



## Howard Justin Frye PhD

February 10, 1959 - November 25, 2022

Howard Justin Frye, PhD, 63 of Florence, SC, formerly of Logan, WV, passed away Friday, November 26, 2022 in the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, WV after a short illness with intrahepatic bile duct cancer. He was born February 10, 1959 in Columbus, OH. Howard was a 1977 graduate of Logan High School. He attended Marshall University and Florida State University, where he completed his doctorate degree in Art Education. He was an Elementary School teacher in Spring Hill, FL and most recently, Professor of Art Education at Frances Marion University in Florence, SC. Howard was preceded in death by his parents, Harkins J. Frye and Sadako Frye; and Elza Dallas Roy, his uncle who raised him. He is survived by his aunt who raised him, Beulah Faye (Frye) Roy of Huntington, WV; brothers, Charlie Frye of Gainesville, FL, Arnold Frye of Cleveland, OH, Jerry Frye of Columbus, OH; sisters, JoAnn Frye of Gainesville, FL, Rosemary (Frye) Adams of Huntington, WV, Judy (Frye) Perry of Columbus, OH; and a host of nieces and nephews. Per his request, Howard will be cremated and a private memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Henson & Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington, WV is caring for the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com)

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *I Miss you Howard*



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**Judy Anne Perry** - March 19, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ *Howard Justin Frye PhD*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM

DG

“ *Howard, I am deeply sadden by your absence. I will miss your generous spirit, inquisitive mind, and adventurous soul. You were an inspirational teacher and a kind and supportive colleague. You will be greatly missed. My condolences to your Aunt and the rest of your family, and to your extended network of friends and students. You touched so many lives. Godspeed, my friend. I'll be sure to watch "My Dinner with Andre" with you in mind.*

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**Doug Gray** - December 07, 2022 at 12:32 PM

VS

“ *Velda Stone lit a candle in memory of Howard Frye*



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**Velda Stone** - December 07, 2022 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ I worked with Howard in the Art Department at FMU for the last 10 years. He was a wonderful co-worker and cared so much for his students. His care was demonstrated by all of the wonderful artists he brought in over the years to enlighten the students and also be the numerous trips he took students on. I will miss our talks about cameras and photography. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family and my thoughts and prayers are with you as I know you have lost such a dear soul.

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**Julie Mixon** - December 07, 2022 at 10:09 AM

EC

“ I will miss him!!! Lots of memories together over 15 years in the art education program!!! ❤️💕😘

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**Eunjung Chang** - December 06, 2022 at 11:32 PM

DA

“ I will miss him. He was my office neighbor.

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**Dawn** - December 06, 2022 at 10:03 AM

OH

“ ora hounsshell lit a candle in memory of Howard Frye



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**ora m hounsshell** - December 05, 2022 at 07:16 AM

OH

“ I went to junior high and high school with Howard. I remember him being one the smartest, kindest and sweetest souls. Sending prayers of comfort to his family.

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**ora m hounschell** - December 05, 2022 at 07:15 AM

DG

“ Howard and I worked with the Art Education Program for over ten years. He loved his students and they more than just loved him. Quick to smile, he drew us all into his world. His world was warm, inquisitive, and hummed with his next project, next grant, next trip. Taking countless students to museums around the U.S. and abroad, he showed them the famous artworks about which they would later teach. Howard’s most incredible trait was that he cared. We all benefited. And we all benefited for having him in our lives.

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**Donna Goodman** - December 04, 2022 at 05:37 PM

KJ

“ Howard was a wonderful person. His positive and friendly demeanor is something the world needs more of. We worked together on Art’s Alive for several years and he was always thinking forward to how it could be improved each year. He was a wonderful friend and it was a privilege and pleasure to work with him. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Kathy Johnson** - December 03, 2022 at 06:26 PM

ST

“ I always enjoyed talking to Howard at art events. He was a caring intelligent person that often added a deep and thoughtful point of view in discussions.

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**Steve Bailey-art teacher** - December 03, 2022 at 11:11 AM

SH

“ For 19 years Howard was a close and much valued colleague at FMU—this entire fall semester I’ve missed his ebullient persona and his ability to share his love of art, plus a thousand other topics. We talked daily or whenever we would meet in the hallway, and our conversations were frequently quite extended. His premature death leaves a gaping hole in our department, not least because he was always bringing interesting art people to campus to interact with our students thru talks or workshops. All were memorable. Just as important, he also generously took many students on trips to great art centers around the country, and even abroad. So it was a bittersweet privilege that I was able to share my great memories with Howard directly during these last months—he genuinely needed to know what a difference he had made to the lives of so many students and faculty. I hope this brief appreciation of his wonderful legacy as a teacher and as a human being, along with my deepest condolences, will reach his grieving extended family.

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**Sam Howell** - December 02, 2022 at 06:27 PM

LS

“ From first being my professor to later a colleague, he was more importantly one of the most caring souls at Francis Marion University. I will remember him for his sweet spirit and calming presence. My heart goes out to his family and friends and prayers are with you all.

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**Lindsay Simmons** - December 01, 2022 at 10:49 PM

KM

“ Howard was such a sweet, caring soul. Howard, I had the blessing of working with you at FMU. You were such a wonderful colleague! You will be greatly missed!

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**Kimberly McCuiston** - December 01, 2022 at 03:05 PM

BK

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Howard's passing. He was a dedicated professor here at Francis Marion University and he will be missed.

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**Brigid and Chris Kennedy** - December 01, 2022 at 02:21 PM

GF

“ An amazing colleague, teacher, and person. He will be greatly missed, and our loss is deeply heartfelt. Condolences to all of his family and friend.

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**Greg Fry** - December 01, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ Howard loved encounters with novel cultures and travel to distant lands. Ever the fearless optimist, he was confident that if he were open and honest with strangers, they would reciprocate in kind. But he also savored his frequent trips home to West Virginia, and was as devoted to his aunt Beulah as he was to his animal friends Pebbles and Okie.

*In the 19 years Howard was my colleague at Francis Marion University, he became my mental image of the quintessential absent-minded professor. His mind was always racing, and he enjoyed nothing more than to veer off into a new discipline of study and relish the joy of learning new things about art, about nature, about culture, about music, about the mind, and above all about teaching and learning itself.*

*Joe Sallenger  
Mars Bluff, South Carolina*

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**Joseph Sallenger** - December 01, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *His passing leaves a void in the Fine Arts department here at FMU. He was an exceptional educator, a good friend, and a kind soul. My condolences to the family.*

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**Keith Best** - December 01, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ *Very sad to hear that Howard has passed. Having known him since university days in Huntington, I can tell you - he's one of the most thoughtful people EVER, and as far as I know - everyone who met him LIKED HIM! Best wishes to the family and all his friends.*

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**Tim Miller** - November 29, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this. He was a friend while attending Marshall. As nice of a person as I've ever known. Very funny and friendly. Fly high my friend*

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**brian jackson** - November 27, 2022 at 03:06 PM