



Dr. Wayne M. Mason

January 30, 1957 - August 10, 2016

Dr. Wayne M. Mason

..... was born in Glasgow, Kentucky the son of the late Elbert T. Mason Sr. and Florence Marie Mason, on January 30, 1957. He attended grade school at Ralphe Bunche Elementary and graduated from Glasgow High School in 1975. Wayne further his education receiving his Undergraduate Degree in Biology (emphasis in Wildlife Ecology and Conversation) from Western KY University in 1979 and his Masters Degree in Wildlife Biology (Specialty in Ornithology-birds) a joint program between Tennessee Tech. University and Western KY University in 1981. Wayne completed his coursework for the PhD (University of Louisville) in 1990 with emphasis in Physiological Ecology.

Dr. Mason retired June 30, 2013, as a Professor in the Biology Department from Western KY University after 31 years He served as the chief advisor for Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Chiropractic, and Science undeclared students. He was also the overseer of the Human Anatomy and Physiology division of the department.

Dr. Mason had received many recognitions and awards including "Distinguished Alumni" Glasgow High School, several Teacher of the Year awards, including the Ogden College of Science and Technology's Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and the University-wide Teacher of the Year award. Dr. Mason was a past winner of the American Ornithologist's Union

Student award, past President and Vice President of the South Central KY Audubon Society, past President and Vice President of the KY Ornithologist Society, co-editor of the Kentucky Warbler (publication of the KY Ornithological Society) and a past winner of Black Achiever Award (presented by Barren County Family YMCA).

Dr. Mason was a member of Taylor Chapel A.M.E. Church

Dr. Mason loved the outdoors, bird watching, hiking, fishing were a part of his leisure. He formerly coach softball and basketball for the Warren County Youth League. While enjoying playing his guitar, photography, reading and watching horror movies with his children.

Dr. Mason married the love of his life, his high school sweetheart Martha Bryant, on, August 12, 1978. This union was blessed with two children McKenzie and Ian-Michael; and two grandchildren Meeiah and Tayte. The love and joy Dr. Mason shared with his wife, children and grandchildren will also be remember and treasured by his sister Anna (Ron) Lewis; aunts, uncles, several nieces, nephews, mother-in-law Eva S. Gibson, other relatives, former students, colleagues and friends. Besides his parents, Dr. Mason was predeceased by his brother, Elbert T. Mason, Jr.; grandparents, Florence Murphy Stonewall, Charles Lester Stonewall, Sr., Emma Ann Mason and Rev. A.B. Mason; a special father figure, Frank Wade; several aunts and uncles.

"In Lieu of flowers contributions to Taylor Chapel A.M.E.Church"
503 Clay Street - Bowling Green, KY 42101

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hillvue Heights Church
3219 Nashville Road
Bowling Green, KY 42101
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Memorial Services

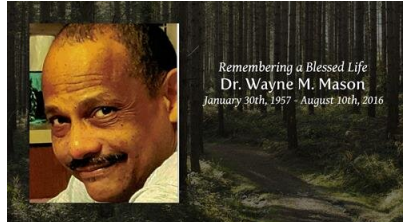
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Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - August 12, 2016 at 06:20 PM



“ *My professor in 2011 and 2012. An absolute delight. I was talking about him today to coworkers. He left a lasting impression on me and thousands of others. I knew of his passing over a decade ago but still feel inclined to share he is STILL missed. I know you are resting in peace, Dr. Mason!! Thanks for all you did for us.*

Emilee Greenwood - October 21, 2025 at 12:02 PM

LP

“ I had Dr. Mason in 1994 for A&P and he was one of my favorite professors. I have a son at Western now who is a biology major and looked up Dr. Mason to see if was still teaching. Of course, I was saddened to see he passed in 2016. Nevertheless, my son will hear of Dr. Mason from me. The saying that "you will become what you see" has merit as it relates to Dr. Mason. As a young black male on campus in the mid 90s his leadership, presence, and teaching acumen was such a blessing for me. He captured my mind especially when he would intentionally pour and drink water from a beaker while lecturing. Thank you for being a servant leader.



Lamont Price

Lamont Price - January 16, 2024 at 10:55 AM

“ I speak so often of Mr. Mason to my peers, and now my students. I don't feel that I have the words to adequately express what my experiences at WKU with Mr. Mason mean to me. I had absolutely no self confidence when I started college and took his A&P class, and when I finally worked up the courage to go and ask for help, the stereotypical arrogant image of a college professor was shattered-- he was incredibly kind and he genuinely cared about his students and that emanated from every word he spoke. I struggled with depression and at the point of an extreme low, I was going to petition to drop all of my classes. He took the time to talk me through the issues I was facing academically and helped me make a plan so that I could pass his class. This resulted in me remaining in, not only my classes that semester, but remaining in college and coming out on top of depression. I had moved to Bowling Green four months prior to taking his class and I had no friend as I was too timid to talk to anyone. Knowing this, he made the effort to arrange students into groups because he had a couple students he suggested I talk to and didn't. Because he took the time to do this I made friends and wasn't alone anymore. I can't emphasize how important he was in pulling me out of the lowest low I have gone through, and making me the person I am today. I never thought I would succeed in any facet of academia, but now I am a third year molecular biology doctoral student and it is largely due to Mr. Mason believing in me when I could not believe in myself. I now teach microbiology to nursing students and I often reflect on the kind of teacher he was as a guide to how I should be. It took so long to write something after finding out he passed because I didn't feel I could ever express the gratitude I have for his time and compassion. I don't think it's possible to put this feeling into words. I think of him so very often and desperately wish I could let him know where I am in life now, so that I can thank him. I have now been a student at five universities and he, as a teacher, remains unparalleled. I can still hear his laugh; he brightened the room and any conversation he was a part of. Thank you to his family for sharing him with the world as I'm sure many hours after "work hours" were dedicated to the extra work he put into teaching. He

always circled conversations back to his family and he was so proud of his kids. I hope to have even 1% of the impact he had; I will forever be grateful for the person he was. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Tiffany - November 12, 2019 at 04:44 PM

