

Miles J. Edwards, MD
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Such lofty accolades would assuredly be discomfiting to a man of such singular humility and grace. For Miles worked quietly, often behind the scenes, nurturing each individual relationship with student, patient or colleague with his unfailing blend of patience, compassion and respect. Always alert to a teaching moment however it might present itself, he was as comfortable in the lecture hall as he was in deep, intimate discussion with a dying patient or troubled family member. He was widely respected as the author of countless published papers, and also a master of the nuance - the considered response that added instructive dimension to even the smallest encounter in his daily rounds. As a teacher, Miles was unparalleled. And it was in this role that his integrity, sensitivity and full-hearted caring were so often revealed.

He lived his lessons. His soul and his role were in eloquent alignment, and his life was in true harmony with his beliefs and teaching. Our world has been greatly enriched by Miles' humanity and professionalism. He has given us hope, high ideals and heightened awareness of what compassionate medical practice should be. The lessons he taught us will go on long into the future, serving to comfort the many who mourn the loss of this extraordinary man.