

Death of Dr. Anita H. Payne

Email Announcement

Dear SSR Friends and Colleagues:

Sad news has reached us that Dr. Anita H. Payne died on 15 February 2009.

Anita very much enjoyed the notes and email messages sent to her by many friends and colleagues during the last weeks of her life.

Dr. Payne was a charter member of SSR, held several SSR offices, and served on a number of SSR committees.

Development—Endowment Sub-Committee: 2003–2005

Nominating Committee: 1993, 1997, 2000–2001

Bylaws Committee: 1994

Past President: 1991–1992

President: 1990–1991

Program Committee: 1991

President-Elect: 1989–1990

SSR Secretary: 1986–1989

Editorial Board: 1982–1986

Director: 1982–1985

Membership Committee: 1979–1980 (Chair), 1978

Dr. Payne received the SSR's highest award for lifetime achievement in reproductive science, the Carl G. Hartman Award, in 1998, and was the recipient of SSR's Distinguished Service

1999 Women in Endocrinology Mentor Awardee (<http://www.women-in-endo.org/awards/>)

Anita Payne Lectureship (University of Michigan;
<http://www.med.umich.edu/obgyn/about/lectureship.htm>)

Obituary (provided by the family)

Anita Hart Payne, reproductive endocrinologist and university professor, died on Sunday, February 15, in Palo Alto, California, at age 82. Anita was born in Karlsruhe, Germany, and came to San Francisco with her parents and sister Dorothy in 1938. She received her B.A. and Ph.D. in Physiology from the University of California, Berkeley. She was a faculty member in the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Biological Chemistry at the University of Michigan from 1971-1995 and a Senior Research Scientist at Stanford University from 1995-2007. Over her long and distinguished scientific career she took pride in serving as a role model and mentor, especially for women scientists.

She was married to Francis (Gene) Payne for 31 years until his untimely death. She is survived by her son Greg, daughter-in-law Dara, grandchildren Isaac, Gretel, and Jabe, and her daughter Teresa Lyons, son-in-law Ron, and grandson Matthew. She is also survived by her sister Dorothy Levy and family. She was predeceased by her youngest daughter Janet. Anita will be held in loving memory by her family and many friends.

She will be memorialized in a private service.

Donations in memory of Anita may be made to:

Anita Payne Lecture Fund
c/o Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of Michigan Medical School
1500 East Medical Center Drive L4000
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

or

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