JC

“ *I was in Dr Masons class when 9/11 happened. Was reminded of that today. I'll never forget how calming he was when we all showed up to class after the first two planes hit. He tried to lecture but was as distracted as we all were, and I'll ndvdr forget the way he finally told us to go home, go be with our loved ones because that's where we needed to be. I took A&P from him for nursing a bill and he was by far the best professor I had at WKU. I know it's been two years now but wanted to share this. Many prayers to his family*

Julia Crowe - September 11, 2018 at 11:49 PM



“ I'm sorry I live so very far away I just decided to look up Dr Mason and found this page. I wanted to find out where he was and send him a letter, telling him how I still remember and respect him more than anyone I've ever known, and am sorry to not be able to do that with his passing. Dr Mason was my A&P professor when I started college as a 16 year old, about 17 years ago. I had been homeschooled and WKU was my first experience with formal schooling. My grades were immensely important to me and the stress of college was difficult for me, as I put so much pressure on myself. Dr Mason was kindness itself to me, he spent so much time with me, encouraging me to talk and offering his wise counsel and kind support always. He was so encouraging about my goals to become a nurse and his teaching skills were unequalled by any other professor I had in college, incl at a much larger university I eventually transferred to. I so enjoyed hearing about his life experiences and my respect for him only grew as I got to know him better. I couldn't have gotten through that first couple years of college without him, I doubt he ever realized how much of an impact he had on me, but if anyone still reads this page I wanted to at least put my experience on the record. Thank you, Dr Mason.

Rachel Chandler - July 08, 2017 at 11:40 PM

SL

“ Mr. Mason was such a kind soul! He will be greatly missed by all of us at Jim Johnson Nissan.



Shawna Lewis - September 24, 2016 at 11:19 AM

TW

“ I had the privilege to have Dr. Mason for Anatomy & Physiology and he was by far the best professor that I had in all my years. Very knowledgeable and made the class very interesting. He will be greatly missed not only by past students but also to students that never had the opportunity to have such a wonderful professor as he was. My heart and prayers go out to his family.

Terri Witty - September 12, 2016 at 09:26 AM

MM

“ Wayne, I Love You and I miss so much!!!!



Martha Mason - August 30, 2016 at 11:32 AM

DP

“ I had the privilege of having Dr Mason as my A&P 1 and 2 professor and working with him as one of his teaching assistants in 2010. He was not just my professor, he was my friend. He was one of the kindest souls I've ever met and I have been changed for the better for knowing him. My heart is heavy for his passing. Rest easy buddy.

Dr. Ashley Powell - August 21, 2016 at 03:53 AM

TR

“ Tara Murray Richardson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Tara Murray Richardson - August 17, 2016 at 11:08 AM

TR

An Outstanding Role Model of our community. He will deeply missed. Prayers and an abundance of love to Martha and the kids God Bless, Rev. Rodney and Tara Richardson....

Tara Murray Richardson - August 17, 2016 at 11:13 AM

DS

“ *I had Dr Mason for A&P I and 2 at WKU in 1995. He was by far the best in teaching the body I've ever had. I still remember his kind, gentle way and always encouraging us to do our best. I appreciate his contribution to my education and career as a CRNA. What a great guy!*

Daniel Samek - August 14, 2016 at 10:12 PM

RD

Dr. Mason the Cubs went to the World Series this year in the honor of your great life. You are the hero of most every nurse practicing in this area. You provided knowledge and an ability to bestow it that made MANY a career possible. Especially mine. You were a mentor and a friend. My heart is sad.

Riz Dunaway - October 27, 2016 at 12:36 AM

DW

“ *Dr. Mason was one of the nicest, most influential people in my life. If I can be half the educator and a tenth of the person he was, I will consider my life well-lived.*

Dr. Josh Watson - August 14, 2016 at 01:53 PM

AT

“ *Condolences to the family of Dr. Wayne Mason.*

Dr. Mason was my Anatomy and Physiology professor in 2011. He was a gentle, kind, patient, and caring person. I have many fond memories of how he interacted with his students and made each of us feel special. He was by far my favorite teacher.

May the God of all peace give comfort and strength to his family, friends, and all who mourn his passing. You are in my prayers.

Antoinette Taylor - August 13, 2016 at 11:27 PM

DR

“ *I worked for Mr Mason as an anatomy lab TA at WKU for 3 years in the mid-eighties. Great man, Great mentor!
I was so happy and proud when he became Dr Mason!
Can't believe you are gone Buddy, save me a spot!*

Dr Stephen W Robertson - August 13, 2016 at 10:57 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Boards lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Vickie boards - August 13, 2016 at 08:51 PM

VB

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Vickie boards - August 13, 2016 at 08:49 PM

BB

“ To the family of Dr. Wayne Mason:

My heart was sadden to hear of the passing of Wayne. I grew up attending Johnson Chapel CME Church with the Mason family. My family always had love and respect for all the Mason's. God needed Wayne for he had finished his work on earth. Rest in heaven my friend! Praying for your family.
Beverly Williams Brown



Beverly Williams Brown - August 13, 2016 at 05:39 PM

PE

“ Patricia Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Patricia Edmonds - August 13, 2016 at 02:38 PM

PE

May God wrap his arms around you & your family and comfort you in this time of sorrows .

Patricia Edmonds - August 13, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JP

“ Dr. Mason was my A&P teacher at WKU years when I got my Associates Degree in Nursing. He was an amazing teacher. He was a person you never forgot after meeting him. His kindness, compassion and way of connecting with students was unforgettable. The world is not as bright without him here. Hope his family finds comfort in knowing how much he was loved....and how much he will be missed. Heartfelt condolences to his family.

Jackie Pardue - August 13, 2016 at 02:30 PM

ST

“ Mr. Mason was my professor at WKU 12-13 years ago. He was an amazing science teacher and advisor. I will never forget him and his smile. I wish I could be there today. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.



Stephanie Taylor - August 13, 2016 at 11:51 AM

DC

“ To The Family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason,

It weighted my heart to hear of Wayne's sudden departure.

Our family was always so proud of Wayne's accomplishments. My mother, the late Mrs. Ada G. Conley recognized his love for science in her third grade class at Ralph Bunche School.

May God give all of you abundant strength to bear the loss of your loved one.

