John A. Milner, Ph.D.

John A. Milner, Ph.D., an AACR member since 1981, died Dec. 31, 2013, at the age of 66. Milner, director of the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Agricultural Research Service (ARS), in Beltsville, Md., was internationally renowned for his work in human nutrition and cancer prevention.

Born June 11, 1947, in Pine Bluff, Ark., Milner received his bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., and his doctorate from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. He began his career as a faculty member of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and then served as the head of the Department of Nutrition at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

In 2000, Milner became chief of the nutritional science research group in the division of cancer prevention at the National Cancer Institute, a position in which he served until he became director of the USDA-ARS Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Program, in 2012.

Milner was an active AACR member. He was a senior editor of Cancer Prevention Research and a member of the Chemistry in Cancer Research, Tumor Microenvironment, and Behavioral Science in Cancer Research working groups.

Additionally, Milner was an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Institute of Food Technologists, and an honorary member of the American Dietetic Association.