In Memoriam:

John Streff

Dr. John W. Streff passed away on May 6, 2010. He was 83. As a 1950 graduate of the Chicago College of Optometry, John was a founding father of the developmental optometry community. His long career included a private practice in Pipestone, Minnesota; Director of Vision Research at the Gesell Institute of Child Development (presently Yale University’s Gesell Institute of Human Development); Professor of Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy at the Southern College of Optometry; Director of Optometry at the Skeffington/Alexander National Optometry & Education Learning Research Center (SA NOEL); and a private practice in Lancaster, Ohio with his son, Dean.

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Memorial donations may be given to Parents Active for Vision Education (P.A.V.E.), 4135 54th Place, San Diego, California 92105. Visit the P.A.V.E website for more information on donating.

After John retired from clinical practice, he continued to lecture and write articles for professional journals. John authored and co-authored approximately 40 professional papers and books. He has been a leading proponent in advancing the recognition of vision therapy, and has been recognized with numerous awards and honors for his work. COVD awarded John the Robert and Margery Wold Heritage Award, the A.M. Skeffington Award, the G.N. Getman Award, and the OVD Award for Best Article.

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