

In memory of Keith Bunce

2 October 1949 – 16 April 2015



It is with sadness, we share the news that Keith Bunce has died after a long illness. Keith was a longstanding member and Society contributor, serving on the editorial board of the *British Journal of Pharmacology* for many years. Keith was a great friend, mentor and colleague to many of us. Keith gained his degrees in physiology at the University of Newcastle and subsequently worked at Smith Kline & French on successors to Tagamet. In 1979, he joined Glaxo Group Research at Ware to work on gastrointestinal medicine discovery. Keith was a member of the team that demonstrated the antiemetic effects of Zofran, for which Glaxo was

awarded the Prix Galien for Oncology in 1990. Zofran was recently cited by the American Society for Clinical Oncology as one of the top five advances in modern oncology for “the dramatic change in patient experience when receiving chemotherapy”. In 2005, Keith received a DSc from Newcastle in recognition of his contributions to physiology and pharmacology. Above all, Keith will be remembered at work for his modesty, humour and generosity, sharing and teaching pharmacology and physiology with his colleagues and supervising a number of graduate and PhD students. Outside work, Keith enjoyed nothing more than a beer and curry with friends. He was also a keen cyclist and fisherman and he always looked forward to attending the Status Quo “farewell” concert, on an annual basis.

Keith retired in 2005 and moved to Bristol to live with his wife Jane. He had a long battle against cancer and fought it bravely; he was never concerned for himself, but always for those around him. He died peacefully at home, in the care of Jane. He is survived by his daughter, Lindsay and his grandchildren Olivia and Ethan, whom he loved dearly. His funeral will be at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Watford, WD25 0JS, at 4pm on Thursday 7 May. Keith’s family have requested any kind donations to be made to Prostate Cancer UK.

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