

In Memoriam

William R. Markesbery, M.D.: A Tribute

Departed but days ago, we already feel the void created by the loss of our dear colleague of over 20 years, Bill Markesbery. One could not have asked for a better ally in the challenge to understand Alzheimer's disease; Bill's work was marked by innovation, care in execution, novelty, and integrity. You always knew in the race to the finish, if Bill beat you there, there was little left to add and nothing to correct. We owe him a great debt for what he did to establish oxidative stress in Alzheimer's disease research. But what we remember most about Bill is his personal affection for colleagues. The Sanders-Brown Center on Aging radiated a cohesion of purpose and effort that was the envy of every

other Alzheimer's disease center. Integration and generosity of effort propelled the careers of many alumni that made their own contribution in the fundamental understanding of aging and disease. Beyond this, Bill's efforts for the Alzheimer's Association and the American Association of Neuropathologists were similarly distinguished not only by awards and leadership positions but by generous mentoring.

We are honored to dedicate this issue to Bill Markesbery.

George Perry and Mark A. Smith