



Michael P. Sherman, MD PhD (hc), FAAP

June 8, 1942 - September 22, 2017

Michael P. Sherman, MD, PhD (hc), FAAP has passed away following complications from a stroke. Dr. Sherman was a wonderful husband and grandfather as well as a superb neonatologist and world-renowned scientist in newborn immunity. He was a Professor Emeritus of Child Health, University of Missouri - Columbia and Professor Emeritus [Pediatrics], University of California, Davis. He was born on June 8th, 1942 and died on September 22, 2017.

He graduated from California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo in 1965 and in 1969 graduated cum laude from the Medical College of Wisconsin (formerly Marquette School of Medicine). He completed his pediatric internship and residency at the University of Michigan Medical System and UC - San Diego as well as a neonatal-perinatal fellowship at UC-Davis School of Medicine. He was board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in Pediatrics and Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. Dr. Sherman was a Major in the Air Force and served his country as the Chief of Pediatric Services at Vanderberg USAF Hospital in California from 1972 - 1974. He was particularly proud of his early training with Louis Gluck, MD and fondly said he was a member of the "Gluck Club". He also did early work with nitric oxide at UCLA in collaboration with the 1998 Nobel Laureate, Professor Louis Ignarro, Ph.D.

He was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society, received multiple awards and acknowledgements as well as numerous faculty teaching awards. He was also a member of the American Legion, Masonic Fraternity, and Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. Sherman had particular expertise in microbiology, immunology, genetics, and critical care of the sick newborn. He was a prolific writer and has well over 100 peer reviewed publications, 24 book chapters, and 100's of invited presentations nationally and internationally. He was a member of multiple editorial boards. He has also devoted his career to the development of young students, residents, fellows and faculty members in their education and research.

Dr. Sherman was strongly committed to improving the health of Eastern European infants and children. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Medical Care Foundation (CMCF) <http://cmcf.org/about-us/board-of-trustees-and-directors/board-members/prof-michael-sherman-m-d/> and has been associated with the foundation since 1986. Perhaps the greatest symbol of his service was the training of Polish pediatricians and neonatologists in conjunction with CMCF to help reduce the infant mortality rate in Poland from 20:1000 to the current level of 4:1000. It is a remarkable gift and legacy that Dr. Sherman has given the families and country of Poland. In 2015 he was awarded an honorary honoris causa doctorate degree by Poznan University of Medical Sciences <http://pums.ump.edu.pl/honoris-causa-doctorate-for-prof-michael-p-sherman/>

Professors Lauterbach, Gadzinowski, Szczapa, Kornacka; Dr. Tomasz Szczapa, Mr. Bjoern Martinoff, Dr. Victoria Niklas, Dr. Michael Cooperstock, and Dr. Lila Wahidi, you were such very dear friends and he was so sad to be unable to finish the work with you. The Sherman's would like to express their most sincere gratitude to Dr. Stephen Keithahn at the University of Missouri

Health Care for his exceptional, compassionate care during Mike's prolonged illness. We also want to thank the staff of Richland Care Center for the superb care provided at the end of his life.

Dr. Sherman is survived by his wife, Dr. Jan Sherman; brothers' Tom and Tim, sister Kay; sons, Michael Jr., Christopher, and Ryan Wheeler; grandchildren, numerous neonatal colleagues, and close friends as well as five cats whom he called his five daughters. He was predeceased by his parents, Roger and June, as well as his sister Ruth Ann.

The family would like to invite family, friends and colleagues to gather and remember Dr. Sherman on September 30th, 2017 from 12pm to 3pm at the Sherman home, 26075 South Hwy 133, Richland, Missouri. Dr. Sherman lived a remarkable life and the stories should be shared. Emails may be sent to shermanj@missouri.edu

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the:

- University of Missouri Children's Hospital Patient and Family Assistance Fund <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1002/giving/index.aspx?sid=1002&gid=165&pgid=5006&cid=9137&dids=511>
- Children's Medical Care Foundation (CMCF) <http://cmcf.org/get-involved/donors/>
- Richland Care Center <http://richlandcarecenter.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael P. Sherman, MD PhD (hc), FAAP*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I will always be grateful for the Care that Dr. Sherman given us. He managed to rescue my 22 week pregnancy. He often shared his experiences at seminars as well. Many people got to know my son thru him. He named my son Baby Boy Baker. Youngest birth he ever had that survived sat UCD of Sacramento CA born Oct 6th 2001. Thank you forever in my heart beyond words. You were the most awesome Dr. Ever and Ever. Sincerely Pamla Baker*

Pamla Baker - June 13, 2021 at 01:52 AM



“ *I will forever be grateful for the time shared working with Dr Sherman. His brilliance, dedication, character and kindness were true blessings in this world. Jan I am so sorry for your loss and heartache. He will be missed by many
Sincere condolences
Connie Beiro NNP*

Connie Beiro - October 31, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ *Sue Blackman lit a candle in memory of Michael P. Sherman, MD PhD (hc), FAAP*



Sue Blackman - September 30, 2017 at 11:00 PM



“ Colleen Carrig lit a candle in memory of Michael P. Sherman, MD PhD (hc), FAAP



Colleen Carrig - September 29, 2017 at 01:01 PM

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“ I am so grateful to the First Baptist Church of Swedeborg who came to assist me with cleaning our home and doing yardwork last night. What a wonderful and thoughtful gift this was from an amazing group of people. I will be forever grateful to you.
Dr. Jan Sherman

Dr. Sherman - September 25, 2017 at 11:32 AM

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“ Janice- We are sending you strength and love. Ron, Shelia, Chris & Ari

Steward Family - September 25, 2017 at 10:16 AM

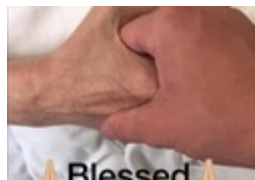
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Thank you so much Ron, you are like a brother to me!

Dr. Sherman - September 25, 2017 at 06:40 PM

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Decker Family - September 24, 2017 at 09:37 AM

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*Thank you Ben, it is beautiful to see you holding Uncle Mike's hand.
You were such a comfort to him!*

Dr. Sherman - September 25, 2017 at 10:50 AM

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Dr. Sherman - September 24, 2017 at 08:19 AM

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Dr. Sherman - September 24, 2017 at 08:18 AM

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Dr. Sherman - September 24, 2017 at 07:56 AM

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Eating hotpot in Japan with Dr. Otsuki!

Dr. Sherman - September 25, 2017 at 10:53 AM

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Dr. Sherman -

The medical world lost one of its pioneers in Neonatology, a brilliant mind and a talented researcher who inspired a generation of physicians by his compassion and dedication to babies. Thank you on behalf of the many infants you saved and the thousands more who received care from those you trained.

*Ray Sato, M.D.
Tacoma, WA*

Ray - September 25, 2017 at 06:26 PM