



EUGENE GIBSON ANDERSON, R.PH.

2010 RECIPIENT OF THE M. KEITH FEARING JR. COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRACTICE AWARD

Eugene "Gene" Gibson Anderson still remembers filling six prescriptions a day when he first opened a pharmacy in Elizabethtown in 1969. In the forty-plus years since then, he has become one of the most trusted healthcare professionals in the area, accessible six days a week both to his customers and the physicians who seek his advice.

When Gene moved his business to its current location in 1980, Anderson's Drug Store had more square footage than any independent drug store in the state. Gene has also won numerous awards over the years, including Drug Topics' Independent Superstar in the Overcoming Competition category in 1986, 1988, 1989 and 1990.

More recently, due to the hard work of his capable staff, Anderson's Drug Store received the local newspaper's "Peoples Award" as the best area resource for help with Medicare Part D. In 2009, Anderson's Drug Store was selected from among 24,000 community pharmacies as the CCRx National Drug Store of the Year and recognized in a video at the NCPA national convention in New Orleans.

A 1968 graduate of the UNC School of Pharmacy, Gene is a generous benefactor. At UNC, not only is the Anderson Pharmacy Laboratory named for him, but the UNC Department of Athletics also honored Gene in 2006 with the naming of the new Eugene G. Anderson Softball Stadium. Numerous awards (Men's and Women's Track and Field, Women's Field Hockey, Women's Tennis Scholarship) are also named in his honor.

Gene's association with Campbell began in earnest when he and friend, Susie Prevette, got to know Dr. Andy Bowman and recognized the substantial contribution that Campbell makes toward the continuing education of Mutual Drug Store pharmacists. When Dr. Bowman asked for help with the new Maddox Building, Gene not only sponsored the building of a classroom, a laboratory and the alumni suite, but he especially enjoyed soliciting contributions from younger pharmacists including Neal O'Neal and Trey Waters.

About a decade ago, Gene and Susie also began the serious work of supporting the political organization of community pharmacists. This important behind-the-scenes work has become a major focus for Gene and Susie in recent years.

Outside of his profession, Gene not only enjoys Carolina sports, but also enjoys NASCAR and the gratification of bringing "old cars" back to life, a hobby he learned from his father. He collects original, numbers-matching Corvettes that have won national awards and been displayed in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. In addition, Gene restores "muscle cars" that are sometimes rusted almost beyond recognition before Gene and his crew painstakingly work their magic.

Gene has three beautiful, intelligent daughters (Ashley Hardee, a speech pathologist in Greenville, NC; Joy McDonald, an optometrist in Jacksonville, FL; and Gena Anderson, a Campbell University pharmacy student), two accomplished sons-in-law (Jason Hardee, a dentist and Frank McDonald, an ophthalmologist), and two lively, awe-inspiring six-year-old twin grandsons (Seth and Stewart Hardee). Gene is especially pleased that his 91-year-old mother, Myrtle Anderson Gray, is here to share this moment with him as he is honored by Campbell University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.