

REMEMBRANCES OF University Alumni



SPENCER G. ADAIR BS'85,
December 26, 2016,
Dallas, Texas.

Adair earned a bachelor's degree in general business. He joined Moore Paper Company and Custom Graphics and then formed Adair Printing & Promotions in 1988.

ROGER W. ALLEN MS'79,
July 31, 2016, Plano, Texas. A musician and composer, Allen was a member of the Dallas New Horizons Band, the Richardson Brass Band and the Richardson Community Band.



JOHN T. CAULEY BA'77,
September 12, 2016, Coppell, Texas.

Cauley served in the Marines during the Vietnam War and tested pilots in F-4 cockpit trainers. After graduating, he worked as a technical writer for 25 years.



BRONSON H. CHARLES MA'83,
December 1, 2016,
Dallas, Texas.

Charles earned a master's degree in humanities. She opened an illustrative advertising company in Fort Worth in the late '40s that served newspapers and magazines. When she switched to oil portraiture, her commissions included Charles Sprague, MD, president emeritus of UT Southwestern Medical Center.

LYNN M. CUNNINGHAM BS'86,
October 18, 2016, Radford, Virginia. Cunningham earned a bachelor's degree in business and worked for years as a computer programmer until her retirement.

GLENDAM. DANIELS BS'98,
October 12, 2016, Dallas, Texas. Daniels worked for Neiman Marcus Direct for 28 years as a linen buyer.



TERRY W. DAVIS BS'80,
August 31, 2016, Gainesville, Texas.

Davis earned a degree in business administration with a major in accounting. He worked for Frito-Lay and Hoffman Pederson & McBryde before establishing his own accounting practice in 1993.

ROBERT J. DEVINE BS'86,
November 8, 2016, Plano, Texas. Devine was the chief financial officer for Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas.



MICHAEL W. DOUGHERTY BS'02, MS'04,
October 11, 2016,

Crawfordsville, Indiana. Dougherty was a speech-language pathologist at The Waters of Covington. He also worked as a sculptor and designer for RAZ Imports.



ERNEST J. GODWIN BA'87,
September 19, 2016,
Rowlett, Texas.

Godwin earned a bachelor's degree in general studies.



SHELLEY M. HAYDEN MA'78,
October 18, 2016,
Dallas, Texas.

Hayden earned a master's degree in economics.



JEROME W. HERMES BS'79,
August 8, 2016,
Carrollton, Texas.

After earning a degree in business administration, Hermes had a 41-year career in retail sales supporting the home construction/remodeling industry.



MAX L. HURST BA'85,
November 9, 2016, Denton, Texas.

Hurst was an actor and massage therapist.



PETER F. LEWAND MBA'88,
December 23, 2016, Sugar Land, Texas.

Lewand was an international oil and gas operational manager and vice president. He worked for Schlumberger, as well as FMC Technologies, Moduspec USA, Expro Americas and Allied Wireline.



THERESA L. POWELL BA'78,
September 5, 2016,
Celina, Texas.

Powell earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.



JOHN C. STEWART MA'90,
July 25, 2016,
Abilene, Texas.

Stewart had been a science

teacher for Dallas and Birdville independent school districts and an adjunct geology professor for Tarrant County College.



STEVEN P. TISCHER BS'79,
December 12, 2016,
Midland, Texas.

Tischer earned a bachelor's degree in geosciences and worked as a petroleum geologist. He later worked in environmental geology.

CLENTON G. WINFORD MPA'01, PHD'03,
July 31, 2016, Grand Prairie, Texas. After earning a master's in public affairs, Winford completed a PhD in political science. He volunteered for the city of Grand Prairie.



KAREN D. WUNDERLICK BS'87, MBA'91,
August 19, 2016,

Dallas, Texas. Wunderlick worked in the residential real estate industry.

BRIAN S. ZITUR BA'93,
December 12, 2016, Flower Mound, Texas. Zitir worked for Southwest Airlines for 23 years.

REMEMBRANCES OF University Faculty, Staff and Friends



EDWARD M. ACKERMAN,
1928–2016
Edward M.

Ackerman, whose generous support led to the creation of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at UT Dallas, died in October at the age of 88. He was honored by the University in 2016 with its Gifford K. Johnson Community Leadership Award.

UT Dallas President Richard Benson said, "Mr. Ackerman's support of Holocaust Studies enhanced the entire stature and substance of the University."

Dr. Nils Roemer, Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies and director of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, said Ackerman has been a devoted friend and tireless supporter of the center.

"His favorite question to us, posed at every milestone the center achieved, was 'What do we do next?' This mentality was indicative of both his dedication and his vision. His enormous presence will be truly missed by the faculty, staff and students."