Tenderly,

Darlene Conley



Darlene Conley - August 13, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.*



August 13, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ *Cross Wind Chime - Bronze was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.*



August 13, 2016 at 08:18 AM

CM

“ *Dr. Mason impacted so many lives through his unique connection to his students. I consider myself blessed to have experienced his classroom and to have worked for him as a lab & teaching assistant. More than his professional self, Dr. Mason was an incredibly generous person and a beautiful soul. Though his earthly body presented him with so many challenges, he persevered in his mission as husband, father, scientist and educator. Condolences to his family - know that he will be remembered fondly by so many.*

Chrysanne Simpson Moser

Chrysanne Moser - August 13, 2016 at 07:51 AM

LI

“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



LIVELY-CLARK - August 13, 2016 at 07:31 AM

KG

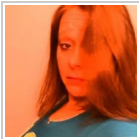
“ *There are some people whose sweet smile you can picture even after not seeing it for 6 years...Dr. Mason had one of those smiles! He IS the reason I didn't give up on my dream to become a pharmacist. He IS the reason I am a competent practitioner. He IS the reason I stayed hours after school to discuss Brittany Spaniels...he IS one of the sweetest souls that I have ever met. This news brought me to tears, but he IS with our Heavenly Father- of that, I have no doubt! My heart breaks for his family as they say goodbye, I was blessed to know this man, I hope he knew how greatly he impacted the lives of students at WKU!*

Kate Gaines - August 13, 2016 at 07:21 AM

KG

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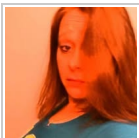
Kate Gaines - August 13, 2016 at 07:21 AM



“ Martha, McMensie, Ian Micheal, Donnie n I love you all very much. We have every intention of being there for y'all thru whatever you may need during this time. We LOVE YOU . Your in our thoughts n prayers. Wayne will be missed so very much. He was a wonderful husband, Father, and Grandfather. Wayne will forever be in our hearts n thoughts. WE LOVE YOU ALL. LOVE DONNIE G. BRYANT SHEILA K. BRYANT.



Sheila Kaye Bryant - August 13, 2016 at 06:03 AM



“ Sheila Kaye Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Sheila Kaye Bryant - August 13, 2016 at 05:48 AM

CW

“ Colleen Wilhite lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Colleen Wilhite - August 13, 2016 at 02:03 AM

IM

“ Wayne was a classmate of mine at GHS and he was one of my favorite people. He was always one of the nicest guys I knew. I thought so much of him. Prayers for his family and lived ones.

Indy McGuire - August 12, 2016 at 10:34 PM

DL

“ Dr. Mason was my advisor, my teacher, and my friend. He was my most favorite professor during my time at WKU. He took time to get to know his students and it showed. He was one of the kindest persons I have ever met. I saw him just last week with his grandkids and he still remembered me even though I graduated about ten years ago. He gave me a big hug and we had a chance to catch up a little. That made my day! I can't believe he is gone. Prayers for his family and loved ones.

Dana Lindsey

Dana Lindsey - August 12, 2016 at 10:29 PM

DL

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T(

“ Anna & Family,
We are so very sorry to hear of the death of your brother, Wayne. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you now and in the days and weeks ahead.

Tony & Paulette (Witty) Wasylycia (GHS67 - August 12, 2016 at 08:52 PM

Kellie
Rippy

“ *When I say there is no professor better, I think everyone from Western Kentucky University who had to take a biology course would agree. I am so saddened to hear of his passing, but heaven will be so much sweeter with Dr. Mason in it. May God comfort his family at this time and give them the strength needed for the days ahead.*

Kellie Rippy - August 12, 2016 at 08:43 PM

PW

“ *Pastor Jimmy & Kim Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Pastor Jimmy & Kim Williams - August 12, 2016 at 08:27 PM

PW

“ *Pastor Jimmy And Kim Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Pastor Jimmy and Kim Williams - August 12, 2016 at 08:26 PM

RB

“ Wayne Mason was an exceptional person, but I doubt he ever thought that about himself. He was a kind person, a gentle soul and had a way of putting you at ease in his presence. I never saw him without a smile on his face and I always enjoyed chatting with him. Prayers of peace and healing for his family.



Rhonda Bartley - August 12, 2016 at 08:24 PM

SG

“ Dr. Mason was a wonderful advisor, teacher, and mentor. He will be missed!

Sarah Gold - August 12, 2016 at 07:01 PM

RJ

“ Rollanda Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Rollanda Jones - August 12, 2016 at 06:47 PM

RJ

“ Such an awesome professor. Thanks to him I went from thinking I was just a small fish in a very large pond on Western's campus to thinking my education actually mattered to someone. I had the pleasure of running into him several months ago at Shogun and getting to talk for a bit. And to my surprise he recognized me before I did him after 15 yrs. I am blessed to have had him as a professor. His family and friends will be in my thoughts in prayers in the coming days.

Rollanda Jones - August 12, 2016 at 06:29 PM

ME

“ *This man right here is what every professor should strive to be. He went out of his way to help me with PT school. Let me cry on his shoulder over a broken heart. He even offered me his little red truck to drive when I totaled mine. He was the definition of compassion and kindness. His love of birds was equal to his love of people. My fondest memories of him were teaching Anatomy and Physiology Lab for him with Jill. My adventure in life and at WKU would have been far less exciting without his friendship and leadership. Heaven gained an amazing man! Thank you for your amazing life and friendship.*

Melissa

melissa - August 12, 2016 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.*



August 12, 2016 at 06:13 PM

RJ

“ I was so blessed to have had Mr Mason as a professor at WKU. As a freshman take Anatomy I felt like a tiny fish in a very large pond and didn't think I would even be noticed. Until one day as I was leaving class he spoke to me calling me by name. This absolutely made my day and my from then on enjoyed speaking to him on several occasions. Though I have been gone from WKU for more than 15 yrs I recently ran into him and his family while having dinner at Shogun. Yet again to my surprise he remembered me. I am deeply saddened at this news and will be thinking of his family and friends during this time.

Rollanda Jones - August 12, 2016 at 06:10 PM

DB

“ Dr. Mason is the reason I was able to complete nursing school. He gave me the foundation that was needed and pushed me to believe in myself. He was an amazing man and teacher. Thoughts and prayers to his family in the loss of this wonderful man.

