

Remembering Saul Nidorf, M.D.



Memorial Service

Sunday, March 30, 2008

6:00 – 9:00pm

Harvey Morse Auditorium

Dr. Saul Nidorf passed away on March 17, 2008 at age 77. Dr. Nidorf joined the Medical Staff in 1977 and served in the Department of Psychiatry until 1994 when he became a member of the Emeritus Staff.

Dr. Nidorf leaves his wife, Anne Marie Staas Nidorf, daughter Toni, her husband and four children, and stepbrothers Dr. Richard Kagan and Dr. Robert Kagan. Dr. Nidorf was predeceased by his mother Donya Polovintchik, father Irving Nidorf, stepmother Rose Kagan-Nidorf, and son Daniel.

Dr. Nidorf was born in New York City but moved at an early age to Los Angeles where he attended Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights and graduated from UCLA in 1952 with majors in zoology and psychology, and in 1953 from the School of Social Work. Because he had been blacklisted for his political ideology and activities at college he did not get accepted into an American medical school. He worked as a social worker, and then in 1953 entered the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. The refugee experience and educational atmosphere in Geneva were the formative forces of his character and profession.

Dr. Nidorf was a peripatetic consultant and analyst. Following his return to the United States, he became involved with dozens of clinics and institutions through the nation – from Maine to San Francisco, St. Louis to New York, before finally settling in Los Angeles in 1973. Dr. Nidorf's commitment to the psychiatric welfare of the individual and the community involved him with diverse populations – children, refugees, women's care, and incarcerated adolescents. From 1975 until the week before he died Dr. Nidorf was a consultant to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Children's Services Division weekly Screening and Placement Committee. He had also worked as Treatment Director, State of California Youth Authority Marshall Intensive Treatment Program.

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