



Leroy Chauffe

A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 7 for Leroy Chauffe, a faculty member of the Cal State East Bay Chemistry Department from 1968 through 2001.

Viewing from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and service at 2 p.m. will be held at Holy Angels/Sorensen's Chapel, 1140 B St., Hayward. A post-service reception is scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. at the multipurpose room of the New University Union on the Hayward campus of Cal State East Bay, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.

Chauffe, 71, died Sept. 3 from complications of diabetes. Prior to joining the Cal State East Bay faculty, he was a research chemist at Shell Chemical in Woodbury, N.J., and a lecturer at Cal State Long Beach.

At Cal State East Bay, Chauffe taught a range of undergraduate and graduate chemistry courses and served as chair of the Chemistry Department, associate dean of instruction, acting dean of graduate studies, and interim dean of the School of Science.

He was born Dec. 26, 1936 and attended public schools in New Orleans. He received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Xavier University in New Orleans, a master's degree in chemistry from Howard University in Washington D.C., and a doctorate in organic chemistry (1966) from the University of California, Davis. He did post doctoral research at UC Davis and the University of Southern California.

Ann McPartland, chair of the CSUEB Chemistry Department, said Chauffe had good relations with faculty and staff colleagues, was an "outstanding teacher, and was especially admired by students," she said.

"He devoted an inordinate amount of time to students both in and out of class," McPartland said.

Chauffe was selected Best Lecturer of the Year by the Pi Kappa Delta chapter of Cal State East Bay in 1986 and National Outstanding Teacher by the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers in 1994.

Chauffe is survived by his former wife and friend Diane, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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