



Douglas M. Windham Sr.

September 5, 1943 - October 7, 2011

Professor Emeritus, Douglas M. Windham, Sr., age 68, died at his home in Tallahassee on October 7, 2011 after an extended illness.

A Florida Native Son, he was born in 1943 in St. Petersburg, to Hoyt and Ruby (Hattaway) Windham. The family relocated to Miami where he graduated from Miami Edison Senior High School in 1961, having excelled both academically and in sports. Among many honors, he was a National Merit Scholar, a member of 1961 Boys' State, and a recipient of the Southern Scholarship and the Julian Daniel Scholarship. He continued his education at Florida State University: B.A. '64, M.A. '67, and Ph.D. '69, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He was awarded a Spencer Foundation Fellowship for outstanding research and twice awarded Earhart Fellowships.

Professor Windham began his career as a Graduate Instructor of Economics at Florida State University and as an Associate Professor at Florida A&M University. He was later a member of the faculties of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, The University of Chicago, and the University at Albany (NY). During his long Academic career Professor Windham had the privilege of hooding many brilliant Doctoral candidates who today continue to carry forward his economic and educational philosophies in countries around the world.

In 1986, Professor Windham was honored to receive the ODK Outstanding Graduate Award from Florida State University. In 1991 he was named a Distinguished Service Professor representing the State University System of New York. "Considered a world renowned Economist, recognized for his contributions in the area of Public Policy; the Efficiency and Equity of Education; and In the Fight Against World Hunger," the University at Albany awarded him their highest honor, that of Academic Laureate in 1996.

Two awards always remained very special to him. One was a treasured plaque given to him by his students at Florida A & M in 1969 stating: "You are one WHITE Man we Believe in Plus an OUTSTANDING Professor." And later in his career (2002) he was deeply touched to receive a special award from President Gayoom and the Republic of Maldives Ministry of Science and Technology thanking him for his Intellectual and Scholarly Contribution to Maldives. Among the more than 50 countries in which he worked, he especially enjoyed his frequent returns to the beautiful people of Maldives and their sincere quest to reach above the level of a developing country.

The Windham family travel odyssey began in 1972 with a two year Ford Foundation Assignment in Malaysia. Professor Windham, often accompanied by his wife and children traveled extensively during his 35 year career, and he considered the world his home. Countries in which he worked included Liberia, Sierra Leone, Botswana, Somalia, Cameroon, Mongolia, Indonesia, Nepal, China, Yemen, Russia, Romania and Jamaica. His expertise in Educational Finance and Development was in great demand and as well as working directly with Foreign Governments, he was a lead consultant with World Bank, Asian Development Bank, USAID, UNICEF, UNESCO, OECD, IIEP, UNDP. Etc.

His nephew, Matthew, described him as: "An Intellectual Lion with a wonderful sense of humor and the capacity to always make the right decisions." He was

appreciated for his honesty, loyalty and integrity and he always tried to do the right thing. Between his frequent trips abroad, he enjoyed family life, books, classic movies, golf, Football (especially Seminole Football), and while watching televised football games created a fine collection of French Needle Point Wall Tapestries.

Professor Windham published continuously throughout his career. "The Oyster Based Economy of Franklin County, Florida, 1964, (his first publication with Marshall Colberg) was found a useful historical reference during the recent 2010 BP Oil Spill Disaster Assessment, though it was commissioned 47 years ago. His book: "Education, Equality and Income Redistribution," (Harvard - Heath Lexington, 1969) began a serious national dialogue on the role of "The poor paying disproportionately to educate the rich;" and it still presents very relevant measures in Educational Finance today. " Incentives Analysis and Individual Decision Making in the Planning of Education", Edited by Frances Kemmerer and Douglas M. Windham (1997, UNESCO) continues to be valuable reference in guiding global educational planning and marketing. And his pioneering work in Sector Assessments and Educational System Analysis set the ground work for many educational Development programs in place today throughout the world. Perhaps one of Professor Windham's many legacies will be the internet availability of many of his respected publications addressing these contemporary economic and educational issues.

Professor Windham is survived by his beloved wife and partner, Jeannette (Poirier) Windham; their children; Karen Windham Lamar, and John Lamar; Professor Douglas Windham, Jr., and Kimberly Davis Windham; a precious grandson born, 10-10-11; many warm and caring family members, and cherished friends, students, and colleagues around the world.

The family will be eternally grateful to very dear friends and caregivers, John

Bailey and Cornelia Robinson whose continuous kindness, loyalty and gentle support over many years meant the world to him and all those close to him.

