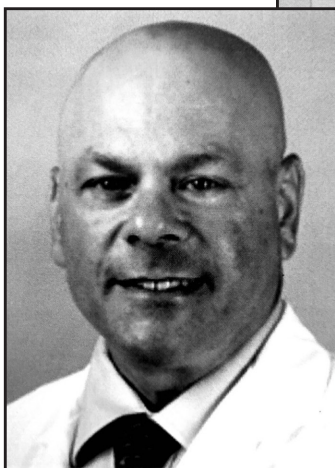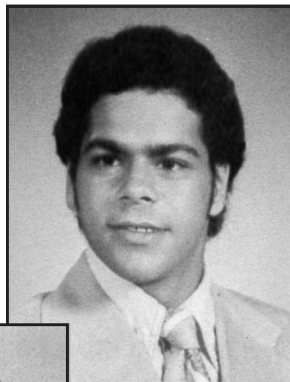# Daniel Kaufer*

Dr. Daniel Kaufer was a beloved member of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine who helped pioneer the treatment of individuals with memory disorders, including Alzheimer's. A neurologist, he was the founding director of the UNC Memory Disorders Program and the chief of the Memory and Cognitive Disorders Division within UNC's Department of Neurology.



He played a key role in developing the new medical subspecialty, Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry, in the diagnosis and treatment of memory disorders. Dr. Kaufer was deeply devoted to patient and family care. He recognized that caring for individuals with memory disorders put severe stress on family caregivers. Through clinical research as well as advocacy, he sought to improve the experience of family caregivers as well as the loved ones for whom they cared. He strove to raise awareness about the causes of neurocognitive disorders to empower people to keep their brains active and healthy.



**Daniel Kaufer**

*Class of 1977*

After graduating from University City High School, he received a bachelor of science degree in molecular biology and zoology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he also received his doctorate of medicine. He completed his neurology residency training at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and a fellowship in behavioral and geriatric neurology at the University of California at Los Angeles. Dr. Kaufer was elected as a fellow into the American Academy of Neurology and the American Neuropsychiatric Association and as president of the Society for Behavioral and Cognitive Neurology.

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