



James E. Wynn

February 7, 1942 - July 11, 2012

James Elkanah Wynn, PhD, RPh Summerville - Dr. James Elkanah Wynn, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, teacher, mentor, and colleague passed away on July 11, 2012 after a battle with appendiceal cancer. A memorial service will be held for Dr. Wynn on Saturday July 14, 2012 at 11am at Bethany United Methodist Church on 118 West 3rd Street South, Summerville, SC. In lieu of a funeral home visitation, family, friends, and colleagues are invited to gather for a reception in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service. Dr. Wynn was born in 1942 in Pennington Gap, Virginia. He graduated from Bluefield's Graham High School in 1959, where he was a member of the band, choir, and varsity football team. He went on to the Medical College of Virginia where he received his BS in Pharmacy in 1964 and his PhD in Medicinal Chemistry in 1969 at the School of Pharmacy, MCV Health Sciences Division. He then took his first faculty position at the College of Pharmacy at the University of South Carolina, where by 1977 he had achieved the academic rank of Full Professor with Tenure. Dr. Wynn played an active role in the life of the University, where his long-standing love of sports was exemplified by his leading role as a coach for USC's formative rugby team. He brought invaluable lessons from the playing field to his work and teaching, emphasizing and exemplifying the importance of persistence, determination, teamwork, and good spirits in all endeavors. In 1982 Dr. Wynn left Columbia for the College of Pharmacy at the Medical University of South Carolina where, over the next twenty years, he served as a tenured professor

of pharmaceutical sciences, Chairman of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Assistant Dean for Research and Graduate Education. In 2001 Dr. Wynn was appointed the Founding Dean of the South University School of Pharmacy in Savannah, Georgia. He began full time in this capacity in 2002 and expanded the School of Pharmacy to Columbia, SC in 2009 with an innovative distance learning campus. During his time with South University Dr. Wynn graduated seven classes in the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Dr. Wynn received over 50 awards and recognitions related to his teaching effectiveness. Named the 1994-95 "Governor's Professor of the Year" for the State of South Carolina, he received the MUSC College of Pharmacy's "Golden Mortar and Pestle Award" as the college's teacher of the year 12 times (including a period of eight consecutive years). He had an active interest in innovative approaches and techniques to teaching pharmacy students. His experience and association with the AACP provided him unique insight into the dynamic state of the pharmacy profession and its impact on the future of pharmacy education. Dr. Wynn focused his efforts on creating the educational content and methods that must be employed to ensure that pharmacy graduates are problem solvers and life-long learners. During his career Dr. Wynn was a strong advocate for research and graduate education in the pharmaceutical sciences. To this end he co-authored the joint Ph.D. program between the University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina and was responsible for developing and implementing the new Ph.D. program at MUSC. He served as a major advisor for 10 M.S. students and five Ph.D. students. He also served as a member of the thesis committees for an additional 10 M.S. students and 48 other Ph.D. students who completed their degree programs. He directed the research of over 40 undergraduate pharmacy students, 20 of whom subsequently completed doctoral level education. While maintaining an active research program he was also responsible for the development of the resources that allowed the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences at MUSC to develop into a viable program. He developed the College's Pharmacy Development Center, which became a

valuable resource in efforts to bring pharmaceutical industry to the State, and a Drug Evaluation Program at MUSC. These efforts together generated over \$25,000,000 in extramural funds from 1984 to 2000, after which time the PDC became a separate entity. He was an innovator of a novel drug treatment for arthritis and acute back pain and is a co-inventor on over 40 U.S. and international patents in that area. His research interests focused on development of anticancer and anti-arthritic agents and on the development of analytical methods for a number of drug products and their metabolites. He published over 50 research papers, professional writings and abstracts. In addition to his formal responsibilities as an administrator, Dr. Wynn served on over 150 university, college, state, regional, and national committees, chairing nearly half of these. He worked with members of S.C state agencies and the legislature to effect positive changes in areas of alcohol and drug substance abuse and in the area of prescription drug abuse. He had an extensive community service record. His memberships included American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (Chemistry Teachers Section) American Chemical Society (Section on Medicinal Chemistry), American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Natural Products/Medicinal Chemistry Section, Analytical Chemistry and Pharmacokinetics Sections), American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Pharmacists Association, South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, Georgia Pharmacy Association, Sigma Xi, Rho Chi Honor Society, Phi Lambda Sigma, and Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity. Dr. Wynn served nationally as a leader in pharmacy education. He served as the Chair of the Teachers of Chemistry Section and as Chair of the Council of Faculties of the AACP and as a member of the AACP Board of Directors. He was once a candidate for the office of President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Dr. Wynn was predeceased by his father William Phillips Wynn, Sr., his mother, Iris Quarles Wynn, and his sister Faye Wynn Yarbrough. Dr. Wynn is survived by his wife Joyce Wynn, RPh, his sons James Elkanah Wynn, II (Cameron

