

Howard Randolph Whitworth



Howard Randolph Whitworth (Randy), loving husband and father, passed away on Monday, November 13 in El Paso. He is survived by Selina, his loving wife of 51 wonderful years, and his three children, Constance K. Whitworth of Sequim, Washington, Randolph T. Whitworth of Colorado Springs, and Caroline S. Whitworth of El Paso. Randy was a graduate of the UT School of Pharmacy in Austin. He served in the U. S. Air Force in Korea, including a stint as a pharmacist at a M*A*S*H hospital. He afterward returned to UT Austin to pursue an M.D., but found that Psychology interested him more, and earned his Ph.D. in that discipline in 1960. Upon receiving his doctorate, Randy joined Texas Western College in El Paso - now known as UTEP -- and taught in the Department of Philosophy, where Psychology was then housed. When a separate Psychology Department was established,

Randy served in it as an Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor, and eventually as its chair. He also headed the UTEP Counseling Service and served for many years as Associate Dean of Liberal Arts. For more than twenty years he also held an appointment as Adjunct Clinical Professor at Texas Tech Medical School. Randy was a prolific researcher on Alzheimer's disease and cross-cultural aspects of psychological testing. He was particularly proud of his participation in a landmark study that demonstrated the negative effects of ASARCO lead pollution on El Paso children. This study, published in *Lancet* and other medical journals, attracted international attention and influenced public policies regarding lead pollution in the U.S. and other countries. Randy and his wife Selina have supported UTEP and its mission for more than 50 years and have established an endowment for the support of future doctoral students in Psychology. Memorial services are pending and will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Perches Funeral Home-West.

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