



## Risa Berman Mann

Following is Risa's obit from *The Washington Post*

MANN Risa B. Mann Risa B. Mann, Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Oncology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, died at her home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, surrounded by her family, on June 26, 2015.

Dr. Mann was born in Washington, DC, to Fanny Fox Berman and Bernard Abraham Berman, DDS. She graduated from the Woodrow Wilson High School in 1964 and attended Vassar College as a Matthew Vassar Scholar. After two years at Vassar, where she was a member of the Daisy Chain, she pursued a combined B.A./M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins University; she graduated with honors, and was third in her medical school class of ninety-five students. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

After college, Dr. Mann was an intern, resident and chief resident in the Department of Pathology at Johns Hopkins. Aside from two years as a Senior Staff Fellow at the National Institutes of Health in the Hematopathology Section of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Mann remained at Johns Hopkins for her entire career. She was promoted to full professor in 1995 and retired in 2004. Dr. Mann was the forty-fourth woman to serve as a full professor in the history of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Dr. Mann's research focused on three areas: the characterization of the relationship of the Epstein-Barr virus and lympho proliferative disorders; the clinical pathological correlation of hematologic malignancies; and the classification of lymphomas for the National Cancer Institute, as a member of the National Pathology Panel for Lymphoma Clinical Studies.

Dr. Mann wrote numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and contributed to major books on pathology. She lectured widely, both in the United States and abroad. She was a member of many professional societies, including the International Academy of Pathologists and the Society for Hematopathology. She also held several consultant appointments, including with the U.S. and Canadian Academy of Pathology, served on the Board of Editors of *Modern Pathology* and was a reviewer for numerous professional publications. In addition,

Dr. Mann taught pathology to second-year medical students, for which she won a Faculty Teaching Award. During her tenure, she introduced her students and colleagues to the story of Dr. Dorothy Reed Mendenhall (1874-1964), a fellow Hopkins Medical School graduate and a pioneering female pathologist who identified the Reed-Sternberg cell that

characterizes Hodgkin's disease. Dr. Reed's work was the subject of Dr. Mann's Dean's Lecture, delivered at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine on September 20th, 2002. In many ways, Dr. Mann continued the legacy of Dr. Reed Mendenhall, both in the areas of advancing women in medicine and in our understanding of Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

While at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Mann sat on several hospital committees, Professorial Promotions Committees and Search Committees for the chairs of several departments of Johns Hopkins Hospital, including the departments of Medicine and Ophthalmology. In addition to her clinical practice, her research and her many administrative roles, Dr. Mann served as the head of the residency-training program for the Department of Pathology at Johns Hopkins for seventeen years.

As the current chairman of the Department of Pathology, Dr. Ralph Hruban, stated, "Risa was the heart and soul of the Department of Pathology for more than two decades." In that role she worked to recruit the best and brightest doctors to the Johns Hopkins Department of Pathology. She also served a role model and mentor to countless younger doctors and medical students-as well known for her diagnostic abilities as she was for her sense of style, her warmth and her devotion to the residents and fellows she trained. In fact, she came to know her students professionally and personally and remained in contact with many of them until her death. She will be remembered not only as an excellent diagnostician but also as the best dressed and best looking doctor behind a microscope.

Dr. Mann was married for forty-eight years to Dr. John J. Mann, also on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and is survived by him and by their two daughters, Gilda M. Zimmet (Brian Zimmet) and Stacie M. Kronthal (Eric Kronthal). The Drs. Mann not only enjoyed a long and happy marriage, but were also able to collaborate on many cases. Five grandchildren- Aaron, William, Flora, Jacob and Henry-also survive her. Dr. Mann has one sister, Judith Lipnick, who survives her, as well as several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be at Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 28. To make a tax deductible donation in memory of Risa B. Mann that will go to support resident education and research in the Department of Pathology at Johns Hopkins, please make your check payable to "Johns Hopkins University," write "in memory of Risa B. Mann" in the memo section, and send to: The Fund for Johns Hopkins Department Programs 550 North Broadway, Suite 701B Baltimore, Maryland 21205.