

**SEARLS**

DR. ROBERT L.



Died on Saturday, May 6th, 2017, in Charlottesville VA, at the age of 85. Robert was born in Madison WI, the fourth of six children of Edward and Anne Searls. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army for two years. In 1960 Robert received his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. He served as a post-doctoral fellow at Brandeis University in 1961 where he met and married his wife Ellen Donovan of Arlington MA.

Robert did research in embryology and taught biology for four years at the University of Virginia and then for thirty years at Temple University in Philadelphia PA, retiring in 1998. Robert and Ellen returned to Charlottesville VA, where they have spent the last 19 years.

Robert is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ellen (Donovan) Searls. His 4 children Timothy, David, Paul, Anne; 6 grandchildren (Owen, Ned, Lila, Timmy, Peter and Elizabeth), 4 siblings Eileen Searls, Edward Searls, Annamary Brennan and Sheila Amacker and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was a beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather. He was a spiritual man with a voracious love of reading, music and historian enthusiast. Dad enjoyed being with family, fishing and reading a good book in his favorite chair.

He will be truly missed for the love, laughter and great knowledge he brought to all of our lives!! The Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 8th, at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church located at 401 Alderman Road, in Charlottesville Virginia.

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