

Arthur Furst, Ph.D., Sc.D.

Arthur Furst, toxicologist and educator, passed away December 1, 2005. He was born Dec. 25, 1914 and was preceded in death by wife Florence. He is survived by his sister Yetta Hyman and brother Harold Furst, children Carolyn Smith, Adrienne Furst, David Michael Furst and Timothy Daniel Furst, grandsons Brandon Donald Smith and Kevin Michael Smith, and great-granddaughters Caitlin Marie Smith and Olivia Florence Smith.

Dr. Furst graduated UCLA in Chemistry 1937, earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry Stanford University 1948, and was awarded a Sc.D. in Toxicology by University of San Francisco, 1983.

He taught chemistry at San Francisco City College and University of San Francisco; taught pharmacology at Stanford School of Medicine. He founded and directed the Institute of Chemical Biology at USF and Retired from USF as Distinguished University Professor in 1980 after having served 3 (4)? years as Dean of the Graduate Division. He continued to supervise graduate students and consult on toxicology for various industries and government agencies until his death.

Dr. Furst contributed over 300 articles to professional and scholarly journals. He is the author of Chemistry of Chelation in Cancer (1963), The Toxicologist as Expert Witness (1977) and 151 Myths in Everyday Science (2004) and was writing a book on the toxicology of metals at the time of his death just short of his 91st birthday.

He was a Member of 17 professional societies and Fellow of 6, including the American College of Toxicology (President in 1985). He was a Life Member of professional honor societies Sigma Xi, Phi Lambda Upsilon and Alpha Sigma Nu. He received of numerous (8) professional awards including: Professional Achievement award from the UCLA Alumni Association in 1992; Lifetime Contribution Award from the American College of Toxicology (first and only time ever given) and Lifetime Recognition Award from the Society of Toxicology (first time ever awarded).

Dr. Furst endowed awards at UCLA and USF, an annual ethics lecture at the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology and established 3 memorial funds and student loan funds in the name of his wife and family. An undergraduate scholarship at USF and an annual health lecture at Stanford have been endowed in his honor by GNLD International.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. We suggest the Arthur Furst Award for Best Paper presented by a student at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Toxicology (www.actox.org).

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