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TO: John Jay College Community
FROM: Keisha Pottinger-Moore, Director of Human Resources Operations
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RE: Passing of Professor Charles Kingston – Department of Science

We regret to announce the passing of Charles R. Kingston on February 23, 2023. Professor Kingston was a beloved member of John Jay College. Where he worked and enjoyed teaching and also served as Chairman of the Forensic Science Department from 1968 - 1996.

Dr. Kingston was born in San Diego, CA on 4-11-1931. After graduating High School, he joined the Air Force where he served and studied Intel Operations from 1951 - 1955, as well as teaching at the Arthur Murry Dance Studio. Upon leaving the Air Force he studied at the University of California Berkeley, Criminology Department, where he received both Undergraduate, Graduate and PHD degrees in Criminology, graduating on December 20th 1963.

He enjoyed being around his family and pets, photography, assembling computers, reading, solving and making puzzles, jokes, riddles and performing magic tricks. His birthday (4-11) was extremely apropos as he was our information hotline. He pleased in tough questions that he had to look up in his expansive library, including the Encyclopedia Britannica, particularly before the internet made tough questions easier.

Services will be held at Ferncliff Cemetery on 280-284 Secor Rd in Hartsdale, NY on Feb 28th at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.