

In Memoriam

Pamela N. Pharr, PhD 1945-2002

Dr. Pamela N. Pharr, whose name is familiar to the readers of this Journal as a frequent contributor and as a member of the Editorial Board, died in Charleston, South Carolina, on February 2, 2002, at the age of 56. She died after a 10-month struggle with cancer. Dr. Pharr grew up in Kentucky and received her BA in Chemistry from the University of Kentucky in 1967 and PhD in Physiology from Duke University in 1971. She subsequently received her postdoctoral training at the University of California–San Diego and Duke University between 1971 and 1976. Following a short career at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, she joined the faculty of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) as an Instructor in Medicine in 1978 and rose to the rank of Associate Professor. Although her original research interest was in *Tetrahymena*, she developed her interest in hematopoiesis at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Most recently, she focused on the roles that cytokines play in hematopoietic differentiation, particularly erythropoiesis. She and her collaborators at Washington University and MIT published a series of original papers that clearly documented the non-inductive role of cytokines in the differentiation of hematopoiesis.

In addition to carrying out independent research, Dr. Pharr contributed significantly to the Division of Experimental Hematology, MUSC and VA Medical Center. Pam loved teaching and was actively involved in both graduate and undergraduate education. Over the years, our Japanese fellows have fond memories of her quiet and effective teaching. Pam was an avid reader and had an almost photographic memory of the articles she read. Reflecting her rigorous training at Duke University, she was a critical thinker and an eager consultant for all our research activities. Pam's demise, therefore, is a great personal loss to me in my functions as an investigator, Division Director, and Regional Editor of the Journal.

Her science/teaching activities extended also beyond MUSC. She was active in Sigma XI Science Education Outreach activities and was President of the Charleston Chapter of Sigma XI. At home, she provided devoted care to her parents, who lived to their late 80s and 90s. She was a loving mother and wife and an excellent cook. All those she touched in her life miss her and are saddened by her too-early departure from us.

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