

Memorial Resolution for Professor Grace Jones, Dept. of Biology, College of Arts & Sciences  
Presented To the University Senate, February 11, 2019

Grace Jones passed from this life on January 12, 2019 at the age of 67.

She is survived by her husband Davy, in whose arms she died.

Born in Hong Kong, Grace received a bachelor's and master's degree in biology, a Doctor of Education with emphasis in Entomology, and a doctorate in entomology from UC Davis in 1983.

Grace began as a UK faculty member in the Department of Entomology in 1984 as an assistant research professor and then associate research professor, studying insect biochemistry and molecular biology. She joined UK's School of Biological Sciences in 1991, advancing from assistant professor to associate professor with tenure and finally full professor in 1999.

During a career focused on understanding the regulation of moth development by juvenile hormone, she was awarded millions of dollars in grant funds from NIH and NSF, reporting her findings in well over 100 publications in prestigious journals. An internationally known scientist, she had various visiting appointments over the years at Harvard, MIT and Baylor Universities. She also established a program to bring visiting young scientists from Poland to her lab for further training.

In what spare time she had, she enjoyed painting and pursuing the dim sum of her youth.

Grace suffered a severe stroke in 2000, complications from which ultimately took her life. But the determination and courage with which she fought for 18 years to overcome difficult physical challenges in order to successfully continue her academic teaching and research were an inspiration to all and forever earned her the moniker of "Amazing Grace." Grace volunteered in a physical rehabilitation clinical trial at Cardinal Hill and availed herself every year to clinical training of Physical Therapy students. She will be sorely missed. A fund is being established in her memory with the Kentucky Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network, to aid persons and families challenged with stroke or physical disability.

I move that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the University Senate and that a copy be sent to Professor Jones' family.