



## Josh Barnett

June 2, 1934 - March 23, 2023

Frederic Joshua Barnett was born Federico Giosue Coppola in 1934. A child of immigrants, he grew up in the Bronx and attended Bronx High School of Science, City College of New York and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He used ROTC to finance his medical education, subsequently serving as a physician in the US Army in Hawaii, rising to the rank of captain and receiving an honorable discharge. He changed his name during his Army service. After leaving the Army, he became the first physician to attend and graduate from Harvard Law School. Dr. Barnett joined F. Lee Bailey's Boston law firm in 1969 and became one of his partners, practicing legal defense for the next seven years. In his highest profile case, he served as defense counsel for the bribery case against New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, for whom he won an acquittal. In 1976 Dr Barnett returned to the practice of medicine, training in neuroradiology and ultimately finishing his more than 35-year medical career at the University of Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Hospital. A longtime patron of the arts, Dr Barnett supported the Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia (also serving on its board for several years) and other musical organizations. Dr Barnett passed away in his home on Thursday, March 23rd after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Heidi Kolberg, sons Alexander (Sharon), Erik (Claudia) and Christopher (Claudia) Barnett, and grandchildren Sam, Julia, Eden and Sofia Barnett. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont or Opera Philadelphia.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Good Shepherd  
1116 W Lancaster Ave.  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010