

Remembering Drs. Coker, Barrett, and Shaye

LSUSD sadly notes the recent deaths of three retired faculty members, Drs. Robert Coker, Ronald Barrett, and Robert Shaye, who all joined LSUSD shortly after the school's creation and contributed significantly to its development.

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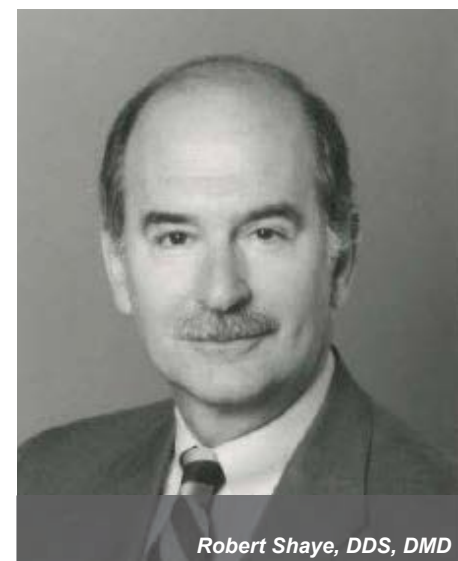
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University of Alabama, followed by a master's of education from the University of New Orleans. Prior to his career as a dentist, he served in the U.S. Navy as a submariner and in the U.S. Air Force as an aviation cadet. Following his military service, Dr. Barrett worked as a marine biologist for Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries. A member of the founding faculty of LSUSD in 1968, he was instrumental in the planning, design, and orchestration of funding for the construction of the LSU School of Dentistry. During his 37 years at the dental school, he served in the departments of oral diagnosis/medicine/radiology and general dentistry, while maintaining a private general dental practice in Metairie. Dr. Barrett was a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Medicine. He retired from LSUSD in 2004 as professor emeritus. He is survived by his wife Kathy, daughter Karen, son Ronald Jr; and 11 grandchildren.

Robert Shaye, DDS, DMD, passed away on April 12, 2017, at the age of 79. A native of Connecticut, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and his

DDS from New York University. Following his graduation from dental school, he served in the United States Army on active duty with the 86th Medical Detachment in Bad Hersfeld, Germany, and with the United States Army Hospital at West Point. He went on to complete his orthodontic training, receiving his doctorate of medical dentistry from the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Upon returning to the United States, Dr. Shaye spent one year at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry before joining LSUSD. He also continued his military service in the Army Reserves with the 4010th U.S. Army Hospital in New Orleans. He retired from the military in 1996, as a colonel with 41 years of service. Upon retiring from LSU in 1995, Dr. Shaye became chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He retired from UMMC in 2012, with the honor of professor emeritus from both LSU and UMMC. He is survived by his wife Baerbel, daughters Alexandra and Natalie, and six grandchildren.

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