Dana Tatum Bayliss - August 12, 2016 at 06:06 PM

JT

“ Dr. Mason was my college advisor, Ornithology instructor, and friend. I am heartbroken to hear of his passing. Many condolences to his family.



Jenny Thompson - August 12, 2016 at 05:51 PM

TH

“ *Tricia Harper lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Tricia Harper - August 12, 2016 at 05:49 PM

TH

Dr. Mason was my favorite teacher when I was a student at WKU. As a staff member at Western I would often get to see him and visit over the years. Of all the people that I knew on campus in 28 years of service he continued to be one of my most favorite people. I am so heart broken to hear that he is no longer with us. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this sad time. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed!!!! Tricia Harper

Tricia Harper - August 12, 2016 at 05:58 PM

MC

“ *Dr. Mason taught me the fundamentals of anatomy and physiology in a way that I still use to this day as a surgeon. He truly had an impact on my life and I would not be where I am without him. Thank you so much. You are a great man and the world is a little less great without you.*



Morgan Crigger - August 12, 2016 at 05:22 PM

MC

“ *Dr. Mason gave me the foundation for learning anatomy and physiology and I thank him everyday for this gift. I use it every day now as a surgeon. Thank you*

Morgan Crigger - August 12, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.*



August 12, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.*



August 12, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ *Dr Mason has always been one of my favorite instructors. He was the most caring and loved educating his students. Seems like he was either having a child or grandchild when I attended so many years ago. I remember making a baby quilt for him at the time. I did because I was also expecting at the time and he was so kind when I was dealing with morning sickness.*

Trinitii - August 12, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ *Debi Wade Jordan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Debi Wade Jordan - August 12, 2016 at 04:15 PM

TM

“ To Martha, and her children, and the rest of the family! So sorry to hear of the passing of Wayne. Such a caring and intelligent person! He will be missed! !Keep your hand in God's hand and everything will be alright. To Ronnie Bryant and Gayle and Larissa! We all love you and we will keep you all in our prayers! The Martin Children!



Teresa Martin-Curd - August 12, 2016 at 04:12 PM

CH

“ I remember signing in our little neighborhood band. Wayne was lead guitar player. He was the first one I called boyfriend. I don't know if he ever thought of me that way but from 2nd grade to 7th grade, he was it for me! When he started high school & noticed girls for real; it was plain to see, he only had eyes for my best friend Martha. A match made in heaven! As sad as it is for me to hear of his passing, I can only imagine the pain his family is in. I'm continually praying that God will soon give you the peace & comfort you need, as only He can.



Celesta Hatchett - August 12, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.



August 12, 2016 at 01:41 PM

AF

“ Dr. Mason was and still is my favorite professor at WKU. He was the one who got me into the passion for birding and Ornithology. He loved each and every single one of his students and always gave me a huge hug every single time he saw me. As i said, he was one of my favorite professors. He always told me I was goign to get married 5 years after graduating and I always laughed but, he is right. Getting married in 6 weeks, close to 5 years from graduation date.

Dr. Mason, you inspired a lot of people to have a passion for Biology, but you inspired me to strive for my dreams. Though i am not exactly where I want to be, I will get there with perseverance, patience and love towards others. Love you Dr. Mason. See you soon in Heaven.

ALLISON FRUEHWALD - August 12, 2016 at 01:32 PM

MD

“ While I never had Dr. Mason for an isntructor at WKU while I was in the Biology department as a student, I did interact with him and he was considered one of the best teachers there. He is well-loved! My sister also loved him and he helped her a lot. He was a wonderful person!

Michael Dodson - August 12, 2016 at 01:01 PM

CB

“ There are a few people along life's journey who you encounter and immediately realize the hand of God placed them in your path. Dr. Wayne Mason was one of those people for me. He had a way of connecting with others and bringing out the best in them. He came in and sat beside me in the Anatomy lab at WKU my freshman year of college. After a little small talk, he asked why I didn't believe in myself or realize the potential I had. I shared reasons why I felt overwhelmed and unequipped to succeed in my goal of becoming a nurse. He took the time to encourage me and put me in touch with a tutor, who met with me throughout the semester. After getting "A" on the next exam, I felt the confidence to press on. Years later, when I returned to WKU to teach in the School of Nursing, I visited Dr. Mason and brought a copy of my doctoral dissertation where I had listed his name on the acknowledgements page. Now that I'm entering my 13th year of teaching at WKU, I can't even begin to count the number of nursing students I've had who have shared similar stories about their encounter with him! I always knew I was special to him....but didn't realize he made EVERY STUDENT feel just as important, confident, and equipped! That's truly an amazing characteristic which set him apart from anyone I've ever known! I can only hope, in the days and years to come, that I will be able to "pay it forward" and share his spirit (which is God's spirit) to others who may be struggling to find their way. I love you Dr. Mason. I'll miss you! Until we meet again...

Crista Mefford Briggs

Crista Briggs - August 12, 2016 at 11:54 AM

JB

“ I was blessed to have had Dr. Mason as a professor while attending WKU. He was simply the BEST! I also had the pleasure of working with his wife Martha as a nurse at the Medical Center. Such a wonderful family!

My thoughts and prayers go out to Martha, Mckenzie, and Ian-Michael during this difficult time.

Jana Benningfield

Jana Benningfield - August 12, 2016 at 11:09 AM

TM

“ Tammy Malone lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Tammy Malone - August 12, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.



August 12, 2016 at 10:05 AM

PW

“ A wonderful, kind, and patient teacher that made learning a joy for everyone. He truly was a friend and a teacher to all he met. I thoroughly enjoyed having him for a teacher, as I'm sure everyone did. He will be dearly missed and remembered fondly. Prayers of comfort for his family.

Patty Wilson - August 12, 2016 at 09:54 AM

PF

“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news about Wayne. We were in grad school at WKU together. He was a great guy.



