

EDITOR'S NOTE:

A REALLY IMPORTANT MATTER

**In Memory
John Wallace
Marshall University**

As editor of the *Journal of Small Business Strategy*, I try to include a small contribution in each issue that is both *important* and *of interest* to the readership of the journal. The choice of topic for this issue was extraordinarily clear: I asked Sherrie Taylor, President of the Small Business Institute (SBI) to prepare a short piece on John Wallace, a major contributor to both the SBI organization and the *Journal of Small Business Strategy* over the past several years.

**Steve Osborne
Editor, JSBS**

There are times when we meet or work along side people who make a lasting impression on us because of their values, work ethics, and general personality. One of those special people was Dr. John Wallace, Marshall University. John was a member of SBIDA for several years and a frequent contributor at conferences in both paper presentations as well as working on the sidelines to make things happen. John passed away on August 19, 2002 in his home. He was 63 years old and is survived by his wife of 43 years, Elizabeth (Libby) A. Berisford Wallace, and his children.

John was one of the two Program Chairs for the first joint conference we held with USASBE in 2000. He has been a reviewer for JSBS for a number of years. He had volunteered to be the Proceedings Editor for our 2003 conference. Dr. Wallace served as the SBI Director for Marshall University. One of the tributes written about him after his death came from a former SBI client. John Grace of Publishers Place, Inc. had this to say, "Wallace was extremely generous with his time and energy in support of a host of worthwhile causes in and around Huntington. We will miss his wisdom and his good-heartedness. Such genial souls who spend themselves selflessly to further this or that aspect of the common good are all too rare. May his memory inspire his students and others to look around them and see where their talents may be put to use to help their communities."

As an organization, we will miss his wonderful smile and sense of humor. As a friend, we will all miss his very presence. Our sympathy is with his whole family and his peers as well as his students. In the name of the national Small Business Institute®, a donation was made to the John Wallace Scholarship Fund at Marshall University.

**Sherrie Taylor
President, Small Business Institute**
