



Clarke Francis Millette

October 22, 1947 - December 12, 2021

Dr. Clarke Francis Millette, 74 of Hattiesburg, passed away December 12, 2021. He was born October 22, 1947 in Bridgeport, CT. He is reunited in death by his parents, Frank and Eleanor Millette and his beloved daughter, Alison. Dr. Millette is survived by his bride of 47 years, Pat; son, Brad; sisters, Judi and Marsha; sister in law, Eileen along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, colleagues and thousands of students. Dr. Millette received his BA in biology from The Johns Hopkins University in 1969 and his PhD in Biochemistry from Rockefeller University in 1975. While there, he met his soulmate and best friend, Pat. He spent the next 14 years at Harvard Medical School as a research fellow, assistant and associate professor. During that time, he taught anatomy and cellular biology while conducting research in human reproduction and reproductive biology. He then joined the faculty at the University Of South Carolina School Of Medicine as a tenured professor of anatomy and cell biology, a position held for 21 years. . Dr. Millette was a founding faculty member of the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine which opened in 2010. Dr. Millette's major teaching responsibilities were in histology and biochemistry as well as participation in courses in physiology and neuroscience. He was named "Best Science Professor" by the freshman class at WCUCOM on three occasions. During his career he served on numerous scientific editorial boards as well as administrative committees

both for the institutions where he worked and for the National Institute of Health. He contributed over 80 publications on his research to the scientific literature. Dr. Millette valued the relationships with each and every person that was a part of his life. But beyond the classroom was his true passion, what he loved more than anything else in this world, his family. Clarke loved being a husband and father. He reveled in his family's love and cherished his time watching it grow. He had an unbelievable sense of humor, unmatched level of kindness and a truly loving spirit. He was a man of many hobbies and talents from bird watching to lake fishing to classical music; Clarke did not have time to be idle. He wanted everyone to remember him for "trying his best" And Dr. Millette can rest assured, he will be remembered for that trait and so much more. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to be announced. Pinehaven Funeral Home is honored to assist the Millette Family during this difficult time.

Tribute Wall

GG

“ Dear Pat and Bradley, I am extremely sorry to learn of Clarke’s passing. He was a wonderful mentor to me while I was a postdoctoral research associate in his lab from 1982-1984. I had come to his lab following a disappointing first postdoctoral fellowship. Frankly, I was pretty depressed about what to do and where to go and even considered leaving science altogether. Fortunately, a colleague thought I should speak with Clarke and see if he had any openings. He did and, thankfully, he hired me. As a mentor, Clarke was very enthusiastic and supportive of my work and I credit him for giving me renewed interest in staying in science and succeeding as an investigator. Having just retired with plans to renew old friendships, I regret that I did not have the opportunity to reconnect with Clarke before his death. With my sincere condolences, George Gerton

George Gerton - January 13, 2022 at 06:15 PM

BM

Thank you so much for your kind words. I'm glad my father was able to reach out to you. One thing that he and my mother both instilled in myself and my sister was a love of learning, and a love of the natural world that I still carry with me to this day.

Brad Millette - January 21, 2022 at 08:38 AM

RK

“ Aunt Pat- You are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Rachelle Kaman - December 19, 2021 at 09:40 AM

PH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pinehaven Funeral Home - December 17, 2021 at 11:33 AM

PM

Our last Cruise 10/23/2019

Pat Millette - December 24, 2021 at 09:41 AM

EW

Thinking of you on TG. Patti & Brad are doing well. They miss u so much. Praying for all the Millette's . Sending love to heaven. Eileen

Eileen Weston - November 25, 2022 at 11:26 AM

SR

I lost contact with the Millette's since they left Columbia, SC. Dr. Millets was my second postdoctoral mentor at the medical school. My wife Krishna also worked in his lab for a while. The news of his death came to me as a bolt from the blue. He was a great mentor, supervisor and guide. We pray for his eternal peace and comfort in the heaven. May God keep the family in good spirits and health!

Samir Raychoudhury - September 30, 2023 at 04:00 PM

EW

Thinking of u today! Almost ur BD. Praying for u. Still miss u. ❤️ Eileen

Eileen Weston - October 18, 2024 at 03:10 PM

RB

“ *I will never forget when we came to South Carolina for a visit. And I caught that catfish in lake with allusion with a piece of bread. Uncle Clark was impressed because of the size of the catfish*

Roland Arthur Blann - December 15, 2021 at 09:28 PM

PM

Thank you Arthur. We loved having you and your family visit. Love to all.

Pat Millette - January 21, 2022 at 08:46 AM

CK

“ *Charles Kells lit a candle in memory of Clarke Francis Millette*



Charles Kells - December 15, 2021 at 06:12 PM