



Dr. Michael D. Chidester

August 3, 1956 - May 9, 2025

Dr. Michael David Chidester died unexpectedly at his home on May 9, 2025 in Jupiter, Florida at the age of 68.

Dr. Chidester, known affectionately by his family and patients as “Dr. C”, was born on August 3, 1956 in Memphis, Tennessee to James and Catherine Chidester. After graduating from medical school in 1982, Dr. C relocated to South Florida. He started his medical practice in the mid-1980’s and became a career-long anchor in our local medical community, working at St. Mary’s Medical Center for over 40 years.

Shortly after opening his practice, Dr. Chidester was blessed with his first daughter, Shea. Six years later, he welcomed his only son, Gavin. And after marrying his second wife, Dr. C was again blessed with a second “bonus” daughter, Natasha. He always taught his children to be strong, independent and a little sarcastic while pursuing their dreams and goals. Maintaining close relationships with his children was always a priority, even after Gavin’s move to Japan following his high school graduation.

Dr. Chidester was a dedicated doctor who always cared about his patients and did everything within his power to ensure they were well taken care of. In his free time, Dr. C enjoyed scuba diving, woodworking and loved spending time with his children and his new grandson. He also enjoyed spending time

at sporting events, including hockey and soccer. In fact, the entire family were hockey enthusiasts- they enjoyed going to games together and had season tickets up until Gavin graduated from high school. Dr. C was looking forward to enjoying the Men's World Cup, next year.

Dr. Chidester is survived by his beloved children, Shea Peterson (Scotty); Gavin Gould-Chidester (Yuu); and Natasha Schauer (Jason); as well as, his cherished grandchildren, Timothy; Raegan; Bella and Silas.

A Visitation will be held at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, in Jupiter, FL, on Saturday, May 17th from 2:00pm-5:00pm. The family welcomes all to attend and Celebrate the Life and Memory of Dr. Chidester.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Dr. Chidester's Memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. C's hometown (<https://www.stjude.org/donate>).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Dr. Chidester.*



Stephanie Williamson - January 22 at 01:21 PM

TA

“ *Tony A. lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael D. Chidester*



Tony A. - January 09 at 07:12 PM

AC

“ *Dr. Chidester was my grandmother's doctor and then later became my doctor. He was the coolest. Very down to earth and had a great sense of humor. I just heard of his passing from my mother. I was sooo shocked. I know that we all have an expiration date, but he had a spirit that will forever remain with everyone he has encountered. No other physician will ever make me like home the way his practice did. Rest in peace. You are loved!!!*

Akivia Cannon - December 13, 2025 at 12:32 PM

TA

Great doctor with excellent people skills. My doctor for 25 years. I will miss him as will my wife. RIP

Tony A. - January 09 at 07:06 PM

AH

“ Dr Chidester was my doctor while I lived in FL. I just now found out he passed away. He was the BEST doctor I had still to this day. He is so dearly missed and I'll be forever grateful for the care he provided me.

Abbi Hill - December 12, 2025 at 08:40 PM

FK

“ Wow. This makes me so sad. I took care of my mother as she aged and Dr. Chidester (and his team) were a true gift. They made miracles happen through so many ways.... Working in healthcare and on hospital floors one could always reach out to Dr. Chidester for support and guidance.

Fiona Komlosy - September 05, 2025 at 03:35 PM



This was a complete shock too me this morning 12/08/2025. As I entered the building where his practice had been located, I gave thought to stopping by his office on my way out when I finished my visit with another doctor. As I waited for the elevator, a lady with a desk chair came up and also waited for the elevator. When we entered the elevator, I noticed her scrubs and asked her what kind of doctor she was. She told me Primary Care and I asked did she know Dr. Chidester. She said yes and informed me that he had passed away a few months ago. I was shocked. I had been a patient of his since his Flagler Drive days and was hurt to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to his family, staff, especially Laura. Dr. C was always pleasant and always gave me hug prior to my departure. May he rest in eternal peace. 💔

Yvette Vaughn - December 08, 2025 at 10:53 AM

XO

“ Damn sorry to hear. He was my first primary. I was paralyzed at 18yrs old. 30 yrs ago. He used to tell me about his motorcycle he loved

Xavier Obryant - August 10, 2025 at 07:59 PM

XO

He passed on my bday. Rip doc

Xavier Obryant - August 10, 2025 at 08:00 PM

GJ

“ *I am so heartbroken to know of his passing! He was my doctor since 1998 and we had such a great relationship. He was so supportive and kind. He will never be replaced but will be in my prayers forever. My condolences to his family and loved ones. This is a great loss!*

Genifer Johnson - August 10, 2025 at 01:38 PM

RL

Very sorry! He was my Dr for over 20 years! He is truly missed!!

