IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Hugh D. Riordan
May 7, 1932 – January 7, 2005

A True Medical Maverick

Hugh Desai Riordan, MD, a Physician who emphasized the link between nutrition and health decades before such a concept became mainstream, died Friday, January 7, 2005 when he collapsed while working on completing his trilogy Medical Mavericks Volume 3, he was 72 years old. Dr. Riordan founded the Center for the Improvement of Human Functioning on July 1 1975. The center’s eight white geodesic domes and white pyramid rise above in northern Wichita. A past president of the American Holistic Medical Association, Dr. Riordan was interested in treating the whole patient mind-body-spirit. He invited patients to become “co-learners” to get more involved in the underlying causes of their illness.

He was a charismatic speaker who spoke on health and nutrition worldwide and Last year he was awarded the world leadership award in Orthomolecular Medicine. As a friend and admirer of Dr. Linus Pauling, Dr. Riordan carried on his research legacy investigating the use of orthomolecular doses of vitamin C for chronic illness, especially cancer. Dr. Riordan was a long time collaborator with the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus especially with the RECNAC II project that he help create and funded. He was also adjunct professor in the School of Public Health.

Dr. Riordan was a mentor, supporter, colleague, friend and dedicated physician. He loved music, arts, sports and vitamin C he also contributed in many aspects to the community of the city of Wichita in education and health. He published many articles in the scientific literature and wrote the book series of Medical Mavericks. He is survived by his wife Jan, his sons Michael, Neil, Brian and Quinn his daughters Teresa and Renee and 11 grand children. Also by a group of over 70 dedicated staff, volunteers and consultants that will continue his dream. His legacy is remarkable, Medicine has lost something unique and irreplaceable.

"The key to immortality is to live a life worthy of being remembered"

Michael J. Gonzalez
Director
RECNAC II Project

Jorge R. Miranda-Massari
Director Clinical Research
RECNAC II Project