



Jack T. Cecil

December 3, 2007

Jack Turner Cecil, Ph.D., was an accomplished biologist and an active and longtime resident of Heron Point Retirement Community. Dr. Cecil passed away at Heron Point December 3, 2007 at the age of 87.

Born on September 11, 1920 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Dr. Cecil was the beloved son of the late, Ola Ethel Turner and Neil McKinley Cecil. He served as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, completing tours of duty in the Pacific and China. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Dr. Cecil completed his education, which culminated in his earning a doctorate in biology from New York University.

Dr. Cecil specialized in virology and pathology, and was a member of Albert Sabin's research team which developed the first oral vaccine for polio. Dr. Cecil worked as a marine virologist for the New York Zoological Society, now the Wildlife Conservation Society, at the New York Aquarium. Most recently, he served as Director of Pathology for the State of New Jersey's Department of Health where, amongst other responsibilities, he conducted research on HIV and other infectious and communicable diseases.

Dr. Cecil was the loving husband of Eileen Davis Cecil and father of Kathleen Cecil, both of whom predeceased him. He is survived by his brothers, Joseph, of Austin, Texas, and David, of Kingsville, Texas, several nieces and nephews,

extended family, and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Friday, January 18, 2008 at Heron Point (410.778.7300) in Chestertown, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (www.jdrf.org/800.533.CURE).

Tribute Wall



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