Ackerman graduated from The University of Texas, served in the U.S. Air Force and completed postgraduate work at New York University.

An accomplished investment manager and businessman, he was the general partner and portfolio manager of the first hedge fund in Dallas. Before establishing his investment enterprises, he was the Dallas regional manager for Salomon Brothers.

Ackerman served as vice chair of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas' invest-

ment advisory committee and as a member of the investment advisory committee of the permanent fund at The University of Texas.

The Edward and Wilhelmina Ackerman Foundation helped establish the Ackerman Holocaust Studies Endowment; Research on Holocaust Studies from the Perspectives of the American Experience Endowment; and the Stan and Barbara Rabin Professorship in Holocaust Studies. Center highlights also include the Selwin Belofsky Fellowship; the Burton C. Einspruch Holocaust Lecture Series; the Hillel Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies; the Jaffe Book Collection; the Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies; and the Istvan and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Research Fund to support graduate students in Holocaust Studies.

Gifts in Ackerman's memory can be made to the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 W. Campbell Road, JO31, Richardson, Texas, 75080 or by going to utdallas.edu/ackerman.



JOHN MAYNARD,
1953–2017
John Maynard, a native of Dallas,

Texas, died in January at the age of 63. For 13 years he was a research laboratory coordinator in the Natural Science and Engineering Research Laboratory.

Maynard was part of the team of technical experts who trained students and maintained equipment for the University's Cleanroom Research Laboratory. He began at the University in 2000 as a lab technician for Dr. Law-

rence Overzet and Dr. Matthew Goeckner, before joining the NSERL team. Wallace Martin, associate director of the Cleanroom Research Laboratory, said, "We will miss John for his friendship and sense of humor, as well as his experience with semiconductor type high vacuum processing equipment. He will be difficult to replace."

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Maynard was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law; three grandchildren; a sister and brother and two nephews and a niece.



JOHN GEORGE,
1977–2017
John George,

manager for the University's print and copy services, died in February at the age of 39.

George, who was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, began working at UT Dallas in 1996. He started his career working in a campus warehouse, and eventually became a plate maker in print and copy services, then moved to supervisor, before becoming manager.

"John oversaw everything that was printed for the University," said Chris Rench, assistant director of print, copy and logistics services. "He was a dear friend and colleague of many of us. He will be sorely missed." Rench said that George excelled in keeping things in working order, as he was a master "fix-it" man. "He had an uncanny knack for being able to fix anything just by looking at it," Rench said. "John was always available at a moment's notice

to help or provide guidance." Rench described George as "a true outdoorsman in every sense of the word." George enjoyed fishing at Lake Ray Hubbard and hosting fish fry dinners for his friends and family. He also hunted deer and wild hogs. Rench added that George preferred being outdoors to watching weekend sports on television.



CLAUD STANLEY RUPERT,
1919–2017
Dr. Claud Stanley

Rupert, who conducted seminal research in the field of light-activated DNA repair and was one of the University's founding faculty members, died in February at the age of 97. Rupert mentored numerous students, including Aziz Sancar PhD'77, the first UT Dallas alumnus to win the Nobel Prize.

"Dr. Rupert was the founding father of the field of DNA repair. I owe him more than anyone else for my academic successes," said Sancar, who is the Sarah Graham Kenan Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

"Moreover, he was a role model for me for charity and human decency. He was like a father to me, and I will miss him very much."

Rupert was one of the original scientists who established the Laboratory for Molecular Studies at the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest (GRCSW), which later became UT Dallas.

Rupert joined the GRCSW's research arm in 1965 from Johns Hopkins University,

where he had earned his PhD in physics and was an associate professor. It was at Johns Hopkins that he began his work on enzymes in bacteria that are activated by visible light and are involved with repairing DNA damaged by ultraviolet light.

Rupert received the Finsen Medal from the International Union of Photobiology, was elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was a member of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Impacts of Stratospheric Change.

Rupert served as dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (1975-1980), as interim vice president for academic affairs and as an associate vice president. He retired in 1992.

Dr. Hobson Wildenthal, executive vice president, said, "His persona radiated good humor and a deep grasp of reality, tempered with charity."

Born in Porterville, California, Rupert grew up in the small farming town of Exeter. After earning a bachelor's degree in physics from the California Institute of Technology, he worked for Lockheed. During World War II, Rupert was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, helping to evaluate radio and radar gear installed on ships.

During his retirement, he and his wife of over 62 years, Clara, volunteered at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Baylor Hospital to hold infants.

In addition to his wife, Rupert is survived by a daughter, son, and two granddaughters.

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