

Kathleen M. Foley, M.D.

Kathy: When the history of palliative care is written, your name will be prominently referenced in the first paragraph. You are a pioneer in the field, and you remain one of the world's leading authorities.

As a neurologist, you spearheaded Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center's efforts to address pain management. Your efforts resulted in the establishment of the first pain and palliative care service within an American cancer hospital, and you were its first chief. Your ground-breaking research mapped pain syndromes in cancer and you developed and tested new treatments. You revolutionized the training of interns and resident cancer care physicians by teaching them how to assess, manage, and alleviate a patient's pain.

As your reputation grew beyond the confines of Memorial Hospital and York Avenue, your engagement with the global community expanded both your influence and responsibility, most notably with the World Health Organization. For a decade you led a major national initiative to transform the culture of death and dying in our country. Through that program, you helped shape the intellectual and clinical leadership for the palliative care movement. Today you are medical director of an international palliative care initiative sponsored by the public health program of the Open Society Institute.

Your colleagues describe you as compassionate, kind, extremely smart; energetic; persistent in pursuing the causes you espouse; spiritual and grounded in your beliefs; thoughtful; persuasive in encouraging others to your views.

Certainly your husband Charlie and sons Fritz and David would agree.

As a physician and as a member of HealthCare Chaplaincy's Board of Trustees you have always kept in sight the important role that multifaith chaplaincy care plays in helping patients and loved ones find meaning and comfort, and without you, the Chaplaincy's aspirational plans to create a model spirit-centered palliative care program would have floundered.

Kathy, it is with tremendous gratitude that the Trustees honor you tonight with the *Wholeness of Life* Lifetime Achievement Award.