

historic walks across London for him. His insistence in maintaining physical and intellectual energy ensured, I believe, that he was able to remain fiercely active, even publishing a book a few days before his death.

My tribute to Bob, and that of my colleagues from the ILCs across the globe, will be to develop, expand and progress the work of the ILC Global Alliance. I am proud to have been involved since the early days with Bob, Shigeo Morioka from Japan, and Françoise Forette from France, because if Bob's message to recognise the economic and social force of older people is heeded, the world

will surely be more balanced and more humane. The strength of Bob's call to action demonstrates how future society can benefit from being, in all senses of the word, more mature and through the work of the ILCs we can ensure that Bob's spirit and leadership will continue to inspire the world.

We owe him that at the very least and that, I promise, we shall do everything in our power to achieve.




Baroness Greengross expressing her condolences

Dr. Robert Neil Butler

Personal History (summary)

1927 Jan. 21

- He was born in New York City. At the age of 11 months his parents divorced, and he was taken in by his maternal grandparents in their 70s who ran a chicken farm in the city of Vineland, New Jersey.

1934 (7 years old)

- After his grandfather's sudden death, he spent hard life with his grandmother.

1949 (22 years old)

- He graduated from Columbia University in New York and became an MD in 1953. His specialty was psychiatric medicine.

1955 (28 years old)

- He became a senior researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

1963 (36 years old)

- He advocated the reminiscence, life review which would become a psychotherapy method for the elderly.

1968 (41 years old)

- He coined the term "Ageism" to signify discrimination against the elderly.

1969 (42 years old)

- He worked energetically towards legal amendments to bring corrective changes in nursing homes.

1975 (48 years old)

- He contributed to the establishment of the National Institute on Aging within the National Institute of Health and became its founding director (~1982).
- He summarized in the book "Why Survive? - Being Old in America."

1976 (49 years old)

- His book "Why Survive? Being Old in America" won the Pulitzer Prize.

- His book "Love and Sex after 60," co-authored with Dr. Myrna Lewis, was published.

1978 (51 years old)

- Dr. Butler made his first visit to Japan with his second wife Dr. Myrna Lewis. He participated in the 11th International Congress of Gerontology in Tokyo. He then gave a lecture at Kyoto International Symposium on Aging sponsored by WHO.

1982 (55 years old)

- He was appointed as the founding chairman, Gerald and May Ellen Ritter Department of Geriatrics and Adult Development, The Mount Sinai Medical Center. This Department of Geriatrics was the first of its kind in the US.

- He played a central role in the first World Assembly on Ageing in Vienna.

1983 (56 years old)

- Salzburg Global Seminar (Austria), founded and managed by Harvard University, covers various themes, among which was population aging in 1983. He was the central figure at the seminar, introducing the keyword "Productive Aging" to experts from all over the world.

1984 (57 years old)

- Invited by American Center of the US embassy in Japan, he gave lectures in Tokyo and Fukuoka.

1987 (60 years old)

- He visited Japan to attend the international symposium hosted by Asahi Shimbun. He gave a keynote lecture. This event turned out to be an opportunity for him to meet Mr. Shigeo Morioka, President of Yamanouchi Pharmaceuticals and it was the beginning of the actual work on establishing ILC.

1990 (63 years old)

- He established the ILC-USA at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

- The ILC-Japan, headed by Dr. Hideo Ibe, was established as affiliated to The Japan College of Social Work, and Dr. Butler visited Japan to attend its first board of meeting.

1991 (64 years old)

- He came to Japan to attend the symposium that celebrated the establishment of the ILCs in Japan and the USA.

1993 (66 years old)

- The US-Japan Joint Commission on Aging was held in Bethesda.
- ILC USA-Japan hold a symposium at the Fifteenth International Congress of Gerontology in Budapest, as the first joint project.

1994 (67 years old)

- The international symposium “Productive Aging and Economic Growth in Japan and the United States,” co-sponsored by the Japan Society, was held in New York.
- He visited Japan to give a keynote address at “International Health Care Forum” commemorating the 120th anniversary of the Yomiuri Shimbun.

1995 (68 years old)

- He was appointed as Advisory Committee Chair of the 4th White House Conference on Aging sponsored by President Clinton.
- He visited Japan (Osaka) to participate in the US-Japan expert conference and symposium in this field.
- He gave a keynote address at the 2nd IFA Global Conference on Ageing in Israel.