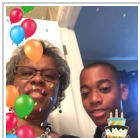
Peggy Fudge - August 12, 2016 at 09:46 AM

CM

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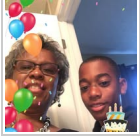
Cherry Gibbons Martin - August 12, 2016 at 08:22 AM



“ Mary Eason sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Mary Eason - August 12, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ *Mary Eason lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Mary Eason - August 12, 2016 at 07:35 AM

JD

“ *Jennifer Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Jennifer Davis - August 12, 2016 at 07:33 AM

JD

“ *Jennifer Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Jennifer Davis - August 12, 2016 at 07:33 AM

ME

“ *Mary Eason lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Mary Eason - August 12, 2016 at 07:31 AM

MC

“ *Mt. Union Missionary Bapt. Church sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Mt. Union Missionary Bapt. Church - August 12, 2016 at 06:57 AM

MC

*The Members & Pastor
Extend our heart felt Sympathy to the Family at such a difficult time.
Just know as we pray that God, will give you his divine comfort, and
strength, and in the days ahead just casting all your cares upon him to
carry the load and lighten every burden and there you'll find peace
within. May God continue to bless each of you. As we continue to keep
you lifted up in our daily prayers.*

Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church Family

Sis. Tina Fant, Bereavement, Comm.

Mt. Union Missionary Bapt. Church - August 12, 2016 at 07:10 AM

TF

“ *Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Tina Fant - August 12, 2016 at 06:54 AM

RO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He made the world a better place, had a huge heart, and was always there for me.



Robbin - August 12, 2016 at 06:42 AM

AR

“ Best professor ever Truly missed

Ariel - August 12, 2016 at 06:42 AM

KT

“ Dr. Mason will be missed by all of the students he touched from WKU.

Kristen Clark Tekin - August 12, 2016 at 06:37 AM

KT

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Kristen Clark Tekin - August 12, 2016 at 06:36 AM

KT

“ Dr. Mason was one of the first professors I met as a transfer Biology student, and represented the university in such a positive way. He advised me and many students like me to lead them closer to their professional goals. I am grateful for all that he gave to my alma mater WKU.



Kristen Clark Tekin - August 12, 2016 at 06:32 AM

LR

“ *Linda Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Linda Reynolds - August 12, 2016 at 06:24 AM

VH

“ *He was a Sweet Kind man I took care of his kids at FBC always had a smile on his face and I'm glad I had the chance to give him one last hug a couple of weeks back!*

Vanessa Hamrick - August 12, 2016 at 05:06 AM

PS

“ *Oh my. This is a loss to the community and the academic community as well. He was a wonderful professor and a wonderful human with a beautiful soul. He will be missed.*



Patricia Sneed - August 12, 2016 at 04:27 AM

VW

“ *Wonderful person and great professor. I am very sorry to hear of his death.*

vickie weaver - August 12, 2016 at 03:56 AM

SS

“ *Sonia Spencer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



sonia spencer - August 12, 2016 at 12:25 AM

EB

“ *Edward And Deborah Bufford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Edward and Deborah Bufford - August 11, 2016 at 11:16 PM

AT

“ *Antoinette Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



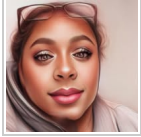
Antoinette Taylor - August 11, 2016 at 11:10 PM

SB

“ *Sanja Berec lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Sanja Berec - August 11, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ *What amazing man and father...Mr Mason will be miss*

Chasity Covington - August 11, 2016 at 10:45 PM



“ *Dr. Mason is hands down the best professor I had when I was at WKU. A genuinely kind person, and cared about his students and their education. Prayers for Dr. Mason's Family*

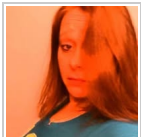


Elizabeth Jarvis - August 11, 2016 at 10:42 PM



“ *Dr. Mason was an amazing professor. I had him for just one lab in the early 90's, but he was easily one of my favorite teachers at WKU. He knew how to get information across to his students, and his sense of humor made anatomy and physiology lab so much better.*

Mary Anne Mathews - August 11, 2016 at 09:54 PM



“ *Sheila Kaye Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Sheila Kaye Bryant - August 11, 2016 at 09:38 PM

TW

“ Tony & Bonita Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Tony & Bonita Williams - August 11, 2016 at 09:37 PM



“ Dr. Wayne Mason was undoubtedly the epitome of what a professor should be. He touched my life as a student at WKU along with many others. In a class of 150 students, he only called role one time but never forgot your name. He was special. He stopped me in the hall years later by calling my name to check on me. He could tell I was distant. Little did he know I had just lost 2 close friends. I left his office that day with my spirit lifted. May your spirits lift by knowing that he touched many. The lessons he taught will last a lifetime. I express my deepest sympathies.

Angie Reynolds - August 11, 2016 at 09:35 PM

SB

“ SHEILA KAYE BRYANT lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



SHEILA KAYE BRYANT - August 11, 2016 at 09:33 PM

SB

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SHEILA KAYE BRYANT - August 11, 2016 at 09:32 PM

MB

“ Ms.Linda Bluett&Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Ms.Linda Bluett&Family - August 11, 2016 at 09:25 PM

MB

“ Mrs.DeAnna Bluett-Daniels&Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Mrs.DeAnna Bluett-Daniels&Family - August 11, 2016 at 09:22 PM

MF

“ Ms. Linda Bluett & Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Ms. Linda Bluett & Family - August 11, 2016 at 09:21 PM

RM

“ Rose Mayes sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Rose Mayes - August 11, 2016 at 08:54 PM

RM

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Rose Mayes - August 11, 2016 at 08:53 PM

VH

“ This man was a wonderful and kind man, I took care of his kids at First Baptist Church many yrs ago and just saw him not even a month ago and he still remembered me after all the yrs... He was a great man and teacher!!

Vanessa Hamrick - August 11, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ Hands down the best professor I ever had at WKU. He treated you with respect, listened to your concerns and spoke to you every time he saw you. I was not aware he was sick. Thank you for being a great influence in so many young peoples lives. My condolences to his family.

Carla Wilson - August 11, 2016 at 08:38 PM

MD

“ I used to see him on campus. He also lived near my sister Mandy years ago. Always a pleasure to talk and genuinely a nice guy. Life is too short.

