

Robert H. Cravey

Robert H. Cravey, the second President of ABFT and an original, 15 year-long member of the Board of Directors (1975 – 1990), died on October 16, 2010 of natural causes.

Robert Harold Cravey was born in Rhine, Georgia on October 23, 1925. He attended high school and college in Georgia, graduating from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1949. He worked as a microbiologist with the Georgia State Health Department and later the U.S. Public Health Service for several years. In 1955 he was called to active duty in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at several base hospitals in the U.S. and abroad as a Clinical Laboratory Officer, until being assigned to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC, in 1962 for specialized training. There he spent three years as a forensic toxicologist under the tutelage of Dr. Leo Goldbaum. Shortly thereafter, he joined the newly formed Laboratory of Criminalistics at the Orange County, California, Sheriff-Coroner's Office in Santa Ana as Chief Toxicologist. He remained in that position until his retirement in 1992.

Bob was very active in forensic toxicology, serving on numerous boards and committees of several professional societies. In addition to serving as a director and president of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology, he served as chairman of the Toxicology Section for both the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the International Association of Forensic Sciences, vice-president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, president of the California Association of Toxicologists and Forensic Sciences Foundation and on the Board of Directors of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. He also served on the editorial boards of both the *Journal of Forensic Science* and the *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*. He published over 60 scientific articles, authored more than a dozen book chapters and was co-author of five books, most notably *Courtroom Toxicology*, *Disposition of Toxic Drugs and Chemicals in Man* and *Introduction to Forensic Toxicology*.

Bob was a friend to all, giving selflessly of his time and knowledge. Even though he asked nothing in return, he always had the greatest respect of his colleagues and close friends who will remember him for his quiet, unassuming manner and his genuine interest in their activities and personal well-being. A humble man who treated everyone with respect and who always spoke well of his peers, Bob was the epitome of a Southern gentleman. He will be sorely missed by his toxicology family.

Bob is survived by his domestic partner, Lonnie Dean and his French bulldog, Pudge.