1996 (69 years old)

- He gave a keynote address at the international symposium that was held as part of “Nenrin-pic” in Miyazaki”.

1997 (70 years old)

- The ILC four-country joint symposium was held at Hammarskjold Auditorium in the United Nations headquarters in New York.
- The ILCs in the US and Japan organized a joint project called Media Project, and a US-Japan Media Conference was held in New York.
- He visited Japan to attend a debriefing conference on Japan’s Media Project.
- In Nagoya, he gave a keynote address at the 10th Nagoya International Symposium on Aging and Health held by Japan Foundation for Aging and Health.

1998 (71 years old)

- The ILC-USA spun off from Mount Sinai Medical Center and became an NPO.

2002 (75 years old)

- At the second UN World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid, Dr. Butler presented “Declaration of the Rights of Older Persons.”

2003 (76 years old)

- He received the 10th Heinz Award for the Human Condition for “advancing the rights and needs of the nation’s aging citizenry and enhancing the quality of life for elderly Americans.”

2004 (77 years old)

- At the celebration of Columbia University’s 250th anniversary, he was selected as one of the “250 Remarkable Columbians.”
- At the 20th International Conference of Alzheimer’s Disease International Kyoto 2004, he gave a keynote address on video.

2005 (78 years old)

- He gave a closing speech at the 5th White House Conference on Aging under the Bush Administration.

2007 (80 years old)

- At the 60th Annual Scientific Meeting of GSA in San Francisco, he gave a keynote address.

2008 (81 years old)

- His book “The Longevity Revolution” was published.

2009 (82 years old)

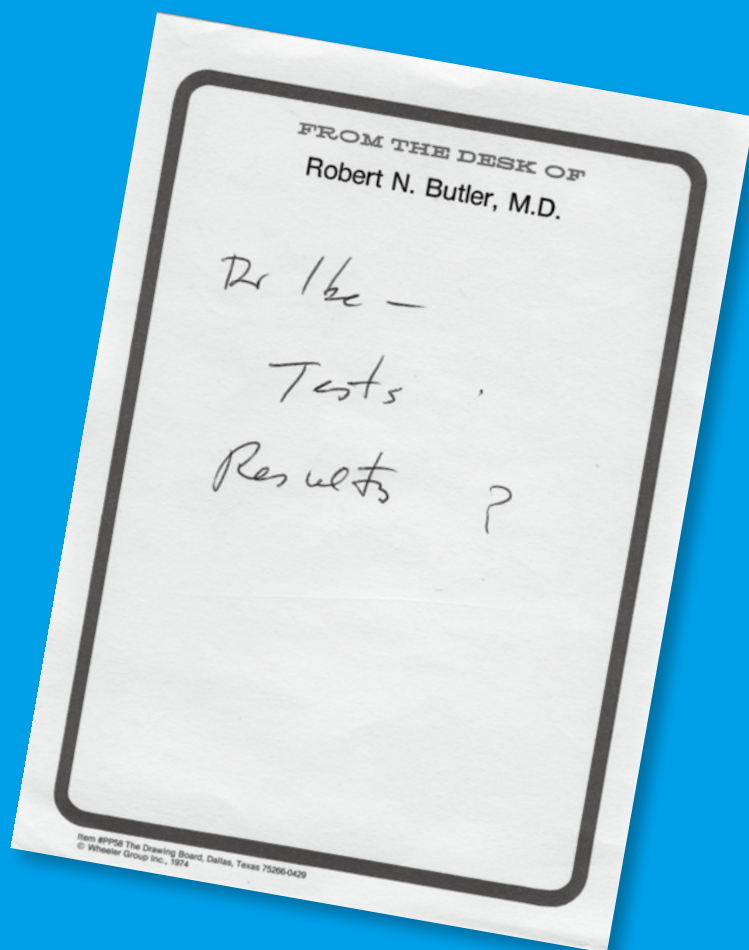
- The dinner salon on Alzheimer’s in an Aging Society was held jointly by Columbia University and the ILC-USA.

2010 (83 years old)

- Dr. Butler became a professor at Columbia University. His book “Longevity Prescription” was published.

2010 (July 4)

- Deceased.



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