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Dr. Robert Wylie Ethridge of Alpharetta, GA, retired Vice President of EOP at Emory University, passed May 18, 2017.

Dr. Robert W. Ethridge was an even-tempered, very approachable administrator during his over 25 years of employment with Emory University. His personality was reserved, mild mannered and low keyed. He came to Emory as EOP director in 1981. He grew the office from four people to 12 and was promoted from director to Assistant Vice President and then to Vice President in 2005.

Dr. Ethridge was involved with a number of community and professional organizations including the American Association for Affirmative Action and the 100 Black Men of DeKalb County, Inc. He was a four-time president of the American Association for Affirmative Action (AAAA), a national nonprofit association of diversity professionals, now named American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity (AAAED). He served on the education committee with the 100 Black Men.

Dr. Ethridge served more than 40 years as an administrator in higher education, at Western Michigan University and with Emory University. The majority of his service was as an equal access and diversity professional.

Before becoming an administrator he taught English in the Detroit Public School System. He was very passionate about his work and a leader in the field of affirmative action and inclusion. He loved his work and the people at Emory. Dr. Ethridge and his wife Elizabeth(Liz) have been married for over 38 years. They have 3 children Michael Ethridge, Tracy Richardson and Stephen Carter

A Memorial Service will be held for Dr. Ethridge at 11AM Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Emory University, Cannon Chapel 515 South Kilgo Circle N.E. Atlanta, GA 30322. Memories of Dr. Ethridge will be cherished by his wife, family and many friends. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., (Scottdale Chapel) 404-294-5500.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emory University Cannon Chapel
515 South Kilgo Circle N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30322

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Even though his passing has been a few years, I just learned of. Bob and I became friends when I was a dorm president and Bob coordinated our presidents council. After my graduation our friendship grew as we became golfing buddies, playing in a league together. Coming from an all white small, rural town, any of my upbringing stereotypes were erased due largely by Bob... friendships cross all barriers. His civil rights message I carried with me during my teaching career and beyond. No greater impact has he had. God Bless You Bob in Heaven. Dr. Stephen B. Williams, a true forever friend.



Dr. Stephen B. Williams - March 12, 2022 at 07:17 PM

DA

“ Bob was such a force of beautiful energy to make our world a better place thru education and being there to assist family and friends and co-workers. Bob was a humble , gentle spirit with warm vibes. At an early age his ability to lead was very apparent, as he had so much patience with us thru the summer programs with various activities at the Arthur Lesow community center in his home town of Monroe Michigan. Liz We are honored to have had him cross our path as friend and cousin. His accomplishments were stellar as he always aimed high, our prayers upon you aT this difficult time, we enjoy our visits at the perpetual care home and enjoyed mailing cards to him and to you also as we each need encouragement. Rip Bob

DANNIELLE - July 09, 2017 at 04:05 PM

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“ *In Loving Memory, David and Alicia Lurry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Robert Wylie Ethridge.*



In Loving Memory, David and Alicia Lurry - May 23, 2017 at 01:30 PM

AL

“ *We will truly miss Dr. Ethridge. Nearly 20 years ago, when David and I first met him, Dr. Ethridge welcomed, embraced, and treated us just like we were family. Mrs. Ethridge and family, thank you for sharing Dr. Ethridge. He was such a wonderful human being who we respected and loved dearly. Our lives are better having known him. May his soul forever rest in peace, and may God continue to strengthen, comfort and surround you with His love and peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and forever.*

In loving memory,

Alicia and David Lurry

Alicia Lurry - May 23, 2017 at 12:56 PM

MM

“ As a volunteer at OLPHH I looked forward to seeing and visiting with Doc Etheridge. His warm smile, soft voice, and gentleness endeared him to me and I looked forward to spending a little time with the good Doc every week. He never complained and welcomed hugs, a gentle holding of hands, and prayer. Thank you for sharing your beautiful, loving husband, father, and this Godly man with me....I have been richly blessed.🙏
Loving thoughts and condolences to each of you.
MJ Moffatt

Mary Moffatt - May 23, 2017 at 09:24 AM

YH

“ May you find peace knowing that others are lifting you and your family up in prayer. I met Dr. Ethridge in June, 1985 when I joined the management team at Emory University. He served as one of my mentors who was very knowledgeable on how to moved through the Emory community. May he rest in peace. Yvonne Hodge

YVONNE M. HODGE - May 23, 2017 at 09:16 AM