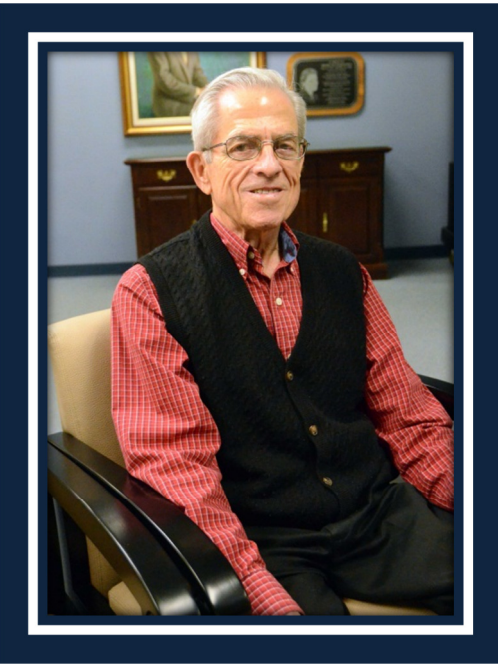


## **The GAFP Educational Foundation Honors Wells Riley, M.D. with Endowment**



***Dr. Wells Riley***

The Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Educational Foundation Board of Directors honored Wells Riley, M.D., a family physician from Jonesboro, GA, by establishing an endowment that bears his name in the Mercer University School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine. This endowment will support faculty development.

The Board of Directors of the Educational Foundation bestowed this honor on Dr. Riley in recognition of his tremendous contributions to the specialty of family medicine through his practice and service to both the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians and the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Educational Foundation.

Dr. Riley is a founding member of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Educational Foundation; established in 1975 as one of the first continuing medical education providers in the country to develop, prepare and distribute educational courses needed for certification by thousands of family practitioners within the state and throughout the nation.

Dr. Riley joined the board of the GAFP Educational Foundation in 1975 and continues to serve as a Board member where he has served as Chair many times. In addition, Dr. Riley celebrated 50 years as a member of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians in 2009, was the Family Physician of the Year in 1978 and served as GAFP President in 1975-1976.

Dr. Riley graduated from Emory University School of Medicine in 1951; served an internship in Richmond, SC; and then joined a family medicine practice in Johnston, SC. He often shares that he delivered that he delivered 300 babies in three and half years during his time at that practice. In 1955, he took over the family medicine practice of a former classmate in Jonesboro, GA. "I ran a mini emergency room, but delivered no babies," said Dr. Riley of those early years. He spent the remainder of his career in Jonesboro where he was loved and respected by the patients he cared until his retirement in 1991.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the endowment may do so in the following ways:

You may mail a check, made payable to Mercer University, to the office of

Mercer University, University Advancement, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, GA 31207;

You may make a secure online gift at [www.mercer.edu/gifts](http://www.mercer.edu/gifts); or call (478)-301-2725 to give by credit card. Please indicate that your contribution is designated for the Wells Riley, M.D. Endowed Fund in Family Medicine Faculty Development. Your gift is fully tax-deductible. For additional information on gifting, contact Shawna Dooley at [dooley\\_sr@mercer.edu](mailto:dooley_sr@mercer.edu) or by phone at (478)-301-2720. For further questions or information contact: [gafpef@bellsouth.net](mailto:gafpef@bellsouth.net)

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