I was heartbroken and deeply saddened to learn of your passing. The news came as such a shock. As I reflect on our more than 30 years of working together, I feel truly grateful that we share the privilege of caring for cancer patients. Together, we devoted our lives to helping them not only live longer, but also live with dignity, hope, and a better quality of life. It was an honor to stand beside you in that mission. Beyond being an outstanding colleague, you are a wonderful friend. Your kindness, compassion, dedication, and quiet strength touched so many lives, including mine. I will always treasure your memories we shared. Ernie, you will be deeply missed, but you were never forgotten. May you now rest in God's eternal peace, where there's no more pain, no more suffering, and no more sorrow. Until we meet again, my dear friend, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. With love, gratitude, and deepest respect, Chan.

chan Chung,MD - July 15 at 10:13 AM

HK

“ We were fortunate to spend time vacationing with Arnie and Karen in April of 2025. I found this picture of Arnie in Budapest. I wish we could've had more time. We will miss you Arnie. 🥹 Holly & Tom



Holly K - July 14 at 10:32 PM

CW

“ I was so very sorry to hear from Mike tonight that Arnie had passed away...He was such a special lifetime friend and special person. The entire family will be in my prayers.

Cheryll Woods-Flowers - July 14 at 09:51 PM

DE

“ *Dennis E. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*

Dennis E. - July 14 at 04:43 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*



July 14 at 04:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.*

July 14 at 04:26 PM

TK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tom Kirkpatrick - July 14 at 04:12 PM

TK

Arnie with our band Goldsmith at Clemson. We had great times together. He was a hell of a musician!

Tom Kirkpatrick - July 14 at 04:15 PM

DV

Tom, you guys really rocked the "Saturday Night Fever" look back then. Arnie was only a little more clean cut when met up as grad students at Clemson in '78. And I'll never forget his kind help and skill in higher math. He'd look at a problem, and then open his skill set like a carpenter opening a tool chest, and selecting the right tool. And a guitar player, too! Dave Vassy

Dave Vassy - July 16 at 03:50 PM

HO

“ I met Arnie in end of 1997, interviewing by him for a medical physicist position in NIH. I started working under him in 1/1/1998 until 6/30/2020, for nearly 22 years. He was very knowledgeable in our field of medical physics and more importantly, a gentle and warm person. I respected him very much and I admired his leadership skills. He will be greatly missed! Holly Ning

Holly - July 14 at 03:26 PM

AB

“ Amy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

Amy B. - July 14 at 10:34 AM

KK

“ Arnie was a great colleague and friend! Knowledgeable, mature, humorous, sensitive, and capable- a rare combination! In the medical physics circles I'd heard about the legend of "Able" and his activities until we started working for the same employer. During our active encounter (~ 3 years), he left an indelible impact in my professional and personal life. Great guy and an outstanding medical physicist! He'll be greatly missed!

Kevin Khadivi - July 14 at 10:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.



July 14 at 06:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

July 14 at 06:40 AM



“ Boris and Yelena Naydich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.

Boris and Yelena Naydich - July 13 at 09:43 PM



“ Boris and Yelena Naydich purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Marcus Able.



Boris and Yelena Naydich - July 13 at 09:43 PM