

In Memoriam

Robert “Bob” Amber, B.S. ‘54, died December 3, 2007, at age 83. Born in La Porte, Indiana, and orphaned at age three, he attended the University of Indiana for one year prior to enlisting in the Air Force. In 1945 he married Patricia Siegel in Alamogordo, New Mexico, with his flight crew serving as attendants. While stationed in Alamogordo they also witnessed the explosion of the first atomic bomb. Following the end of the war, he and his wife moved to California where he entered UC Berkeley and was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity. In 1950 he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in public health and went to work for the Oakland Health Department. He later transferred to the newly formed Berkeley Redevelopment Agency and was involved in bringing BART to Berkeley’s downtown area. In 1959, the couple and their three children moved to Moraga, California. Bob immediately became involved in issues facing the new community, such as incorporation and the development of the Moraga School District. He served on the board from 1961 to 1975 and was president of the board from 1968 to 1970. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pat, and three children. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the UC Berkeley School of Public Health.

To make a gift in memory of Robert Amber, please make your check payable to the “School of Public Health Fund” and include a note that the gift is in memory of Robert Amber. Mail it to Pat Hosel, Office of External Relations, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, 417 University Hall #7360, Berkeley, CA, 94720-7360 or make your gift online at egiving.berkeley.edu/urelgift/public_health.html.



Felice Kurtzman, R.D., M.P.H. ‘80, died November 3, 2007, at age 52 at her home in Sherman Oaks, California. Kurtzman

spent a 25-year career at UCLA, beginning as the first dietitian with the Student Health Service. She went on to work with the Department of Biological Chemistry, where she was a lecturer for medical and dental school students. In 1995 she launched *Nutrition Bytes*, which published nutrition review papers that offered students an opportunity to survey and critically analyze nutrition research. She joined the sports medicine staff as the official nutritionist for the Athletic Department, a role that she particularly enjoyed. As chair for the Athletic Department committee, she helped guide health policy and research for UCLA athletes. She authored numerous publications about sports nutrition and disordered eating among collegiate athletes, and was a respected speaker at professional athletic and nutrition symposiums. She lived her passion for protecting the environment through travel and outdoor adventures. She sought out new challenges and cultivated deep relationships with the people in her life.

Kurtzman was an inspiration to the thousands of UCLA students and athletes that she taught, counseled, and mentored. She will be remembered for her enthusiasm, compassionate spirit, unflinching strength, and the ability to inspire others to explore their dreams and lay out a path to achieving their goals. She is survived by her husband, three sons, mother, a large extended family, and a multitude of friends.



Florence Stroud, M.N., M.P.H. ‘66, died November 16, 2007, at her home in Oakland, California, at age 73. She was a leader

in the Bay Area public health community who championed the needs of the poor and people of color.

Born in Oklahoma, Stroud graduated from Seattle Pacific University and earned her nursing degree at the University of Washington. She later worked as a staff nurse for the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. While working toward her nursing degree, she delivered obstetrical care in Nigerian villages through a World Health Organization program. She then enrolled at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health for her master’s degree in public health. While there, she met and married Welvin Stroud.

She taught nursing at UCSF from 1967 to 1976 and was appointed head nurse of pediatrics at the UCSF Medical Center. After six years as health director for the city of Berkeley—the first African American to serve in that role—she was recruited in 1982 to the San Francisco Department of Public Health to become deputy director for Community Health Services, and she served twice as the department’s interim director. She authored critical guidelines for the prevention of prenatal transmission of HIV and the care of mothers, infants, and children infected with the AIDS virus.

Stroud was a cofounder of the Bay Area Nurses Association, the Bay Area Consortium for Quality Health Care, and the California Black Health Network. She was the first registered nurse appointed to the Medical Board of California and was former president of both the California Board Medical Quality Assurance and the Division of Licensing.

She is survived by her son and five granddaughters. 🍷