



The Mississippi Health Care Association (MHCA) is pleased to present a series of profiles of residents across Mississippi titled, "An Enriched Life" to highlight the impact of their lives.

Dr. Robert Fye – The Carrington in Starkville

Many people go through life hoping to experience an enriched life but there's no doubt that Dr. Robert Fye exemplified a life of risk taking and a wide variety of experiences and exposure to other cultures.

Dr. Fye began working as a bank clerk at the age of 17 to save money to enroll in college. He attended college for one quarter before he was drafted into military service at the age of 19.



He served in World War II as a tech sergeant of the 65th infantry division. He would be the youngest master sergeant in the Alaskan department who sent two bombers to islands in Japan. He was responsible for sending supplies to 12,000 men and women.

After the war, Dr. Fye attended Iowa State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in botany and chemistry in 1949. In 1951 he attended Washington State University and received a Master's degree in entomology with a minor in plant pathology. In 1954, Dr. Fye received his Doctorate in entomology with a minor in botany.

He was recognized with many honors including Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, Phi Sigma, Gamma Sigma Delta, American Men of Science, USDA Certificate of Merit in 1973 for contributions to non-chemical and ecological control of cotton insects. He was nationally and internationally recognized for his work in insect and plant modeling.

He was always fascinated with science and as a young boy, his father created a laboratory in their basement at home. As an adult, Dr. Fye created a trap nesting technique for the pollination of clovers and alfalfa by bumblebees and solitary bees and has since been solicited by the United States and Canada. During his retirement, he was a toymaker in Starkville. His work consisted of blocks of wood that were made into colorful, intricate toys with his work being described as fun, colorful and thought-provoking.

Dr. Fye has lived, endured and conquered many milestones throughout his interesting and eventful life—clearly an example of an enriched life.

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