



S. Michael Marcy, MD

1936 – 2014

Beloved Kaiser Foundation Hospital Pediatrician, Lecturer, Writer, Editor and Researcher

Remembered by colleagues as an “intellectually phenomenal” infectious diseases pediatrician who “could make anything interesting,” Dr. S. Michael Marcy was an active and devoted Life Member of LAPS. He proudly served as president in 1992-93 and was a faculty member at several Brennemann Lectures.

He was a child of the Holocaust, born 1936 in Berlin, Germany, the only child of Dr. Toni and Siegbert Marcy of Beverly Hills. His parents were able to escape with Michael to the U.S. and settle finally at their family home on Swall Drive. A graduate of Horace Mann Elementary and Beverly Hills High School, Michael completed his education at Pomona College and Penn Medical School followed by a 3-year stint as Captain Marcy in the US Army as staff Pediatrician at both the Neubrucke and Munich, Germany USAREUR Hospitals. In Munich, he met and later married in Cambridge, Mass, his wife of 47 years, Joan, who worked for USAREUR Special Services in Munich. In 1972, following a 3-year Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the Mass General and Boston City Hospitals and the birth of their daughter, Dr. Stephanie Marcy, now of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, the family returned to Michael's home town where their son, Joshua Marcy, a Los Angeles Music Producer, was born. This was also the year Michael began his long medical career and association with the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Panorama City where he practiced as a Partner until his retirement there in 2001. Although retiring from practice there, he remained fully active until his last weeks, practicing Pediatric Urgent Care at the WLA Kaiser and delivering hundreds of CME lectures nationally and internationally with Symposia Medicus and other numerous CME organizations throughout the years. He also served as advisor/member and contributor to the AAP and its Red Book Committee, the CDC's ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices), as well as prolifically writing and editing for numerous medical journals and texts. He remained as an Adjunct Researcher and Investigator with the CDC and Kaiser-Permanente Research and Evaluation Program's Vaccine Safety Datalink Projects in conjunction with the Harbor-UCLA Group until a week before his death.

Michael was also distinguished by being one of a very few physicians serving as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at both UCLA and USC Schools of Medicine, making the football season very difficult for the family (Joan being a UCLA graduate and daughter being faculty at USC's Keck School of Medicine). Dr. Marcy was a nationally recognized speaker on Pediatric Infectious Disease, including many years of

attending and presenting Grand Rounds at CHLA, and also was named on the List of Best Pediatricians in America for many years. The recipient of many honors during his career, he received the 2012 AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) Section on Infectious Diseases (SOID) Award for a Lifetime Contribution to Infectious Disease Education, and in 2015 SOID named their visiting professorship in memory and honor of Dr. Marcy for "his selfless and unwavering dedication and enormous contributions to PID and the educational endeavors of the SOID."

Dr. S. Michael Marcy, nicknamed "Smichael", was a true "Renaissance Man", with a devotion not only for medicine, but music, theater, literature, art and dining. He will long be remembered for his kindness, intelligence and wit, but also for his love of children, his dedication to the cure and prevention of disease, and a passion for teaching and sharing his experience and knowledge with others.

The Los Angeles Pediatric Society is honored to present the Annual S. Michael Marcy, MD Memorial Lecture at the Parmelee and thanks the Marcy Family Trust for their support.