



Dr. Miguel Llinás

October 17, 1938 - June 28, 2020

DR. MIGUEL LLINÁS

Passed away on Sunday, June 28, at the age of 81. Born in Córdoba, Argentina, Miguel married and emigrated to the United States in 1963 to pursue a doctoral degree at the University of California at Berkeley. He went on to study new methods to analyze proteins using nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), working in the lab of Kurt Wüthrich at the ETH in Zürich, Switzerland. He then moved with his family to Pittsburgh in 1976 where he joined the faculty at Carnegie Mellon University in the Department of Chemistry. Through his pioneering work in the area of protein NMR of plasminogens, he was promoted to full professor in 1988, and retired in 2014. His research significantly advanced understanding of the mechanisms of blood clot dissolution, a critical advance toward the treatment of heart attacks. Miguel was also a member of Argentina's National Academy of Sciences. He generously shared his appreciation of good food, art, and music with friends and family.

Miguel is survived by his children, Manuel Llinás (Moriah Szpara), Gabriel Llinás, Miguel Burns (Carolyn Burns), and Laura Delia Llinás, grandchildren Indigo Luna Martin-Llinás, Silvio Szpara Llinás, and Amadeo Szpara Llinás, former wife, Dr. Estela Soria Llinás, and sisters Elena Arroyo (Llinás) and Irene Albrieu (Llinás) in Argentina.

Arrangements will be private and are entrusted to D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory, Ltd. In lieu of flowers, please send a memorial donation to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, online at https://pittsburghsymphony.org/pso_home/web/give-landing/ways-to-give, or by mail to Pittsburgh Symphony Development Department, 600 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Miguel Llinás*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Klara Briknarova lit a candle in memory of Dr. Miguel Llinás*



Klara Briknarova - July 21, 2020 at 01:31 AM



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Marita Espinoza - July 11, 2020 at 11:18 PM

ME

“ Miguel’s mentorship and guidance have been invaluable in my formation and growth as a professional in science. I always found his classes highly informative and motivational. His support and encouragement extended well past my time as his graduate student. I will always be grateful for that.

My sincerest condolences to his family.

Marita Rejante-Espinoza

Marita Espinoza - July 11, 2020 at 04:37 PM

GS

“ Miguel was instrumental in helping us transitioning into Carnegie Mellon from our academic positions in Argentina during difficult moments of our country. That was about 18 years ago... He will be remembered.

Gloria Silva and Roberto Gil

Gloria Silva - July 09, 2020 at 02:03 PM

HK

“ It was my privilege to have known and interacted with Miguel for nearly three decades. He was a great colleague and an excellent research collaborator to me as well as a caring mentor. I still vividly remember the dinner on the first day of my interview at CMU more than 28 years ago. There he offered many tips helpful to starting junior faculty, which I didn’t expect to receive at all during my interview visit. I also thoroughly enjoyed the research collaboration with him on plasminogen during his late years. His knowledge and insights were amazing. Miguel, you will be missed dearly!

Hyung Kim

Hyung Kim - July 05, 2020 at 01:42 PM

GB

“ My many enduring memories of Miguel include his dedication to his science, and his cheerful desire to pass that that science along to others. I recall an occasion at an offsite research conference of the members of the Department of Chemistry when he wanted to explain a particular sequence of pulses in an NMR experiment, motivating him to do a bobbing, twirling dance to illustrate the effects of a sequence of pulses of the magnetic field on the spin of nuclei in the field—it was an informative performance enjoyed by his audience.

Guy C. Berry

Guy C. Berry - July 01, 2020 at 05:55 PM

ML

“ *Anuncio de la Academia Nacional de Ciencias (Argentina)*

<https://www.anc-argentina.org.ar/es/2020/06/29/fallecimiento-del-academico-correspondiente-dr-miguel-llinas/>

M LLINAS - June 30, 2020 at 04:12 PM

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Laura Delia - June 30, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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“ *Laura Delia lit a candle in memory of Dr. Miguel Llinás*



Laura Delia - June 30, 2020 at 11:37 AM