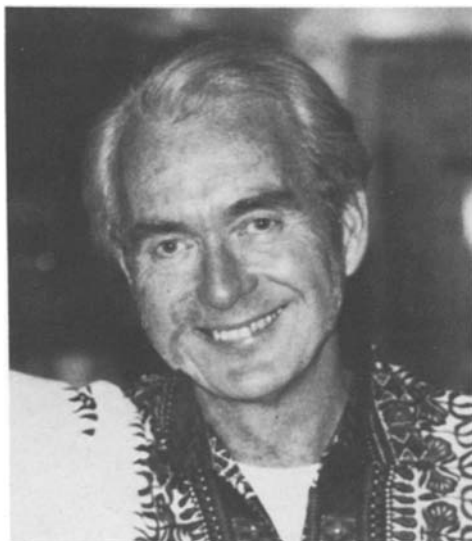


In Memoriam



William H. Hildemann
November 18, 1927–September 8, 1983

The death of Bill Hildemann on September 8, 1983, from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, deprived the world community of immunogeneticists of one of its most devoted and effective leaders. Bill was an author of 79 publications in the phylogeny of immunity, 51 in immunogenetics, 46 in mammalian transplantation biology, 15 in tumor immunology, and 8 in biochemistry, ecology and experimental zoology; in all these areas his research contributions were important. He was intellectually active to very near his death, with nine titles in 1983, including a textbook, *Essentials of Immunology*, which is in press. Many additional studies were completed by graduate students or fellows under his immediate guidance, on whose publications he did not include his name as an author. He was responsible, as editor and contributor, co-author or author, for six major books; he organized many symposia, chaired a number of committees, and was involved in the foundation of two new international journals. He carried out important administrative responsibilities at University of California, Los Angeles, unselfishly and very effectively, and he taught, helped, and guided a series of PhD students and postdoctoral fellows as well as innumerable undergraduates. He was an unfailing source of wisdom and encouragement to many others, all over the world.

Beginning with his PhD dissertation at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, on scale transplant rejection in goldfish, Bill's work often capitalized on his interest in and understanding of aquatic life and his unique competence in its husbandry. He loved the South Pacific, and his germinal studies on the immunophylogeny of corals and sponges included happy times spent underwater, appreciating beautiful tropical marine life in Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, the Marshall Islands, French Polynesia, and Jamaica. He was a true biologist and an excellent experimentalist, a generous friend and a leader who will long be remembered and missed.

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