

2007 - Dr. Gene Wright, Class of '43

Dr. Gene Wright graduated from Elida in the class of 1943. He then attended Ohio Wesleyan University, obtaining his BA in 1949. He earned his MD from Ohio State University in 1953. After completing residency and internship requirements, he served in the US Army Medical Corps from 1955-57. Upon leaving the military, Dr. Wright established a Family Practice Partnership that flourished for 30 years. For the following 13 years, he ran a Family Practice "solo". Dr. Wright served as the team physician for Lima Senior High School for 26 years. He served on the staff at both Lima Memorial and St. Rita's Hospitals, serving as member and/or chairing a variety of committees in the two medical facilities. He is active with the Lima/Allen County Academy of Medicine and served as the President from 1974-75. Gene is also an active member of the Allen County Academy of Family Physicians and served as President of the organization in 1960, and President of the Ohio Academy 1990-91. In 1981, he became the medical and administrative director of the Lima Area Health Education Center. He serves as a clinical associate professor at the Medical College of Ohio. Dr. Wright has been/is a member of: Lima & Allen County Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians, the Rotary Club, the Lima Road Runners Bicycle Club, the Lima Area Chamber of Commerce and Trinity United Methodist Church. Dr. Wright was named the Family Practice Educator of the Year in 1984 by the Ohio Academy of Family Practice. In 1992, MCO presented him with the Distinguished Citizen's Award. Dr. Wright is married to Jean and they are the parents of Cynthia, Jonathan, twins Jeffrey and Jenny, and Chris.