



# Dr. Akinniran Oladehin

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**D**r. Akinniran Oladehin, 72, of Mansfield, Texas passed away Saturday, June 12, 2021. He was born in Idanre, Nigeria on January 1, 1949.

Dr. Oladehin is survived by his wife of 46 years, Folake Oladehin; his children, Iyabo of Palatine, IL; Mojisola of Dallas, TX; Olawale of Adams, MA; and Olakunle of West Orange, NJ; his daughters-in-law, Ashley and Ivy; and his two grandsons, Tobi and Jaxon. He is also survived by his brother Fred Oladehin and sisters Julianna and Adenike. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ogunyanmodi and Adedute Aderulure Oladehin, sisters Emily and Bolanle.

He retired as the Department Head of Department of Physical Therapy and Graduate Faculty in 2014 from Missouri State University. Prior to that, he was a Professor at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center and Assistant Professor at Wayne State University.

Dr. Oladehin received a Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Therapy from New York University in 1983. He was an avid reader and was well known for his passion for teaching and inspirational words.

Instead of funeral services, a celebration of his life will take place on September 18, 2021 at the Community of Hope United Methodist Church in Mansfield, TX. His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he interacted with.

In lieu of flowers, memoriam donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 in his mother's name, Adedute Aderulure Oladehin (<https://www.stjude.org/>).



## Tribute Wall

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**Susan** posted:

I am so sad to learn of Akinniran's passing. He was my favorite professor at UT Memphis and the Chairman of my thesis committee in graduate school. I loved his sense of humor, and his enthusiasm for his work, for his family, and for his students. Akinniran was a tremendous advocate for me in graduate school, as I was perpetually frustrated by the thesis process. He was always kind and encouraging while holding me to the highest standards of excellence, and I could see that he held himself to those same standards. As I write this, I can hear his laugh and find myself chuckling as I reflect on how animated he would become when he was teaching kinesiology, or engaging in chapters of epic storytelling. Akinniran's office door was always open, as was his heart and his fantastic mind. I have such fond memories of sitting with him there and just chatting and laughing and learning. He was such a wonderfully authentic character who had a profound impact on me both personally and professionally. I am a better human because of Akinniran, and although these condolences are late, I do hope that his family is finding joy in how I remember him. Love and light to you all!

May 31 at 3:39 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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