



Ernest Campaigne

February 13, 1914 - May 5, 2013

Ernest E. Campaigne died Sunday, May 5 at the Meadowood Health Pavilion in Bloomington. He was born in Chicago, IL on February 13, 1914 to Nellie and Herbert Campaigne. He and Jean White were married in Chicago on January 1, 1941. He is survived by Jean as well as a son, David of Bloomington, and two daughters: Claudia Campaigne Burrus (Tony) of Ft. Wayne, IN and Barbara Campaigne (Larry Boot) of Bloomington. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Barbara Koch of Columbus OH, Ron Buskirk II of Ft. Wayne, Gillian Overly of Bloomington IN, and Christian Campaigne of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and five great grandchildren.

Professor Campaigne earned the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University. In 1943 he came to Indiana University as Instructor in the Army Specialized Training Program after early teaching and research experience at Northwestern University Dental School, Bowdoin College, the M.D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research, and the Medical School of the University of Texas. His earliest teaching and research experiences in the environment of a dental school and a cancer hospital perhaps influenced his entire career, for Professor Campaigne combined his principal interest in organic chemistry with a search for new

therapeutic agents.

He became Professor of Chemistry in 1953. During his years at Indiana he taught courses in general chemistry, biochemistry, and organic chemistry, and has contributed to joint efforts in the teaching of pharmacology. He was constantly concerned with the quality of teaching by taking responsibility for the organization and reorganization of many courses, by authoring several textbooks of chemistry, by serving on the Committee on the Improvement of Teaching of the College of Arts and Sciences, by acting as Graduate Advisor of the Chemistry Department and as a member of the Chemistry Department's Policy Committee. He directed the dissertation research of nearly 60 Ph.D. students and 20 M.S. candidates. He followed the careers of his students with close and helpful interest. During his varied pedagogic activities, Professor Campaigne published more than 275 research papers, reviews, and books.

Professor Campaigne had a busy professional life at the state, national, and international levels. He was an active member and often a chief administrative officer of numerous scientific and professional societies, where his extremely effective organizational skills were widely recognized. He devoted years of service to the American Chemical Society, beginning with the Southern Indiana Section, as Chairman and Circuit Lecturer and later as a national Councilor. This activity led him to a series of increasingly responsible administrative positions, including that of Chairman, with the Division of Medicinal Chemistry of the American Chemical Society. From these national activities he became Chairman of the newly created Section on Medicinal Chemistry, Division of Organic Chemistry, of the International Union of Pure

and Applied Chemistry. Dr. Campaigne was the holder of fifteen commercial patents including the commercially successful antihistamine, Thenfakil.

Since retirement in 1979, he has been active in the Indiana Academy of Science serving as president in 1986, the University Club, the Indiana University Retirement Community, and the I.U. Annuitants Association. He served on the Board of Science Advisors, American Council on Science and Health since its inception in 1979, and was elected to the honorary Indiana Academy in 1988.

On a University level, Professor Campaigne twice served as President of the Men's Faculty Club, as a member of the University Athletics Committee, and a member of the initial University Patent Policy Committee. He was awarded the Indiana University President's Medal for Excellence in Teaching and Research by President Thomas Erlich, and The I.U. Laboratory of Organic Chemistry is named for him and his long-time colleague, Marvin Carmack. He was the longest holder of I.U. faculty/staff season football tickets beginning long before records of such things were kept.

Professor Campaigne's wide circle of former students, faculty and professional colleagues found in him a generous source of wise advice, encouragement, and unfailing good humor.

There will be a private burial and a public memorial celebration at a date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to IU Foundation, PO Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402, Ernest E. Campaigne

Lectureship/P37AS06163.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

TA

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr Ernest Campaigne. My dad obtained his PhD in his lab in the 60's. To this day, he likes to share stories of his graduate career. Most of them end with his admiration for the man that was such a great mentor. On behalf of my parents in Athens Greece, and my siblings (all IU chemistry alumni, and my family, I offer heartfelt condolences.

Tax Georgiadis - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

SO

“ To Barb and family,
I was sorry to hear about your father. All of my best wishes to you and your family.
Scott

Scott Owens - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

BJ

“ To the Campaigne family: My thoughts and prayers are to all in this time of loss.

Becky Jessmer - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

JU

“ The Hudson Family sends their prayers and thoughts to the Campaign Family. What a full and productive life Dr. Campaign led! You must be proud of him and I know you will miss him. I wish my brother Tom is still with us to tell a story or two about Dr. Campaign. God bless you.
From, Carol Hudson, Marilyn Hudson and Julie Hudson.

Julie Hudson - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

PR

“ To the family of Professor Campaigne

I was most saddened to learn of Professor Campaigne's passing. For the past couple of weeks I had been trying to find out how I might contact Professor Campaigne only to learn that he had passed away. I would like to convey my sincere condolences and to let you know how important a role he had played in my early professional career.

I joined the IU Chemistry Department as a graduate student in 1960 when Prof. Campaigne was the Graduate Advisor. At the end of my first year I had become a candidate for Ph.D. ; I remember Prof. Campaigne met me personally and said kind words and I believe he also wrote a recommendation in response to which I received recognition from the ACS. I was touched. My research mentor was Prof. Bair and I received my Ph. D. in 1964. After a postdoctoral research period at Rice I returned to India and taught at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur until my retirement in 1998. During 1998-2008 I taught, for various periods, at a number of Universities and National Liberal Arts Colleges in the U.S. I wanted to let Prof. Campaigne know how my training in Bloomington half a century ago had led to a long and rewarding professional career, but that was not to be possible.

I will forever remember him as a very gentle, caring Professor, a research scientist at the highest level, and peerless in his commitment to high academic standards.

*Pradip Ghosh
From Calcutta, India*

Pradip Ghosh - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

MT

“ *The Hudson family wants you all to know how sorry we are about the loss of your Dad. You have to be awfully proud of his accomplishments. I remember how much Tom enjoyed visiting with your Dad. We wish you peace and fond memories. Love, Marilyn, Julie and Carol*

Marilyn Hudson Tribbett - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

RO

“ *Dear Campaigne Family,*

I am truly sorry for your loss. Mr. Camapaigne has touched the lives of so many people in a positive way. May the memories you have of him be a source of joy and may God's words found at Revelation 21:4 be a source of comfort and hope to you and your family. "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

Sincerely,

Rose I - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

JO

“ *The first house I ever painted was for Dr. Campaigne. It must have been about 25 years ago. Previous to this, he'd always painted his own house, and done a solid job, I might add. I was painting the house with my new partner, who was a marvelous painter, but a god-awful estimator. We bid the house way too low.*

By the time we were finished, we could see that we wouldn't do much better than make minimum wage on the job. When it came time to be paid, Dr. Campaigne said that he knew when we estimated the job that it was far too low, but he wanted to see if we would do a good job, anyway. Then he paid us an extra \$500.

I also remember a simple but touching letter to the editor of the Herald Times he once wrote... an 'obituary' for the family cat, who used to roam around the neighborhood, visiting with neighbors. It ended with the words, "You were a good kitty."

He was an honorable man and a gentleman, brilliant but unpretentious. He gave us something to shoot for.

John Linnemeier - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

MI

“ *I'll be praying for your family in this needed time on the lost of your love one. I know what you and your family is going though I lost my father six months ago and lost my grandfather 15 years ago. My prayers are with your family right now.*

Michele Crail - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

TK

“ Dave:

So sorry to hear about your loss.

We know that you are very proud of your father's many accomplishments.

You and your family are in our prayers.

May he rest in peace...

Tom and Janet Keefe - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM