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Emeritus Professor Passes



Dr. Toshiro Nishida, 86, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois.

Dr. Toshiro Nishida served on the faculty of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for more than 40 years. During that time, he made fundamental research contributions to our understanding of the pathways, enzymes, and proteins associated with lipid metabolism and transport.

He was internationally recognized for his research contributions and was a recipient of the National Institutes of Health Award of Merit and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Paul A. Funk Award. He taught courses related to food chemistry and nutrition, as well as a graduate course on the metabolism of lipids. He also was an active part of the off-campus M.S. program in food science in Chicago. Professor Nishida trained many students who have gone on to successful and productive careers in science.

Dr. Nishida was also a University of Illinois alumnus, having received his Ph.D. in Food Science in 1956 under the direction of Dr. Fred Kummerow.

On the occasion of Professor Nishida's retirement in 1998, the Toshiro Nishida Fellowship for Excellence in Research Fund was established by his friends, family, and colleagues. He and his wife, Hiro, continued to support the fund that provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to excel in their research.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family requests that contributions be made to the Toshiro Nishida Graduate Research Award Fund in Food Science and Human Nutrition, c/o The University of Illinois Foundation, Harker Hall, 1305 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801. Contributions may also be made online at www.giving.illinois.edu with notation that they are in memory of Dr. Toshiro Nishida.