In Memoriam: R. Bruce Wilcox, PhD (1934-2016)

R. Bruce Wilcox, PhD passed away Friday, July 29, 2016, at the age of 81.

Dr. Wilcox, professor of biochemistry, will be remembered for his significant contributions to the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. After joining the faculty in 1965, he has filled administrative posts in the Department of Biochemistry, including three years as executive secretary and 10 years as chair. Under his leadership, the number of faculty in the department doubled.

Both as teacher and administrator, Dr. Wilcox has had a strong influence on the development of the School of Medicine’s curriculum and the shaping of its basic sciences programs. He has been a member of the Curriculum Committee and an active voice for the issues and concerns of basic sciences in education. For many years he has admirably represented School of Medicine and Department of Biochemistry concerns on the University Academic Affairs Committee. In 1989, when Loma Linda University became a health sciences institution, Dr. Wilcox served as first chair of the Interschool Faculty Advisory Council, the faculty governance body of the university.

In recognition of his commitment and steadfast service, Dr. Wilcox was the recipient of the Distinguished University Service Award in 2000 for “his contributions—characterized always by excellence—in teaching, research, and administration.”