

# NAUGURAL ALPHA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES in 2008

## **Clyde Barganier, Dr.P.H.**

Throughout his 32-year public health career Dr. Barganier was a member and active supporter of ALPHA. Recognized in the state as well as nationally for his superb leadership in public health as well as rural health care, he made major contributions and is genuinely concerned about and committed to improving access to health services and outcomes for all Alabamians. He was awarded the D.G. Gill Award in 1989.

## **Mary Boyd**

The late Mary Boyd was always a public health advocate and was very proud of being a public health employee. An excellent "recruiter" she never failed to tell new employees about the association and how important it was to be a member. She was the recipient of the Virginia Kendrick Award in 1993 and was also the first person to serve as the association's Executive Director, for which she accepted no pay. Known to many as the "mother of ALPHA" she put her heart and soul into whatever position she held.

## **Michael Cash**

The late Mike Cash was a strong supporter of the Alabama Public Health Association, which he led as president in 1995. A passionate supporter and recruiter for ALPHA, he was a man of character, commitment and dedication. These three qualities shone brightly while he unselfishly volunteered his time for ALPHA and continue to shine today through his legacy.

## **Charlotte Denton**

A spirited and tireless supporter of the Alabama Public Health Association for more than two decades, Charlotte Denton established a statewide public health infection control program, coordinated the state refugee health screening program, and directed the Division of Tuberculosis Control where she was presented with the Public Health Leadership Award. She received the Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence and is a graduate of the South Central Public Health Leadership Institute.

## **Ruth Harrell**

An ALPHA member for more than 30 years, Ruth Harrell has been an advocate for the association not only during her amazing working career but also during her so-called "retired" years. She has an unwavering passion for ALPHA that is evident in everything she does and is a solid rock in ALPHA's foundation. She was awarded the D. G. Gill Award in 1984 and the Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence in 1994.

## **Richard Holmes**

The late James Richard Holmes' professional life was dedicated to public health. An engaged member of ALPHA he served several consecutive terms as treasurer and computerized all of the association's records and processes. He served the citizens of Alabama for more than 30 years in the Jefferson County Department of Health and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

## **Ira L. Myers, M.D.**

The late Dr. Ira Myers was very involved in ALPHA throughout his public health career. He received the D.G. Gill Award. The association's prestigious Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence and the Ira L. Myers Scholarship to the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health were named in his honor.

## **Arrol Sheehan**

A longtime member of the Alabama Public Health Association, Arrol Sheehan has served as newsletter chair for many years and has been called the "voice of ALPHA." She is the 2008 D.G. Gill Award recipient.

**Anne M. Smith**

The late Anne Mangum Smith began her public health nursing career in 1938 in Randolph County, Ala. Her career lasted more than four decades and included service in seven counties and eventually led to the most esteemed position in public health nursing in Alabama. She was the director of Public Health Nursing in Alabama from 1964 until her retirement in 1984. Always an avid supporter of ALPHA she was the first nurse to be the president of the association and in 1976 she received the D. G. Gill Award. She was inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Capstone College of Nursing Hall of Fame in 2001. The 52nd Annual Conference was dedicated to her memory.

**Ruth Underwood**

Ruth Underwood is the epitome of the public health professional and has been described as a "quiet warrior" who has tremendous influence on her fellow employees, agency leaders, government officials, local citizens and friends. She perpetuates the future of our profession by actively encouraging and molding the "new faces" of public health. She has been the recipient of several ALPHA awards including the Guy M. Tate Award in 1993, the D.G. Gill Award in 1995 and the Ira L. Myers Award in 2006.

**Marion Wilford**

ALPHA members were treasured people to the late Marion Wilford. Service above and beyond the call of duty was what he was all about during his public health career which spanned three decades and ended with his death in 2005. He was the recipient of the Virginia Kendrick Award in 1990.