

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS THOMAS H. STEELE

Dr. Thomas Hartman Steele, professor emeritus in the Department of Medicine's nephrology division, died April 24, 2012 at home, surrounded by his family. He was 75.

Dr. Steele was born December 20, 1936 in New Castle, Pennsylvania. He attended Haverford College, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in chemistry in 1958 and received his MD degree from Columbia University in 1962. He completed a three-year internal medicine residency at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics in 1965 followed by a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Wisconsin. He then fulfilled his military obligation with the U.S. Public Health Service prior to joining the nephrology division at the University of Chicago. He was recruited back to Madison in 1970. He was the ultimate "triple threat" academic nephrologist. An outstanding clinical investigator, teacher and clinician, he rapidly advanced to the rank of professor.

As a scientist, he was instrumental in conceiving and executing studies that elucidated the normal mechanism for renal transport of uric acid in humans. This served as the basis for subsequent studies leading to understanding urate handling in chronic kidney disease and gout. Along with his studies on renal cation transport, parathyroid hormone and vitamin D, this work served as the basis for his election to the American Society for Clinical Investigation—an honor achieved by very few of his colleagues in the department.

As an educator, his encyclopedic knowledge of the literature, his superb lectures in the pathophysiology course and his interactions with residents and fellows made him a major contributor to the nephrology teaching program over the past 47 years.

As a clinical nephrologist, he played a major role in the nephrology division's contribution to intensive care unit and transplantation care, as well as the chronic kidney disease program. More than 15 years ago, he developed the nephrology component to our multidisciplinary Kidney Stone Clinic.

Tom was calm and reserved, a man of few words. He was a music lover and an avid follower of current events. He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren.

A physician scientist ahead of his time and peers, Dr. Thomas Steele marked the minds of all of us forever. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ramona Jesse Steele; four children, Karen, Todd, Heidi and Alyson; and six grandchildren.

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