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A Moment of Silence for Dr. Arnold Goldschmidt

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Arnold M. (Mickey) Goldschmidt, DC, FACC, FICC, second generation of a prominent New York chiropractic family with wide involvement in the organizational life of the profession, died in Phoenix, Arizona December 26, 1994.

Dr. Goldschmidt was elected to his second term as president of the Association for the History of Chiropractic at New York Chiropractic College last October. He was a trustee of New York Chiropractic College, a former past president of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards, and a member of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

One of the first members and a former chairman of the New York State Board of Chiropractic after licensure was achieved in 1963, Arnold Goldschmidt continued the pioneering work of his father, Sol Goldschmidt, a Carver Institute graduate who was a long-time executive secretary of the New York State Chiropractic Society and in the vanguard of chiropractic licensure battles for more than 30 years. The senior Goldschmidt had also co-authored with Clarence Weiant one of the first scholarly arguments within the profession, Medicine and Chiropractic, which has been reprinted in seven editions.

Arnold Goldschmidt attended Western Reserve University and Logan College before graduating from the Chiropractic Institute of New York in 1950. He served as an intern at Spears Chiropractic Hospital in Denver for a year prior to starting his practice in Manhattan.

A former president of District 1 of the New York Chiropractic Association, he was also secretary of the association for 10 years, and was active within the examination process of the New York Board, and also taught classes in chiropractic ethics at both NYCC and other colleges. He was elected a fellow of both the American College of Chiropractors and the International College of Chiropractors.

"Mickey's whole life was chiropractic," said Dr. Valerio Pasqua, who delivered the eulogy at the December 28 service in New York. "He was dedicated to the quality of his profession and brought dignity and good humor in articulating the many roles he enjoyed in chiropractic."

Dr. Goldschmidt was honored as a New York "Pioneer of Chiropractic" at NYCC in 1993. He is survived by his wife Lucille, two daughters, Lisa and Rhonda, and a son, Peter.

Contributions may be made to the Arnold Goldschmidt Scholarship Fund at NYCC, 2360 Route 89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.

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