IN MEMORIUM

John Case was born December 29, 1926 in Poole, Dorset, England. He began his career in medical laboratory technology serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1945 to 1948. He worked at Wembley and Whipscross Hospitals in London and the South London Blood Transfusion Center in Sutton, Surrey. He and his family immigrated to New Zealand in 1959, where he was in a charge position at the blood bank at Dunedin Hospital. Moving to Australia in 1971, he was at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories in Melbourne. In 1976 he came to Houston, Texas to become vice president of Regulatory Affairs at Gamma Biologicals, Inc., where he remained until his retirement in January 1999.

John was an expert in blood group serology well before he became involved with writing of product applications, package inserts, and FDA responses. His early work was with low-frequency antigens. He was an expert on the blood group systems and his own red cells were discovered to be the rare Rg-. He was a faithful panel donor and his red cells have been used in serologic problem solving around the world.

He was known worldwide for his influence on keeping English "proper" in publications.

He was fearless in his commitment to his views and honest to his ideals and his friends. John was a member of committees in the World Health Organization and the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB). He participated in many technical lectures for yearly tutorials at Gamma Biologicals, Inc. and for the AABB. For his contributions to the field, he was greatly honored. From the Australian Society of Blood Transfusion, he received the Ruth Sanger Oratorical Award. The Kay Beattie Award was given from the Michigan Association of Blood Banks. The L. Jean Stubbins Award was presented from the South Central Association of Blood Banks. The AABB presented him with both the Sally Frank Award and the Ivor Dunsford Memorial Award. John was a great communicator both in writing and orally.

John loved his roses and was a talented grower. He grew champion roses and was a long-time member of and an author for an Australian rose association. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and admirers.

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