Roylene Lowery - November 17, 2025 at 09:07 PM

LA

“ *So very sorry to hear of Dr. Chidester's passing!!! He was my doctor for at least a dozen years and was sad to have to leave his practice and go elsewhere!!! He will be missed, Rest In Peace Dr. C.....Leigh A.*

Leigh Aceti - August 04, 2025 at 04:32 PM

BE

“ *So very sorry to hear of Dr Chidester's passing. He was my doctor for 30 years. He was so warm and attentive and always remembered my concerns. He will be missed by many.*

Bebe - July 11, 2025 at 03:29 PM

KW

“ I am so saddened to just now learn of Dr. Chidesters passing. I was a patient for only a year or so but loved this guy because he always made me smile and feel assured I was well. He was more like talking to your buddy who was a doctor and I actually looked forward to my visits to his office. It was kinda funny to see him driving around town in that old car of his. He was a very down to earth person with a great sense of humor and will be deeply missed. My prayers go out to his family.

Kevyn Wagner - July 10, 2025 at 02:57 PM

PF

“ I am sorry to hear of Dr. Chidester's passing. He was my doctor, and my elderly parents doctor for many many years and was always so kind! My thoughts and prayers to his family and Laura. RIP. Thank you for your years of service - you will be missed!

Paula F. - June 25, 2025 at 03:31 PM

AY

“ I am very sad to hear of Dr. Chidester's passing. He was only my doctor for a short time, but he was very understanding and caring during a difficult time in my life. Sending prayers to his family.

Ali Yakubowski - June 25, 2025 at 03:15 PM

LS

“ Dr Chidester will always be remembered as a kind, mild mannered, caring doctor. Both my husband and I appreciated his bedside manner and candor, reminiscent of old fashioned doctor's care. Lori & Allen Walker

Loretta L Samarin-Walker - May 27, 2025 at 03:32 PM

DW

“ Reading through these tributes, I am not surprised by the number of patients who had been under the care of Michael Chidester for years. My first visit was in 1995... and my two daughters, now in their 30's, saw him as their first 'doctor' when they aged out of their pediatrician. My sincerest condolences to the Chidester family. I have never had a doctor like him, who always took time to answer questions (I could ask him anything under the sun to do with medicine,) give me his honest opinions - in my favor or not - and enable me to be properly guided to good health for many years. I enjoyed his down-to-earth manner and sense of humor, and I gathered up the means to continue with him when he transitioned to offering concierge services. I also want to acknowledge Laura, who has been with his practice as long as I've been going there, as an awesome professional in her role. And Day, another attentive staff member who was so detail-oriented, as was the entire practice. This will be a difficult task in the coming weeks to find any primary physician like Dr. Chidester. RIP, Sir, and thank you for your years of service.

Debbie Wemyss - May 25, 2025 at 12:14 PM

CM

“ I am so incredibly heartbroken that you are gone. I will never find another dr like you. You were definitely one of a kind. Sending prayers to the family. RIP I wish you were still here. Love, Connie

connie mccormick - May 22, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ Dr. Mike was a brilliant, humble soul who made everyone’s world better. In our D&D games, he brought pure joy with characters like El Nacho, a monk wrestler who’d grapple foes, leap off heights, and drop them, taking no fall damage himself. He’d handicap himself and spend a round donning his costume for laughs, knowing his build was overpowered. His “Wall of Bacon” strategy, summoning a swarm of angry pigs to clog the battlefield and limit our opponent’s movement, was great fun - silly, yet effective. As a doctor, Dr. Mike listened deeply, cared genuinely, and went well beyond expectations in a rushed system, saving lives with compassion. He always has time to listen and never rushed his patients, a simple quality that is very rare in our modern system. A veteran who served with honor, he carried that duty into everything. He was the best of us, lifting others quietly with humor, grace and dignity. Rest well, Dr. Mike.

James Wood - May 22, 2025 at 04:33 AM

AL

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to Doc’s family. He was my MD for over 40 years. He was the best and not replaceable. He will never be forgotten and always in my heart.

