No year, however successful, is without grief. Let us pause to remember lost colleagues. Here, in brief, are some of the greatest among greats. Although their passing diminishes our science, their lives enriched it far more. Please look for full remembrances in the Observer.

National Medal of Science winner and APS William James Fellow George A. Miller was a pioneer of cognitive psychology. Miller delivered the Keynote Address at the first APS Annual Convention in 1989 and was a leader in the study of short-term memory and linguistics, demonstrating that short-term memory is subject to certain limits (Remembrance, October 2012 Observer).

APS Fellow Ulric Neisser, the “father of cognitive psychology,” was instrumental in demonstrating that memory is a reconstruction of the past, not an accurate snapshot of it. Neisser was the Susan Linn Sage Professor of Psychology, Emeritus, at Cornell University (Remembrance, May/June 2012 Observer).

APS William James Fellow R. Duncan Luce was an APS Board Member, who received the National Medal of Science in 2003. Luce was the Distinguished Research Professor of Cognitive Science and Research Professor of Economics at the University of California, Irvine. He was an eminent figure in the field of mathematical psychology.

APS William James Fellow Edward E. Smith served on the APS Board of Directors from 2009 through 2012. Smith’s research focused on working memory, cognitive control, and the cognitive symptoms of psychiatric disorders. He was the William B. Ransford Professor of Psychology at Columbia University and the Director of the Division of Cognitive Neuroscience at the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

APS James McKeen Cattell Fellow Robert Glaser was an educational psychologist and Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. His work on standardized testing influenced the US government’s strategies for evaluating student learning by state.

APS Fellow Herbert L. Pick, Jr., Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota’s Institute of Child Development, was a pioneer in the study of spatial cognition — that is, how children and adults learn and make judgments about space.

APS Fellow Alice M. Isen studied how affect — especially happiness — influences cognitive process and social interaction. She was a professor of psychology and S. C. Johnson Professor of Marketing at Cornell University.