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July 7, 2004

To the members of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry,

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the death of Life Fellow, Leonard Abrams, DDS on July 6th, 2004. Dr. Abrams was actively involved in research, teaching, writing and lecturing in the discipline of Prosthodontics, while maintaining a private practice in Philadelphia, PA until his last day.

Many of you may have known that Dr. Abrams was widely respected as a kind-hearted man and talented Periodontal Prosthodontist. He was a Clinical Professor of Periodontology at the school of Dental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA and was an integral part of the dental school. Dr. Abrams was a founding member of the Academy, as well as a Past President. He will be greatly missed by the Academy, as well as the entire dental profession.

A funeral for Dr. Abrams will be held today, at 12:00pm EST at Goldstein located at 6410 North Broad Street in Philadelphia. The burial will follow at Montifiore Cemetery on Church Road in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. On Sunday, July 11, a memorial service will be held at Adath Israel Synagogue at Old Lancaster and Highland Avenue in Merion, PA.

For information on where to send condolences or any donations to be made in his honor may be obtained from Dr. Abrams' assistant, Irene Conway at (215) 546-0200.

At the upcoming AAED 29th Annual Meeting, Dr. Abrams was to be awarded the Charles L. Pincus Award, an award in memory of AAED's co-founder that is reserved as the Academy's highest honor, recognizing outstanding contributions and achievements to the advancement and development of esthetic dentistry. To date, only five AAED members have been honored with the coveted Pincus Award. This award was to be presented to Dr. Abrams during the Dinner Dance on Saturday, August 7, and will now be given posthumously.

Most Sincerely,

AAED Headquarters