Harvey Israel Scudder died at age 87 on December 19, 2006, in Pleasanton, CA. He was born on January 2, 1919, on a dairy farm near Elmira, NY. Harvey married Florence Graff in 1945 and had two children.

Harvey’s love of insects led him to a career in medical entomology. He received a BS degree from Cornell University in 1939. World War II interrupted his graduate studies at New York University and, in August 1942, Harvey was commissioned in the US Public Health Service (USPHS). His various USPHS assignments included serving as the entomologist for the dogfly control program along the Gulf Coast and conducting some of the first studies on DDT as an insecticide for houseflies. He devised the “Scudder fly grill” to estimate distributions of nuisance fly populations, and his fly grill method was widely adopted in the United States. After the war, he briefly worked in south Sumatra, where he developed and directed a malaria control program. He returned to Cornell University and received his PhD in public health in 1953. Harvey established and served as chief of the Vector Control Field Station in Fresno, CA, for the Bureau of Vector Control. He later worked at the Communicable Disease Center in Savannah, GA, where he studied the use of DDT for control of the eastern malaria mosquito. He became the assistant chief of the Health Research Facilities Grants Branch, Division of Research Grants at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD. From 1958 to 1962, Harvey set up and directed the Viruses and Cancer Program in the National Cancer Institute at NIH. This program directed a national effort in virus-cancer research through grants and contracts. In 1962, he became chief of the Research Training Grants Branch at NIH and, in 1965, chief of the Health Manpower Program, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Arlington, VA.

On retirement from the USPHS, Harvey joined the faculty at California State University, Hayward, in 1967. As professor of microbiology for 13 years, he taught general and medical entomology, microbiology, and epidemiology, and he was instrumental in setting up the nursing degree program at the university. Upon retiring from the university in 1980, he continued his scientific interests serving with the World Health Organization, St. Rose Hospital Board of Trustees, Marine Institute, Preserve Area Ridgelands Committee, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees, and as a consultant for various projects. He was active with the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California, and the organization dedicated its 2001 conference to Harvey in recognition of his service to mosquito and vector control in California and the nation.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Florence; children, Paul Scudder and Barbara Scudder Eikenberry; four grandchildren, Jillian and Matthew Scudder, and Andrew and Stuart Eikenberry; and brother, Walter T. Scudder.