



Richard Pence Mills, MD, MPH, died of COVID-19 on May 9, 2020, at the age of 76.

Dick is much greater than just his list of accomplishment: he was truly a brilliant and special person who was a giant as a human, ophthalmologist, and glaucoma specialist. Anne Coleman expressed that “he was one of a kind, an independent, scientific thinker, a person who used words to convey thoughts, feelings, empathy and concerns; a person who never used words to belittle, hurt, or shame”. He possessed a balance of humility, intellect, common sense, compassion and sensitivity. He was warm, understated, supportive, and had a wonderful dry sense of humor. He was generous with his time, a brilliant teacher, and friend. Dick conducted himself with a steady and skilled hand; with eloquence, humility, and grace; but also with a quick wit and steady stream of one-liners. The consistency of his sage advice, fairness, thoughtfulness and unquestioned integrity always were valued.

Moreover, his courage in living with a chronic medical disease was inspirational. His loves for the opera, hiking, and Chihuly glass were well-known as was his devotion to Karen, daughters Lianne, Elisabeth, and Emily, and his many grandchildren.

Dick was brought up on the North Shore of Chicago, the son of an argumentation and debate professor at Northwestern University. He then went on to college and medical school at Yale University where he was Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. After a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Washington, he started his career in neuro-ophthalmology, with fellowships both in Utah and University of California, San Francisco.

Dick's accomplishments are many. Despite being a husband, father, grandfather, and clinician; he was president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in 1995, Secretary of the American Glaucoma Society in 2009, Editor of *Eyenet* for 20 years, council chair and president of the American Ophthalmological Society, and chairman of the department of ophthalmology of the University of Kentucky, member of the Glaucoma Research Society, director of the American Board of Ophthalmology, delegate to the American Medical Association, and trustee of the Washington State Medical Association. He was on the board of directors of Prevent Blindness America, Vice-Chair of the Residency Review Committee for Ophthalmology, Director and fundraising chair of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

He served the American Glaucoma Society above and beyond. He was on the board of directors and quality of care subcommittee. He was also on the editorial board of the Journal of Glaucoma. He was the guest of honor at the American Glaucoma Society meeting in 2017. He was a member and staunch supporter of the Glaucoma Research Society.

Dick was a great friend and inspiration to all of us. He will truly be missed.

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