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In Honor of Joseph A. Dunn

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Joe Dunn passed away too soon -- at the age of 66 -- on November 30, 2019. He was a dear friend and a valued colleague. We would like to recap some of his many contributions. But first a bit about his background, and how we came to know him.

Joseph A. Dunn was born in Buffalo, New York in 1953. After completing a PhD in Biochemical Pharmacology (1981) he worked as a scientist -- at the *National Institute of Health* (NIH), *Colgate-Palmolive*, *Eastman Kodak*, *Cornell University*, and *SUNY-Buffalo*, and he also served an administrator at the USDA. He even has two patents: he is the co-inventor of two treatments for chronic inflammation. Joe was currently the Associate Dean for Research and a Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the *D'Youville College School of Pharmacy* in Buffalo, NY., as well as a Managing Partner in *ProOsseous LLC* and President of *OmniPharm Research Int. Inc.* - both in Amherst, NY, and he was a member of NCFAP's Board of Trustees.

We got to know Joe Dunn over a dozen years ago when he was at the U.S. Dept of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington, DC. He first served as the Senior Scientific Advisor to the *Office of the Chief Scientist* and *Under Secretary of Research, Education and Economics* (REE) at USDA. Then he worked as the Deputy Undersecretary to Gale Buchanan for REE at USDA. In 2005-2008, NCFAP lead a Dept. of Energy - National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) project to "Build Linkages between EERE and Universities in Education, Recruitment & Scientific Exchange" (<https://www.ncfap.org/documents/NASULGCProjectsWeb.pdf> Project 5). Together with Joe and others we created the "Bio Energy Awareness Days" --BEAD I and II, convened in D.C. in 2007 and 2008 (<https://www.ncfap.org/bead-ii/>).

In 2009 Joe became NCFAP's Chief Executive Officer, an unpaid position he held for ten years. He enabled NCFAP's work to provide economic analyses, professional development programs, and other projects promoting agriculture, food security and rural development in the USA and around the world. He was someone we always enjoyed talking to: kind, generous, warm-hearted, and fun-loving. He was a model human being and we are so grateful for having known him.