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Dear NJIT Department of Biomedical Engineering:

It is an honor and a pleasure to write some words in memory of Dr. William Hunter. I first met Bill in 1985, when I started as a student in the PhD program at Johns Hopkins in Biomedical Engineering. For over thirty years, every time I saw Bill he had a huge smile and a wonderful attitude.

Bill was an excellent lecturer – ahead of his time. I was a teaching assistant for “Physiological Foundations” when Bill was one of the lecturers. He could explain complex cardiac mechanics so clearly. He derived cardiac pressure-volume loops through a step-by-step analysis of the Wigger’s diagram. Bill visibly demonstrated the effects of preload and afterload on stroke volume so that students understood intuitively. Consequently, students remembered Bill’s lectures long after his class. He was a wonderful role model as a teacher. He focused on a few key points with every lecture, and gave lots of examples reinforcing those concepts.

After Bill left for NJIT, I took over one of his labs in our System Bioengineering Lab course. Bill graciously answered all of my phone calls and emails as I was trying to piece together the details of the protocol. He did not have much written down, but he was willing to share everything that was in his head, and that was enough.

I always enjoyed talking to Bill whenever I would run into him at a BMES meeting. He would stop by the Hopkins reception, always with a big smile, even after dealing with cancer. Every conversation with Bill ended so positively. He was a wonderful mentor and colleague who will truly be missed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Haase".

Eileen Haase