

JOHN FRANCIS BRENNAN Jr.

Oncologist

John Francis Brennan Jr., 33, an oncologist who supervised cancer treatment studies at the National Cancer Institute, died of complications of AIDS Oct. 28 at his home in Washington.

Dr. Brennan came to the National Cancer Institute in 1987 as a fellow in medical oncology and joined the staff as a senior clinical investigator in 1990.

He was born in Tripoli, Libya, and reared in Springfield, Mass. A magna cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College, he attended Georgetown University Medical School, where he was twice president of his class. He completed his residency and internship in internal medicine at Northwestern University.

Dr. Brennan was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the D.C. Sports Water Polo Team, the D.C. Frontrunners and the Georgetown University Alumni Association. He was co-captain of the Washington Wetskins Water Polo Team.

Survivors include his father, John F. Brennan, and stepmother, Helen Brennan, both of Springfield, Mass.; four brothers, Gary Brennan of Wilbraham, Mass., Richard Brennan of Springfield, Brian Brennan of Hudson, Mass., and Paul E. Brennan of Washington; two sisters, Gail Brennan of New York and Sharon O'Shea of Springfield; and his grandmothers, Catherine Brennan of Long Meadow, Mass., and Marie Brockway of Washington.