

## **David Randall, Ph.D.**

David Clark Randall departed this life on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April this year from metastatic colon cancer. Born in 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri, where his father was a physiologist at St. Louis University. Nine years later his family moved to Chicago so his father could assume the Chair of Physiology at Loyola University College of Medicine. An Eagle Scout, Dave graduated from Maine East High School in 1963, Taylor University (Indiana) in 1967, and the University of Washington (Seattle) in 1972. Following in his father's footsteps, he accepted a faculty position at Johns Hopkins University after graduate school. Three years later, in 1975, he accepted a faculty position at UK in the Department of Physiology. He held two primary faculty appointments: one in Physiology the other in the Center for Biomedical Engineering (now the F. Joseph Halcomb III, M.D. Department of Biomedical Engineering).

Dr. Randall had an active Physiology research program studying cardiovascular function, operant conditioning, and behavioral aspects of autonomic regulation with healthcare applications in Biomedical Engineering particularly those applied to various gravitational environments. He was active until his illness and wrote or co-authored several textbooks, more than 100 peer-reviewed publications and tenaciously secured extramural funding. His myriad multidisciplinary and multi-institutional collaborations with students, staff, and faculty were his major source of delight - they brought joy to his research and to his collaborators.

David loved teaching and his students. He put as much into his exams as he did his lectures. He often said it took him 45 minutes to write each exam question so that he had the correct discriminators to produce a grade distribution mimicking a normal curve. He was a member of countless masters or doctoral committees and would read every draft of a dissertation in its entirety. This he considered one of his most important and enjoyable responsibilities. For 35 years, he also taught a night class in Physiology at Asbury University. His passion for students extended beyond the classroom as he frequently invited his students to his home.

Dr. Randall also enjoyed mentoring and helping junior faculty. He would respond at a moment's notice to fill vacancies in the lecture schedule for unforeseen absences of his colleagues.

During his more than 43 years at UK, Dr. Randall served on countless committees in the College of Medicine as well as the Faculty Senate (which he chaired for two years), the Library, and the Institutional Animal Care and Utilization Committee. He joked that his middle initial "C" stood for committee after he received notice to attend a meeting of a committee he didn't know he was a member. He was a past president of the International Pavlovian Society.

Dr. Randall clearly demonstrated he was a man of strong faith. He was the faculty advisor to the student chapter of the Christian Medical and Dental Association during

his entire stay at UK. He also loved teaching Sunday school at his church where he served as an elder.

David was a voracious reader, mostly non-fiction American, European and Ancient History. His research extended beyond physiology to include his family tree, tracing it back to 16th century England. He loved farming, horses, photography, ham radio (K9ARK), flying (he was a licensed pilot), traveling, hiking, dogs, his pet snapping turtles, and getting to know people of all walks of life. He also loved that his career at UK allowed time for his family. Surviving him are his wife, three sons, four grandchildren, and a sister.