In Memory of Dr. Edward Nickoloff

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- It is a privilege to be asked to speak at an AAPM annual meeting for Dr. Nickoloff
- Many of you are likely familiar with the myriad of Ed Nickolof’s accomplishments and his enormous influence on medical physics, one that will now serve as his legacy

As a young physicist over thirty years ago, I could never have foreseen the friendship that would grow out of my working relationship with Ed
- But I knew from the very beginning how lucky I was to learn from such a consummate professional who was as compassionate and kind as he was intelligent and meticulous.
• When I first entered the world of medical physics, I had no idea what to expect of a boss
• Almost everyone I knew painted the image of a boss who is unapproachable and distant

• It took me quite a while to realize that the exact opposite was true with Ed.
• All my colleagues will agree that Dr. Nickoloff was humble, kind and humorous

• I remember when I first saw Dr. Nickoloff, he initiated the conversation by extending his hand and saying, I am Ed Nickoloff
• His handshake was firm and strong. He spoke with confidence and charisma
• As time went by, I began to know him better and what he values most, people
• To him colleagues are like his family
• He clearly knew that everyone plays an important role
- His philosophy of placing the needs and comfort of patient at the center of his work served as a model that I continue to strive to emulate.

- His legacy, for me and all those who worked closely with him, was also his warmth.

- His famous word was, “you don’t work for me, you work with me”.

- Those words still ring in my years today.

- He always did his best to pull everyone together to build the group as a team to make everyone feel that they were an important part of the department.

I sincerely miss him!