In memoriam: the legendary Dr. Luther Brady—founding ACRO president and founding JRO editor in chief

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This special issue of the *Journal of Radiation Oncology* is dedicated to our founding Editor-in-Chief, the late Dr. Luther Brady. Dr. Brady passed away recently, leaving behind a truly remarkable legacy in the field of radiation oncology. Across the world, countless colleagues and mentees will remember him as a great person and fantastic mentor who made an astonishing number of significant contributions to our specialty.

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With thoughtfulness, planning, and efforts to fill the void of radiation oncology-specific journals, Dr. Brady brought JRO to life in 2012. Through the creation of a vibrant and esteemed editorial board, his dedication and determination shaped JRO into the third international radiation oncology journal. Thanks to his insight, connections, and diligence, JRO later became the official journal of the American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO). Dr. Brady was also the founding president of ACRO. The JRO-ACRO partnership has evolved into an invaluable synergistic relationship that continues to contribute to the growth of both entities, now and in the future. This fruitful relationship is but one of the numerous products of the late Dr. Brady's tireless efforts and hard work.

Dr. Brady's vast experience and knowledge in radiation oncology was evidenced by his manifold publications in our specialty. Among them is the "Bible" of radiation oncology, the comprehensive reference text – "Principles and Practice of Radiation Oncology", co-edited with Carlos Perez, and considered by many as the most authoritative textbook in the field. This book has been, and still is, used by nearly every library and department of radiation oncology as the primary source of dependable information and has helped train and educate many generations of radiation oncologists, including many department chairs, clinical chiefs, and residency program directors.

Beyond his influential and important publications, the late Dr. Brady has personally touched, guided, and molded the academic careers of many influential leaders in our field. Dr. Luther Brady has served as a genuine, generous, supportive, and outstanding teacher to so many. His far reaching vision and compassion has had a lasting impact, and he will be missed by all of us.

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