

Wayne Perdue Fellow

The Wayne Perdue Fellow has been established as a memorial to Wayne as well as to recognize those members who have exhibited exceptional support to the Nebraska Foundation for Physical Therapy. The Foundation has grown greatly because of this support and recognizing those responsible is indeed most appropriate. The Foundation wishes to extend its appreciation for all the past and future support.

Membership as a Wayne Perdue Fellow is met when one has contributed a total of five hundred dollars to the Foundation. This is an accumulated total and not a one time amount. We would like to encourage all members to work towards membership as a Wayne Perdue Fellow.

Membership as a Wayne Perdue Fellow will be made at the annual banquet. Members will be presented with a membership certificate and medallion. We hope to have an annual Wayne Perdue Luncheon for the members. You may direct questions to the members of the Foundation Board.

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Wayne H. Perdue

Wayne H. Perdue was born on October 23, 1923 in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. He died on August 29, 1980 in Omaha, Nebraska. He attended the Griswold, Iowa schools and graduated in 1941. He entered the military service in March 1943. He served with the 30th Infantry Division with involvement in the Battle of The Bulge, Rhineland and Central Europe. While there he earned the Silver Star, European Theater Ribbon with Three Battle Stars and other awards. He was discharged in December of 1945 as a Staff Sergeant. After discharge, he graduated from Grinnell College in 1949 with a Major in Zoology, the University of Iowa School of Physical Therapy in 1950. He began his professional career with a group of orthopedic surgeons in Omaha and later accepted the directorship of the department of physical therapy at the old Methodist Hospital. He moved to the new location and was the head of the department at the time of his death.

He was very active in the Nebraska Chapter and served as the President from 1955-1957. He held membership on several national committees and was elected to the APTA Board of Directors in 1962. He established a clinical training program at Methodist for the University of Nebraska Physical Therapy School. He was the first recipient of the Mary Ellen Sacksteder Award. Wayne was a most active member of the chapter and a major factor in the development of one of the outstanding chapters in the Association. Wayne will be remembered for his wit and humor as well as his down to earth sage advice during chapter meetings.

Wayne was married to Lorraine Ruth Hauser of Charles City, Iowa. They had three children, Kent, Christopher and Wendy. Wayne was proceeded in death by son, Kent July 1979.

Wayne's contributions to the promotion and stature of the physical therapy profession in Nebraska are historic and monumental. His leadership was with intelligence, wisdom and vision. He served with the committee of clinicians which designed the curriculum for Nebraska's first physical therapy academic program. He gave years of devoted service to that program on its admissions committee, as guest lecturer and as a clinical instructor. Wayne was a role model and good friend to students and colleagues of his beloved physical therapy profession.

Mary Ellen Sacksteder
U of N, School of P.T.

Wayne Perdue was the best in his time. He promoted the administration and love of all physical therapists. He was always supportive and positive in the chapter and was far ahead in his vision of where the Nebraska Chapter was headed. He is not to be forgotten.

Lyle Emery
Long Time Colleague

He was an outstanding employee and his ability to look down the road five to ten years has helped the progress of the institution at which he was employed. His compassion for the people with whom he worked and the patients he cared for, was unsurpassed.

John Esterbrook, Admin.
Nebraska Methodist Hospital

The depth with which he dealt with patients and to co-workers was truly outstanding. He was able to make one relaxed yet work at their top potential, producing a combination of satisfied employees and patients. His leadership and direction were never in doubt.

Dennis Emmanuel, Director
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