Alyson - May 21, 2025 at 09:40 AM

SB

“ My condolences to Dr. Chidester’s family & kind and welcoming staff. He was unique, a true advocate for ALL, great listener with dry wit & laissez-faire way; he made a difference. He will truly be missed.

Sandra Barned - May 21, 2025 at 06:46 AM

DA

“ So sad to hear the news. Will always cherish all the years I spent in the office. A Great Doctor and the Best boss. Love , Day



Day - May 19, 2025 at 04:13 PM



I am so devastated to hear about Dr Chidster. My heart goes out to his family & Laura & you. I hated having to change doctors. I loved coming to see Dr Chidester, Laura & you. I will never forget Dr Chidster, Laura & you.

Lesley Puza - August 17, 2025 at 05:42 PM

LM

“ Laura McCallum lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael D. Chidester



Laura McCallum - May 19, 2025 at 01:17 PM

LM

Hi Dr C, I thought and hoped this day would never come. I cherish the 35 years that I worked with you and those memories will always stay. Love, Laura

Laura McCallum - May 19, 2025 at 01:20 PM



I am so devastated to hear about Dr Chidester. My heart goes out to his family which also includes Day & you. It was very hard for me to have to change doctors. I loved going to see Dr C & Day & you

Lesley Puza - August 17, 2025 at 05:36 PM

BS

*“ I can not believe I'm reading your obituary. I was your patient for over 30 years. I was blessed to have you as my Dr guiding me through good times and bad times. Prayers for your family
You will be missed!*



Becky Sterling - May 18, 2025 at 10:30 PM

PR

“ Fly high with the Angels Dr C.! You were one of a kind. I had the privilege of being your patient for almost 33 years! You will be missed by everyone who had every met you!



Patty Mika, RN - May 18, 2025 at 04:04 PM

WS

I am heartbroken by this news. What a great soul we've lost. You will be missed! I was blessed to have had you for my Doctor for over 20 yrs

wilna s - June 30, 2025 at 10:26 PM

KM

“ To the Family of Dr. Chidester: My deepest condolences on the passing of Michael. He was a well-respected member of the West Palm Beach medical community for many years. May you all be comforted by the fine memories he leaves behind.

Keith D. Meyer, M.D. - May 18, 2025 at 02:34 PM

DS

“ I never met Mike in person but I interacted with him for probably 20 years through the online gaming industry. He was a most blessed individual to communicate with. Friendly, caring, knowledgeable friend. We miss him and pray for his family.

DAVID A SCHUETTE - May 18, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ He was myn Doctor for just at 27 years. My heart is broken for his Family.

Christopher Nelder - May 16, 2025 at 03:53 PM

DH

“ My heart is broken by the loss of Dr. “C”. Being a nurse, I respected his knowledge and his bedside manner when dealing with patients. He never talked down to people, always listened and made time for you. He could be very serious... but also showed his quirky sense of humor. He will truly be missed by many as a Doctor and a friend.

Deridre Hert - May 16, 2025 at 12:17 PM

GM

“ A brother in arms helping sick people in a thoughtful, caring manner, not given to fearful overordering or over treating, with great judgment. He helped take care of those with no where else to turn. I miss him already.

glenn h englander. MD - May 16, 2025 at 07:11 AM

WB

“ Bill McManus and I, Wendy Bowes, were so blessed to have called Dr. Chidester our beloved Doc. He was the most pleasant, honest and incredible person we could ever have been involved with. He was referred to us by a great friend over 15 years ago, we trusted him with our lives. We are saddened beyond. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and many patients he helped over so many years. We will miss you dearly!!!

Wendy Bowes - May 15, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MA

“ Dr. C was my doctor for 30+ years. Loved his bedside manner and no frills demeanor. He looked like a mad scientist, but what a great doctor he was! Always calm and had the best humor. We were just texting back and forth on May 6th due to my carelessness of accidentally double dosing on my meds! I'm in shock that he's gone. My deepest condolences to his children. We will miss him terribly as a doctor. RIP Dr. C.

Marisse Auditore - May 15, 2025 at 03:39 PM

AZ

“ Dr C Took a gamble and allowed me to do my clinical hours in his office while I was in NP school. He taught me to be empathetic, kind, and to listen. If I did something wrong he stopped me right there to Educate me. Thank you sir for taking the time to care for myself and thousands of others. He also lived a semi soap opera life which I enjoyed. He was a smoker, but a heck of a scuba diver, he shared his office with his ex wife. Yet none of those things bothered him. Great man. You will be truly missed.

