

# Robert Sternlicht Memorial Lectureship in Cancer Biology and Pharmacology



Originally established in 1990 by friends and family and named the Robert Sternlicht Memorial Fund, these lectures feature distinguished experts whose presentations will advance the study of oncology at the School of Medicine. Robert Sternlicht was the son of Himan Sternlicht, Ph.D., associate professor emeritus of pharmacology



Robert Sternlicht passed away in 1989 from Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was 27 years old. Robert grew up in Cleveland Heights, played the clarinet and joined the Heights High wrestling team. He attended Case Western Reserve University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Although some who knew him may have been surprised when he joined the raucous Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, those who knew the depths of his sense of humor, and the value of his friendship, would understand why those brothers wanted this quiet and reserved young man. While here at Case, Robert also minored in English and showed an exceptional ability to write short stories and poetry – a talent he shared with his family as he was growing up. In his senior year, he was awarded a scholarship for a research article and his academic achievements in electrical engineering. After graduating from Case, Robert obtained a Masters degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. There he published several papers in electrical engineering journals. When Rockwell International hired Robert upon graduation, he moved to Dallas, Texas where he worked with distinction for several years on research contracts for the Department of Defense.

When Robert died, this memorial lectureship was set up as a mechanism to honor him by helping to promote scientific interactions and dissemination of knowledge in cancer biology and pharmacology. We may thank our many friends and extended family who contributed to this fund in our son's/brother's name.

**--The Sternlicht Family**