

In Memoriam Eddie Way

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Eddie (E. Leong) Way, PhD, celebrated his 100th birthday at a large party in July 2016, and passed away in 2017. He was born in California and received all of his education at UCSF. His scientific contributions were mainly in the opioid field with important contributions on the mechanisms of tolerance and dependence. Eddie's work in the field of drug abuse, especially his contributions to our knowledge of how opiates relieve pain was enormous. His studies of the mechanisms involved in the development of tolerance and physical dependence to many different classes of drugs have been responsible for much of the progress in this area. His contributions in this field have been monumental from the research perspective, and they also have been exceptional in terms of the quality and number of scientists that he has educated in this field, and the extensive service that he has contributed at every level. Eddie Way has

been one of the most influential driving forces in all aspects of the opioid field since the 1940s.

During his lectures, Eddie spoke with logic and clarity, and so his papers and lectures were greatly appreciated by clinicians as well as by basic researchers. His scientific contributions were influential for our understanding of the addiction phenomena. Eddie's impact on science was strongly felt by the success of his students and mentees. His many trainees were extremely productive, with three of them receiving the coveted Nathan Eddy award from the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD). Eddie was one of the founders of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) and helped to lead CPDD from a small committee in the 1930s to a large membership organization, attractive to clinicians as well as to basic scientists. Besides CPDD and ACNP, Eddie has taken on responsibility as a leader in other important scholarly organizations such as the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) and others. He has contributed as an informed scientist in debates about social and legal aspects of drug abuse and the problems that it causes. Eddie Way, more than most scientists, has successfully blended his research excellence, his extensive knowledge of the field, and his boundless energy and commitment to contribute to the solution of substance abuse problems at the institution, local, national, and international levels.

Eddie's popularity in the scientific world was further enhanced by his warm personality, sense of humor, and even his enthusiasm for ballroom dancing which was always demonstrated at the annual CPDD dance and his giving of lessons to willing partners at the dance. Many of us have benefited by knowing Eddie that we will be sorely missed.

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