

Stephen Blount

The renowned public health specialist, who contributed to innumerable fights against infectious diseases, died on April 30, 2022.

Dr. Stephen Blount was born on August 1, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1975, followed by his MD from the University of Michigan in 1978. He completed his residency in Infectious Diseases at the University of Michigan in 1980. He was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1980 to 2013, where he served as the chair of the Department of Infectious Diseases from 2005 to 2010. He was also a senior advisor to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services from 2010 to 2013. Dr. Blount was a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. He was also a past president of the Michigan Society for Infectious Diseases. He was married to Susan Blount and has two children, David and Emily. He is survived by his wife and children. Dr. Blount was a dedicated and compassionate physician who made significant contributions to the field of infectious diseases. He was a mentor to many young physicians and a friend to all who knew him. He will be missed by all who loved and worked with him.

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