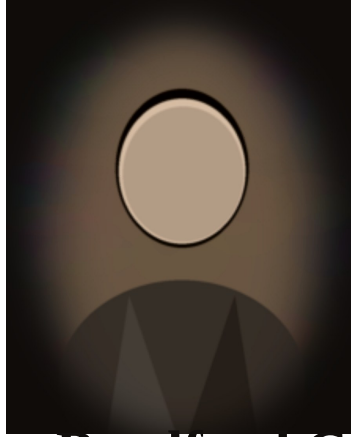




Walter Bradford Cannon

October 19, 1871 - October 1, 1945

Franklin, New Hampshire

Walter Bradford Cannon - American physiologist who named the body's fight-or-flight response and mapped how fear and injury rewrite the blood - died in Franklin, New Hampshire, on October 1, 1945. He was seventy-three. Born October 19, 1871, he spent decades at Harvard Medical School studying digestion, shock, and the sympathetic nervous system with a clarity that reached far beyond the laboratory.

His work on traumatic shock helped wartime medicine; his phrase fight or flight entered ordinary speech. He wrote for scientists and for readers who needed to understand why the heart races when danger arrives. He treated physiology as a civic duty - knowledge that could save a soldier or explain a panic.

New England classrooms taught rigor; hospital wards taught urgency. He researched as if the body kept honest books.

He died in Franklin on October 1, 1945. Somewhere a pulse is still quickening before a decision is made.

Cannon's gift was usable biology - naming what the nerves already knew. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so October 1 remembers the physiologist who taught America how fear moves through flesh.

Services

Died in Franklin, New Hampshire, October 1, 1945. Physiologist; fight-or-flight; Traumatic Shock; Harvard Medical School.

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