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In Memory of **Raymond Jean McInnis, Jr.**

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It is with sadness that we inform the perfusion community of the passing of Ray McInnis, long time Program Director at the Texas Heart Institute School of Perfusion Technology.

Raymond Jean McInnis was born in Beaumont, Texas, obtained his BS in Education from Lamar University in 1974 and a Master of Education from the University of Houston in 1980. Ray trained in perfusion technology at the Texas Heart Institute in 1976, became a staff instructor at THI and rose to the position of Program Director in 1985.

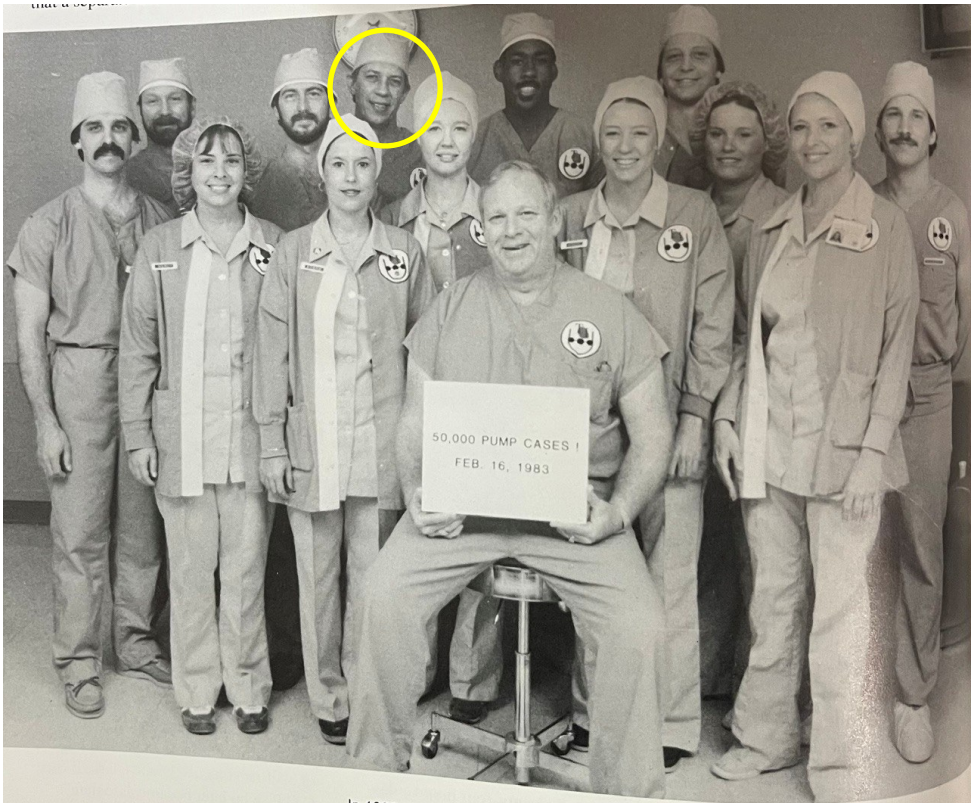
For those of us who worked with and for Ray, his even temper, dry sense of humor and calm demeanor will always be remembered. He listened thoughtfully and sincerely, often providing helpful and impartial feedback. I remember interviewing with Ray as a perfusion student applicant; he was a natural conversationalist who engaged and calmed me immediately during what is most often a stressful scenario. His door was always open to students and instructors alike. It is befitting that he received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Allied Health Sciences in 1982.

I never heard Ray raise his voice or demean a colleague. He was a gentleman who treated all of us with respect and fairness. He collaborated with physicians, academics and manufacturers alike with ease and grace, a true gentle giant. He enjoyed a good story, witty joke and a good cocktail. A patron of the arts, Ray supported local theater groups, nurtured a love of theater in young thespians and was active in promoting productions along with his partner, Michael.

Many perfusionists in the profession today benefitted from Ray's mentorship, support and stewardship of perfusion education and certification. He contributed much to elevating a fledgling profession into a respected healthcare discipline. We will miss him.



Ray's Perfusion
School Class
Picture



50,000 Pump Cases