

Obituaries

Dr. John C. Wassom



Dr. John C. Wassom, 71, of Bowling Green, Ky., and formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 2, in the Lakeview section of Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with the Rev. Kathryn Roys, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, officiating.

Memorials may be designated to the Dr. John C. Wassom Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o College Heights Foundation, 1906 College Heights Blvd, P.O. Box 41016, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101. Memories and condolences may be shared with John's family at www.smithfh.com.

John was born on Nov. 13, 1939, in Davenport, to Samuel J. Wassom and Jane Becknell Wassom.

John was a driven faculty member who loved Western Kentucky University and was devoted to achieving excellence. He was the former head of the economics department at Western Kentucky University and current chair of the Community College Business Division. He was also chairman of Service One Credit Union board of directors.

He dearly loved his family, especially his two grandsons and his dogs. His enjoyments were horticulture and gardening.

John is survived by his wife, Sharon Wassom of Bowling Green, Ky.; his son, Greg Wassom of Bowling Green; two grandsons; two sisters, Jeanne Iburg of Groton, Mass., and Marilyn Mottaz of Columbia, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.