

Obituary

Gerald L Stoner (1943–2002)



Dr. Gerald L. Stoner, Chief of the Neurotoxicology Section of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of NeuroVirology* since its founding in 1995, died on November 28th, 2002.

Dr. Stoner did his doctoral work in biochemistry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and received his doctorate degree in 1974. His postdoctoral work with Barry Bloom, on the immunopathology of demyelination, was completed in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at

the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in 1976. Upon completion of his postdoctoral work, Dr. Stoner moved to Ethiopia, where he was a Senior Staff Scientist in the Armauer Hansen Research Institute studying the immunology of leprosy, where his ideas of translating virology to world populations began. His world view of medicine and its research led him to investigate an area best described as “molecular archeology.”

In 1981, Dr. Stoner joined the Laboratory of Experimental Neuropathology in the NINDS with Dr. Henry Webster, where he focused his research on the structure of myelin basic protein and began his investigation on the neuropathology and molecular epidemiology of the human polyomavirus, JC and BK, in neurological disease. Dr. Stoner enjoyed an impressive publishing career spanning over three decades and recently co-edited *Human Polyomaviruses: Molecular and Clinical Perspectives*.

Dr. Stoner's dedication to his research and commitment to science will be remembered through his publications and his collegiality through his friendships among his colleagues in science. He is survived by two daughters, Ann Marie Stoner-Eby and Andrea Stoner.

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