

## CONDOLENCES ON PROFESSOR RELYEA'S PASSING

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### From ALUMNI

My heart breaks for his family and will be sorely missed! He was a phenomenal professor, a treasure trove of knowledge, and did so much for the University during his very long time here. He leaves a gaping hole indeed.

So very sorry to hear about Prof Relyea. I am keeping his family and the SPH family in my thoughts. He was one of my favorite professors there; I know he will be missed by many.

My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you and the entire School of Public Health. I will always remember George as wonderful statistician with a unique sense of humor! I will always appreciate his willingness to help any student that walked into his office.

I am so sad to hear this news!!!! He was such a compassionate and kind soul! There are not many people like him! ...and he died too soon.

Professor Relyea was truly an inspiring man.

I'm speechless!!! I am shocked to hear this news. He was always helpful to everyone. I wouldn't be able to be where I am right now without his generous help. It's really hard to process that he's left us. 😞

My sincere condolences to the family of Professor George Relyea. He was truly a great and compassionate instructor! He will be missed.

I will always remember his kindness and all his teaching.

This is absolutely heartbreaking news. He was such a beautiful and brilliant person. Thank you for notifying us, and I will be on the lookout for details regarding his memorial services.

George and I had so much in common, from Biostat and economics to musical tastes (Moody Blues). Since we were from the same generation, I was often the only one in class who understood his constant jokes and asides during his always entertaining lectures.

He was so helpful and encouraging to me and many other students. I encouraged every Public Health student who asked about SAS to take his Saturday SAS classes. Those have been key to my career.

He was a kind man who spoke highly of his wife and family.

He was at Memphis State and Univ of Memphis for most of his life and will be missed by many, many current and former colleagues and students.

This is truly, truly sad. I was just thinking of him over the last couple weeks and had intended to get in touch with him. I was always wishing he would be lead Statistician at the health department.

I remember him fondly as someone who was so committed to his career and so dedicated to his students. I could not have made it through biostatistics from anyone else! I owe him a lot. Yes, please keep me posted on any arrangements. I will keep his family in my thoughts and prayers.

Indeed, it is a very sad news for all of us. Professor Relyea was one of my PhD dissertation committee members. He was one of the nicest persons I have ever met. He was a very knowledgeable and excellent teacher. I pray for his soul rest in peace.

I am so sad to hear this news. May Professor Relyea rest in peace. We all love him. I used to spend time with Professor Relyea in his office with great fun and joy discussing about statistics. I cherish those memories.

It is so hard to digest the truth about Prof Relya. He is one one of the rarest human beings I have ever met. His teachings are so easy and he makes statistics so simplified.

He was a favorite and made an impact for sure. Thinking of his family and his Public Health family.

I am so blessed to have been his student, his teachings are what I am applying to the CDC Foundation. Please let us know if anything we can be of help.

### **From CURRENT STUDENTS**

It was very shocking and sad news about Professor Relyea. His voice is still ringing in my ears. He was my advisor and mentor. Learned many things from his experiences and teaching and was hoping to learn even more in the future. I just had an email conversation with him a few days ago. Please let me know how I can help you and his family to honor him. I will miss him for the rest of my life.

So sad to hear this news. I pray for strength for his wife and family during this time

It is a great loss for all of us. I pray for the departed soul of Professor Relyea. May God grant peace and strength to his bereaved family to bear this loss.

So sorry to hear the news. I'd interacted with him over email couple of weeks ago. It's so sad. Such a brilliant mind and a humble human being. May his soul rest in peace. He will always be missed. My condolences to his family and you'll who worked closely with him. My thoughts and prayers for all of us.

### **From FACULTY AND STAFF**

He was so calm and pleasant with very few words. This makes me sad to learn of his passing. I know he will be greatly missed. I am praying for his family as their hearts begin to heal. Thanks for keeping us all in the loop. He was a true gem and worked well with students. Forever in our hearts.

George will definitely be missed

George was a gifted teacher, outstanding mentor, and kind soul. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed!

George will be remembered as an outstanding, compassionate teacher and friend. His legacy continues in the students he mentored.

George was an extremely Special Person. I told him that a little. But, not to the extent that I should have.

I am so sorry to hear this news. My heart breaks for him, his family, and his students. I know the students really loved him.

George is such a great friend of us. His dedication to our school and students will be remembered.

I am heartsick to know he is gone.

George was a constant and positive contributor to our students

I am so sad to hear that we lost our dear friend, George. He will be remembered as a caring teacher and a collegial colleague. My prayers are with his family.

I am so sorry to learn such a sad news. George was a wonderful person and a great friend! He will be greatly missed. We will keep his family in our prayers.

George will surely be missed. He was an amazing professor and loved by all in the SPH. Thoughts go out to his family during this time.