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AOTF Mourns Passing of Dr. Jane Case-Smith

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Bethesda, Maryland – The American Occupational Therapy Foundation sadly reports the passing of Jane Case-Smith, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA. Dr. Case-Smith was a recently elected member of the AOTF Academy of Research and former editor of the Foundation's scientific journal: *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health*. She was also a 2001 recipient of the AOTF A. Jean Ayres Award.

At the time of her passing, Dr. Case-Smith was professor and director of the Program in Occupational Therapy in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Medicine at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. A highly regarded educator, Dr. Case-Smith was co-editor and author of a widely adopted textbook: *Occupational Therapy with Children*, now in its sixth edition.

Jane Case-Smith was considered one of the nation's foremost experts in pediatric occupational therapy and rehabilitation. She studied, wrote, and lectured on a broad range of topics such as early intervention, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, movement therapy, and home-based services. She was also a respected clinical scientist, and had extensive experience as a grant reviewer for federal agencies and charitable foundations. At the time of her passing, she was principal investigator on two NIH-funded studies.

Dr. Case-Smith earned her doctorate at the University of Georgia in 1985 and received her Master of Occupational Therapy degree from Western Michigan University in 1978 where she was named a distinguished alumna in 2009. She also earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Kalamazoo College (MI) in 1975.

Dr. Case-Smith was the recipient of numerous awards beyond those noted above, including a distinguished faculty service award from The Ohio State University, given in 2012, the Vanderkooi Lectureship from Texas Woman's University in 2014, and the Sister Genevieve Scholar recognition from St. Catherine University in 2013. She was named a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association in 1997.

Dr. Case-Smith resided in Powell, Ohio. Her husband Greg, sons David and Stephen, and many admiring friends, colleagues and former students grieve her loss. Visitation will occur on Saturday, August 2 at the Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio, 43065 with services planned for 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 3 at the Liberty Presbyterian

Church, 7080 Olentangy River Road, Delaware, Ohio. Further announcements on memorial activities and tributes are forthcoming.

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Jane Douglas Case-Smith, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA
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