



## Melvin Greenblatt MD

September 25, 1929 - September 22, 2021

Dr. Melvin Greenblatt (September 25, 1929-September 22, 2021) was born in New York City. He graduated from The Bronx High School of Science in 1947, New York University in 1951 and Chicago Medical School in 1955. In 1969, he became a Professor of Pathology at The University of Nebraska's Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer. At the time of his death, he was an Emeritus Professor of Pathology at Keck Medical School at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Greenblatt's contributions to medical science include a study of tumor angiogenesis, a study of mammalian microcirculation which led to the development of Avastin, a drug to prevent macular degeneration, and collaborative research on safer levels of nitrites in foods. He chaired a committee on Environmental Cancer for the College of American Pathologists. He was a member of the American Association for Cancer Research and the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He served as a Captain in the United States Army. His work appeared in *The American Journal of Clinical Pathology*, the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, *Microvascular Research*, *Nature* and other journals. For many summers, he was a consulting physician for the Jewish Community of Chicago's Camp Chi.

His parents were Bernard and Gussie (Dorfler) Greenblatt. His uncle was Dr. Jacques Grunblatt, a family physician and author. His brothers were Irving

Greenblatt and Dr. Arnold Greenblatt. Melvin was married to the late Estelle (Silverman) Greenblatt, a registered nurse and textile artist, for sixty-four years. He is survived by his daughter Beth Brody and her husband Edwin Brody of Wisconsin Dells, his son Dr. James Emmanuel Greenblatt and his wife Catherine (Fox) Greenblatt of Ashhurst, New Zealand and his son Dr. Jesse Freeman Greenblatt of Corvallis, Oregon. He is also survived by a step-grandson, Elliot Micah Brody, and four grandsons: Dr. Steven Greenblatt, Daniel Greenblatt, Noah Greenblatt and Isaac Greenblatt. He is fondly remembered by a niece, nephews and many friends.

Avocationally, Melvin was a member of the Audubon Society and the Yacht Club in Ventura, California. He was also a lifetime member of the Sierra Club. In retirement, he was involved with volunteer work in Kenya, art and creative writing.

The family wishes to thank New Horizons and Samaritan Hospital of Corvallis, Oregon for his care. Donations in his honor may be made to Doctors Without Borders.

Please leave condolence messages for the family here on the website

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ Dear Beth--yours is a part of the family with whom I have had too little contact, and I hope we will come to know each other better. I always admired your father by reputation, and my father especially had great respect for his intellect and his research work. Now I see he had a vital and vibrant humanitarian and creative side as well. Condolences on your loss, which is ours as well. We will keep his memory alive.

*With love, Ellen*

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**Ellen Grunblatt** - October 03, 2021 at 12:46 PM

BB

*Ellen, Thank you so much. The respect is mutual as my father often spoke of your father, his Uncle Jacques. I saw there was a beach named for him in upstate New York. I hope we meet someday.  
Love, Beth*

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**Beth Brody** - January 06, 2022 at 01:04 PM

JH

*Mel and Estelle were important contributors in our Great Books reading group in Ventura.. They were both talented and kind. So sorry for the family's loss. Judee Hauer*

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**Judee Hauer** - October 27, 2022 at 08:52 PM

EK

“ *Jesse and family, I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed chatting with your father on several occasions here in Cooperstown, NY, and I know he will be sorely missed.*

*Love,*

*Eric Knight*

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**Eric Knight** - September 25, 2021 at 09:23 PM

DB

“ *Dear Beth and Family,*

*Over the past three years I have gotten to know Melvin through our Writer's group. Melvin presented many wonderful and interesting pieces to us. His poetry was often superb. His prose exposed me to many new topics. I have fond memories of Melvin as a combination of an intellect that was curious about the world, together with some solid core personal beliefs. This mix I think creates great character. I will miss Melvin's presence in our group. He was an inspiration on how to age; by keeping involved in activities, thinking of how the world works and interacting with others..*

*On a side note Beth, the day you sang your acapella song at the writers meeting was the most memorable of all of the presentations every made.*

*Have strength with good memories of Melvin. I have some, I am sure you have many.*

*Sincerely,*

*David Bickell*

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**David Bickell** - September 24, 2021 at 12:45 PM

BB

*David, Your kind words about my father, Melvin, are inspirational for me and, I'm sure, for all our family. The writing group gave my father purpose and encouragement. Your piece on travelling to see your daughter taught me much about family ties. Thank you.*

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**Beth Brody** - September 28, 2021 at 03:29 AM

SI

“ *Condolences to all Melvin's family. Good memories.*

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**Simon** - September 23, 2021 at 05:18 PM

BB

*Your class meant so much to my father. Thank you.*

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**Beth Brody** - September 28, 2021 at 03:32 AM