

Death of Dr. Keith L. Parker

Email Announcement

Dear SSR Friends and Colleagues:

Sad news has reached us that Dr. Keith L. Parker died on December 13, 2008.

Dr. Parker was a valued member of SSR and was awarded the SSR Research Award in 2004.

Dr. Parker served on the 2002-2003 Program Committee, the Editorial Board 2004-2005, and was a current member of the Board of Reviewing Editors 2006-2008.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Dr. Parker is to be held Wednesday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Location for service:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
2700 West Spring Creek Parkway
Plano, Texas

A reception will follow at the parish.

Obituary (*Dallas Morning News*, 15 December 2008)

Dr. Keith Langston Parker, M.D., Ph.D. passed away on December 13, 2008. Keith was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1954. He was the Wilson Distinguished Professor in Biomedical Research at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He served as Professor of Internal Medicine and Pharmacology, and was Chief of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism. He was an internationally recognized leader in the field of endocrinology and metabolism. He attended Williams College and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He obtained M.D. and Ph.D. degrees at Washington University in St. Louis, and trained in internal medicine at the U T Southwestern Medical Center, and studied molecular genetics at Harvard University. Dr. Parker joined the faculty of the Department of Medicine at Duke University in 1986, where he was a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator. In 1997 he returned to UT Southwestern as Chief of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism. Dr. Parker was elected to membership in the American Society of Clinical Investigation in 1991, and the Association of American Physicians in 1997. He was honored by the Endocrine Society with its Ernst Oppenheimer award in 1996, by the British Endocrine Society with its Transatlantic Medal in 2004, and by the University of Bologna, with its University Seal in 2006. He served as an editor of the

leading textbook of pharmacology, Goodman and Gilman's Pharmacologic Basis of Therapeutics. Keith was a truly devoted family man, and enjoyed spending time with his family and many good friends. He was a passionate Duke fan. His sarcastic but always hilarious wit was known to many. Dr. Parker is survived by his beloved wife Linda Carroll Parker and his 5 children Kevin William, Andrea Christine, Emily Carroll, Caroline O'Brien, and Christopher Langston of Plano Texas, by his parents Drs. Charles and Mary Langston Parker of St. Louis, and by his siblings Charles Smith Parker of Independence Oregon, Christina Mershon Parker of Boston, Katherine Parker Ponder of St. Louis, and Sandra Parker Bigg of St. Louis. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday December 17 at 2 P.M. at the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 2700 West Spring Creek Parkway, Plano Texas with a reception to follow the service. Donations to promote research in endocrinology in Keith's name may be made to: Keith L. Parker Fund, UT Southwestern, P.O.Box 910888, Dallas, TX 75391-0888.