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Dear Classmate,

Dr. William Joseph Haines of Doylestown, Pa. formerly of Basking Ridge, N.J. died February 10 following a brief illness. He was age 90 and hospitalized at Doylestown Hospital PA. Born September 26, 1919 in Crawfordsville, he was the son of Burt and Lala Haines of Crawfordville.



I am sorry but it is true, Billy Joe Haines, one of many who held “Doc” Howell as his mentor is gone. He was married to the late Wilma M. Haines (Shorty) on June 6, 1942. In addition to Shorty he was preceded in death by his only sister, Martha Anderson of Illinois. He is survived by his son, Eric J. Haines of Cogan Station, PA.; and his daughter, Paula Curtis-Bum and her husband, George A Bum, of Southport, N.C. He leaves six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He graduated first in the class with a major in Chemistry, and a double minor in Zoology & Math and he graduated *summa cum laude*. We all stood tall when he took the podium as our Commencement speaker and Valedictorian. Billy Joe was “**Some Little Giant**”

One reads in the *Wabash 1940* year book that his honors were: Phi Beta Kappa, Blue Key, Omega, and Alpha Pi, in 1940 he was named in Who’s Who of Colleges and Universities. His campus activities were: French Club, German Club, and Band for three years, Director for one year.

Dr. Lloyd B. “Doc” Howell was his mentor. Billy Joe went to University of Illinois graduate school - Doc’s school from which he *became the first Wabash graduate to earn the Ph.D. in Biochemistry.*

He began his career with Upjohn at Kalamazoo, Mi. where he was a Biochemist in research; as a group leader and director. In 1954, he undertook a five-year position as technical director at Armour Labs. These achievements were foundations for his distinguished career with Johnson & Johnson. One J&J’s divisions was Ortho

Pharmaceutical where he was Executive Vice President and Vice President of Research - remaining there 13 years.

In 1967 Billy Joe was named Vice Chairman of Johnson & Johnson International and for two years he was a member of the Executive Committee on the Board of Directors. He was responsible for businesses at McNeil Laboratories and Pitman-Moore, Inc., both in the United States and in Canada. He developed and acquired several European companies, seven Cilag-Chemi companies, and five Janssen companies.

In 1972, he was Corporate Vice President of Science and Technology at Johnson & Johnson, but it was his decision to retire. He was overjoyed to spend time now in what was his hobby, dealing in antiques. Often one would see him leaving Crawfordsville with a chair strapped to the top of the car. Drawing ever closer to his beloved wife, Shorty he would be working at *Shorty's Barn Antique Shop*.

Wabash College was his foremost ambition. 1972 through 1993 he faithfully served as an active member of the Board of Trustees. In 1974 he was named Trustee Emeritus, and he regularly attended practically all meetings. Again, the College honored their distinguished Alumnus with a Doctor of Science Honorary Degree in 1970. The Office of Alumni Affairs awarded him the prestigious Alumni Award of Merit from the National Association of Wabash Men, in 1973.

On campus Billy Joe was president of the freshmen and senior classes, and vice president of the Senior Council. He was an accomplished musician having played the Trumpet in high school and the Base in college. He played in the *Collegians* - an eleven member dance band that had engagements in several cities in central Indiana.

He engaged in umpteen civic affairs and professional organizations. He was an elder in the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church and the Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church, service clubs, school boards and non-profit organizations. Throughout his life he was active in the American Chemical Society. He was chairman of the Research and Development section of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Association, the Society of the American Institute of Chemists.

Wabash students with interests in science are the beneficiaries of the William J. and Wilma M. Haines Professor in Biochemistry. Currently, Professor **Ann Taylor** is Associate Professor of Chemistry, and was named the first William J. and Wilma M. Haines Professor in Biochemistry at Wabash College in 2009. He also created the William J. and Wilma M. Haines Fund for the Study of Biochemistry which has two broad purposes: to establish an endowed professorship and to extend the work of the Haines Professor in Biochemistry which supports student research, public lectures and symposia, and other related activities.

The Wabash College Annual Fund that supports needs of students received very substantial annual gifts from Billy Joe, and perhaps those contributions will continue when his estate plan is known. *None the less, you should do no less than write a check to The Annual Fund in memory of Billy Joe Haines. Let's do it now.*

Yours for Wabash,

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