

Donald E (Ted) Nettleton (1930-2005)

Ted Nettleton was born March 16, 1930, in New Haven, CT. He graduated from Yale University in 1952 and received a doctorate from Rice University in 1956. In 1957 he married Rachel Post. He was a senior chemist for Bristol-Myers doing natural product research for drugs from actinomycetes. He authored 22 scientific papers and was an inventor of 12 patents. After his retirement from Bristol-Myers in 1986, he taught for 12 years in the chemistry department at SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry. He lived in Jordan, NY, for 40 years before moving to Aloha, OR, in 1999. He was noted for his love of opera, fishing, photography, and stamp collecting. Many of the novel compounds he isolated were named for opera characters, as were his daughters. A derivative of rebeccamycin, a compound he isolated and identified, is currently under clinical investigation for cancer. Survivors include his wife Rachel and daughters Mignon Schriek, Rebecca Bates, Jilda Nettleton, Norina Nettleton, and five grandchildren. Remembrances to the Nature Park of Tualatin Parks and Recreation, Tualatin Hills Foundation, c/o Joan Anderson-Wells, 15655 SW Millikan Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97006, or to Providence St. Vincent Hospice and Palliative Care, 3601 SW Murray, Suite 40, Beaverton, OR 97005. Ted was a long-time member of ASP and dearly loved the ASP conferences.

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