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## **Mourning the Loss of Our Visionary Founder**

The Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory Board of Trustees is saddened to announce the death of Dr. Julia E. H. Carter, the President of the laboratory and its driving force since its inception in 1981. Her son, Dr. Sidney W. Carter, will continue to serve on the board of trustees. Her other son, Dr. Percy H. Carter, has agreed to rejoin the board and serve as Board Chairman. The operations of the Lab are continuing, and the Board has started a strategic planning process.

The family posted the following obituary on May 26th, prior to the funeral. The family will be hosting a reception to celebrate Dr. Carter's accomplishments later this summer.



Julia E. H. Carter, Ph.D., 80, of Ft. Mitchell, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on May 24, 2024 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood, KY.

After growing up in New Jersey and Connecticut, Julia studied at Wellesley College, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy with a minor in Chemistry. Her interest in cancer research began with summer research internships at the Cancer Research Institute of New England Deaconess Hospital. For three years after graduation, she worked full time at the Cancer Research Institute, under the direction of two Harvard professors. Dr. Carter later earned her Master's degree and Ph.D. in Physiology at Rutgers University, and then completed post-doctoral training at Rutgers under the Director of The Bureau of Biological Research. In the late 1970s, the Carter Family moved from New Jersey to Cleveland, Ohio. It was there that Dr. Julia Carter, Dr. Harry Carter, Dr. Larry Douglass and Mr. Sidney Wood founded the Wood Hudson

Cancer Research Laboratory in 1981 as a not-for-profit laboratory dedicated to cancer research. In 1984 the Lab moved to Covington, KY, and then in 1990 to Newport, KY, where it has thrived and continues today. Dr. Carter has served as Principal Investigator on five U.S. EPA funded cooperative research agreements as well as on research agreements with five pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

Julia was a longtime member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ft. Thomas, and played an active role in the life of the parish. Julia was also a devoted mother and grandmother, who always made time to celebrate special occasions and holidays with her family. With her grandchildren, she enjoyed playing a variety of board games and card games, and was a spirited, if understated, competitor.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents, Percy W. Hudson and Julia E. Wood Hudson, and her husband of 32 years, Harry W. Carter, M.D. Julia is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Percy (Laura) Carter and Sidney (Zoe) Carter; and her grandchildren, Harry, Isabelle, Samuel, Caleb and Jasper.

Visitation will be from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Thomas, KY. Funeral Ceremony will follow at 1:00 pm Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at St. Andrews. Burial will take place in the Highland Cemetery in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.

Memorials are suggested to support the ongoing 2024 Undergraduate Research Education Program at Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory, 931 Isabella Street Newport, KY 41071. Dobbling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell are caring for Julia and her family. Online condolences can be given at [www.dmefuneral.com](http://www.dmefuneral.com).

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## Summer UREP Students



My name is Grant Schwiebert, I am studying Biomedical Engineering with a focus on Biomechanics at The Ohio State University. I graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 2023 with Honors and Cum Laude. I am interested in research in health and medicine, and finding ways to apply science to helping people.

Zack Watson: I am a junior at Thomas More University. I am a Biology Major (premed) and a member of the wrestling team. I graduated from Walton-Verona High School in 2022. I applied to the UREP program to see the research side of medicine and gain experience in a lab.





My name is Emma Winland, and I am from Bainbridge, OH. I am an upcoming senior at Mount St. Joseph University studying biomedical sciences with a minor in chemistry. After graduating from the Mount, I plan on attending graduate school with a focus in microbiology or biochemistry. Outside of the classroom/lab, I enjoy playing golf and spending time outside with my dogs!

Jack Grayson: I just finished my freshman year of undergraduate at the University of Kentucky. I am majoring in Biology on the pre-medical track where I hope to one day become a physician. I previously attended St. Henry District High School where I first became interested in the sciences, especially Biology.



My name is Katrin Vilinsky and I am currently a Chemical and Biomedical engineering student at Carnegie Mellon university. I have always loved research and cancer has always been a topic of interest for me. I previously attended Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Terrin Jackson: I am a 2022 graduate of William Henry Harrison High School and I am now entering into my third year of studies at Mount St. Joseph University. At the Mount, I am studying Biomedical Sciences and Biochemistry with a pre-medical concentration.



Cameron Decker: I'm currently enrolled at Mount St. Joseph University. My major is Biochemistry with a pre-med concentration. I graduated from Beechwood High School.

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## Meet Dr. Daisy Grove

I'm thrilled to embark on my research journey at Wood Hudson! As a native of Northern Kentucky, I graduated from NKU in 2019 with a BS in Chemistry, specializing in



Biochemistry. My passion for research was ignited during my time at NKU, where I discovered my desire to work alongside undergraduate students. This drive led me to pursue further studies in the Biochemistry Ph.D. program at The Ohio State University, focusing on unraveling the intricacies of eukaryotic initiation factor 2A (eIF2A) in mRNA translation. Now, I am eager to delve deeper into this field, particularly in the context of breast cancer. Wood Hudson presents an incredible opportunity for me to pursue independent research while also mentoring undergraduate students, and I couldn't be more excited to begin this next chapter of my scientific journey.

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