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IN MEMORIAM

Joseph M. Cash, MD

In February, a good friend died suddenly. Joe Cash liked a challenge and it showed in the areas of rheumatology he embraced. He was drawn to difficult areas of clinical study, where the sum of what we know is outweighed by what remains to be discovered. He was fascinated by the use of biologic agents to treat connective tissue disease. And, of course, he confronted the controversial, such as chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, and the clinical syndrome associated with silicone breast implants.

He had the courage to analyze existing information and take a stand. The buck stopped with Joe.

Unlike so many experts in scientific fields, Joe maintained a wide range of interests besides his work in academic rheumatology: sports, politics, religion, jazz, finance, and literature. He was learned about each. Conversations with Joe could be hard work, were always entertaining and were often an education.

We will miss him.

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