



In Memoriam - Dr. Donald Price

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Donald L. Price, M.D. on May 5th. Born in Stamford, Connecticut, Don was a pioneer in clinical and experimental neuropathology, and a much-loved faculty member. Don went to Wesleyan University for his undergraduate training, and in 1961 he graduated from Albany Medical School. He completed a neurology residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and then served as a staff neurologist at the Naval

Medical Center in Bethesda. He then returned to Boston for fellowship training.

Don was recruited to Hopkins in 1971, becoming the founding director of the Division of Neuropathology. He was the founding director of the Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, which he led for three decades starting in 1984. Don also played a critical role in helping to found the Pathobiology Graduate Training Program.

During his tenure at Hopkins, Don's research improved the fundamental understanding of the drivers of Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases and how the brain ages. A pioneer who developed, with his colleagues, animal models of these human disorders, including monkey, dog, and mouse, Don integrated a deep understanding of pathology with mechanistic and therapeutic advances. Particularly, he was an early champion of using transgenic mouse models of human neurological disease.

Don received numerous awards, including the Soriano Award for Outstanding Contribution to Neuroscience, the Glenn Foundation Award, Potamkin Prize for Alzheimer's Disease Research, and the Alzheimer's Association International Conference's (AAIC's) Lifetime Achievement Award in Alzheimer's Disease Research. Don also was awarded a Doctor of Science Honoris Causa, from Albany Medical College. He served as the President of the American Association of Neuropathologists, and President of the Society for Neuroscience. He was also elected to the Institute of Medicine.

As towering as his science was, probably his biggest impact was in education and training. Don trained hundreds of medical and graduate students, residents, and fellows, many of whom have gone on to illustrious careers in academics.

At the time of his death, Don was Professor Emeritus of Pathology, Neurology, and Neuroscience here at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

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