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Lonny Wilson Awarded Dargavel Medal by NCPA Foundation

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Oct. 11, 2021) – Lonny Wilson, who lived in Edmond, Okla., was posthumously awarded the 2021 John W. Dargavel Medal by the National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation as part of NCPA's Annual Convention, which was held Oct. 9-12, in Charlotte, N.C. Wilson, who owned multiple retail pharmacies during his lifetime, passed away on Jan. 25, 2021. He served as president of NCPA from 2011-2012 and chaired various NCPA committees over the past 20 years.

The McKesson Corporation sponsors the annual award that honors an individual whose contributions on behalf of independent pharmacy embody the spirit of leadership and accomplishment personified by John W. Dargavel, who was executive secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists, now NCPA, from 1933-1961. In fact, the NCPA Foundation was established in 1953 to honor Dargavel.

Wilson's leadership and contributions to the pharmacy profession made him a perfect recipient for the Dargavel Medal Award. He received his degree in pharmacy in 1973 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. From 1989-2018 Wilson served as the CEO of Pharmacy Providers of Oklahoma, which focuses on providing cost containment strategies and information management systems for retail community pharmacies nationwide. The company was formed in 1985 and provides services to over 3,800 pharmacies nationwide. Wilson served as President of RxLinc, which provides national claims transmission, ePrescribe transmission and data management services, from 1998-2018, and as chairman of Mirixa, a leading developer of innovative clinical solutions that facilitate pharmacist-based patient care services, from 2009-2012. Wilson also served on the SureScripts Pharmacy Advisory Council, the industry leader in today's prescriber electronic medical records initiative.

Wilson received the Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumni Award in 1990 and the Dean's Distinguished Service Award in 2012. He received the prestigious NCPA Calvin J. Anthony Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016.

Wilson had an unmatched vision that improved the businesses and lives of thousands of independent pharmacy owners, but his first passion was his family: his wife Ginger, his son, Justin, and wife Heather; his son, Corey, and wife Laura; and his granddaughters.

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