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The William H. Butler, Jr. Graduate Research Scholarship

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MTSU biology faculty 1988-2022

A Murfreesboro native, Mr. William Butler received his B.A. in biology from Fisk University in 1963 and obtained the M.S. degree at Tennessee State University in 1970.

William Harding (Sonny) Butler joined the department as an assistant professor in August, 1988. As a professor teaching biology for non-majors and human anatomy and physiology, Mr. Butler was well respected by students and colleagues alike. He served on many departmental committees and was involved in variety of university service roles. William Butler received the Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Award for his work on urban renewal and his leadership roles in anti-drug organizations.

Bill appeared to be happiest whenever he was inside a classroom interacting with students. He was perhaps the most loved anatomy teacher of all time. Bill genuinely wanted his students to succeed and they responded warmly to him. If you were lucky enough to be one of Bill's students, he would keep you engaged, entertained, and working the entire lab period.