

### **Lysle Elwin Johnston, Jr**

In Ann Arbor Lysle E. Johnston, Jr is known to be a Michigan landmark, but to those who are not Michiganders, he is a national treasure. Historically, no other leader has excited the specialty for staying on course to the extent Professor Johnston has. Orthodontics is indeed a better place because of him.

Professor Johnston's sense of humor directly reflects his wit, eloquence, and intellect. Yet the most impressive characteristic of him is to give humbly and interminably. Lately, his one-liner has been 'I exist only to serve' and serve he has – more than any one person in memory.

It is not fun to see him slow his career down. Without Lysle in the ranks, the grind of teaching school will be long and orthodontics lonely. But all his Johnstonisms will be fondly remembered.

Yogi Bera once commented: 'I did not say everything I said'. Long after his retirement there will be many stories told which he never took part in, and many Johnstonisms he never uttered.

He once wrote: '...nothing personal, it's just business...' but this time it is not just business, it is personal. He touched us all.

I will never stop longing for the good ol' days when we could sit on the floor in front of a TV set with a bottle of soda and a slice of pizza and stay up all night. But now, it is time to go to bed.

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