



John Henry "Jack" Graves

May 11, 1924 - May 24, 2015

Dr. John Henry Graves, 91, a resident of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away, at his home, on May 24,, 2015. John was born on May 11, 1924 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania to Russell and Melicent Graves and was known as Jack to family and friends. He and his wife, Marjorie, retired to Tallahassee in 1986 after residing in Southold, New York.

John was a research veterinarian for the Department of Agriculture at The Plum Island Animal Disease Laboratory. His skills allowed him to travel the world in assisting other countries with developing anti-viral vaccines for their livestock.

Survivors include three sons, John R. Graves (Peggy) of St. Paul, MN; Robert M. Graves (Sandy) of Tallahassee and Christopher S. Graves (Terry) of Tallahassee, his brothers Russell and Richard Graves, and his sister Joanna Kenyon. John had eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. John is preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie, his parents, his son Stephen M. Graves and his sister Susan Lathrop. A private family service will be held at a later date. Todd Wahlquist of Bevis Funeral Home, is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com

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“ *My grandfather, John, was a joy to be around and talk with. My best memories in his and Marjorie's house were the ones spent around the dinner table. Whether the family was eating or not, just sitting and talking with relatives and hearing from John about some of his experiences was such goodhearted fun. I'll always remember his experiences working on Plum Island and living and traveling overseas for his research, e.g., to Argentina and Russia. I remember his fun, and vivid, memories of being in those places - the cultures, the people, and nuggets like knowing that his Russian hotel room was bugged. There are too many memories to recount, but John's stories made me feel as though I had been there for part of his earlier life.*

John was always encouraging of me. He loved science and learning about various diseases. Though I don't share his passion for science, his true gift of advice was to pursue what I truly enjoy. I take that lesson to heart as I step forward on my own path in the law. I'll always remember John and see him in that spot, at the end of the dinner table.

-Ian

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“ I will always remember my Uncle Jack as a warm and friendly person, always ready to share a smile and welcome me into his home. A particularly fond memory i have is a summer vacation to Long Island in the early 80's with Bob, Chris, Marjorie and Jack making my week in the north a totally relaxed and enjoyable time. Jack's yearning to continue learning has had a profound affect upon me - i have taken to absorbing articles and books about science, math, the arts and a multitude of other subjects. Plus, he finally proved to me that a MAC computer can run circles around a PC any day!

I will miss him and his wife a good deal more than i realized. I am so thankful to have known them both.

rob kenyon

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