



Gunther Walter Kuron, PhD, MPH '64

Gunther Walter Kuron passed away in March 2008. Born in Stuttgart, Germany, to Walter and Margaret Kuron, he resided in Milltown, New Jersey before moving to Freehold 40 years ago.

He served in the U.S. Army as an instructor of meteorology, stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He married his wife of 56 years, Helen Grinley, in 1951 and raised his family while both working and pursuing higher education full time. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Rutgers University, an MPH from the Mailman School of Public Health, and a PhD in biochemistry from Columbia University. He was a member of Rutgers University College Honors, Sigma Xi, and the New York Academy of Science.

He worked for Merck & Co. for 39 years, retiring in 1987 as senior research fellow. He published numerous articles in the field of atherosclerosis. He was a co-developer of Cholestyramine, Mevacor and Zocor, and the holder of several use-patents on cholesterol-lowering drugs.

He was also an accomplished pianist and played in several jazz combos in his younger years.