Matt

Matt Davis - August 11, 2016 at 08:26 PM

AL

“ When I was a young single mother in 1994 and first returning back to school. I had very little support from my family. Dr. Mason would entertain my toddler son, Ian, so that I could study for my A&P lab He would feed him cheese crackers and Diet Coke He spent a lot of time helping me so that I was able to pass my class. His support and encouragement meant so much to a scared young mother trying so hard to make a way for herself and her child. I have never forgotten him or how much his efforts meant to us. I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a great man. I am praying for your family

Amy LaBron - August 11, 2016 at 08:22 PM

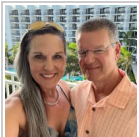


Wendiellen
Magana

“ Wendiellen Magana lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Wendiellen Magana - August 11, 2016 at 08:11 PM



“ Dr. Mason was an amazing instructor and man. He gave me the confidence, as a very young mom, to complete my education. I send thought and prayers to his family and friends.

Renee Waddell - August 11, 2016 at 07:39 PM



Wendiellen
Magana

“ *Dr Mason and Mrs Mason lived next door to us on Park St. They helped us grow up. They mean the world to us and I cannot express how much I will miss Dr Mason. My prayers are with the family-Mrs Mason, Mackenzie, and Ian Michael. Dr Mason was such a special person. And such a great father, neighbor, mentor and friend.*



Wendiellen Magana - August 11, 2016 at 07:30 PM

CF

“ *I bought my house and they bought theirs at the same time, next door to each other. They actually bought the house I wanted--it was so pretty. From the moment we became neighbors, Wayne and Martha were the friends who kept me going. They stepped in when I needed help with my girls, when I needed a cup of sugar, and when I just needed to hear adult conversation. When bats invaded under the house, Wayne took care of it. When someone dumped very sick kitties in our back yard, Wayne took care of it. When my girls started running around with a bunch of tough guys, Wayne stood up tall and told THEM to back off--and, of course, they did. Every moment of the years we lived next door to them was better because of Wayne and Martha. When McKenzie came along, it was as if a candle were lit inside them both. When Ian-Michael came, they walked on air. I am going to miss Wayne, but also treasure every moment we have been a part of his life, and every moment we have been a part of Martha's. cheryl and ron ferguson, wendi and robbin*

Cheryl N. Ferguson - August 11, 2016 at 06:32 PM

DS

“ *Dylan Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Dylan Smith - August 11, 2016 at 06:13 PM

AM

“ *Dr. Mason is the person who told me I would be a great physical therapist when I was a junior in college and still didn't know what to do with my life. I wouldn't be where I am today without his guidance at WKU. He was always such a wonderful teacher. He will be greatly missed by many.*


amber moore - August 11, 2016 at 05:48 PM

MS

“ *Mary Slack lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Mary Slack - August 11, 2016 at 05:46 PM

 Stephanie Harper

“ *I never had the privilege of meeting Dr. Mason, but I have known of Uncle Wayne for twenty plus years! What an incredible loss for his family, the university and the community. My sincere sympathies to a wonderful family. I send my love.*

Stephanie Harper - August 11, 2016 at 05:45 PM

NL

“ *Nicole Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Nicole Lindsey - August 11, 2016 at 05:11 PM

KL

“ *Kelly Lyne lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Kelly Lyne - August 11, 2016 at 05:10 PM

KD

“ *Karen Dearing lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Karen Dearing - August 11, 2016 at 04:56 PM

 Vickie
Myers
Nebel

“ *Vickie Myers Nebel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Vickie Myers Nebel - August 11, 2016 at 04:52 PM

TB

“ To Martha, McKenzie, Ian Michael and McKayla. Sending you all my love and prayers, deepest sympathy and sincere condolences. Wayne's life was one who truly reflected Christ and positively influenced the lives of so many. In the presence of our Lord and Savior, in his perfect body made whole. Love you all so much. So very very sorry for your and our loss.

Tracy Breakfield - August 11, 2016 at 04:52 PM

 Vickie Myers Nebel

“ Vickie Myers Nebel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



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Vickie Myers Nebel - August 11, 2016 at 04:48 PM

KC

“ Wayne was about the kindest man I've ever known. As a colleague he was always helpful and supportive. He taught me how to teach Human A&P my first semester at WKU (fall 1996) and I'll always be grateful for the impact he had on my professional development. He had almost infinite patience with students and was an amazing teacher. Wayne always greeted every student with a smile even on days when he was not feeling well at all. He was a great advisor. Students frequently lined up outside his door and rather than rush through them and move onto something else, he always listened to their problems and took the time to get to know them. Dr. Wyatt and I used to joke that we could make some serious cash running a concession stand for snacks and beverages in the hall outside his office. I am a better person and a better faculty member for having known him.
- Ken Crawford

Ken Crawford - August 11, 2016 at 04:15 PM

BW

“ Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Brenda Williams - August 11, 2016 at 04:11 PM

SR

“ Sharon Ray lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Sharon Ray - August 11, 2016 at 03:42 PM

KC

“ *Kristie Clayton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Kristie Clayton - August 11, 2016 at 03:24 PM

RT

“ *Rebecca Tyree lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Rebecca Tyree - August 11, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ *Deborah Claypool lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Deborah Claypool - August 11, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.*



August 11, 2016 at 03:12 PM

AH

“ Ms. Martha and the Lewis family - I was so saddened to hear the news about Mr. Mason. As you can see by the comments, he touched the lives of so many. I was so happy to have had the opportunity to have met up with both of you again and looked forward to calling him my co-worker. I could not believe he still remembered me as that small child always with Jennifer so many years ago. Sending love and prayers for comfort to you all.

Amy Tabor Hurt - August 11, 2016 at 03:01 PM

JW

“ Joy Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Joy Warren - August 11, 2016 at 02:38 PM

DR

“ Deborah Roper sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Deborah Roper - August 11, 2016 at 02:37 PM

MC

“ MIRELA COLAKOVIC lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



MIRELA COLAKOVIC - August 11, 2016 at 02:34 PM

JT

“ Jennifer Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Jennifer Turner - August 11, 2016 at 02:16 PM

TS

“ So saddened by this news! Dr Mason was a phenomenal professor & I was so blessed to be in his class. His love for what he did was literally contagious. I learned so much from him! He will never be forgotten! Much condolences to his family.

