

## OBITUARY OF DR. SHIRLEY SIEW



It is with heavy hearts we share with you today that longtime Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine Professor Shirley Siew, M.D., Ph.D., died June 16, 2022, at the age of 97. Born March 12, 1925, in South Africa, Dr. Siew was an accomplished pathologist, researcher, author and aviator.

Her legacy is long with the college and our students who remember Dr. Siew fondly from her physiology and human pathology courses, as well as MSUCOM fellows to whom she taught cardiac pathology. Her impact was greater than her teaching, it came in her caring and connecting with students, as is seen in the endowed scholarship several of her former students established years ago in her honor.

The student scholarship endowment in her honor is a testament to her love for research and teaching and even Dr. Siew generously donated to the scholarship. Today, the scholarship supports qualified students pursuing clinical or doctoral degrees from MSUCOM.

Though loved and respected by her students, Dr. Siew's reach went beyond Fee Hall. She began her career at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, where she was a pioneer for women in the profession, earning both a M.D. and Ph.D. in 1963 for her thesis on rheumatic heart disease and pulmonary complications.

She came to the U.S. in 1970, accepting an associate professor position at Indiana University Medical Center. Two years later, she joined the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine as an associate professor of pathology and served as an associate pathologist and director of autopsy service at Montefiore Hospital. She joined MSU faculty in 1977 where she taught for more than 20 years.

During her career, Dr. Siew earned more than 60 teaching awards and received a "Distinguished Faculty Award" from the Michigan State College of Human Medicine in 1988. She wrote 90 articles and three book chapters and was a Fellow with the American College of Cardiology. A member of the American Medical Association (AMA), she received two Gold Medals.

Dr. Siew's legacy will live on through her students and others she touched over the years. She will be greatly missed.