

Kate Bárány, Ph.D.

April 29, 1929 – June 13, 2011

Michael Bárány, M.D., Ph.D.

October 29, 1921 – July 24, 2011

This room is named to honor Drs. Kate and Michael Bárány: Holocaust survivors; internationally renowned researchers in muscle biochemistry, biophysics, and physiology; tireless advocates for women in science and academia; distinguished educators; and supporters of the University of Minnesota.

During their half-century professional careers, the Báránys worked together to make fundamental discoveries about muscle function and were among the first to apply magnetic resonance to the study of living systems. They upheld the highest standards of scholarship and integrity, while encouraging and guiding the development of future generations of scientists.

Their legacy is above all one of love and devotion—to their science, to their colleagues and students, to their children and grandchildren, and, throughout 62 years of marriage, to each other.



The above is a mock-up of a plaque that hangs in the Kate & Michael Bárány Conference Room in the University of Minnesota Department of Chemistry (Smith Hall 117/119), which will be formally dedicated on July 23, 2012.

To learn more about the Báránys, visit their respective “work-in-progress” websites at:

<http://www.chem.umn.edu/groups/baranygp/katebarany/>

and <http://www.chem.umn.edu/groups/baranygp/michaelbarany/>

Regarding the crossword puzzle on the reverse side, it was created especially for the occasion of George Barany’s “sermon” entitled “The Spirit of Survival: Life Lessons of Holocaust Survivors” given on April 20, 2012. In addition to the hard-copy version, it can be solved on-line at: <http://www.xwordinfo.com/Solve?id=17501&id2=1485343344> The authors are both current Distinguished McKnight University Professors at the University of Minnesota, long-time members of this congregation, and recently realized that they had both attended Stuyvesant High School in New York City, albeit in different generations. If you would like to sample other puzzles that GB has co-written, please visit <http://www.mojo-working.com/GailCollins> and follow links from there, or send an e-mail to barany@umn.edu and ask to join an e-mail list that goes to crossword enthusiasts.