

Jack L. Titus, MD, PhD



Jack L. Titus, MD, PhD., passed away after a long illness in North Oaks, MN at the age of 84. A memorial service and celebration of a remarkable life will be held at Waverly Gardens, Presbyterian Homes, North Oaks, MN on June 27, 2011 10:30am.

Born in South Bend, Indiana Dec. 7, 1926, he entered Notre Dame University at the age of 16, then was called to serve as a sergeant in Germany during WWII. In 1948 he graduated from Notre Dame and entered medical school at Washington University and married Beverly J. Harden, in South Bend in 1949.

After general practice in Rensselaer, Indiana, he began his life-long interest in cardiovascular pathology at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. He earned a PHD in pathology at the University of Minnesota, joined the Mayo Graduate School faculty in 1961, and became a Professor in 1972. He was also coordinator of the Pathology Training Programs.. As an academic physician he achieved world-renowned stature. He was recruited to head the Baylor College of Medicine Department of Pathology, Houston, Texas in 1972, concurrently appointed head of pathology at the Methodist Hospital, and Harris County Hospital District as well as senior pathology consultant for the Veteran's Administration Hospital. He published extensively, was active in many professional groups, was a visiting professor and lecturer on cardiac disease worldwide, and served on the editorial boards of several medical journals.

Dr. Titus became Director of the Jesse E. Edwards Registry of Cardiovascular Disease at United Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota in 1987, was professor of pathology at the University of Minnesota and adjunct professor at Baylor College of Medicine. He served on major research investigations and committees; and received many distinguished achievement awards and honors including the Service to Humanity Award for the United Hospital Foundation in 2004, the year he retired.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beverly; sons, Jack. L., Jr. (Marcie), Coon Rapids, MN; Michael (Jennifer), Denver, CO; Matthew, Beverly Hills, CA; daughters, Betsy Engelbrecht (Piet), Marble Falls, TX; Joan Davis (Kevin), College Station, TX; 8 grand children; 5 great grand children; and sisters, Carol Hollahan Tegel, Peggy L. Munson and Nancy Jo Johnson. He was predeceased by siblings Robert N. Titus and Marianna Titus.

Memorial preferred in lieu of flowers. Alzheimer's Association or Baylor College of Medicine, Jack L. Titus Endowed Professorship in Pathology, c/o Office of Development and Advancement, One Baylor Plaza, MS: BCM160, Houston, TX 77030 Arrangements by Bradshaw Funeral Home, 4600 Greenhaven Dr, White Bear, Mn 651 407-8300.

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