

## A Moment of Silence for Edward Maurer, DC, DACBR

Editorial Staff

On March 27, 2003, the chiropractic profession suffered the sudden loss of Edward L. Maurer, DC, DACBR, who passed away at his home in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dr. Maurer was known as a "giant among his contemporaries ... a man of unquestioned integrity." His friend and colleague for 30 years, Kerwin Winkler, DC, reflected, "Nobody brought to the table the depth and breadth of his knowledge and wisdom," and praised Dr. Maurer's "unwavering loyalty and service to the American Chiropractic Association."

Born in Rahway, N.J., in 1937, Edward Maurer graduated from Lincoln Chiropractic College in 1961, board-certified in radiology. In 1973, he served on the postgraduate faculty in radiology for the National University of Health Sciences, and as Michigan's ACA delegate from 1980 to 1991. He was named Chiropractor of the Year by the Michigan Chiropractic Association in 1983, and received a Legislative Leadership Award from the association in 1987. He also held various elected positions in the American Chiropractic College of Radiology.

Dr. Maurer played a prominent role in the ACA, serving on its Council on Diagnostic Imaging, and for seven years as governor of District #2 (Mich.; Ill.; Iowa; Wis.; and Canada). In 1997, he was elected Chairman of the Board of Governors, a position he held until 1999.

Also in 1999, Dr. Maurer was named chairman of the newly formed *Journal of the American Chiropractic Association (JACA)* Editorial Review Committee, a position he stamped uniquely with his far-reaching vision and immense energy for the remainder of his life. The committee became the JACA Editorial Board in 2002, in recognition of the quality and quantity of effort provided under his leadership to assure publication standards never faltered. He was also editor-in-chief of *ACA Press*, and was named ACA Chiropractor of the Year in 2001. At the March 2003 National Chiropractic Legislative Conference, Dr. Maurer received a Chairman's Award in recognition of his many contributions to the ACA and the profession.

Edward Maurer poured his considerable energy into projects he believed would benefit the future of chiropractic. As its fundraising chairman, he was one of the driving forces behind the effort to establish a chiropractic college at Florida State University. In 2002, he embarked on a collaborative effort with over 750 health care organizations called the U.S. Bone & Joint Decade initiative. Dr. Maurer volunteered to represent the ACA in the Decade's efforts to educate the public about diseases of the bones and joints, a responsibility he carried out in his typical manner - with vigor and a wealth of fresh ideas. He wrote two textbooks, contributed several chapters to others, and published numerous articles in scientific and pro-fessional journals.

Dr. Maurer practiced at the Kalamazoo Chiropractic Center with Valdis Muiznieks, DC. He is survived by a son, Lance, a student at Logan College of Chiropractic; a daughter, Terry Root; a sister, Barbara Hanson; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

