Dr. Frederick T. Melges

DURHAM, N.C. — Dr. Frederick T. "Rusty" Melges, 52, died Friday, July 29, in Duke Hospital. He had been ill for, some time.

He grew up in Battle Creek and graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1953.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1957 from Princeton University, where he had been an All-American Linebacker.

He received his medical degree from Columbia University.

He began his career in psychiatry at the University of Rochester, where he did his residency.

In 1965, he joined the faculty of Stanford University as a Special Fellow of the National Institute of Mental Health.

He came to Duke University in 1976 as a professor of psychiatry and was also director of the Psychiatric Unit at Durham County Hospital.

He was vice-chairman of the Duke University Department of Psychiatry before his death.

He received the Honored Teacher Award from Duke University in 1979 and again in 1987.

He developed and lead the Family Psychiatry Program at Duke.

In 1982 he wrote a book titled Time and the Inner Future.

Surviving are his wife, the former Constance Ray; sons, Frederick D. Melges of West Germany and Kurt E. Melges of Durham; parents, Dr. Frederick J. Melges and Elizabeth Towne Melges of Battle Creek; a sister, Mrs. Joan E. Green; and a brother David L. Melges.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Duke University Eye Center.