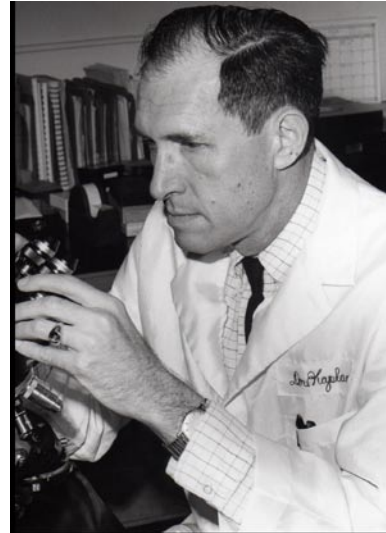


William Kaplan, DVM

Dr. William (Bill) Kaplan, a distinguished medical mycologist, passed away July 30 at the age of 86. Bill earned his DVM at Cornell University. After graduating, he took a position with a United Nations agency in Mexico where he worked on a variety of animal diseases. It was here that he became proficient in Spanish, a language which was to help him in future collaborative investigations in Central and South America. Subsequently, he joined Dr. Libero Ajello and Dr. Lucille Georg in the Division of Mycotic Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control where he became an authority on fungal histopathology, and the diagnosis of dermatophyte infections, protothecosis and multiple systemic mycotic infections.



Bill was a meticulous researcher and made significant and innovative contributions in the application of fluorescent antibodies to the immunoidentification of fungal pathogens both in culture and tissues. His extensive laboratory studies led to the authoring of numerous peer-reviewed scientific articles, manuals, and textbooks. These documents and his in-depth, authoritative and explicit lectures earned him many prestigious awards, and international and national recognition.. He was a member of the American Academy of Microbiology, American Society for Microbiology, the International Society of Human and Animal Mycoses (ISHAM), and the Medical Mycological Society of the Americas and served with distinction on their editorial boards. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Medical Microbiology in Medical Mycology and the recipient of the Lucille Georg Award of the ISHAM in 1988. Bill loved to teach and mentored many Doctorate and Post-Doctorate candidates. Students from the United States and from countries world-wide attended courses he developed and taught under the auspices of CDC and the World Health Organization.

Like his beloved wife Marge, who passed away earlier, he was an avid gardener, as well as a fisherman and passionate dog lover. His friends and colleagues will remember him for his warmth and scholarly contributions.

Leo Kaufman, Ph.D.