



Dr. Neil Shea Crispo

December 19, 1932 - December 21, 2011

December 19, 1933- December 21, 2011

Neil was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and later relocated to Florida with his family. He is survived by his wife Barbara, of 54 years, and his two daughters Alane Wiklund (Karl-Martin Wiklund) of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Karen Crispo of Boca Raton, Florida. He was also a grandfather to Caroline and Emily Wiklund. Neil graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's and a master's degree. He later received his doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi. He served his country as an officer with the United States Coast Guard for fifteen years. Neil dedicated his life to higher education and impacted many for the last fifty years. He was part of the original faculty of Broward Community College where he served as Department Chairman of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Director of Alternative Learning Systems and Special Projects, and Director of Weekend College. He retired after 30 years of service and moved to Tallahassee where he served for 10 years as the Senior Vice President of Research and Development at Florida Tax Watch. After his time with Florida Tax Watch he returned to his true passion, teaching, where he was a courtesy professor at Florida State University Department of Public Administration. Neil was the recipient of the the Outstanding Teacher Award in 2008. Throughout his career he has had numerous research publications. Neil generously inspired and motivated his students, family, and colleagues in all their endeavors and will be greatly missed.

There will be no local service. A private family burial will be held at a later date in Hampton, Virginia. A scholarship fund has been established in honor of Dr. Neil S. Crispo, and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:
Dr. Neil Crispo Scholarship Fund care of FSU foundation P.O. box 3062739
Tallahassee Florida 32306-2739

Tribute Wall

AG

“ *Dr. Crispo was only my professor for a single semester in a course that did not meet that often. But in that time he made sure to plant the seed that would motivate me to seek education beyond undergraduate levels. Thank you Dr. Crispo, for your encouragement, and your sacrifice. May the garden you tended be a testament to your creator.*

Alex G. - January 11, 2012 at 01:53 AM

EÖ

“ *Dear Neil's family, we are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*With warm greetings and wishes from Sweden,
Gösta, Maria, Elisabet, David, Isak, and Clara*

Elisabet Östlund - January 01, 2012 at 11:26 AM

SF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will forever remember Dr. Crispo's laughter and our conversations regarding current politics and world affairs as well as his incite on the many pieces of glasswork that were incorporated into he and Mrs. Crispo's home. I also remember the joy and twinkle in his eye when he spoke of his children, grandchildren, and the many adventures and travel that he and his loving wife partook of. He will be missed.*

Susan Frisbee

Susan Frisbee - December 24, 2011 at 05:19 PM

KW

“ We are deeply saddened by Neil's pass away. Ever since we met Neil for the first time we have always looked forward to seeing him again. Long distances and different languages was never a problem. We belonged to the same family.

We feel for all of you in Tallahassee.

Kjell, Greta, Per-Anders, Lena and Johanna.

Kjell Wiklund - December 24, 2011 at 07:14 AM

OA

“ He lived a fulfilled life. He inspired me a lot when he taught me Leadership and Communication at the College of Engineering, Florida State University in 2008. He encouraged me to proceed to PhD and provided me with numerous recommendation letters. I am currently pursuing the program, and I promise to complete it very soon. He was a blessing to his generation. His conversations with us in class showed that he loved his family dearly. I sincerely send my condolence to his family. He came, he saw and he conquered. Continue to Rest in Peace, Dr Crispo.

Olalekan S. Adewuyi
Washington, DC

Olalekan Adewuyi - December 23, 2011 at 01:58 PM

ID

“ We are deeply saddened by Dr. Crispo's pass away. Upon this touching news, we are sending our condolences to Mrs. Barbara Crispo from Ankara, Turkey.
He taught four classes in my MPA studies within last two years. I and my wife, Feyza, indeed loved him very much and Barbara as well. He wanted me to promise to go on my PhD after returning to my home while we were having bye-bye dinner in August 2011.
Dr. Crispo, I am keeping learning.
Please rest in peace!
Ibrahim Halil Dere

Ibrahim Halil Dere - December 23, 2011 at 01:04 PM

LO

May God Bless you and your family! Dr. Crispo was an inspiration to many. My husband and I really enjoyed having Dr. Crispo as a professor and mentor. We were married while in Graduate school at FSU. He was concerned that even though we were getting married he wanted us to promise him that we would continue to still on our educational journey. He offered to give us marriage counseling, which we gladly took him up on. What a great man! To his wife, who even as a student we all knew how much he loved you, may you have peace and comfort. FSU has lost an icon, but those who had the opportunity to know and love him, will always have many memories.

Lacrica & Luke Olson

Lacrica Olson - December 23, 2011 at 01:33 PM

JS

Dr. Crispo was truly an inspiration to many of students and anyone that he came in contact with. His encouragement, motivation, and words of wisdom I will cherish always. I thoroughly enjoyed having Dr. Crispo as a professor throughout my graduate education at FSU. To his wife, may you have comfort and peace that surpasses all understanding, your husband was truly a great man. He will be greatly missed.

-Janelle Scott

Janelle L. Scott - December 23, 2011 at 05:37 PM