



Dr. Kevin Donald Ridge

March 7, 1961 - August 7, 2011

Dr. Kevin D. Ridge, 50, of Murrells Inlet, passed away unexpectedly on August 7, 2011.

Dr. Ridge was a worldwide lecturer and published research author for over 20 years.

He graduated from Grove City College in Grove City, PA, and the University of Pittsburgh where he received his PhD. He did his post doctorate at M.I.T. under the direction of Nobel Prize Winner, H. Gobind Khorana.

Dr. Ridge's research included Visual Phototransduction, Mechanisms of HIV-1 Infection, G-protein Coupled Receptors and High Resolution NMR of Activated GPCR/G-Protein Complexes.

He belonged to the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

Dr. Ridge attended Belin Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is predeceased by his father, Donald Lloyd Ridge; grandparents, Samuel and Agnes Greer, Hector Ridge, Annie Ridge Carney and Charles Carney; Uncle Hector Ridge; Uncle and Aunt William (Peter) and Elizabeth Greer.

Survivors include his mother, Sheila Anne Greer Ridge, Murrells Inlet; sisters, Kathleen Lynn Swanson (Robert Blair Swanson), Garden City; Kelly Anne Fiegl (Ryan James Fiegl), Myrtle Beach; nieces and nephew, Ashleigh Lynn Swanson, Savanna Mikale Fiegl, Willow Anne Fiegl, Parker James Fiegl; aunt, Barbara Maxine Ridge and her children, Heather Ridge and Karen Pease.

He is also survived by a large extended Canadian family including special cousins, Donald and Linda Ahrens, Susan and Gerry Wydysz, Marsha and Fred Stock and David and Diane Reid, along with other special cousins.

Dr. Ridge will be remembered and greatly missed by his family, numerous friends and colleagues around the world.

The family will receive friends 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Saturday, August 13, 2011, at the Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel. A funeral service will be held Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Greg Hill officiating. Interment at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Sign online guest book at: www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Donations may be made in Dr. Ridge's name to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund c/o Belin Memorial United Methodist Church, 4183 Hwy. 17 Business, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

The family asks that friends place a plant or tree in their favorite garden spot in Kevin's memory.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **13**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 AM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
(843) 651-3295
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Belin Memorial Un. Methodist Church
PO Box 528
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-0528

Tribute Wall



“ Oh, Kevin, I am so sad. Of all the grad students whose thesis committees I served on, I was happiest to be on yours, and the copy of your thesis is the only one that I saved after I retired. A few years ago I went to see where you were now, not expecting, and I wasn't able to learn anything more at that time. I only found this page just now, prompted to go back and look again after a mention of Khorana's birthday a few weeks ago on a blog.

I helped Fran create a suitable Wikipedia page for Klaus, and I wanted to add a list of all of his grad students, but she said that she didn't have all of them. If I can still reach her I'll try to get a partial list and put that up.

John Hempel - January 15, 2022 at 10:56 AM

SF

“ I remember Kevin from 7th thru 12th grade. He was a good guy. He was easy to talk to and he had a good sense of humor. I had always hoped that our paths would cross again in life. My condolences to all those who love and miss him. God bless his soul.

steve forster - December 06, 2014 at 09:45 AM

HD

“ Just found out today; Wish we could have gotten together and shared some old stories

Harold Drabkin - March 16, 2012 at 04:38 PM

SL

“ Hey Kevin, sorry I only found out about your passing away just now. You were a great leader and mentor to me, thanks for believing in me and opening my eyes to research.

Always your friend and colleague, Stephen...

Stephen Lee - January 04, 2012 at 08:37 PM

JC

“ My sincere sympathies to Kevin's family....his Mom Shiela, his sisters Kathleen and Kelly. I remember all the good, fun times we had camping together when I was young. All the trips to Dressels in Canada....my Dad, Mr. Ridge and Kevin using the latest thing in camping equipment....I seem to remember a certain item used to empty the waste tank (it did not work well at all). Our awesome trip to Myrtle Beach and Pirate Land the summer of 1974. All the ants in the trailer, the endless card games when it rained, Pepper the dog, and the memorial spaghetti dinner when we found out that Magadino had died in Niagara Falls. Kevin was our "Captain" in that plastic boat that we all would go for rides in and all the fun we had at the beach. My Dad out in the waves (he couldn't swim) and Kevin yelling "Toupe away" when Dad's hat was taken by a huge wave and all that was left was Dad's bald head. I remember him giving new names to the trash cans and garbage trucks that summer, the trash cans were "lunch boxes" and the garbage trucks were "snack wagons", I still call them that...Thanks Kevin. He was always laughing and having more fun than anybody else, and we all laughed with him. As I read all the amazing research he has done in the past years, I realize just how brilliant he was. The scientific community is loosing an amazing researcher. He will be missed by so many whose lives he has touched. Our friend was taken from us way to soon, we will be sad, we will cry, we will feel sorrow.....but we will know that we will see Kevin again some day and we will all laugh with him again. RIP Kevin, if you see my Dad tell him I miss him too.

Hugs and Love to Y'all,
Jane Coutts

Jane M. Coutts-Smith - August 11, 2011 at 09:36 PM