

School in 1929 where he was Alpha Omega Alpha. He interned at Presbyterian Hospital in New York and did his fellowship and early faculty work at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston.

During World War II, Dr. Talbott spent five years in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of colonel and directing the Army Climatic Research laboratories in Lawrence, Mass., for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

After the war, he assumed the positions of professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Buffalo (now State University of New York at Buffalo) and chief of medicine at Buffalo General Hospital for 13 years.

He was then appointed editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association (now JAMA) and director of scientific publications at the AMA for 12 years in Chicago.

Most recently he was clinical professor of medicine at the University of Miami School of Medicine, serving in a voluntary capacity.

Dr. Talbott's research included environmental stress, gout, rheumatoid arthritis and collagen diseases, and medical history. He also had edited the Merck Manual and "Seminars in Arthritis and Rheumatism." He was the recipient of numerous awards and commendations, including an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Grinnell College.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Mildred (Cherry) Talbott; one son, John Andrew, professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland at Baltimore; and a daughter, Cherry, of Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Memorials in Dr. Talbott's name may be made to the Library of the School of Medicine, University of Miami, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

John A. Talbott

John Harold Talbott, M.D., a Grinnell native who was an internationally known researcher on gout and arthritic diseases and who was a former editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Delray Beach, Fla.

Dr. Talbott, 88, died of lymphoma.

He was born in Grinnell July 10, 1902. He received his bachelor's degree from Grinnell College in 1924 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical

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