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Born and raised on a farm in southern Indiana, Dr. Wathen attended Butler University on a football scholarship and earned a BS. He continued to Indiana University to earn a PHD in physiology and biochemistry and then to Southwestern Medical School in Dallas to earn an MD. His PHD thesis focused on biochemical issues relating to causes of hypertension and kidney disease and served as a template in the development of the ACE-inhibitor class of antihypertensive drugs. Board certified in both in Internal Medicine and Nephrology, he spent over 40 years in Academic Medicine as well as private practice as a kidney disease specialist. During his career, he engaged in scientific research, medical education and patient care. He published numerous scientific papers, many of which he presented at national and international academic meetings. After retiring in 2010, interested in the effect of sugar on atherosclerosis, he co-authored the book *Avoiding Atherosclerosis, A Scientific Approach to Eating*. He is survived by: his wife of 45 years, Cecilia; his daughter, Kathleen Lyszak; his son, Jeremiah Wathen; their spouses; and his five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be sent to Butler University's Butler Fund, University Advancement Office, Butler University, 4600 Sunset Avenue., Indianapolis, IN 46208. Gifts can also be made online at www.butler.edu/gifts. Be sure to select the "honorary and memorial gifts" section to indicate your contribution is in memory of Dr. Ronald Wathen.

Comments



“ My thoughts go back to a letter that was shared with me by Brother Charlie Sphier. I received this letter shortly after Brother Britton passed. The letter was titled "The Autumn of My Life". It was during the blessing of one of our Homecoming dinners that Charlie stated he realized what had crept into his mind - the meaning of Delta Tau Delta and its brotherhood and the everlasting feeling about one another. I too have had these feelings about us and that we have all had special moments with those that have passed. I have come to the conclusion that we should take the time to share with the remaining brothers as often as possible and celebrate often. Ron will be missed. He loved to harmonize to Delta Tau. Brother Joe Reynolds

Joe Reynolds - May 28 at 08:21 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your husband's passing, Ceel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Laurel and Tom Scott

Laurel Scott - May 23 at 07:01 PM



“ Ceel,
So sorry for your loss.
We have fond memories of the houseboat trips to Barkley Lake Ky with the Butler Delts and wives and the Butler Homecoming times together. Know everyone would enjoy seeing you again at Homecoming this year. Plans are already in place! Think about it!
Fondly,
Penny and Dwight

Dwight and Penny Bridge - May 23 at 10:34 AM



“ I was a roommate of Ron at Butler(DELTA TAU DELTA) for two years. I then went on to med school at IU,internship,and three years in the air force. I then started my urology residency at Mayo's but transferred to Vanderbilt to complete my training. Well,I was surprised to see my new boss---RON WATHEN!!! His wife had gone into renal failure from lupus and that had stimulated him to enter nephrology. Also he was from Evansville and I was from Boonville and we used to share rides back and forth from Butler and home. Ron.Furnish,Davis and I shared a room for three years;shared fraternity for a life time; medical careers and I believe we were quite successful. May GOD grant RON eternal rest and bless his soul

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Richard Elliott,m.d. - May 23 at 09:23 AM