Dr. Emanuel Hackel, Ph.D., 87 years old, of East Lansing, Michigan, passed away July 9, 2012. He was born in Brooklyn, New York to Nathan and Esther Hackel.

Manny, as he was known to friends, attended New York University at the age of 16 and transferred to the University of Michigan after his freshman year. He left before finishing his degree to join the Navy in 1941, and rose to the rank of Lt. Commander before leaving active duty. He was proud to remain in the Naval Reserve for another forty years.

Following the war, he continued his education at UM where he received a Bachelor's (1948) and Master's in science (1949). He received a PhD in human genetics from Michigan State (1953). Dr. Hackel was an emeritus professor of Zoology and Medicine at MSU, whose work in immunohematology, histocompatibility and human genetics provided significant contributions to the science of both transfusion medicine and transplant immunology. During his career, he served as the chair of the Natural Science Department, acted as assistant dean of University College and served on the athletics council.

Professor Hackel received the College of Natural Science's Alumni Association's Meritorious Faculty Award in 1995. He was proud of his long teaching tenure, which grew organically from his personal philosophy of fairness and responsibility.

Aside from his contributions on campus, Dr. Hackel will be remembered for early work in HLA genetics, his contributions to the American Association of Blood Banks, the Michigan Association of Blood Banks and the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics. Manny's contributions to the AABB's Technical Manual and his service on the ASHI accreditation service bespeaks of his belief in stewardship for one's profession. These contributions are noted with his awarding of the Emily Cooley Memorial Award and also the John Elliott Memorial Award of the American Association of Blood Banks.