Sue Wynn) of Belmont, MA, and Dr. William Phillips Wynn, III (Dr. Rhonda Watkins Wynn) of Blythewood, SC, Granddaughter, Miss Sarah Wynn, and Grandson, Master Alexander Elkanah Wynn of Belmont, MA. He is also survived by his brothers W. Phil Wynn, Jr. of Hertford, NC, and Ronald L. Wynn of Harper's Ferry, WV. Likewise, he is survived by many loved nieces and nephews. Lastly he leaves behind students, faculty, and staff in Savannah and Columbia at his schools of pharmacy who are very much his family too. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The South Carolina Pharmacy Foundation, 1350 Browning Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Wynn*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *As a member of the inaugural class of South University School of Pharmacy, I would like to express my most sincere sympathy to Dean Wynn's family and friends. He was a true visionary for the great profession of Pharmacy. He was a great teacher, great friend, and just one of the kindest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I will be forever thankful for his passion. Thank you, Dean Wynn! We will miss you!*

Lauri Laroco - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a 1992 graduate of the MUSC-COP, I am deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Wynn's passing. He truly was my favorite professor of all my college career. Dr. Wynn was caring, loving, fun...and one of the sweetest men I've ever met! My prayers are with his family at this difficult time. He will be greatly missed.*

Kristy Sutton - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ As a fellow Dean at South University, please know how much I looked up to Jim as a colleague and a mentor. Like Jim, I was brought on board to found a new set of programs, and so I looked to Jim as a role model and an advisor. His advice and his thoughts were always on target and positive as I moved forward. It has been 3.5 years since I came on board and I cherish every moment I had with Jim. Please know my thoughts are with the family and our colleagues and students as we continue to move forward as he would have us do. J. Michael Brooks, PhD, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, South University.

July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Joyce, I just heard about Jim's passing yesterday (July 17) and I wept. Jim was a good man, and I know that he loved and admired you dearly. He would talk about you often during the days I worked with him at South. I know that you are a strong woman, having fought the battle of cancer yourself for so many years. But I also know that this is a very difficult and painful time in your life. You know that God is the source of all comfort, so I pray that God will comfort you. David Hawkins Senior Associate Dean South University School of Pharmacy 2005-07

July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joyce and Family I am deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Thinking back to 1969 like it was yesterday I, like all of the young ruggers were very lucky to have had Jim as a friend and incredibly positive example. He was a wonderful person with a warm and genuine smile. He truly cared about people and made a positive difference in many many young men's lives. I will keep all of the great memories but miss him dearly.

George Geiser - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ TO Wynn's Family, He was a great counselor; he has a good heart and a welcoming spirit. Always in the mood to put a smile on people's face irrespective of who they are or where they come from. Not very many have his kind of heart. I am saddened by his passing. May you have the heart to bear his loss. Please Accept my sympathy

E Ezeaku - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ I will never forget how on one of my first occasions meeting Dr. Wynn (I was 16) he was already recruiting me into the Pharmacy profession.... and it worked. I am so lucky to have known him. He was a real treasure.... personally and professionally.

Lynne Vietri - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ I am very sorry to hear of Dr. Wynn's passing. I was one of his many graduate students at MUSC and, in fact, he was the first person I met when I first arrived in Charleston in 1991. I was new to the US then and he immediately put me at ease. He was a great leader of our graduate program and a wonderful teacher. He will be sorely missed. May God bless his soul.

Yogesh Sadhale - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ To Dr. Wynn's family, I, too, was one of his many students over the years at MUSC. He was a great teacher and showed me new ways to look at medicinal chemistry. He was also a great person and I very much enjoyed our after-class conversations. He will be missed. You have my deepest sympathy.