Amgad Zaky - May 15, 2025 at 03:18 PM

N2

“ Thank you for sharing him with the healthcare community. He was a special man, great doc, patient advocate. So sorry for his sudden passing. Please know he was loved & respected by many. Memory Eternal Dr. C.



Nadine Smith RN (SMH 1979 - 2006) - May 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM

RP

“ Robin Powers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael D. Chidester



Robin Powers - May 14, 2025 at 10:29 PM

RP

Dear Michael - I cannot believe you are gone! You were so alive when I saw you on Thursday, May 8th! We talked about so many things, as we always did, especially my motto, “stay healthy and die quick”! We agreed that it was the best plan, but I never expected you to follow the 2nd part so soon! 😞
I will miss you more than you will ever know! You were loved and respected by so many and more than you could ever imagine! You will be missed more than you will ever know!
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Robin Powers - May 14, 2025 at 10:37 PM

RP

I miss you already!!

Robin Powers - May 14, 2025 at 10:39 PM

MH

I have been a patient of Dr Chidester for 13 years, I will miss him dearly, he never made you feel rushed and always sat at eye level , not standing over you when he spoke, both of us being in healthcare would discuss how much it's changed over the years, he truly was one of a kind. Mark Hert

mark hert - May 16, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LD

“ *Lorraine Daniels lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael D. Chidester*



Lorraine Daniels - May 14, 2025 at 02:10 PM

LM

My prayers are for Doctor Chidester and his family, a great Doctor and wonderful person

Linda Murray - May 15, 2025 at 12:15 PM

DE

“ Dr. Chidester has been my doctor for 13 years ... I just received the news today, I am so saddened to learn of his passing. Dr. Chidester restored my faith without knowing it. Decades ago, I was a victim of a Lung doctor in Connecticut who behaved criminally with me and 3 other female patients. For years after that experience I refused to be seen by a male physician. When I moved to Florida, he was recommended - so I gathered my courage and went in for the visit ... and here we are 13 years later.

Dr. Chidester would always make fun of me when I would come rushing in with my own diagnosis of what I didn't have ... His sense of humor was contagious! He was compassionate, understanding, informative - most of all he truly cared ... I will miss him dearly.

Demi - May 14, 2025 at 01:28 PM

RJ

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Dr. Chidester's passing. He had been my primary care doctor for nearly 14 years. I don't think he ever once used my actual name, rather greeting me with a friendly, "What's up Padre'." I always appreciated his no-nonsense manner and his incredibly dry wit. He was always easy to talk to, and you could tell that he sincerely loved what he did as a physician. You will be missed Michael. Now it is time for you to rest from all the good work you have done in this world.

Rev. Philip Joly - May 14, 2025 at 09:49 AM

AS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Alice Shaw - May 13, 2025 at 03:17 PM

LD

I can honestly say Michael has been in my heart since I was 13. My first love, we were blessed to have reconnected 13 years ago and have had many fun filled evenings chatting on line and a few visits. Michael you will be so missed by those who loved you and especially your family. fly high now and be at peace

Lorraine Daniels Daniels - May 13, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DD

I'm so glad I was referred to Dr C so many years ago. Loved his dry sense of humor and his willingness to stop and listen when I needed it most. RIP Michael 🙏. You were a one of a kind Doc and will be missed by colleagues and patients. Many prayers to your family and close friends.

Donna Dover - May 16, 2025 at 10:30 PM

CT

*RIP Dr.C
You took very good care of me and my husband. Whatever we needed , you had the answer or a joke to make us laugh.
Carl and Colleen White*

Colleen Tatumwhite - May 17, 2025 at 01:45 PM

AS

“ The last time I saw Dr. Chidester, my internist for 30 years we had the best visit ever. As the good doctor walked in he noticed I was reading a book. He asked if it was another one of those "self-help" books. I responded that this one was different sharing passages with him. Next thing I knew he was reading the book with vigor forgetting I was even in the room! LOL! I gifted Dr. Chidester the book GOOD ENERGY by Dr. Casey Means that day.

Sometimes I would give him a hug before I left. Thankfully our last encounter was a loving hug from one friend to another.

I am blessed to have known this remarkable human being who dedicated his life to the lives of other.

Alice Shaw - May 13, 2025 at 03:14 PM