In Memoriam: Milton V. Kline
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A psychologist and pioneer in hypnotherapy, Milton Vance Kline died on January 7, 2004, at Northern Westchester Hospital Center, Mount Kisco, New York. He was a cofounder and past president of the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis and the founding editor and first editor emeritus of this journal, the *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis*.

Milt, as his friends called him, was also a teacher. He was the founder and director of the Institute for Research in Hypnosis and Psychotherapy and of the Morton Prince Mental Health Center in New York City, where so many of us older SCEH members, officers, former officers, and others received some of our early training from the giants of our field. One of his latest projects, now terminating, was the creation of an internet web site for that institute at www.hypnosis-institute.org.

In past years, Milt directed the hypnosis–training programs at Long Island University, the Seton Hall College of Medicine, and Fairleigh Dickenson University Dental School. He also served as an advisor to the Council on Mental Health of the American Medical Association (AMA) in its historic deliberation on scientific hypnosis and the AMA statement endorsing the scientific validity, therapeutic value, and research significance of hypnotherapy. He was a past member of the Council of Representatives of the American Psychological Association.

Milt was born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 25, 1923, and received his formal psychology education at Pennsylvania State University, Columbia University, and New York University. He had private practices in New York City and, more recently, in Pound Ridge, New York.

Among his many publications, Milt’s books included: *Freud and Hypnosis; Forensic Hypnosis; Scientific Report on ‘The Search for Bridey Murphy’; Clinical Correlations of Experimental Hypnosis; Hypnodynamic Psychology; Psychodynamics and Hypnosis; and Short-Term Dynamic Hypnotherapy and Hypnoanalysis*. He was the author, coauthor, or editor of various other books, including *Obesity: Etiology, Treatment, and Management; and The Nature of Hypnosis: Transactions of the 1961 International Congress on Hypnosis*. His books have been translated into several languages, including Italian, Japanese, and Hebrew. Milt contributed scientific papers to numerous professional journals and conferences. He also wrote chapters for numerous books by other...
authors and presented many lectures and workshops on hypnosis at various U.S. and international locations.

More than 60 of Milt’s publications, from 1950 to the present, may be found listed in the SCEH Scientific Hypnosis Database (www.hypnosis-research.org). They include such titles as: “Hypnotic Age Regression and Intelligence,” “Hypnosis and Age Progression: A Case Report,” “Hypnosis and Diagnostic Psychological Testing,” “The Application of Hypnosis to Nondirective Psychotherapy,” “A Note on Primate-Like Behaviour Induced Through Hypnosis: A Case Report,” “A Visual Imagery Technique for the Induction of Hypnosis in Certain Refractory Subjects,” “Hypnotic Retrogression: A Neuropsychological Theory of Age Regression and Progression,” “Toward a Theoretical Understanding of the Nature of Resistance to the Induction of Hypnosis and Depth Hypnosis,” “Hypnotherapy,” “Symptom Control by Direct Suggestion Including the Control of Pain,” “Hypnotic Age Regression: Some Dynamic Considerations in Relation to its Validity as a Research Technique,” “Hypnotic Amnesia in Psychotherapy,” “Defending the Mentally Ill: The Insanity Defense and the Role of Forensic Hypnosis,” “Multiple Personality: Facts and Artifacts in Relation to Hypnotherapy,” “The Use of a Projective Drawing Technique in the Investigation of Hypnotically Induced Emotions on Blood-Glucose Measurements,” “A University Training Program in Dental Hypnosis,” and many more.

Milt also had an endless series of anecdotes about his clinical and experimental findings that never appeared in his publications. His latest work, The Roots of Modern Hypnosis: From Esdaile to the 1961 International Congress On Hypnosis, is expected to be published posthumously by Xlibris (a Random House partner). His extensive library of hypnosis-related publications, including some items of important historical and research value, is expected to find a home soon in the New Holland Library at Washington State University, the present home of the editorial offices for this journal.

Milt is survived by his wife, Dorothy, his daughter, Jill, and granddaughter, Lucy.

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