The family has expressed their wish that gestures of sympathy in lieu of flowers be made by charitable donations to the "Johns Hopkins University", c/o Neurology Development Office, 100 North Charles Street, Suite 436, Baltimore, MD 21201 with a note indicating the donation is in memory of Professor Douglas Windham for the benefit of Parkinsons Stem Cell Research.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Message Addendum*

We continue to be so very grateful for your many kind telephone calls, notes, cards emails, visits and remembrances. Your caring has touched our hearts and we appreciate the reminders of the person Doug was, and the confirmation of the many treasured friends, students and colleagues he shared life's journey with. He would have felt honored and humbled to have been remembered so kindly by each of you.

THANK YOU!

Professor and Dean Emeritus Jim Flemming

Jane Sisson Collins

Dean Robert Bangert-Downs

Dr. Inge Jacobs

Dr. Rackley

Professor Michael Green

Vinod and Eric Sharma

Lenora Quimby

Vieta Losik

Toots Thomas

Dr. Keiko Miwa,

Glenda Herrera Gray

Professor Susanne Wood

Justin Pancotti

Nora Quimby

Lorenzo Licopoli

Neisa Logman

John Stoddard

Professor Steve Edwards, and Helen Corothers Edwards

Dorothy Brown

Betty Hattaway

Art Recesso

And, Thank you again to those whose names regretfully may have been omitted.

The Windham Family

Jeannette Windham - November 19, 2011 at 12:40 AM

DB

“ Jeannette, my heart hurts for you and the family. I know what it is to lose a soul mate...

I remember as a young teenager going out to Granddaddy's when Aunt Ruby was there with Doug, and how I loved to swing him in the porch swing until he would go to sleep; never thinking how I spoiled him for her to have to continue when she left...

*Love,
Dorothy*

Dorothy Brown - November 18, 2011 at 11:58 PM

LL

“ Professor Windham served on my dissertation committee at SUNY Albany (1981-1983) I will always remember him as a man with deep intellectual curiosity who had a profound influence on my academic career. Please accept my sincere condolences.

*Sincerely,
Lorenzo Licopoli*

Lorenzo Licopoli - November 18, 2011 at 10:38 PM

TF

“ *Where Are They*
by Zhao Jia

*"Alone I mount the kiosk which stands on the river-bank and sigh,
While the moonbeams dance on the tops of the waves, where the
waters touch the sky;*

*For the lovely scene is to last years scene as like as like can be,
All but the friends, the much-loved friends, who gazed at the moon
with me. "*

Chinese Calligraphy - Prof. Yang Xiangxian (Giles translation)

The Windham Family - November 18, 2011 at 10:31 PM

MG

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss...*

*I very much enjoyed working with Doug at UAlbany. He was a great
colleague and a superb scholar. I always enjoyed serving on
dissertation committees with him -- I would learn as much as the
doctoral student. He was also very supportive and was always
ready to help mentor a younger colleague. I can remember talking
to him the day before I was to leave for Somalia to teach a course at
the Ministry of Education and he gave me a quick yet detailed
lesson on an area I was supposed to teach, but didn't know. Thanks
to him I managed to pull it off.*

*Again Jeannette, please accept my deepest sympathies for your
loss.*

Michael Green

Michael Green - November 06, 2011 at 09:02 PM

GS

“ October 13,

Jeannette,

I have so many fond memories of the time spent with you and Doug Sr. over the years. In particular, I remember the Road trip from your house in New Port Richey all the way down to Miami in 1993 to see FSU win its first National Championship, with the one and only Charlie Ward at the Helm Doug Sr, Dour Jr, Mike Walker and I just had the time of our lives on that trip! Seems like yesterday...

Please know that you and Doug Sr. are in our thoughts, and thank you so much for all the wonderful memories.

Much love,

Greg Christi and Riley

Greg Skalka - November 06, 2011 at 08:41 PM

RB

“ October 18, 2011

Doug was a highly respected and valued member of our community for many years. Many of us treasure fond memories of him and his contributions to our School. As a Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies, he was instrumental to the success of our highly regarded programs. Doug has given us an extraordinary legacy of intellectual achievement, professional service, and excellent instruction. We were not the only beneficiaries of his scholarship, teaching and service; educators and students of many nations have been empowered by his work that continues to this day in the lives of so many.

*Robert Bangert-Drowns, Dean
School of Education
University at Albany*

Robert Bangert-Drowns - November 06, 2011 at 08:35 PM

JW

“ October 14, 2011

We learned today the sad news of Doug's passing. You have our deepest sympathy. With this sad news came a flood of happy memories. Doug's fine personality, great academic achievement, fine wife and their life together, and, even - if you will- a party in the caretaker's house at The Grove.

We are deeply sorry.

*Charlie and Persis Rockwood
(Professors and Mentors, School of Business, FSU, when Doug was a Graduate Student)*

Jeannette P. Windham - November 05, 2011 at 10:22 PM

JF

“ I was terribly saddened to learn of Doug's death.

