

IN MEMORIAM

John A. Walker, Ph.D. July 25, 1952 to August 1, 2003

John A. Walker, Ph.D., died unexpectedly on August 1, 2003. As a neuropsychologist at the University of California, San Francisco for 17 years, he dedicated his life to helping people with epilepsy. He will be fondly remembered for his powerful intellect, his calm demeanor, and his zealous support for the disadvantaged.

Dr. Walker was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in psychology. After earning his doctoral degree in psychology at the Johns Hopkins University in 1978, he became engaged in basic research on spatial memory. He later directed his investigative work toward clinical neuropsychological issues pertaining to individuals with epilepsy. He served on the faculty of the Cognitive Neuropsychology Laboratory at the Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center in Portland, Oregon. It was there that he developed his expertise in clinical neuropsychology. In 1986, Dr. Walker joined the neurology faculty at the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Walker was highly regarded for his skill in working with seizure surgery patients and patients with nonepileptic seizures. His skill and artistry in performing and in-

terpreting the intracarotid amobarbital (Wada) test were unparalleled. He was a mentor and friend to numerous students throughout his career. Dr. Walker served on the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of America for a decade and served on the Board of Directors and Professional Advisory Board of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northern California for 16 years. He was an assistant scoutmaster and had just recently returned from a scout trip to Alaska.

Dr. Walker is survived by his sons, Tom and Jeffrey. Also grieving his loss are his parents, his brother, his sisters, and countless colleagues and friends.

Dr. John A. Walker was an inspiration to the patients and families he served and to his colleagues. Dr. Walker was a man of keen intellect who had a generous heart, an infectious sense of humor, and a great zeal for life. He will be deeply missed. While growing up in Wisconsin, John Walker placed an inscription above his bed reading, "There will be plenty of time for sleep in the grave." So, finally, he sleeps.

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