

MACK JOHNSON



JOHNSON, Dr. Mack I., a Virginia Union University graduate and former Virginia resident, died at California State University at Northridge on June 6, 2012. Upon completion of a degree in biology from Virginia Union, Mack received a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee University and a Ph.D. in Veterinary and Comparative Pathology from Washington State University. He served as a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow and spent a year as an American Council on Education Fellow. Prior to his appointment at Cal State Northridge, he held faculty positions at Tuskegee, University of California Davis and Washington State University. Faculty positions at Washington State University included Associate Vice Provost of the Graduate School and a graduate faculty professor. Mack was Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs and professor of Biology at Cal State Northridge. Across 23 years of service, he managed masters and doctorate degree programs. His publications focused on autoimmune diseases and immunopathology stimulated, by his work at the International Laboratory of Research on Animal Diseases in Kenya and the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine in the Sudan and Kenya. Many cooperative agreements between Cal State Northridge and overseas institutions were established under his leadership. Mack was preceded in death by his parents, Mack H. and Hattie Johnson; two sisters, and two brothers. Survivors include his wife, Gail; children, Traci and Christopher; three grandchildren; brothers, Dr. Anthony J. Johnson Sr. (Dr. Ernestine), Ronald Johnson, and Roger Johnson (Bonnie); sisters, Cora J. Coleman (A. Byrdell), Dr. Mercile J. Lee, Ellinor J. Washington, and Dr. Ida J. Hill; sister-in-law, Naomi Johnson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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