

Personally, Jim was a delight to be with. His sense of humor was his trademark, and he always had a new, funny story to tell or a witty remark to make. Those of you who have read the *Yearbook of Nuclear Medicine*, which he edited for fifteen years, are very familiar with his entertaining editorial comments. It was common for Jim, who was always interested in other people, to place his arm around the shoulder of a friend or a new acquaintance, making him feel better by his mere presence. A devoted father and husband, Jim was often accompanied during the last few years by Marie, his loving wife. Marie and "Jimbo," as she affectionately referred to him, shared a good life together and she treasures

many fond memories.

It is always sad when someone dies so young, but we must remember that it is the quality of life rather than the length of life that counts. Jim "crowded more accomplishments, touched more lives, and gave more of himself to his field than most could do in several lifetimes." He will certainly be missed by his family and friends, but those of us privileged to know him personally have enough memories to last a lifetime.

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James L. Quinn, III, M.D.—A Prime Mover in the Establishment of The Paul C. Aebersold Award

In this issue of the *Journal* we pay special tribute to a colleague and friend, James L. Quinn, III, M.D., who departed this life on April 28, 1980. We will always remember him as a truly effective leader in the development of nuclear medicine as a specialty and as a guiding force in many of the activities of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. During his tenure as SNM President he initiated action on the Paul C. Aebersold Award, which has been presented annually since 1973 for "Outstanding Achievement in Basic Science Applied to Nuclear Medicine." This achievement is but one small part of the rich legacy that Jim has left us.

In January, 1972, during the midwinter meeting of the Board of Trustees in Denver, Quinn recommended to the Awards Committee that an award in the name of Paul Aebersold be established. When the Board of Trustees unanimously approved Gus Miale's motion to create this special award, a significant milestone in the activities of

the Society was achieved. The first recipient of the honor was William G. Myers, M.D. Ph.D., in June, 1973, and Mrs. Aebersold, Paul's widow, was invited to the meeting in Miami to make the presentation.

The following year, it was Jim Quinn's nominee who received the award. In his letter nominating Paul Harper for the Aebersold Award, Jim wrote "He is one of the few individuals I have met in my life that I truly admire as a genius in every way. Aside from his monumental contributions to the field, Paul has always been approachable by people at every level of training and experience in the field and has shared his ideas in a totally unselfish way." Perceptions such as this depict the depth of leadership that Jim provided.

We all mourn his passing but are grateful for the more than 18 years that he shared with us in nuclear medicine.

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