



George A Hudock

March 28, 1937 - January 24, 2015

George A Hudock, 77, of Bloomington Indiana, passed away January 24, 2015, after a brave fight to overcome throat cancer. Born March 28, 1937, in Upper Black Eddy, PA to Emanuel B & Dorothy (Haigh) Hudock, George graduated with highest honors from Harvard University in 1959, and received his PhD from Harvard in 1963. After post-doctoral work at Dartmouth College, George began his teaching career at Indiana University 1965, retiring in 2000.

George career included research on behalf Crane Naval Base as well as at IU. George's real love, however, was teaching, and he developed many lifelong friendships with students he met over the years. His passion for teaching earned him many awards, including the Ulysses G Weatherly Award for Distinguished teaching in 1972, the Senior Class Award for Teaching Excellence in Biology and Dedication to Undergraduates in 1987, and an IU Teaching Excellence Recognition Award in 1998.

George enjoyed working with wood, making many beautiful pieces of furniture for his family. He loved all animals, especially cats, and never turned away a needy stray. He treasured his trips out west each spring and fall, and found peace in the woods, where his love of the outdoors and solitude could

find expression.

George was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Margaret (Peggy) Olmsted Hudock.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carol Bart, daughters Jennifer (Steve) Roll, of Evansville, and Jessica (Gene) Spicer, also of Evansville, brother Emanuel B Hudock Jr., of Norristown PA, grandchildren Thayer Spicer and Jacob Spicer, and nieces and nephews.

A remembrance of George's life will be held on Saturday February 21st at 2:00 ET at Wonderlab in Bloomington.

Please come with happy memories to share with us, and come in casual clothes.

Memorial contributions may be made to the George Hudock Graduate Fellowship at Indiana University or to the environmental charity of choice. Most importantly, George would love to see you take a walk in the woods and realize the sacredness of our wild places.

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

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I am truly saddened by George’s passing. Of all the teachers and instructors in my life none have had the lasting effect on my life that George did. As a mentor and especially as a friend he made me feel that I could do something/anything. He is the one teacher I have kept in touch with my whole life. As I read some of the comments on this site I find it amazing how many people found that spark of inspiration and support from this one soul. He cared. He cared for the position he held in helping so many students. And he cared for each and every student in helping them to find their ideals. To Carol and the rest of his family, my sympathies. We will all miss him.

Dave Craig - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

PH

“ *Dear Hudock family*

I am tremendously sorry for your loss. I am one of Dr Hudock's former students. I took his L111 class (Evolution and Diversity I think it was called) in the spring of 1996. I wasn't really close with him and he couldn't pick me out of a line up. It was the only class I took with him. but I can honestly say he changed my life because of what he taught me. it went beyond biology. He taught me another way of thinking about the world. I appreciated interconnectedness of the world after sitting through his class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. "Everything that happens has a consequence." That is the message that I took from L111. Rare is the class one takes that can boast that what was taught was less about content and more "world outlook altering". I am now a doctor and a scientist and hope to make an impact through the work I do. I would attribute the things I learned in his class to where I am now.

Take care,

Phil

Phillip Abbosh - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

SA

“ To Dr. Hudock’s family- he was a thoughtful and kind human being. From the beginning of my formal education through the end of medical school and beyond, Dr. Hudock was the single educator who left the greatest impression on me. He always asked me to call him George, but I always insisted on calling him ‘Dr. Hudock’ out of respect. Dr. Hudock was instrumental in my spending six months in South Africa and an entire summer break in the Gulf of Maine studying marine biology. He directed me towards several grants which paid for my time abroad. Most importantly he was a wonderful role model who walked to the beat of his own drum. I took my wife (some years back) to visit him at his house after his retirement. He was an impressionable human being who I will forever remember with extreme fondness.

Saul Nurok - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

CI

“ As a student at IU many years ago, I had Dr. Hudock for BIOL L369 Heredity, Evolution, & Society. I was working on a Biology minor to go along with my PE degree. I loved Dr. Hudock's class and the passion he had for teaching. It helped convince me to change my area of focus for teaching. Even though I graduated with a BS in Physical Education and a minor in Biology, I professionalized Biology on my Indiana State Teacher's License when I came back to IU and got the M.A.T. Degree in Biology. I taught high school Biology for 17 years and then came back to the Bloomington area to be with my parents as they aged. I now work at IU as an academic advisor.
Rest in peace, Dr. Hudock.

Cindy Moore - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

MM

“ My heart felt condolences to Carol and family. Professor Hudock was my first up close exposure to academics, both in IU undergrad genetics classes and ultimately working in his lab. More important than the science exposure, however, were the life lessons I was fortunate to absorb. We seemed to spend more time on that in the lab than genetics.....and I am a far better physician and academician because of it!

George's teaching legacy is about science AND life, and lives on through my generation of physicians and academicians. We will pass it onto the next.

George, I know you are up there somewhere with coffee mug in hand. I hope you are smiling for your tremendous life work, as we are better at what we do because of you. Thank you.

Michael Bentz, MD Professor of Surgery, Pediatrics and Neurosurgery, Chairman of Plastic Surgery, Vica Chairman of Surgery, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, Wisconsin

Michael Bentz, MD - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

MA

“ I am saddened to hear of George's death. I worked in his lab as an undergraduate in 86-87. He was a great mentor and the only professor I considered a friend. I'll always remember him fondly.

Matt Repasy - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

SA

“ To George's family,
George was a kind and generous man. I remember him fondly as
one of my professors who made time for his students. Our
community was lucky to have him.

Sandy Davis - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

DC

“ We remember George and family as our neighbors on Windsor
Drive, especially prior to Peggy's death. May you be comforted by
memories of all the lives he impacted in a positive way.

Dave and Carol Ebeling - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

DK

“ To all of George's family, especially Carol and his children,

We are so saddened to hear of George's passing. George was such
a wonderful person - our experience at IU would not have been the
same without him. We are hoping to make it to Wonderlab on Feb.
21, but in the meantime, you will all be in our thoughts and prayers.
He was one-of-a-kind, and we are so grateful he was a part of our
lives.

Blessings,
Karen and Don Ritter

Don & Karen Ritter - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

BO

“ Jennifer, I'm sorry that we have lost contact, but I wanted to tell you how sorry I was to learn about your father's death.
Many years ago he did some lovely refinishing work for us, we still have those pieces.
Again, please accept our condolences.
Bonnie

Bonnie Gammon - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM