

## In Memoriam

### Dr. Burke, AAP board member, received Jacobi Award



Dr. Burke

Former AAP board member **Edmund C. Burke, M.D., M.S., FAAP**, of Rochester, Minn., a recipient of the Jacobi Award, died May 13 of natural causes. The pediatric nephrologist was 95.

Dr. Burke chaired AAP District VI from 1979-'85 and was an AAP member for 62 years. He also was an AAP delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA) for 15 years.

In 1997, Dr. Burke received the AAP-AMA Jacobi Award, given for long-term contributions in teaching, patient care or clinical research in pediatrics. His acceptance speech, a biography of Abraham Jacobi, M.D., the father of pediatrics, was published in *Pediatrics*.

President of the AAP Minnesota Chapter from 1970-'73, Dr. Burke received its 2011 Distinguished Service Award.

He served as president of the Irish and American Pediatric Society.

After graduating from University of Minnesota Medical School, Dr. Burke served in the military (1946-'48) as chief of outpatient services at West Point. In 1948, he completed a pediatric fellowship at Mayo's

graduate school of medicine, receiving an M.S. in pediatrics. He was a research fellow at Harvard Medical School before returning in 1951 to join the faculty at Mayo; he retired as professor of pediatrics in 1986.

A prolific writer, Dr. Burke authored at least 100 publications while at Mayo and was editor in chief at *Minnesota Medicine*. During retirement, he wrote a column for the *Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin*.

Friend and colleague Calvin C.J. Sia, M.D., FAAP, who served with him in the AMA House of Delegates, remembered Dr. Burke as one who led a full life dedicated to pediatrics and his family.

"Ed was an effective leader with quiet, gentle mannerisms, but he also had a wonderful voice and sense of humor," Dr. Sia said. "He represented and served as the best in pediatrics and organized medicine."

Dr. Burke is survived by his wife, Clarice; children, Ed Jr., Timothy, Jay, Kathy, Margaret and Mary; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice, and children Barbara, Patricia and Thomas.

— Alyson Sulaski Wyckoff