

Burt Schools
Patient Testimonial
Storm Eye Institute

Difficulty with a cornea transplant in his right eye several years ago and worsening glaucoma in his left eye led Burt Schools to the Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina. The former executive vice president of Piggly Wiggly wasn't happy with the treatment he'd received from other doctors, so he searched for a new ophthalmologist.

“When the president of the Medical University of South Carolina suggests a personal friend for your physician, you know that's the guy to go to,” Mr. Schools says. “At 71-years-old I didn't want to waste time finding the right physician, I needed to go to the best.”

During a consultation with Kerry Solomon, MD, Mr. Schools felt more optimistic about his vision than he had in years. “I appreciated his honesty. At one point I expressed my discouragement in continuing treatment because I knew my vision would never fully be restored. Dr Solomon smiled, then asked me ‘if something happened to your good eye, isn't the vision in this eye still good enough to get you around your house?’ It made me realize I couldn't just give up. Even diminished vision was worth saving.”

Unfortunately, while under Dr Solomon's care Mr. School's pressure in his good eye began to increase, signaling potential problems with his Glaucoma. Dr Solomon referred Mr. Schools to Storm Eye Glaucoma specialist David Lee, MD, for further evaluation. “When you only have one good eye, it is very important to keep it healthy. Dr Lee is terrific. He's very understanding and patient,” Mr. Schools says. “He is always great about working with me to find the right medication for the glaucoma. I am happy to report that the Glaucoma has stabilized and I've had no major problems.”

With his vision care needs now being met, Mr. Schools is free to concentrate on his many civic activities and the business class he teaches at the Citadel. “The ability to have multiple specialists under one roof that could treat all of my needs was such a relief” he says. “I would recommend Storm Eye Institute to anyone. By far the best treatment I've ever received.”