



Jerry Elwood Lowder

June 3, 1932 - June 2, 2020

Jerry Lowder passed away on June 2, 2020 at the Ohio State University Wexner hospice facility. Born in Burlington, North Carolina on June 3, 1932, Jerry was the only child of Paul and Vitus Lowder. He is survived by his wife of 63-years, Harriett, his children Jay, Suzanne, and Marcia along with eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jerry graduated from Elon College in 1955 and received his M.A. from Columbia University in 1956. He was drafted into the army in 1957 and was assigned to Ft. Monroe, VA where he was a clerk typist and chaplain's assistant.

In 1961, Jerry taught at Howard University (currently Samford University) in Birmingham, AL where he was also the organist for the First Baptist Church. He accepted a position at the University of Illinois in 1964 as the Instructor of Class Piano. In 1970, Jerry received his Doctorate in Music Education from the University of Indiana and was subsequently hired by the Ohio State University as the Assistant Professor in Music Education, the head of Group Piano Instruction, and Pedagogy.

While at Ohio State University, Jerry authored a music textbook and numerous articles on group piano instruction. He was a member of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC), Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA), Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), Ohio Music Teachers Association (OMTA), Columbus Music Teachers Association (CMTA), and was a member of the following honor societies: Phi Delta Kappa and Pi Kappa Lambda. He was also organist for Indianola Presbyterian Church serving from 1976 to 2010. Jerry retired as Professor Emeritus from Ohio State University in 1995 and in his spare time taught Macintosh computer courses at the Upper Arlington Senior Center and golfed.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Schoedinger Northwest Chapel

1740 Zollinger Road, Columbus, OH, US, 43221

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - June 04, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ To Harriet and the Lowder family, I am very sad to have learned of Jerry's passing and I am sorry for your loss. Jerry was a delightful and caring faculty colleague, one who was perceptive, creative, compassionate, and blessed with a strong intellectual and musical curiosity. He was first and foremost a team player who welcomed new faculty into the fold with the same genuine interest he took in all of his students. He was a true mentor to so many of us, students and colleagues alike, who will always carry his warmth and humanity as we go through life. I shall never forget this wonderfully kind man.

Tim Gerber, Columbus

Tim Gerber - June 09, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ I am so sad to learn of Jerry's passing. To Harriet and the Lowder family my condolences. Jerry was the kind of person we all aspire to be: caring and dependable. He always made a difference. As a music education faculty he was wonderful. In addition he loved to perform: he and Helen Swank did many recitals together; and he served for years as a church organist. Jerry, I am a better person for having known you. God bless you and your family at this difficult time. Your friend and colleague, Jim Major

Jim Major - June 12, 2020 at 06:47 AM



“ Jerry was a wonderful person who made music grow at Indianola Presbyterian Church--our family was so lucky to know him, spend years hearing him play on Sunday mornings at Church, and enjoy both the music and the grace and generous style and kindness he brought to the community and church. He was so loved, and will be so missed. The VanStavern family, Sue, Bob, Jan, and Tom

Jan VanStavern - June 06, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ JoAnne Comer lit a candle in memory of Jerry Elwood Lowder



JoAnne Comer - June 05, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Harriet and family. Love from Sammy and JoAnne

JoAnne Comer - June 05, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ The Slushers purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jerry Elwood Lowder.



The Slushers - June 04, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jerry Elwood Lowder.



June 04, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Elwood Lowder.



June 04, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Jordan R. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Elwood Lowder.



Jordan R. - June 04, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Elwood Lowder.



June 04, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ To the Lowder Family - You have my deepest sympathy. I was Jerry's assistant when he chaired the OMEA Conference in Columbus. I also had him as a teacher at the OSU School of Music. I always appreciated his kindness and was always willing to help. He was a great teacher and an even better person. I am so sorry for your loss.
Most Sincerely - John Long, Pickerington Ohio

John Long - June 04, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Sarah, Mujtaba, Cameron, Tim, John, Dawn & Jordan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jerry Elwood Lowder.



Sarah, Mujtaba, Cameron, Tim, John, Dawn & Jordan - June 04, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Steve Rife purchased the Distinguished Service Casket Spray for the family of Jerry Elwood Lowder.



Steve Rife - June 04, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ Jerry was a kind and gentle man, he's was my father in law for 29 years and I have so many memories which will last a life time. He will be greatly missed. I'm sure he is breaking par in the fairways of heaven.



STEVE RIFE - June 04, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ From: Roy & Agnes Butler & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jerry Elwood Lowder.



From: Roy & Agnes Butler & Family - June 04, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ Roy & Agnes lit a candle in memory of Jerry Elwood Lowder



Roy & Agnes - June 04, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ I was a music major for a quarter at OSU (bassoon) before I decided it wasn't in the cards for me to be a professional. (lol) During that quarter, I had the pleasure of taking a group piano class taught by Professor Lowder. He was one of the kindest, most patient, encouraging, and excellent teachers I would ever meet. That was 42 years ago and I still remember this experience like it was yesterday, so consider that a testament to Prof. Lowder. I imagine if I go to heaven, maybe he would see it in his heart to teach me the next two quarters of group piano lessons I never had. :-)

In your moment of grief, please know that Prof. Lowder touched thousands (or more) of people like me, and definitely made a lifetime impression that I will never forget.

Charles M. Cring

Charles Cring - June 04, 2020 at 08:59 AM