



Dr. Dmitry Rudkevich (1963-2007)

Dr. Dmitry M. Rudkevich, 44, a loving husband, a dedicated father, a great friend to many, an outstanding organic chemist, and an Associate Professor of Chemistry at the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Texas at Arlington, died on August 4th, 2007, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Ukraine, Rudkevich studied chemistry at the Institute of Organic Chemistry, National Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine, with the late Prof. Leonid N. Markovsky, and received a Ph.D. in chemistry in 1989. It was there that Rudkevich met his wife of 15 years, Sasha. Rudkevich also served his country in responding to the Chernobyl nuclear accident as a member of the Soviet National Guard.

Rudkevich completed his second Ph.D. in the laboratory of Prof. David N. Reinhoudt at the University of Twente in the Netherlands in 1995. In 1996, he moved to the United States to work with Prof. Julius Rebek, Jr., first at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and later at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California. He was also a Research Assistant Professor of the Skaggs Institute for Chemical Biology at Scripps (1997-2001).

He joined the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Texas at Arlington as an Assistant Professor in 2001, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2004. His research interests were primarily on molecular recognition, application of calixarenes, and the supramolecular chemistry of gases. Rudkevich was a distinguished scientist, well known for his work. He was exceptionally productive. He was a co-author of over 125 scientific papers published in prestigious journals including several invited

review articles; he gave numerous lectures at many universities and at scientific meetings. He was an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. His research activities were funded by the National Science Foundation, Texas Advanced Technology Program, and by the Petroleum Research Fund, administered by the American Chemical Society.

In his time at UT Arlington, Rudkevich supervised four postdoctoral fellows, eleven graduate students, and several undergraduate and high school students. He was a superb colleague and served on many departmental, college, and university committees.

He is survived by his wife, Sasha; and two sons, Dmitry, Jr. and Eric.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesday August 7th at the Moore Funeral Home, 1219 North Davis Dr., Arlington, Texas (Tel. 817-275-2711). The memorial service will be held on Wednesday, 8th of August, at 12:30 PM at the funeral home. Burial will be on Wednesday, August 15th at 9:00 AM at the Moore Funeral Home.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the "Rudkevich Memorial Fund", Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas 76019. All donations will go towards a college fund for his two children.

Please use reference #: 2348, Dignity Memorial Organization, 1-800-224-4177 for discounted airfare to attend the funeral.