RADM Jerrold Mark Michael
On July 24, 2018, RADM Jerrold Mark Michael passed away. He was a legend of public health and of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS). Born in 1927, RADM Michael enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school. He served as a hospital corpsman at the end of World War II. In 1951, he married Lynn Simon in Washington, DC.

RADM Michael began his 20-year career in the Commissioned Corps as an ensign assigned by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to work on a polio research project in Arizona. Rising to rear admiral upper half, RADM Michael left the Commissioned Corps and moved to Hawaii. He served for 25 years as a professor and then as dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Hawaii. He then served 14 years as a professor of global health at George Washington University.

A prolific writer, RADM Michael was recognized for his work in health policy analysis and the politics of health, comparative health systems, global health, health management, health leadership, and academic management. He received many honors including the Walter S. Mangold Award from the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and the John Shaw Billings Award from AMSUS, The Society of Federal Health Professionals. He was twice awarded the USPHS Meritorious Service Medal and Commendation Medal, as well as two Brutsche Awards from the Commissioned Officers Association.

RADM Michael had been a member of NEHA since 1951. He was also the founding president of the USPHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health and an active participant in the national public health political process.

NEHA wishes to express its deepest sympathies to RADM Michael’s family, friends, and colleagues. He was an outstanding figure in environmental public health and will be greatly missed.

Editor’s Note: The Journal would like to thank the Commissioned Officers Association for allowing us to reprint the above text. If you would like to share information about the passing of an environmental health professional to be mentioned in a future In Memoriam, please contact Kristen Ruby-Cisneros at kruby@neha.org.

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