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Veterinary legend was known world-wide



On January 19, 2011, Dr. Robert Kirk passed away at Kendal of Ithaca. Services were held at the First Congregational Church at 309 Highland Avenue, Ithaca, NY, at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 23. Dr. Kirk, emeritus professor of medicine, was internationally recognized and perhaps best known for his text, *Current Veterinary Therapy*. A renowned teacher, he was a member of our faculty from 1952 to 1985 and served as director of Cornell University Hospital for Animals in the late 1970s and 1980s. As explained in an article written about Dr. Kirk in 2004, he was a 1946 graduate of Cornell and had one of the most prolific careers ever seen in veterinary clinical practice, being recognized for accomplishing as much as anyone of any generation before or after to elevate the standards of small-animal practice, at Cornell and throughout the profession. He was a member of the Army Specialized Training Program during World War II and also served as a first lieutenant with the Air Force. An avid hunter, fisherman, and traveler, Dr. Kirk was predeceased by his wife. He is survived by three daughters.

For more information on Dr. Kirk, please visit these web pages:

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Jan11/ObitKirkDVM.html>

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/news/cvmagazine/Spring04/>

<http://veterinarylegacy.blogspot.com/2011/01/by-donald-f.html>