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**SAUL KRUGMAN, 1911-1995** What's in a name? In the case of Saul Krugman, the name evokes a string of nouns such as integrity, brilliance, tenacity, inventiveness, kindness and curiosity. Dr. Krugman died of a stroke on October 26, 1995. The obituary in *The New York Times* included the quotation, "Saul Krugman has done more to eliminate pediatric infectious diseases than any other person ever." That sounds like a gross exaggeration spoken in kindness. When we reflected, we could not come up with a name to substitute for his in the quotation, so perhaps it is not an exaggeration. It is little known that Saul could not get funding to support his research when he began at NYU after World War II. He did it on a shoestring and with a great deal of help from his wife, Sylvia, who survives him. It is also little known that Saul and Albert Sabin were cousins. They are now buried side by side at Arlington Cemetery. His monumental achievement was elucidation of the two major types of hepatitis and development of hepatitis B vaccine, but there were many other achievements. In every field there are giants and above them the titans. Saul was a titan. We learned from him that titans can be very human and we feel privileged to have been his friend.