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rity, Fred will be remembered as much for his outspokenness as for his written words. He was never afraid to speak his mind and he did so with courage and conviction. He had a passion for chiropractic and believed implicitly in the power of the adjustment.

Dr. Barge was active in chiropractic throughout his lifetime, serving in various capacities including International President of the Palmer College of Chiropractic Alumni Association from 1972-1974, acting President of Life Chiropractic College West, member of the Palmer College Board of Trustees from 1973-1982, and Founding Board Member of Palmer College of Chiropractic West.

Dr. Barge served on several of ICA's Committees and played a key role in many of ICA's postgraduate programs. The ICA's very successful pediatrics program was started with his guidance and support, and most recently he was responsible for laying the groundwork of ICA's newest Council on Chiropractic Philosophy.

At a time in life when many might think about slowing down, Dr. Barge shouldered even more responsibilities. Just last year, as chair of the ICA Council on Chiropractic Philosophy, Dr. Barge developed the syllabus for the Diplomate in Philosophical Chiropractic Standards (DPhCS) and put together the Council's first Conference held this past May in Kansas City, Missouri. In 2002, he helped launch *The Chiropractic Choice* Newspaper for ICA, serving as the Editorial Chair. He also served as host of ICA's two very successful International Symposiums on the Philosophy, Art and Science of Chiropractic, one in Lisbon, Portugal (2000), and the other in Rome, Italy (2002).

The recipient of more than 60 awards for his contributions to the profession, Dr. Barge earned the prestigious D.D. Palmer Scientific Award in 1977 for his research on tortipelvis, torticollis and scoliosis; the Life Chiropractic College Science Award in 1984; and Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 1986 from the Palmer College of Chiropractic Alumni Association. He was a Fellow in the Palmer Academy of Chiropractic and was elected a Distinguished Fellow of the ICA in 1976. In 1991 he was bestowed ICA's highest honor, Chiropractor of the Year. Dr. Barge was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the World Chiropractic Alliance, a Dedicated Service Award from the Illinois Prairie State Chiropractic Association, and a Special Recognition Award from the Wisconsin Chiropractic Association. The Palmer student body voted him Faculty of the Year in 2000, and this past March the Palmer College International Alumni Association gave him its 2003 Faculty Achievement Award.

Aside from his enormous contribution to the ICA and the chiropractic profession, Dr. Barge was also an extremely devoted husband, loving father and doting grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife, Audrey, two daughters, Patricia Barge Berkley, D.C. and Sally Rusak, C.T., son-in-laws Drs. Michael Rusak and Michael Berkley, and ten grandchildren. Another daughter, Amy Barge, D.C. preceded him in death. He often acknowledged his family in his chiropractic texts and said they continued to remind him of the "true value in life." He dedicated his book *One Cause*,

One Cure to his sweet Audrey. He wrote, "Though not her crusade, nor task to bear, she has sustained me throughout the ridicule and harassment common to all those who champion an uncommon cause... our life has been fulfilling and bountiful through that which chiropractic has given us..."

Always impeccably dressed, Dr. Barge's stylish delivery of pure chiropractic principles and his unmistakable voice reminiscent of a Shakespearean actor left a lasting impression on his "fellow Chiropractors" at home and abroad.

Palmer Chancellor Guy F. Riekeman, D.C., said, "Chiropractic has lost a warrior and Palmer has lost a prince. He was Palmer Proud and purple to the core of his soul. I don't think he was ever more fulfilled than in the last five years as he moved through Palmer, brightening its history. Every student will long remember each class beginning with, 'Good morning, fledgling chiropractors.' And, so, to my good friend, for now ... Enuf said."

David B. Koch, D.C., Palmer's vice



Dr. Barge is presented with the ICA Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996 by then ICA President Dr. Robert Braille.

president for Professional and International Affairs, noted, "Fred was such an inspiration to me. I got to watch a man for whom retirement was not an option. Why would he retire from doing the things he so loved to do? Fred embraced life to the fullest, and knew that

this is what chiropractic is truly about; living your own life on your own terms. The best way we can honor his life is to carry on with his work, which is truly our own work, of bringing chiropractic to the whole world."

Dr. Barge's passing leaves an enormous emptiness in the hearts of his family and friends and an incredible void in the ICA and the profession that he loved. "The chiropractic profession has lost an icon. ICA has lost a great leader, and I have lost a friend," said former ICA President Dr. Bobby Braille. "Fred was truly an original and my life in chiropractic and in every way is better for having known him."

To honor his years of dedicated service, ICA has set up a scholarship fund in Dr. Barge's name so that his legacy may continue. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may send a donation to ICA, c/o Barge Scholarship Fund, 1110 N. Glebe Road, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22201. A memorial fund has also been established by Dr. Barge's family through the Palmer Development Office in Davenport, Iowa.

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