

## **Tibor Greenwalt (1914-2005)**

Cincinnati - Tibor (Tibi) Greenwalt, MD, who headed the University of Cincinnati's Hoxworth Blood Center from 1979 to 1987, passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2005. He was 91 years old.

From 1997 to 2003, Dr. Greenwalt served as the Director of Hoxworth's Research Department. In 2003, he became the Emeritus Director of Research. He was also Emeritus Professor of Internal Medicine and Pathology at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Until his recent illness and hospitalization in Christ Hospital's cardiac intensive care unit, he kept regular office hours each day, continuing to write papers and explore new developments in blood transfusion research. He also worked out twice a week with a personal trainer at the University Fitness Center.

Born in Hungary on January 23, 1914, Dr. Greenwalt immigrated to the United States in 1920.

He earned his undergraduate degree and MD from New York University, studied hematology at the New England Medical Center and continued his interest in blood diseases while serving in the U.S. Army in India during World War II. After the war, he became the medical director of what is now the BloodCenter of Wisconsin.

Dr. Greenwalt served as vice president of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), of which he was a founding member, and national director of the American Red Cross Blood Program. He is credited with establishing the "rare donor" registry for both organizations. In his laboratories at the American Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C., he directed research into hepatitis and the storage of red blood cells, and developed the first filter for white blood cells. His work on the long-term storage of red cells while at Hoxworth has resulted in new storage solutions.

As the founding editor of *Transfusion*, the foremost publication in the world for new information regarding transfusion medicine, Dr. Greenwalt contributed to over 200 major books and research papers in the scientific literature. In recognition of his contributions to his field, in 1984 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Early in 2005, Dr. Greenwalt was awarded the prestigious Karl Landsteiner Memorial Award for life-time achievement in blood and transfusion sciences.

Dr. Greenwalt lived in Hyde Park.

There will be a small, family-only funeral in Cincinnati and a memorial service is being planned.

Dr. Greenwalt's family requests memorial donations to be sent to Hoxworth Blood Center (Tibor Greenwalt Memorial Fund), University of Cincinnati Medical Center, PO Box 670055, Cincinnati, Ohio 45267-0055.

Dr. Greenwalt was survived by son Peter Greenwalt and daughter-in-law Barbara Batez-Greenwalt of Cleveland, OH and three grandchildren.

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