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Sincerely,
Dr. Andy Olshan



Memorial Gifts

In Steve's memory, please consider donating in his name to the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network, P.O. Box 68, Rocky Mount, NC 27802 or at <http://www.ncejn.org/>.

The Gillings School of Global Public Health and Department of Epidemiology are accepting contributions in Steve's honor to support student training and other activities in environmental epidemiology and social justice. You can send donations to the Public Health Foundation, PO Box 309, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 with "Steve Wing Tribute" on the memo line.



Memorial Service to Honor Steven Bennett Wing

October 3, 1952 - November 9, 2016



January 28, 2017

Gerrard Hall

University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC

Order of Service

Welcome and Opening Remarks....Andy Olshan, *Professor and Chair, Dept. of Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Testimonials

Barbara Rimer, *Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Nancy Holt, *Founder, Carolina Concerned Citizens (Mebane, NC)*

David Strogatz, *Director, Center for Rural Community Health, Bassett Healthcare Network of Cooperstown, NY*

Robert Campbell, *President of Rogers Eubanks Neighborhood Association and the Coalition to End Environmental Racism, (Chapel Hill, NC)*

Carl Shy, *Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Amy Lowman, *Project Director, Dept. of Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Jim Merchant, *Professor, Colleges of Public Health and Medicine, University of Iowa*

Virginia Guidry, *Office of Communications and Public Liaison, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences*

David Richardson, *Associate Professor, Dept. of Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Gary R. Grant, *Executive Director, Concerned Citizens of Tillery*

Shabbar Ranapurwala, *Research Assistant Professor, Dept. of Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Sacoby Wilson, *Assistant Professor, Applied Environmental Health, University of Maryland*

Mike Fliss, Danielle Gartner, Kaitlin Kelly-Reif, Cynthia Lin, Sarah Rhodes, Nat MacNell, Libby McClure, Adrien Wilkie, *Graduate Students, Dept. of Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Naeema Muhammad, *Co-director, NC Environmental Justice Network*

Open Reflections.....Colleagues and Friends

Closing Remarks.....Andy Olshan



Dr. Steven Bennett Wing was an inspiring activist for environmental justice and advocate for human rights, mentor and friend to many. Steve was an associate professor of epidemiology at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health, and a member of the public health faculty since 1985. Educated at Vassar as an undergraduate and having earned a master's degree in sociology at Duke, he completed doctoral studies in epidemiology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1983.

His long list of honors reflects the social causes for which he worked so diligently – an award from the Concerned Citizens of Tillery and Land Loss Fund, an advocacy group for an underserved black community that has advocated staunchly for environmental justice (1997); a certificate of honor from the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (2003); the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Research Integrity Award (2009); the American Public Health Association Environment Section's Homer N. Calver Award (2011); the Self-Determination Award from the Black Workers for Justice (2014); and the John O. Blackburn Award, presented by NC Warn, a nonprofit organization focused on stemming climate change through advocacy for clean energy (2016). “But it’s not about me,” he would say frequently. He praised community colleagues who worked to educate themselves and institute social change, and he saw himself, not as *deserving* the spotlight but rather as *being* a spotlight that helped illuminate injustice in North Carolina and throughout the country.

He trained his students to be thoughtful, respectful, committed community activists and scientists, and they remained devoted to him. He was honored with the Gillings School's Greenberg Award for Outstanding Teaching, Service and Practice (2004) and the John E. Larsh Jr. Award for Mentorship (2014). Steve was a hero to many in the Gillings School and the broader world of environmental scientists, advocates, activists, policy makers and community members in North Carolina and beyond.

Steve leaves behind his wife, Betsy, their daughters, Ann and Marion, and his beloved grandchildren. He will be deeply missed.