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In Memoria: Lawrence C. Hartlage, PhD, ABPP, ABN

Recently it was learned that Dr. Lawrence Clifton Hartlage passed away on July 25, 2014. Dr. Hartlage had recently celebrated his 80th birthday on May 11 but became ill suddenly. It was known he had been battling health problems for some time. All who knew Dr. Hartlage were greatly saddened by his sudden passing. He had a greatness of heart and generosity that was and is unique.

All clinical neuropsychologists owe Dr. Hartlage an unpayable debt of gratitude for all that he had done for the field of clinical neuropsychology. For example, Dr. Hartlage founded the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (ABN) and served as the board's President. Also, he essentially founded the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN), the premier organization of clinical neuropsychologists in the United States because prior to Dr. Hartlage's serving as President of NAN the organization was floundering. Dr. Hartlage chaired the first NAN meetings and his leadership was the reason that NAN became an important force in clinical neuropsychology.

Dr. Hartlage was the only two time President of NAN. Also, Dr. Hartlage served as President of the Division of Clinical Neuropsychology (40) of the American Psychological Association (APA). Second only to Ralph M. Reitan, who had trained Dr. Hartlage in clinical neuropsychology at the Indiana University Medical School, Dr. Hartlage was a major force in American Neuropsychology through his professional service in neuropsychological organizations and his books, articles, presentations and workshops. Dr. Hartlage served as a clinical role model in child clinical neuropsychology and forensic neuropsychology for young clinical neuropsychologists who were interested in working with children and with the legal system. His stature as a clinical neuropsychologist who became a full professor in a medical school department of neurology was a singular achievement in the last century. His most recent books were the coedited first and second editions of the Handbook of Forensic Neuropsychology. I

An important point is that Dr. Hartlage was kind to young clinical neuropsychologists in mentoring them in research and clinical work. Many of the leaders in clinical neuropsychology today were taught by or learned from Dr. Hartlage. He was very generous in mentoring others and was most kind in helping others. As earlier mentioned Dr. Hartlage founded ABN and of course was an ABN Diplomate and strongly supported ABN all of his life. Many years ago, ABN honored Dr. Hartlage with the ABN Distinguished Clinical Neuropsychologist Award, which is the highest honor that ABN can give.

In closing, sympathy is extended from ABN to Dr. Hartlage's family and many friends and colleagues on this very sad occasion. He will be missed sorely.

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With my very best wishes

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