Tributes to Robert Glaser Planned

A Memorial Service for Robert Glaser will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Heinz Chapel on the University of Pittsburgh campus.

Internationally recognized founding director emeritus of Pitt’s Learning Research and Development Center and a key figure in the cognitive science of instruction, Dr. Glaser passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2012, following a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease. A number of news articles and tributes have been published about Dr. Glaser and are available on the LRDC homepage, along with details of the Memorial Service (www.lrdc.pitt.edu). A few are included here:

The Chronicle of Higher Education
New York Times
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
University of Pittsburgh Times

As the New York Times article about points out,

“In the universe of cognitive science, Dr. Glaser was known for encouraging his students and other researchers to develop what he called “a unified theory of learning” — one that would measure student, teacher and curriculum, then use the findings to make each of them better.”

As we prepare for the Glaser Memorial Service on March 10, 2012, here in Pittsburgh, we realize there are many people who may want to share a story but cannot be in attendance. If you have a special memory of Dr. Glaser, please send it to Elizabeth Rangel (lrangel@pitt.edu) by March 7, 2012. Include your name as you would like it to appear and please include the years you spent at LRDC. Once these tributes are compiled into a booklet, we plan to present them to Dr. Glaser’s two daughters.

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