Toni Sibalich - August 11, 2016 at 02:15 PM

KR

“ Kim Ryan sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Kim Ryan - August 11, 2016 at 02:14 PM

KR

“ Kim Ryan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Kim Ryan - August 11, 2016 at 02:13 PM



Courtney Addison

“ Dr. Mason was a huge part of my college career and a light in the dark to many of my friends. I remember him and his 4 chalkboards and how he wrote a mile a minute and that hour and a half was full of a wealth of knowledge and passion for what he did. He always greeted me on the hill, and i was sad when TCNW closed down because that far away building was his kingdom.

One time I failed one of his exquisitely hard lab tests because I had missed 2 pages of study material. I think I got a 76 on that test. He threw it out. He knew it wasn't at my level after he asked me what had happened.

He will be missed and I'm so sad that a man like him isn't able to mould more youth, because his heart shined right through...even when we knew he was hurting.

He won't be forgotten.

Courtney Addison - August 11, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ I remember Dr Wayne M. Mason when he was still a student a Western University, he and Martha were still dating and he would come home to Glasgow every weekend just to see her. For the first time i saw what pure true love looked like when i saw Martha and Wayne together. They were in love with one another and it was beautiful. Dr. Mason never had a bad thing to say about anyone, he didn't have an angry bone in his body. Wayne was very laid back and quiet and didn't talk much. Wayne and Martha were meant to be together, and it's just so sad that now he is gone. I know it will be hard for his family, but for Martha it has to be tearing her up inside because her soul mate, her bestfriend is gone. I will keep you in my prayers Martha and the Lord will keep you .

Livonia Lyons - August 11, 2016 at 01:12 PM



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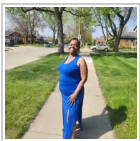
Livonia Lyons - August 11, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ Livonia Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Livonia Lyons - August 11, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ Livonia Lyons lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Livonia Lyons - August 11, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ Livonia Lyons lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Livonia Lyons - August 11, 2016 at 12:53 PM

LL

“ *Livonia Lyons-Washington lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Livonia Lyons-Washington - August 11, 2016 at 12:52 PM

LL

“ *I remember Dr. Wayne Mason when he was going to Western and he and his wife were dating. He was an easy going man who didn't have an angry bone in his body. He used to come to Glasgow every weekend to see Martha. U could just see true love in both of their eyes. They were so good together i knew i was standing in front of pure true love. They made the perfect couple because they complemented one another. It's just so sad and my heart bleeds for Martha. I know the rest of his family is hurting also, but she has lost her soul mate, her earthly bestfriend and her rock. Martha i will keep you in my prayers, and lean not to your own understanding but the Lord's. May the angels in heaven surround you and hold you up in your time of need. Sending my love to you Martha Mason, stand strong*

Livonia Lyons-Washington - August 11, 2016 at 12:46 PM

RD

“ *To the Mason Family, our heart go our to you and you are continually in our prayer. God told us that he would never leave us or forsake us, just know that he is their with you as your comforter. RIP Wayne*

Rev. & Mrs. Eric A. Duke - August 11, 2016 at 12:13 PM

DP


“ My first teacher when I came back to WKU as a non-traditional student....I took his A&P Class...I was scared to death...I had to be the oldest in the classroom.....He was just awesome.....What a great teacher he was.....Heaven is a little brighter with Dr. Mason.....Prayers to all of your family

debbie pitchford - August 11, 2016 at 12:02 PM

KI

“ One of my favorite professors, he believed to much in his students and had so much love for them and his work!

kim - August 11, 2016 at 11:57 AM


LesaandR
Guffey

“ When I saw the obituary today I thought " The world just got a little darker." Wayne Mason is the best man I ever met. At my darkest hour he was the light to help me find my way. He was my teacher, my mentor, my friend, and I loved him dearly.



LesaandRay Guffey - August 11, 2016 at 10:33 AM

TA

“ Dr Mason was without a doubt the teacher with the most impact on my life!! He challenged me intellectually and was a trusted adviser to me over many years as I had questions about my next moves educationally!! I would not be where I am today without his influence in my life!! This comes as a great loss not only to his family to which I extend my deepest sympathies, but to everyone he impacted through his life. The world will be a less without him, but God gained a great one!!


Thomas Vogler APRN - August 11, 2016 at 10:14 AM

DR

“ *Denise Riddle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Denise Riddle - August 11, 2016 at 10:09 AM


Jennifer
Scales

“ *I remember walking into Dr. Mason's summer A&P class in the early 90's, he could tell something was bothering me. I told him that I just didn't think I could pass A&P (previous semester had dropped it due to a failing grade), He told me to keep my head up, study hard and attend class. I never missed a day of his class and I can remember several times Dr. Mason staying later with us that needed a little (I needed a lot) extra help. --- I passed A&P with flying colors and truly do not believe I would be a nurse today if it wasn't for him encouraging me to stick with my goals and dreams! Prayers to Martha and all his family. -----Jennifer Scales, RN*

Jennifer Scales - August 11, 2016 at 10:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne M. Mason.*

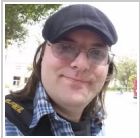


August 11, 2016 at 09:37 AM

PP

“ I worked with Wayne in Biology when I first came to work at WKU. What a joy he was to be around. Even though he was sick a lot he was always smiling and never complained. I can honestly say that he was a great teacher, a great father and a great husband. There was nothing more important to him than his family. He loved his birds and he loved his students. He made everybody feel special. I seriously doubt that WKU will ever see another teacher like Wayne. Of course Wayne being as humble as he was never wanted any recognition for what a great job he did. We have truly lost a great human being. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very sad time.

Phyllis Page - August 11, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ Wayne Mason was such an amazing person. He fostered a love of ornithology in me that I carry on today. He inspired me so much, and was one of the influences in me pursuing a Ph.D, though it was in a different field. I was thinking about contacting him soon, and it's absolutely heartbreaking I'll not be able to talk to him again. Truly an inspiring man that the world is poorer without. I'll miss ya, Wayne.

