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John W. Haycock passed away November 25, 2012, in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Haycock was born to the late Stephen and Ruth Haycock of Annandale, Virginia. He is survived by his two children, Hilary Haycock (Peter Harbage) and JD Haycock; his brother, Dr. Michael S. Haycock; his sisters, Anne Sansbury and Jane Woods; his nephew, Richard Sansbury (Jenna); great nephew, Aaron; and niece, Amanda Sansbury. Dr. Haycock's studies took him from Annandale High School to Michigan State University to the University of California, Irvine. He was then on the faculties at UC Irvine, University of Texas Houston, Rockefeller University, LSU Medical Center and the University of Colorado. He was mentored from 1983-1986 by Dr. Paul Greengard, Nobel Laureate in 2000 for studies of protein phosphorylation. His work in neurobiology resulted in more than 100 publications; he was internationally recognized for his groundbreaking work of the regulation of the enzymes that effect dopamine biosynthesis. Specifically he demonstrated how tyrosine hydroxylase, which regulates the synthesis of Dopamine, is itself regulated at multiple sites by protein phosphorylation. After hurricane Katrina devastated his labs in Louisiana, John retired from LSU and moved to Colorado to help co-found a biotech start-up PhosphoSolutions LLC. As Chief Scientific Officer at PhosphoSolutions, John helped the company develop a state-of-the-art facility for the production of phospho-specific antibodies. These antibodies greatly accelerate drug discovery and research in neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's and cancer. John's culinary pursuits allowed him to lead a team that placed in the Arriba Terlingua World Championship Chili Cook-Off.

Contributions may be made to his memorial scholarship fund: UCI Foundation-Haycock Award, 320 QRL, CNLM, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA 92697-3800. Services are to be at a later date.

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