

Pioneer Hall of Fame: Dr. Judy L. Wright Bartolone, class of 1961



In 1980, Dr. Judy Wright Bartolone '61 completed orthopaedic surgeon training at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine in New York City. Immediately following, she partnered with father, Dr. John L. Wright, and joined his practice, Family Orthopaedics, Ltd., located in Bloomington. In 1985, she earned her board certification from the American Board of Neurological and Orthopaedic Medicine and Surgery. She has been on-staff at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center (Bloomington) and BroMenn Regional Health Center (Bloomington) and John Warner Hospital (Clinton). In 1988, Wright Bartolone and her father co-wrote Hip Fractures: an Alternative in Positioning, a published article in The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

Wright Bartolone is a member of the McLean County Medical Society, the Central Illinois Orthopaedic Society, the Illinois Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She is also an American Academy of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgeons Fellow. In 1985, Wright Bartolone received the "Boss of the Year" award from the McLean County Medical Association.

Wright Bartolone is a very active member of the American Fracture Association. She has served on the Board of Governors (1993-1999) and was general chairperson for their annual meeting in 1998. She is currently their regional vice president, historian, and is serving on the X-Ray Forum, Awards, and By-Laws committees. Wright Bartolone is also vice president of the International College of Surgeons (ICS). While being affiliated with ICS, she has chaired for the Orthopaedic Specialty Group (United States Section, 1996 – 1998), was co-chairperson for the 60th Annual Surgical Update (United States Section, Maui, HI, 1998), and was co-chairperson for the 35th Annual North American Federation Meeting (Vancouver, Canada, 1997).

In addition to her professional activities on the national and international level, Wright Bartolone has been active in many community organizations, including a member of the Community Advisory Board for the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing, a physician on-call for the Rainbow Girls Summer Camp, work with the MARC, and a member of Girl Scout Centrillio Council Board of Directors. She has been an ongoing member of the U-High class of 1961 reunion committees and has regularly opened her home for the Friday evening informal supper and festivities. In 2000, Wright Bartolone served on the parents committee for prom at U-High.

Dr. Wright Bartolone and Dr. Andrew J. Bartolone, her late husband and former physician of internal medicine, have four children.

Congratulations to Dr. Judy Wright Bartolone on her 2007 induction into the University High School Pioneer Hall of Fame!