Don Lusk - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“Joyce and family, I am so sorry to hear about Jim. I have such fond memories of Jim, especially his ready smile. He was a great rugby player and coach and just thinking of him brings back so many memories. Frank is out of the country but will send his thoughts when he returns. Kathy Walton

July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“Dr. Wynn had this remarkable ability to positively energize everyone he came in contact. His warm, engaging personality and sense of humor always welcomed you. An academic, mentor, visionary but above all a true friend who will always be someone I had the good fortune of knowing. Jim made this place a better world. We will miss him. Paul Pederson, Landrum, SC

July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“On behalf of the Brothers of Kappa Psi Delta Omega at South University, we would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Wynn. He was an exceptional Dean with the kindest of hearts. Our fraternity, South University, and the profession of pharmacy has suffered a tremendous loss. He will always be remembered as a great Brother and an inspiring mentor. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We love and miss you dearly Dean Wynn.

Kappa Psi Delta Omega Chapter - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Dr. Wynn's family,I had the privilege to work for Dr. Wynn at South University School of Pharmacy. I didn't know he had been ill. I extend my condolences to you. His top priority was the students. He wanted all of them to excel and did what it took to make sure they did. He expected excellence from all of them. His legacy will live on through the lives of his students as they work in their respective fields. May God bless you all during these difficult days. Shirley Sells

July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have known him a long time through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, first as fellow chemistry faculty members and then as a fellow dean. I will miss his friendly greetings, his smile and his sense of humor. I know he loved and valued his family. Please accept my condolences.

Marilyn Speedie - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Wynn's family:I had the privilege to work for Dr. Wynn at MUSC and he had hired me as a faculty member right out of graduate school. He was kind, caring, supportive and nurturing. This enabled me to get my career started on the right path. I will miss him.Jaymin Shah

July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ With a smile always on his face, and his enthusiasm unparalleled, Dr. Wynn will be greatly missed by his students, his faculty and his staff. May angels lead you in, dear friend.

Dana Lindsey - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Wynn was one of the real pillars in my life. A passionate educator, a caring mentor, a steadfast friend, and a better man. J. Kennedy, former student, co-advisor, and colleague.*

July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was sadden to hear of the loss of Jimmy and I pray that each of you are comforted by the love of God throughout this entire time. It is always sad to lose a family member. Charleen Ayers (cousin)*

July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Dr. Wynn. I was on the board of South University when Jim was engaged to create the school of pharmacy. He was delightful, professional and very personable. I'm very happy I had the opportunity to know him. Sprague*

Sprague Exley - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

Terry Blackmon - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Wynn's first two years as a professor were my final two years as a pharmacy student at USC. I respected him as a teacher and always enjoyed conversations with him at conventions in later years. May God continue his blessings on the family.*

Tommy Atkinson - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Dr. Wynn's positive enthusiasm as a young prof at USC was inspirational. He really related well to the students, he taught us well, and his service as Kappa Psi advisor was stellar. Rest in peace.

Doug Ellwood - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Joyce and family,I am so sorry to hear that Jim has died. We were not aware of his illness and it was quite a shock when we got the mesage from Phil,Jr. Jimmy, Ronnie,Faye and Phil,Jr.were playmates wth me and Marjory growing up in Southwest Virginia. After college we scattered in different directions, had families and life charged forward. I saw Jim last when he came to mother's funeral Sept. 2009 and we had a great time catching up.Our love and prayers will always be here for all of you.

Mack - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dr.Wynn was an incredible teacher, I don't think that I would have made it through Pharmacy School without him. The pharmacy profession has lost a great leader and I know that is a very small thing compared to the lose that the family is going through. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family and to all the students who will never have the privilage to be taught by him.

Brenda Beverly - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I REMEMBER DR WYNN SO WELL AT USC AND AT THE PHARMACY CONVENTIONS. HE WAS A GREAT GUY AND A WONDERFUL PROFESSOR. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYER ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME. GLORIA FENDER DUNCAN, EHRHARDT,SC

July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I extend my condolences to the family of Dr. Wynn. I was blessed to get to know Dr. Wynn as a friend of his sons William and Jay. I admired Dr. Wynn for his great character, integrity and kindness. I pray that God will comfort and strengthen his family and loved ones during this time. God Bless you,

Todd Willis - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr Wynn. He was an inspiring teacher and one help mold my future as a faculty member. My prayers and thoughts are with his family and close friends. He was a great man and wonderful mentor.

Krystal Edwards - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to learn of the loss of this true gentleman. Certainly I, and I expect few, can express in words what Jim Wynn brought to the profession of pharmacy and the world in general. Jim was recognized as a true leader from early on in life and he never slowed down. He will be missed by many. May he rest in peace. Howard Kramer, RPh,

July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM