



In Memoriam

Mr. Norwood J. "Woody" Oge, Jr.

Feb 26, 1944 - Apr 4, 2018

The West Jefferson Hospital Foundation expresses its deep condolences to the family of Mr. Woody Oge.

Mr. Oge, President of the hospital foundation, passed away on April 4, 2018. Mr. Oge served as the president of the West Jefferson Hospital Foundation Board of Directors since the spring of 2016.

A retired director of business and community affairs for Ingalls Shipbuilding-Avondale Operations, Mr. Oge served in many regional and statewide leadership roles as Chair of the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System and was a resident of the West Bank for several decades. He led Delgado College's Foundation. Active in several community, business and civic associations, Mr. Oge held leadership roles in numerous philanthropic, educational and non-profit organizations during his successful career and into a productive retirement.

Mr. Oge served our community with great distinction and dignity and is known as a mentor of many in business, charitable organizations and institutions of higher learning. Mr. Oge held degrees and advanced training from Southeastern Louisiana University, Louisiana State University, the Wharton School and Harvard University. He gave numerous inspirational and uplifting talks to graduating college students with messages of hope, opportunity and the importance of family and community.

Woody Oge was a familiar face at WJMC events for the community. Actively engaged in community outreach, he was a familiar face at the West Jeff Family Festival, Auxiliary celebrations and foundation fundraisers. Hospital volunteers were often treated to Mr. Oge's gracious presence at their installation banquets or special days such as plantings for the Care House in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's Day of service. It was Mr. Oge who first welcomed the acclaimed neonatologist and television personality Dr. Jennifer Arnold to our community for the successful Moonlight and Martinis gala hosted on campus by the West Jefferson Hospital Foundation to benefit the Cancer Center at West Jefferson.

The Hospital Foundation Board of Directors invites our hospital family to join it in expressing its deep condolences to Mr. Oge's wife, Mrs. Maureen Oge, and her family. The Board further thanks Mrs. Oge and family for sharing Mr. Woody Oge with our hospital and our patients, our community, region and the state of Louisiana and its future leaders.