Ode to My Friend Carl
Dr. Joe Smaldino

In passing Carl you leave a gap
A hole both wide and deep
Never to be filled again
By one so very clever and unique

There are so many things we will miss about you
I do not know where to start
Perhaps the most profound should be the first
The largeness of your heart
You embraced countless with your kindness
Friends and colleagues and students and strays alike
People became better for knowing you
You guided many toward the light

Sharing yourself with others was done each and every day
Students loved your wisdom, others heard you pray
Through all of it, your melodic voice came through loud and clear
"doctor Carl Crandell" —you were always near

And near you we will always be
When people step and ponder
How to help the hearing impaired
Or repair a life that's squandered

your good humor
your love for music
your distaste for all despair
your curiosity
your mentoring
your love of fresh clean air
your faith
your values

You know it is just not fair
But yet we know it is, for God knows more than we
About when and how He meets us
And the way that it will be
Carl is closer to the source now and also to his dad
And if Carl were here now I know in that deep voice he'd say...
hey bro don't be so sad
I am closer to the source now
You know that ain't so bad

Remembering Carl Crandell, The Audiologist
Jay Hall III, Ph.D.

There is no way that I can attempt to tell the full story of the many thousands of people that Carl has affected in his all-too-brief career as an audiologist. Carl certainly improved the lives of the hearing-impaired patients he served directly in audiology clinics over the years in Gainesville, Dallas, Nashville, Miami, and elsewhere. However, Carl's professional impact went much further than his patients.

Carl was a talented and popular speaker who, beginning in 1987, gave at least four to five lectures and workshops each year at professional meetings and conventions around the country. Through his lecture and workshops, Carl enhanced and expanded the clinical services provided by thousands of practicing audiologists to untold numbers of children and adults.

Carl was also the author of two textbooks on his specialty area of audiology, over a dozen book chapters, and over 50 articles that were published in professional journals. Through his writings, Carl influenced, and often inspired, thousands of audiologists and, indirectly, many thousands of patients.

Without doubt, Carl's greatest impact on persons with hearing loss and other communication disorders... from young children to older adults ... his impact on the profession of audiology ... and his impact on the future of audiology resulted from his commitment to teaching. Carl taught hundreds of students... really more than a thousand students who have gone on to spread the knowledge, the research techniques, and the clinical skills they learned from him. Carl truly loved his students. It is safe to say that Carl's influence on audiology and his service to humanity will be perpetuated for years to come by his former students.

I hope you will find consolation in appreciating the widespread influence that Carl has had... and will continue to have... on the profession of audiology... on those of us who are audiologists... and on the many people we serve.

Excerpted from a eulogy delivered by Jay Hall III, Ph.D.