

CLASS OF



1949

DR. KENNETH SELL

Kenneth Sell graduated from Bismarck High School in 1949. He was valedictorian at both his high school and at the University of North Dakota. He earned his M.D. degree magna cum laude from Harvard University and his Ph.D. in immunopathology from the University of Cambridge, England. Dr. Sell served in the United States Navy Medical Corps in Bethesda, Maryland. He was the director of the U.S. Navy Tissue Bank, continuing later as chairman of the Department of Experimental and Clinical Immunology and, finally, as commanding officer of the Naval Medical Research Institute. Sell then served as Scientific Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes for Health. Later he was professor and chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and the first director of Emory's Winship Cancer Center. Under Sell's direction, Emory's pathology department grew to become one of the nation's largest programs for graduate training of pathologists and a major force for biomedical research.

Dr. Sell was founder and twice president of the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB). In recognition of his contributions, AATB endowed a yearly award in his name. He was also a founding member of the American Council on Transplantation. Among other awards throughout Sell's career, he earned both the Legion of Merit Award and the Meritorious Service Medal during his Navy tour of duty. He received the Public Health Service Special Recognition Award for his service at NIH, and the Naval Medical Research Institute honored him as the Most Distinguished Alumnus of their first 50 years. He also received the Sioux Award from the University of North Dakota.

Dr. Sell was married to Marlys McCrorie (BHS '50) and they had four children.