His striking competence, notable integrity and work ethic - combined with a finely-honed sense of humor - were an uncommon find. Doug truly epitomized the best and the brightest.

For all his accomplishments and enviable traits, his reading the drafts (and careful editing!) of his dissertation students reflected the very notion of professor. Especially on those long flights to the likes of the Maldives, Doug never had to wear the badge of "mentor". His students knew and and understandably cared deeply for him.

On a very personal note, the night Doug received the "Academic Laureate award, I recall actually looking forward to putting on black tie.

Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Jim Fleming (Professor and Dean Emeritus, School of Education, University at Albany)

Jim Fleming - November 05, 2011 at 10:08 PM

UT

“ I am deeply distressed to hear this news.

I had and have so much respect for Dr. Windham. He was a wonderful person and an outstanding professor, well known not only in America, but all over the world. He helped me change my life to become a professional woman.

I will cherish memories of the times he taught me at SUNY. He did the first education consultancies in Mongolia, among few overseas professors.

I am with you during this time of grief.

Undrakh Tsagaankhuu - November 05, 2011 at 09:39 PM

DT

“ *Mariana, the boys, and I are saddened to hear about Dr. Windham's unexpected passing. He was a role model to me and many other students whose lives he touched while at SUNY.*

Dr. Windham made possible for many students from third world countries to experience the miracle of American higher education and build rewarding careers in the field of higher education. I remain forever indebted for what he has done for me and my family.

Even though Dr. Windham is not among us, his wonderful sense of humor and unparalleled work ethic will continue to inspire me in everything I do.

Daniel

Daniel Teodorescu - November 05, 2011 at 09:26 PM

BS

“ *Dr Windham was an exceptional professor and motivated all of his students to embrace lifelong learning. I count myself privileged to have been one of his students and to be touched by his brilliant mind. With much remorse, Dr. Betty P. Shadrick*

Betty P. Shadrick - October 20, 2011 at 02:58 PM

TT

“ Message

We are so very grateful for your kind telephone calls, notes, cards, emails, visits, and remembrances Your caring has touched our hearts and we are grateful for the reminder of the person he was, and the confirmation of the many treasured friends, students, and colleagues he met on life's journey. He would have felt honored and humbled to have been remembered so kindly by each of you..

THE WINDHAM FAMILY

THANK YOU

Holly and Joe Pendergast

Professor Frances Kemmerer

Jane and John Aurell

Dr. Terry and Reisman and Marilyn

Marion and Yvonne Skalka

Greg, Christi and Riley Skalka

Professor Dan Levy and April

Ken and Sandra Harris

Gerome and Alice Bryant

Marjorie Turnbull

Becky and George Allen

Tinsley and Kay Floyd

Abbey Folsum

Fathamath Dhimna and Family

Tina Wenang

Anne Lamar

Sandra and Ken Harris

Crystal Gansukh

Undrakh Tsaangannu and family

Professor Daniel Teodorescu, Mariana and Family

Dr. Shu Kuen Chen and Youn Fang

Dr. Starita Boyce Ansari

Professors Charles and Persis Rockwood

Professor Tony Cresswell

Professors Bobby and Maria Waworuntu

Shelley Shepard

David Tindall

*David Chapman and Sigrid Hutcheson
Dr. David Wiles
Dr. David Rasmussen
Jane and Stan Strickland
Ellen Holsinger
Jason, Dina and Ariani Harris
And to those others whose names regrettably may have been
omitted here.
THANK YOU.*

Tholley Taylor - October 20, 2011 at 10:16 AM

KW

“ *I will miss you dad*

Karen Windham - October 17, 2011 at 12:50 PM

KW

“ *Karen Windham lit a candle in memory of
Douglas M. Windham Sr.*



Karen Windham - October 17, 2011 at 12:48 PM

MP

“ *Dr. Windham was the wind beneath my wings and the reason why I am Dr. Boyce Ansari. Not many Black women earn doctorates or become vice presidents of universities. I owe my career success to Dr. Douglas M. Windham - my personal social justice advocate. Most of all, I appreciate all of Jeannette's and Doug's dear advice during my dating years. I found the perfect husband! Next to mom and dad, you will always be my role model for marriage.*

Love,

Starita

M. Starita Boyce Ansari, Ph.D. - October 14, 2011 at 05:28 PM

MP

“ *M. Starita Boyce Ansari, Ph.D. lit a candle in memory of Douglas M. Windham Sr.*



M. Starita Boyce Ansari, Ph.D. - October 14, 2011 at 05:14 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Bevis Funeral Home - October 13, 2011 at 02:16 PM



It's with great sadness I heard Prof. Douglas Windham passing away. He was a great Man and am happy to have known him and worked with him. I convey my deepest condolence to Prof. Windham's family. With love and respect

Dhimna

Fathimath Dhimna - October 16, 2011 at 06:57 AM