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Born in Lima, Peru on November 11, 1932, Carlos Luis Krumdieck died in Charlotte, North Carolina on May 6, 2016, of Parkinson's disease, only eight weeks after the death of his beloved wife of 56 years, Jeannette Krumdieck.

He received his medical doctorate degree in 1957 from the National University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru. He then married Jeannette Falconi, a pharmacist who worked in his research laboratory, and came to the United States to attend Tulane University, where he earned a Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1964.

He briefly returned to Lima as a faculty member of the University of Cayetano Heredia, and then in 1967, came back to the United States and joined the faculty of the Department of Biochemistry and School of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), where he stayed for the remainder of his career.

At UAB, together with his colleagues Doctor Charles E. Butterworth and Doctor Roland L. Weinsier, he founded the Department of Nutrition Sciences, where he served as vice chairman and director of nutritional biochemistry for many years. In 1985 he was given the Borden Award by the American Institute of Nutrition for outstanding contributions to nutrition research in the area of folic acid metabolism.

He had a quiet, modest temperament with a self-deprecating sense of humor. He was kind and generous toward others, and was a wonderful teacher who nurtured the careers of many students and faculty in the fields of biochemistry, medicine, and nutrition sciences.

He had a sharp, agile mind and broad interests which extended beyond medicine and science to include his love of literature, music, sailing, wood working, and metal working. He played the piano and accordion, and he had a wonderful collection of classical musical recordings which he enjoyed sharing with others.



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On weekdays after work and on weekends he could often be found at home in his workshop where over the years he built numerous pieces of beautiful furniture for the family home, a grandfather clock, and a sailboat with which he introduced his children to the sport of sailing. He also designed and manufactured laboratory equipment to assist in his research, and in 1974, developed the first live tissue microtome (Krumdieck Tissue Slicer), which is used in biomedical research in labs throughout the world.

During the course of his career as a biochemist and physician scientist, he authored more than 150 research articles. His final publication in 2013 combined his professional career with his avocation and was entitled Development of a Live Tissue Microtome, Reflections of an Amateur Machinist.

He is survived by his two sons, Alex and Richard, and by his three grandchildren, Shannon, Max, and Cary. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeannette, and his granddaughter, Grace.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 25 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Davidson. Committal services will follow at Mimosa Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com.



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HR

Hubert And Mercedes C. Rodriguez posted:

El fallecimiento del Profesor Krumdieck nos deja muy apenados. Su amistad, cortesía y deseo de ayudar al prójimo, quedara en nuestros corazones por siempre. Richard and Alex, in this tough time in your life, our sympathy and heartfelt condolences will bring you some comfort, hopefully.

June 25 at 8:17 AM

PD

Pat Dudley posted:

Richard, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of both of your parents, especially so close together. I first met them when you were a student at Our Lady of Sorrows. Then later, I became acquainted with them at the Birmingham Sailing Club. I remember your dad taking you sailing when you were junior high age. I think at that time that he had a Windmill. We moved to Atlanta in 1976 and dropped our club membership, but we have since rejoined as we are again living in Birmingham. I'm sure that you were very proud of your dad and his accomplishments. Again, I am very sorry for your loss. I pray that your memories of him will be of some comfort to you. Peace be with you and your family, Pat Dudley

June 23 at 4:44 PM

BH

Barbara Hudson posted:

My condolences to Richard, Alex, and family. He was a wonderful teacher, mentor, and friend. Working for and with him for over 35 years left an indelible imprint on my life. I will sorely miss him and Jeanette.

June 22 at 1:10 PM

CE

Cecilia Esparza posted:

Tuve el gusto de conocer al doctor Carlos Krumdieck, tío de mi cuñado Juan Carlos Cockburn. Mi padre, Luis Esparza fue compañero de estudios en la Facultad de Medicina y gran amigo del doctor Krumdieck. Les mando mis sentidas condolencias.

June 22 at 11:41 AM

MC

Miguel Cockburn posted:

Gracias por compartir este bello obituario, Richie, Alex. Tengo recuerdos muy lindos de mi tío cuando nos visitaba en Lima con ustedes, Una gran persona, brillante y gran corazón.

June 22 at 11:07 AM



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Kay Nabors White posted:

Dr. Krumdieck was a professional but personable man. My condolences to his family.

June 22 at 7:49 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dr. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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