IN MEMORIAM

Dedication: William Leo McGuire



On March 25, 1992, the world lost a renowned scientist and a leader in the field of breast cancer research. His numerous scientific contributions during his 23 years at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio were directed toward development of methods to predict therapeutic choice and response to therapy for breast cancer. His efforts led to the realization of a diverse set of indicators for breast cancer progression, which includes quantitative analyses of progesterone receptor levels, nuclear DNA content, lysosomal proteases, oncogenes, heat shock proteins, and mutant forms of estrogen and progesterone receptors.

As a person, Bill was an ardent and accomplished athlete and an inveterate adventurer. Bill is survived by his two sons, his many friends, his former trainees, and his colleagues at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Center, which he directed. He is survived also by 170,000 plus women who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and each year for the foreseeable future. They will miss him greatly. His dynamic personality and his prolific research accomplishments made him an international spokesman for this important killer of middleaged women. For his work, he received many honors, although his personal goals were not fully attained at the time of his premature death. Nevertheless, he left a scientific legacy that changed the world for the better something only a very few of us can ever claim.

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