

In Memoriam



It is never pleasant to write an obituary, especially about someone that one esteems and admires very much. This is the case with Professor Wilfried Feichtinger.

At the onset of The Journal of Reproduction, I wanted to honor one of the most significant pioneers in the area of world reproduction, my colleague and dear friend for over 30 years, Wilfried Feichtinger.

Wilfried passed away on June 3, 2021, but his legacy will remain forever among us.

His incursion into different areas of Assisted Reproduction and Human Biology has provided us with methods and techniques that we use daily such as ultrasound-guided transvaginal oocyte retrieval, and laboratory techniques such as vitrification and embryo culture.

I could go on and on mentioning his scientific and clinical contributions to the field of Reproduction, but the literature speaks for itself with his numerous manuscripts, organization of International Congresses, and books on our specialty.

I would like to make a note about Wilfried the person. He was the most charismatic colleague, an avid lover of life in its best sense. I believe we were together at least in fifteen different countries for professional conferences. Everything became fun and enthusiastic when Wilfried was around. His elegance

as a person was only paralleled by his excellent qualities as an opera singer, and his love for nature.

When we were around him, not only did we learn so much from him but it was always a joyous occasion.

We will all miss this great professional from our field, a great friend and human being.

It is a great pleasure that his son Michael, who follows Wilfried's steps in research and clinical work in Reproduction, is the principal author of the main article of this initial issue of The Journal of Reproduction.

You would be so proud Wilfried!



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