



Ana Sotrel, MD

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Ana Sotrel (née Jadrijevic-Mladar) was born in Sinj, Croatia. She graduated from the University of Zagreb Medical School cum laude in 1967. After a medical internship, she joined the Neuropathology

Institute at the University of Zagreb. She moved with her husband Ginter and daughter Ana to the United States to pursue further education and completed pathology residency training at Rush Oak Park Hospital, Chicago. This was followed by a neuropathology fellowship at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Ana joined the pediatric neuropathology group at Boston Children's Hospital in 1975 where she worked with Profs. E. Tessa Hedley-White and Floyd H. Gilles, who inspired her to gain comprehensive knowledge in pediatric neuropathology. She joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School where she was known as an outstanding and passionate clinical neuropathologist and teacher. She moderated monthly interesting case conferences that attracted neuropathologists from Boston and surrounding areas. This regular gathering was a highlight for senior practitioners and trainees alike as we spent Saturday mornings sharing our puzzling or classical cases in a relaxed collegial environment. Detailed notes from those fascinating cases remain in the files of many of us!

Dr. Sotrel's publications from her time at the Beth Israel Hospital and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center were primarily focused on pediatric neuropathology case reports, many still unsurpassed in their cogent observations. She was a member of the Childhood Brain Tumor Consortium, contributing to the staging of pediatric infratentorial neu-

rogliar tumors. Her broad research interests included the neuropathology of infectious complications of HIV/AIDS, rare childhood syndromes, epilepsy, and Huntington disease. Dr. Sotrel subsequently worked at Northwestern University, Columbia University, and the University of Miami Florida, from which she retired. She trained numerous fellows and residents to whom she passed her emphasis on careful analysis along with her enthusiasm for research in neurological diseases.

She adored her daughter Ana, who is a practicing architect in New York City. She loved long beach walks, enjoyed political arguments and was very much loved by her family, as the most inspiring and helpful member.

Ana passed away in Jacksonville, Florida, on May 22, 2022, at the age of 79. She is survived by her daughter Ana, multiple nieces and nephews, and other family members and friends. Her incisive take on neuropathology (and life!) will be missed.