

JAMES

Dilmus Delano James, Ph.D., passed away peacefully on his 80th birthday, May 29, 2012 in El Paso, TX. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jeanette Skavina James, his brother Henry Fleming James of Abilene, TX, three step sons Lynn Michael, Mark Lester, and David Kean Wingate, and cousin Patty Lee of Tuscon, Arizona. Dr. Dilmus James was Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Texas at El Paso, where he joined the faculty in 1958. Professor James taught International Economics, Economic Development, and Latin American Economics. Technology transfer was a central focus of his research, particularly as it affected economic development in underdeveloped regions such as Latin America and the U.S.-Mexico border. His work was motivated by an enduring concern for the poor and a belief in their capacity to improve their lives through technological development and appropriate public policy. Professor James's contribution to the field of economics was to advance theories of technology blending and technology transfer, which he achieved through collaborative research, authoring and editing numerous publications, presenting his findings at professional meetings all over the world, and serving as Senior Economic Advisor on Technology for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Professor James worked across disciplinary boundaries and collaborated often with colleagues such as Richard Bath, Ajit Bhalla, Jeff Brannon, James Dietz, William Lucker, David Shauer, and James Street among others. His professional service includes terms as President of the Association for Evolutionary Economics and the North American Economics Finance Association. His professional contribution was not confined to academics. Professor James put theory into action by helping to organize and study economic development projects in the frontera norte that were designed to improve the lives of people by expanding the value of local resources through technological advances. Dilmus Delano James's spirit of generosity and devotion to humanitarian action were equally demonstrated in all facets of his life. He regularly donated to over 30 charities, funded a scholarship for a student studying

economics at UTEP, and was instrumental in channeling funds from The James Foundation to help found the Hendrick Health System in Abilene. Dilmus will be fondly remembered for his keen sense of humor, love for life's bounty, and unique gift for recounting jokes and humorous, self-deprecating stories. Dilmus was born on May 29, 1932 in Abilene, Texas, to Stella Jewell Hines James and Fleming Dilmus James and a brilliant older brother, Henry. Dilmus often spoke with pride of his grandfather, Fleming Wills James who founded The First National Bank of Abilene. Dilmus thought the world of his elementary school teachers, the Clack sisters. He graduated from Abilene High School in the Class of 1948. In 1956, he graduated from the Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's in Liberal Arts, followed by a Masters in Economics in 1958. Dilmus earned a Ph.D. in Economics from Michigan State University in 1970. In 1958, Dilmus settled in El Paso to take a teaching position at UTEP. He and Jeanette (Jan) Skavina Wingate were married in Sierra Blanca the first day of Spring, 1968, and it snowed. Together they traveled throughout Europe and Mexico, and then lived and worked for extended periods in Geneva, Switzerland and Knoxville, Tennessee. In addition to a rich home-life and productive career, Dilmus fulfilled a passion for the game of golf. He had an enviable life-time record of four hole-in-ones and won the 1963 golf championship of the El Paso Country Club. A voracious and eclectic reader, he often read five or more books simultaneously. Dilmus's artful letters and correspondence to family and friends will be missed by those who were blessed to receive them. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at San Jose Funeral Home Central, 601 S. Virginia St., El Paso, TX 79901.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Dilmus James to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org.



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