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DR. BEN W. PAPERMASTER, NOTED IMMUNOLOGIST

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memorial service for Dr. Ben W. Papermaster, a noted immunologist and cancer researcher, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Congregation Beth Israel, Austin, Texas.

Papermaster, 65, formerly of Buffalo, died Dec. 22, 1999, in Coronado, Calif., after a brief but intense battle with cancer.

He was born in Minneapolis, the son of Dr. Aaron A. and Celia Rose Papermaster. He was named after his grandfather, Rabbi Benjamin Papermaster, a pioneer rabbi in North Dakota from 1890 to 1934.

Papermaster was raised in Fargo, N.D., and graduated from Fargo High School. He received a bachelor's degree in music from Harvard University. He earned a doctorate in immunology at the University of Minnesota.

During his doctoral studies with Dr. Robert A. Good and in conjunction with a team led by Good, Papermaster participated in seminal research into the discovery of the immune response.

Papermaster went on to a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University and then to a tenured position at the University of California at Berkeley. We're glad you enjoy BuffaloNews.com. Why not subscribe? It's quick and easy to subscribe today to BuffaloNews.com.

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In 1967, he moved to Buffalo, where he continued his work on immunity at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. In Buffalo, he co-founded one of the earliest biotechnology companies, Associated Biomedical Systems.

He moved on to the University of Texas at Galveston in 1974. He then became scientific director of the Columbia Regional Cancer Research Center in Columbia, Mo., and joined the University of Missouri Medical School there.

Since 1990, Papermaster focused on the development of new immunological treatments for cancer patients through his work as president of the Imbic and Kinex corporations in Frederick, Md., and San Diego.

Surviving are his wife, Sue; two sons, Steve and Mark, both of Austin; a daughter, Gail of Austin; a brother, Dr. David of Bloomfield, Conn.; and seven grandchildren.

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