

## In Memoriam Lloyd Wayne Yancey



Lloyd W. Yancey

*"Strange is our situation here on Earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know, that man is here for the sake of other men—above all those upon whose smiles and well-being our own happiness depends."*

Albert Einstein

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to a longtime friend, colleague, and pioneering Perfusionist, Lloyd Wayne Yancey on June 4, 2024. Lloyd was born December 4, 1954 in Dallas, Texas, a lifelong Dallasite. He was the son of T.C. "Troy" and Docia Yancey, both of whom preceded him in death. He had two siblings, Teresa and Tim (deceased).

To retrace the course of a man's life is a rewarding and instructive labor of love in this instance. I met Lloyd on our first day of school entering the first grade in the fall of 1961. Through all the years, he proved to be an outstanding athlete in football, basketball, and baseball, excelling in all three. He went on to play college football as a defensive back at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Lloyd was a visionary and entrepreneur in our industry for 30 plus years. He made numerous contributions in business, co-founding Cardiovascular Support Services, Inc. and Cardiovascular Support Products, Inc. In his career, he worked with Edward "Ted"

Donnelly in Houston, Texas graduating from this program as a perfusion student. This experience provided him opportunity to work on ECMO procedures with Dr. Arnold Landé, surgeon and inventor who worked with Lowell Edwards to develop the Landé-Edwards (Edwards Lifesciences) membrane oxygenator for long-term cardiopulmonary support. A highlight of his early career. Lloyd returned from Houston to Dallas, Texas where would spend the remainder of his career working at Medical City Hospital with Mike Norton, C.C.P., Baylor University Medical Center, Presbyterian Hospital, Methodist Hospital and other programs as his business expanded.

His chosen vocation was very remarkable in that from the birth of our profession through the modern era, many advancements were made (too numerous to cite) and these along with his associates, James O. Fines, III and Steven W. Sutton grew a business founded in August, 1986 into one of the largest perfusion companies in the southwest at that time. It was with Lloyd's guidance that made many of the accomplishments possible, such as expanding the business with new products and accounts or through the acquisition of other businesses. He served as President of our company(s) from their inception to 2015 when he merged forces with Comprehensive Care Services and Chet Czaplicka.

Lloyd never met a stranger, had an infectious personality with a great sense of wit and humor. He enjoyed golf and travel among many other passions. He fought vigorously against the illness that eventually overwhelmed him and he passed with a prepared mind – readily admitting the time had come.

He is survived by his loving wife Stacia, daughter Britney and spouse Taylor Dawson, son Blake and his loving grandchild – Taylor Dawson whom he adored along with his sister Teresa, sister in-law Terri and her four children along with many – many friends and colleagues. He will be missed but never forgotten.

I will miss my lifelong friend greatly, not a day goes by that I do not think of him. We had many experiences in life both up and down and always managed to infuse a dose of laughter, joy, and challenge – all of which was met in a united manner remaining close to the very end. Rest in peace my dear friend!

Steven W. Sutton