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RE: Condolence letter on the death of Prof. dr hab. Stanislaw Woyke

Dear Professor Domagala,

Just a few weeks ago, I was privileged to visit and have an enjoyable conversation with Professor Woyke in his home. So, the news of his death this week brought great sadness and a sense of irreplaceable loss. This letter is written to express my deepest condolences to his family, his friends and colleagues around the world.

His death can be seen as a terminating point in the history of Pathology, closing a classical era signified by his devotion to clinical service. His diagnostic skills were legendary, have helped many generations of physicians to manage their patients and are a difficult act for his students to follow.

The implementation of Cytology in Poland was among his greatest accomplishments and had an enormous impact on the treatment of patients. Textbooks on this subject, co-authored with Professor Leopold Koss, had major international impact. Professor Woyke's teaching efforts were equally exemplary and many generations of pathologists, including myself, benefitted from them. His life as a man, and especially his final days as he struggled with an incurable disease, is the deepest and most important lesson for those of us who were close to him.

Professor Woyke's legacy will continue through his academic mentorship and scientific ideas as we will instill them into future generations of Pathologists. As I look back over the years, my own career shows that he has guided me to be the best in every aspect of our profession. I know for certain, that this guidance will not be diminished by his demise and the fact that I live and practice pathology on distant shores.

May he find everlasting peace.



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Dear Professor Domagala,

I was greatly saddened by the unexpected death of my friend Stan Woyke. I have known him for over half a century, not only as a Pathologist and Cytopathologist, but also as a man of principles who would not betray his personal beliefs for political gains.

We wrote several books together with Professor Olszewski and I can say with pride that the work was excellent thanks to the high standards Stan observed.

He will always be remembered as an outstanding scientist, diagnostician and faithful friend.

May he rest in peace!

Leopold G. Koss, M.D.