

## **Dr. Juneann Murphy**



Dr. Juneann Murphy graduated from Chickasha High School in 1955. Juneann was born to E.V. and Anne Wadsworth on March 13, 1937 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. After High School graduation, she attended the University of Oklahoma and received a M.S.S. in Environmental Science in 1961, a Masters' in Microbiology in 1965 and a Ph.D. in microbiology in 1969. While working on these degrees, Dr. Murphy worked at Tulane Medical School, and Central State Hospital. Dr. Murphy was hired in 1970 by the University of Oklahoma as a professor of microbiology. She also served as a visiting professor at the University of Colorado and was a research technologist at the National Institute of Health for four years in the mid 1980's. Dr. Murphy has had 80 papers published in the field of Medical mycology and Immunology. She is a well known expert in Cryptococcosis neoformans, a fungus which causes Busse-Buschke disease or European blastomycosis. She was an active member of the editorial board of the Clinical Microbiology Reviews and the Journal of Medical & Veterinary Mycology, just to name two.

Dr. Murphy has received numerous awards including NASA Fellowship. She was the first woman to receive a George Lynn Cross Research Professorship from the University of Oklahoma, National Institutes of

Health Merit Award for outstanding research and University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Provost's Research Award.

Dr Murphy was induced in the Chickasha High School Hall of Fame in 2001.