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Lee Doerries passes

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I know this sad news is of importance to many faculty and staff. While I did not know Dr. Doerries, I've heard wonderful things about him, and know that he created a lasting legacy of enduring relationships and educational excellence. Our regrets to his surviving family and friends.

Mark Padilla, Provost

Dr. Kelly Cartwright, Chair of Psychology:

Dr. Lee E. Doerries, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, served for over 30 years in the department, where he helped to shape the core curriculum in psychology. In particular, his expertise in experimental psychology contributed to the experimental foundations of the department. Dr. Doerries had a passion for mentoring students in research and leaves a legacy of students for whom he made a significant difference in their lives.

Lee E. DOERRIES

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NEWPORT NEWS - Lee E. Doerries, Ph.D., 66, died March 4, 2011, after a long struggle with complications from diabetes.

During his 36 years of dedicated service as a professor of Experimental Psychology at Christopher Newport University (CNU), he taught and mentored thousands of students and co-authored more than 50 papers and research presentations, many of which were based on his collaboration with colleagues at Eastern Virginia Medical School regarding the neurological basis of anorexia nervosa. Dr. Doerries was awarded emeritus status when he retired from CNU in 2007.

Lee Doerries served as the chairman of the Department of Psychology at CNU from 1977-82. Over his tenure, he offered his professional services to CNU and to the Hampton Roads community, as a board member for United Campus Ministries, Alternatives Incorporated, and Planned Parenthood. Lee was also a member of Hidenwood Presbyterian's Stephen Ministry. He worked to advance the quality of science and mathematics education in both gifted and minority youth as a consultant for programs like Head Start, Project Excel, V-Quest, GearUp, and as a mentor to students in the New Horizons Governor's School program.

In addition to his professional activities, Lee formed and sustained many important and lasting friendships with his students and colleagues that extended well beyond the classroom.

He is survived by his wife, Denyse; their two sons, Mark and wife, Hillary, Bryan and wife, Sarah; and granddaughter, Abigail; and his sister-in-law, Patricia Brennan; and brother-in-law, Bob Green. The family would like to thank Ruth and Mike Chamowitz for demonstrating the true meaning of friendship; Nelson and Virginia Smith for their enduring loyalty; Dr. John Brady, "The Village Doctor," for his supreme integrity and compassion; Dr. Edward Krauss at Johns Hopkins Hospital for his profound humanity; and all of the friends and medical providers who were present for Lee during the last months of his life.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on March 31, 2011, at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Alternatives Inc., the Stephen Ministry Fund at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, or Peninsula Planned Parenthood. *View and post condolences on our online guestbook at dailypress.com/guestbooks.*

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