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Dr. William Edison Wingfield, 71, passed away at his home July 26, 2013. He graduated from White Station High School and continued his education at the University of Memphis, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Master of Arts degree in History. In 1987, he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in History from Duke University. During his career, he taught at the following colleges: Elon College, UNC – Greensboro, NC Central University, and Christian Brothers University. He was currently a Professor at the University of Memphis. Dr. Wingfield was a strong advocate for classroom teaching, considering it to be his sanctuary. He received the University College Advising Award in 2009 and Distinguished Faculty Award in 2011, both from the University of Memphis. Dr. Wingfield was preceded in death by his sister, Ann W. Stirling Poley and is survived by his parents, Middleton B. and Frances Wingfield; son, William E. Wingfield, Jr. (Amy); brother, Middleton B. Wingfield, III (Nina) and grandchildren, William E. Wingfield, III “Trey” and Logan Wingfield. The family will have a private memorial service and requests that memorials be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or the charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119, (901)767-8930, “Behind the Stone Wall”. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, please visit our Sympathy Store.



Tribute Wall

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SE

Sean posted:

Dr. Wingfield was one of the best professor, mentor, and good friend that I had the pleasure of getting to know during my collegiate journey. I was shocked and saddened about the news of his passing, but I always keep this quote in the back mind whenever I think about him. It simply states, "If a scholar knows the missing variable between knowledge and power is language- the world will unfold to you." To Dr. Wingfield in my opinion, language is the universal tool that grants, produce, and influence power that shapes one living experience in a social world. I thank God for his life and the impact he has made to others and myself. -RIP Dr. William Wingfield

February 25 at 6:08 AM

BG

Barbara Dunn Grant posted:

Wing, So sorry you've lost both of your parents. Your dad at least had time to enjoy grandchildren.

October 29 at 2:02 PM

PS

Pat Murphy Stevens posted:

Bill was a teacher who believed in the art and science of teaching. His students always were his focus...their success his goal. His commitment to education and students will long be remembered and respected as will Bill. Peace and love to his memory and his family. Pat Murphy Stevens

August 1 at 9:28 AM

RH

Rita Hall posted:

Dr. Wingfield's legacy lies within each and every one of us who as his students were lucky enough to wind up under his tutelage. He was a fascinating professor, a caring advisor, a great conversationalist, and I will always be grateful my path and his crossed. It was his pushing that first encouraged me to consider the doctoral program in History - he wisely pointed out that we will always need teachers to teach future teachers. Dr. Wingfield will be missed deeply, but never forgotten. May his soul and his family find peace.

July 31 at 4:04 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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