
JOHN SEDGWICK BLACKMORE**April 30, 1929—August 22, 1961**

John S. Blackmore died of Hodgkins disease in Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, on August 22, 1961. He was born in Los Angeles, California, on April 30, 1929. In May of 1941 he moved with his parents to La Junta, Colorado, where he attended high school and was a member of Buck Burshear's famous Boy Scout Indian dance troupe. In Sept., 1949 he moved to Fort Collins, Colorado; and in June, 1953 to Greeley, Colorado, where he resided until the time of his death.

Mr. Blackmore attended La Junta Junior College for one year and then entered Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where he received a B.S. degree in Zoology in 1952 and an M.S. degree in Entomology in 1954. He was elected to membership in Phi Kappa Tau and Sigma Xi. While in college he worked during summers with the U. S. Forest Service and the U. S. Public Health Service. Upon his graduation in 1952 he entered permanent employment with the encephalitis research station of the U. S. Public Health Service's Communicable Disease Center at Greeley, Colorado, where he worked until placed on disability retirement in February, 1961. He was commissioned in the Reserve Corps of the U. S. Public Health Service in January, 1953, and held the rank of

Lt. Commander at the time of his retirement.

Mr. Blackmore was one of our most promising young scientists and is credited with some highly significant research achievements during his all-too-brief career. These include isolation of western encephalitis virus from overwintering *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes and the first known isolation from *Aedes nigromaculis*, observations on the ecology and feeding habits of *Culex tarsalis*, and correlations of mosquito populations with encephalitis transmission rates. He was an active member of the American Mosquito Control Association.

Mr. Blackmore is survived by his wife, Barbara Comber Blackmore, and their two children, Tamara, 7 and Justin, 2. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Margaret Wattenbarger, of San Antonio, Texas.

In addition to his professional achievements, "Jack" was an ardent hunter and fisherman. His friends and associates who accompanied him on trips into the Colorado mountains will long remember his delightful companionship, his good sportsmanship, and his dry humor.

—A. D. HESS, Greeley.