



Remembering Professor Y.Y. Clark: TSU's First Lady of Engineering

TSU legend and Mechanical Engineering Professor Emeritus Yvonne Young Clark, who during her 55-year teaching career at TSU from 1955 to 2010 was simply known as “Y.Y.,” passed away peacefully on the morning of Sunday, January 27, 2019, just a few weeks short of her 90th birthday.



We, the alumni of the College of Engineering of Tennessee State University, grieve deeply at the loss of Professor Clark, who was not only a nationally-recognized giant and pioneer in engineering for women but – for us – was also a fondly-remembered, highly-respected pillar of knowledge, and caring, during our days by the Cumberland’s fertile shore.

Among Professor Clark’s professional and career “firsts” during her lifetime are these:

- First Black woman ever to earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Howard University, in 1951.
- First woman ever to be named an instructor of Engineering at Tennessee State University, in 1955.
- First Black woman ever to earn a Masters’ degree in Mechanical Engineering from Vanderbilt University, in 1965.
- First Black woman ever to be admitted into the national Society of Women Engineers.
- First Black woman ever to head an engineering department at any American university.

A few weeks prior to Professor Clark's passing, at the invitation of her daughter Carol, several of her former students were able to share in her "pre-90th birthday" celebration.



Thank you for all you gave to us, to TSU, and to the world, Professor "Y.Y." Clark.

The Y.Y. Clark Engineering Scholarship Fund has been set up within the TSU Foundation, a 501(c)3 entity that is the sole fund-raising arm of Tennessee State University. Tax-deductible donations to this fund are being solicited either online at the TSU Foundation Marketplace (search for "YY") or by mailing a check made out to "The TSU Foundation", with "YY Clark Fund" in the memo, to: **The TSU Foundation / Campus Box 9542 / Tennessee State University / Nashville TN 37209.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 TSUEAA ALUMNI SUMMIT!

The 2019 TSUEAA Summit will be held on Friday, April 12th on the main campus of Tennessee State University. Our annual Summit will be held during the TSU Legends/"Coming Home" Weekend on April 12 and 13 (featuring TSU's annual 5K spring "fun run" and the TSU spring football scrimmage) and in conjunction with the TSU College of Engineering's Student Speaker Series and annual Awards Luncheon. Details on all activities will be released shortly.

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