Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison

On the Death of Professor Emeritus Sung-Feng Wen

Professor Sung-Feng Wen, Professor Emeritus in The Department of Medicine Nephrology Division, UW School of Medicine And Public Health, passed away on May 14, 2016. He was 83.

Professor Wen was born March 3, 1933 in Hsin-chu, Taiwan. Upon completion of his training at the National Taiwan University College of Medicine, Dr. Wen immigrated to the United States in 1962. He completed his clinical and medical training in Louisville and Chicago, before conducting his research fellowship at McGill University in Montreal. Dr. Wen joined the faculty in the Department of Medicine, Division of Nephrology at UW-Madison in 1970 where he worked as a physician, teacher, and researcher for 35 years before retiring as Professor Emeritus in 2005.

Professor Wen was the *triple threat* academic nephrologist. He was an outstanding researcher, teacher, and clinician. As a scientist, he was instrumental in conceiving and executing the studies that exposed the renal transport of glucose and phosphate. This served as the basis for subsequent clinical studies leading to understanding the population health of Chronic Kidney Disease and diabetes.

As a clinical nephrologist, Professor Wen played an important role in the Division's care for patients with acute, chronic, and end-stage renal disease, and as an educator, he was a key contributor to the nephrology teaching program, including lectures at the Renal Pathophysiology course and scholar exchanges with Residents and Fellows. Professor Wen was encyclopedic in his knowledge of the literature.

Following his retirement as Professor Emeritus in 2005, Dr. Wen maintained an active interest in the medical field by regularly attending nephrology conferences and weekly lectures at UW Hospital. Professor Wen supported multiple organizations promoting a democratic Taiwan. He also enjoyed playing softball and organized informal weekly games beginning in the 1970s, which he continued through his retirement.

Today we honor the memory of Sung-Feng Wen – scholar, dedicated teacher, scientist, and collaborator. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Virgil is survived by his wife of 49 years, Lena; daughters, Caroline and June; brothers, Wen-Yang Wen and Chi-Pang Wen, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Chin-Yung Wen.

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