James Falin - August 11, 2016 at 09:05 AM

PF

“ Phyllis Davidson Finch lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Phyllis Davidson Finch - August 11, 2016 at 09:02 AM

LJ

“ *The best mentor and the reason I stayed and double majored in chemistry even though I didn't want too. He is also the reason I named my daughter McKinsey! I remember him saying he had a daughter and her name was MacKenzie and I thought it was a pretty name and I thought if I ever had a daughter I would name her McKinsey and I did :) He was a very influential person!*

LeToya Jenkins - August 11, 2016 at 09:01 AM

WB

“ *Wathetta Buford sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Wathetta Buford - August 11, 2016 at 08:37 AM

RM

“ *Rollin And Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Rollin and Berona Massey - August 11, 2016 at 08:30 AM

KS

“ At the risk of sounding like an echo of others who have already posted here - I, too, must say that Mr. Mason was by far the best teacher I ever had. I had him for only one summer class (A&P), but the crossing of our paths was very impactful. He would stay late to help any student who was struggling or who wanted some extra one-on-one. He helped me master the bones in an after-class session. He was the definition of kindness and had a true servant's heart; he gave every single student every opportunity to succeed in what is for many a very difficult class. He actually taught his subject matter instead of giving extensive reading assignments and power points to memorize. And he truly enjoyed the time he spent with students.

I had a scheduling conflict that interfered with my final, and so I spoke with him about it. He allowed me to take it at an alternate time, but I was so surprised when he told me that because I already had an A going into the final, all I needed to do was show up and write him a funny poem. And so I did. :-)

Much, much respect to Mr. Mason for the true teacher he was. If every teacher were as passionate about their subject matter as Mr. Mason was, the whole educational experience would be a pleasure from beginning to end. WKU has lost one of the greats, but Mr. Mason will never be forgotten.

Kris Schmucker, MHA (he helped me with my letters too :-))

Kris Schmucker - August 11, 2016 at 08:20 AM

TB

“ I was in my fifth year of college and struggling with major depression and social anxiety. I hadn't done great in any of my classes because I was afraid to approach my professors or talk to anyone. Dr. Mason pulled me aside one day after class and my life changed forever. He was so enthusiastically supportive, interested in my life, and invested in my (and all of his students') education. After that I started attending office hours regularly just to be around his endless positivity. On paper, I took Anatomy 1 & 2 with him, but in reality I took a course in learning how to be a better student, a happier person, and someone who truly believed in herself for the first time. I believe it is solely because of him I'll be applying to medical school, and it is because of him I've found not only academic success, but worked through my depression and gained a sense of self worth. He changed my life just by doing what he loved. He spoke of his family so fondly and then would use the same tone when speaking with students--it sometimes felt as though he was the family I never had. I wish I had more to convey how much of an impact he had on me and how incredible of a human being he was. Though, I'm sure all that knew him already know.

Tiffany Brandt - August 11, 2016 at 08:13 AM

TL

“ Dr. Mason was the best professor/advisor I have ever had. My first day at WKU I was 16 and in tears because I didn't know what to do. Dr. Mason helped me through that first day just as he helped me through the rest! I cried, laughed, and learned so much from him through the years. I would not be the nurse I am today without him. My best wishes to his family and loved ones.

Tiffany Lee - August 11, 2016 at 07:49 AM

TO

“ Truly an inspiring teacher! He was a great light in the world.

tonya - August 11, 2016 at 07:28 AM



“ *Mr. Mason was by far my most favorite teacher at WKU. His knowledge and compassion were beyond compare. When I approached him on the day of my A&P final he said, " Joe, I've already given you an A. If you don't know the answer then write something funny that will make me laugh. "*

Heaven just got a little cooler...

Joe D. Rush, RN (he helped me get those 2 letters behind my name)

Joe Rush - August 11, 2016 at 07:05 AM

AH

“ *One of the most loving and caring professors I ever had while in college. So blessed to have known such a good hearted man.*



Allyson Hart - August 11, 2016 at 05:11 AM



Christina Clevenger

“ *Mr. Mason was the best professor I have ever had. He truly cared about his students and their success. He kinds words of encouragement and determination as a teacher helped get to where I am today. He is a college professor that I will always remember and will always be thankful for all the words of encouragement he gave me to get me through school. He could truly tell if something was bothering one of his students and he had the heart to bring them aside and talk to them so that they would be able to succeed. He will always remembered and never forgotten.*

Christina Clevenger - August 11, 2016 at 04:30 AM



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Christina Clevenger - August 11, 2016 at 04:29 AM



“ *Stephanie Ray lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Stephanie Ray - August 11, 2016 at 04:02 AM



“ *Marian Benton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason*



Marian Benton - August 10, 2016 at 11:34 PM

CF

“ MS Martha & family & Ms Ann I feel your pain in the lost of a wonderful caring husband , father , brother & grandfather . He will be missed by all who knew him and y family. I extend my deepest sympathy to u and will continue to keep u in prayer as always . If there's anything I can do just call . We love u both & God Bless u have your memories to keep forever .

charlene Maxwell & Family - August 10, 2016 at 11:18 PM

ME

“ So sorry for your loss Martha, praying for you and the family



Mary Eason - August 10, 2016 at 11:06 PM

ME

“ Mary Eason lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



mary eason - August 10, 2016 at 11:02 PM

CW

“ Connie Williams-White lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Connie Williams-White - August 10, 2016 at 10:30 PM

CW

“ I will never forget my upbringing at Johnson Chapel, C.M.E. Church and the Mason family! Wayne was always in our little circle of children participating in all our activities. What a kind and nice guy! RIP, dear friend. My condolences to Martha, Ann and family! Always loved the Mason family!

Connie Williams-White - August 10, 2016 at 10:26 PM

MM

“ Mr Mason was one of the most kindest souls I have ever met. I took a summer class from him in the summer of 2010. If it wasn't for his loving heart, encouragement, compassion and advice I would have failed that class no doubt. He took me under his wing that summer and helped me pass the class with flying colors. He had a heart of gold and it makes my heart so so sad to hear of his passing. I think of him from time to time and how much of a impact he made on me and I know on so many others who took his classes at WKU. Though his body may have failed, he never failed to lead his students and truly care about them. So thankful for my opportunity to meet him and sit at his feet of learning for one summer. I remember how he talked about his wife and I believe two children and how much he loved them. Mr Mason, you will truly be missed by so many but I know you will never be forgotten.

Marissa Mayo - August 10, 2016 at 10:04 PM

GH

“ Gail Hayes sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Wayne M. Mason



Gail Hayes - August 10, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ Dear Mason Family,

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - August 10, 2016 at 07:17 PM