It is with great sadness that the NC OSHERC reports we lost a dear friend and colleague, Finis Cavender, PhD, who passed away on April 5, 2020. Dr. Cavender served as a faculty instructor in our annual, winter and summer institutes, teaching courses in biochemical toxicology and industrial toxicology. More importantly, he was a good friend and colleague, always bringing a smile and a few jokes to each class to brighten a person’s day. Students enjoyed his great enthusiasm for the profession, coupled with his vast knowledge and expertise in the field of toxicology. He will be greatly missed by the NC OSHERC and all who knew him. We send our condolences to Dr. Cavender’s wife Jeanie and their family during this difficult time.

More information about Dr. Cavender’s work: Dr. Finis Cavender was a consulting clinical toxicologist and adjunct associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was board certified in toxicology (DABT) and industrial hygiene (CIH) and a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (FAACT). He also served as chair of the Emergency Response Planning Committee and the Toxicology Committee of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), and the Membership Committee of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (AACT). He provided expertise as a member of the Workplace Environmental Exposure Level Committee of AIHA, the Ethics Committee, the Risk Assessment Committee of the Society of Toxicology (SOT), and the Occupational Toxicology Committee of AACT. Dr. Cavender served as Chair of the National Capital Area Chapter of the SOT, as a member of the SOT Inhalation Specialty Section. For the National Library of Medicine, Dr. Cavender served as Chair of the Toxicology Section of the Science Review Panel, represented the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an expert in inhalation toxicology to the OECD, and lectured on biochemical toxicology in the graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill and the University of Maryland, the AIHA, and individual corporations.