



Arthur Emrie Wharton Jr.

July 2, 1934 - January 13, 2019

Arthur Emrie Wharton, Jr., passed away surrounded by family on the evening of January 13, 2019, in Gainesville, Florida. Art was a devoted husband; a loving father and grandfather; a caring brother and son; a talented oil painter; a respected pharmacy professional; a skilled Navy cryptographer; a home-improvement tour de force; a genealogy enthusiast; a jitterbug, twist, and swing king; a crossword master; a dog-lover; a crime mystery reader; and a dear, dear friend to many.

At the age of 18, Art put himself through pharmacy school at the Southern School of Pharmacy—now Mercer University—where he later earned his Masters in Pharmacy Administration. After earning his undergraduate degree, he joined the United States Navy, serving four years as lieutenant and five years in the Reserve.

After his military service, Art began an illustrious 57-year career in pharmacy, leadership, management, teaching, and as a state pharmacy executive. Art spent the last 17 of those years as the Director of Continuing Education at the College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida. Throughout his career, Art received numerous awards recognizing his talent and dedication.

Arthur remains in the hearts of his family: his wife of almost 35 years, Jan; his children, Trey, Lesley, Elaine, and Robert; his grandchildren, Averil, Lyndsey, and Travis; and his niece, Roxanne.

A celebration of Art's life will take place at Celebration United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, <https://action.lung.org/site/Donation> or the American Heart Association, 3324 West University Avenue #128, Gainesville, FL 32607.

Events

JAN **Celebration of Life** 10:00AM
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Celebration United Methodist Church
9501 SW Archer road, Gainesville, FL, US, 32608

Comments



“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. He was truly a great man and simply a nice human being. What I loved most is how much he truly cared about the relationships he cultivated. No matter who you were or what you had to say he truly cared and listened. That's what I remember most about him. He will truly be missed.

Tony Talerico - January 17, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur Emrie Wharton Jr..



January 17, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Dear Jan,
Jay and I saw Art's obituary yesterday- what a great remembrance of him and what a loss to all. Your Virginia gentleman. I remember meeting you all and feeling such an affinity to your both, even though our paths crossed only because of purchasing the house.
I wanted to let you know that if the kids/family wanted to come by for "old times' sake" you are more than welcome. I still have Trey's height markings on the wall behind the stairs. I will send you a quick text with my cell phone in case you don't have it.
with love and prayers,
Laura (and Jay) Lynch

Laura Lynch - January 17, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and Prayers. Tony sends his love too.
James & Janet Talerico

Janet & James Talerico - January 16, 2019 at 12:19 PM