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On January 1, 2002 Dr. Everett Shapiro passed away at the age of 84. Dr. Shapiro was a beloved member of the Edward H. Angle Society's Eastern Component. At the time of his death, Dr. Shapiro was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Orthodontics at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine having retired in 1998 after an illustrious career. Those who knew him will long remember the sparkle in his eyes, his self-effacing humor, and his most distinctive laugh. But most of all, we will not forget the friend, the teacher, the colleague and dedicated orthodontist. He was truly a credit to our specialty and the Angle Society.

After graduating from Harvard with a DMD in 1944, he joined the Army during World War II. Upon completing his tour of duty, Everett began his orthodontic education at Tufts and graduated in 1949. Immediately, he joined the faculty and eventually became Chair in 1960. Those who graduated from the Department of Orthodontics during his tenure will not forget his dedication to the art and science of orthodontics. In fact, his greatest joy was teaching, and he gave of himself unequivocally. His commitment and enthusiasm earned him the loyalty and admiration of all those he touched.

Dr. Shapiro's achievements were exemplary of a man dedicated to his profession, his patients, his students, his colleagues and his faculty. He was a Director and Past President of The American Board of Orthodontics, Past President of The Northeastern Society of Orthodontics, Past President of The Eastern Component and a member of the Editorial Board of The American Journal of Orthodontics. The numerous awards he received over his long career were indicative of his outstanding contributions to the profession. In addition to his many professional and academic commitments, Dr. Shapiro maintained a private practice in Brookline, Massachusetts for many years.

Dr. Shapiro is survived by his wife of 51 years, Arnelda, four children and six grandchildren. "If I have been able to see farther than others, it was because I stood on the shoulders of giants" (Sir Isaac Newton).