

## Rodney Dean Ice, April 24, 1937- Oct. 6, 2016



Rod pictured with wife Joan in the 2006 FNS Directory

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Rodney Dean Ice passed away on October 6, 2016 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma following a long illness, Parkinson's disease. Dr. Ice was born April 24, 1937 in Fort Lewis, Washington to Sgt. Major Shirley and Nellie Ice. He graduated from William Winlock Miller High School in Olympia, Washington in 1955, and received his Pharmacy degree from the [University of Washington](#), and his MS and Ph.D. degrees from [Purdue University](#) in Indiana.

In 1958, Dr. Ice married Joan E. McCullough, of Olympia, and they had three sons, Randal (Kimberly), Rex (Diane) and Ronald (Kathy) Ice. Rod began his career owning Rod's Drug Pharmacy in Lacey, Washington before returning to graduate school. He was always active in the Baptist Church, being a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher. He was also an active member of the Gideons International. He was a man of science and faith, always believing that the hand of God was self-evident in the study of science and medicine. Dr. Ice is

survived by his wife, Joan; three sons; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Donald (Marilee) Ice, of Olympia. Dr. Ice was a leader in nuclear pharmaceutical education, being a Fellow of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and a Board Certified Health Physicist. He held professorships at Temple University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Oklahoma. He was the Dean of the OU College of Pharmacy from 1976 to 1983, moving the college from Norman to Oklahoma City, and constructing a new building in the Health Sciences Center. He began the first nuclear pharmacies in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, increasing the availability of therapeutic drugs in Oklahoma. In 1985 he became the Vice President of Research for Eagle Picher Industries, and he finished his professional career as a Principal Research Scientist at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta, Georgia. He retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, after teaching Nuclear Medicine in the Army Medical Corp. He was a decorated veteran and taught countless physicians in the military. He published over 100 research papers and books and sponsored over 40 graduate students. His research led to numerous advances in medicine, directly impacting patients and saving lives. In 2003, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Purdue University, and in 2004, he received the William H. Briner Award from the American Pharmaceutical Association for his sustained and significant contribution to pharmaceutical care within nuclear pharmacy practice.