

**SCST MEMBERSHIP  
OBITUARY COLLECTION**

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This is a collection of obituaries for Gavel club members, Honorary members, Meritorious Service members, and all Registered, Certified, Research, and Professional members. The information provided here is as accurate as our ability to obtain. We apologize for any errors that may have occurred.

**Charles C Abbott**  
**April 20, 1919 - January 8, 2002**

Charles C Abbott, 82, of Newville, died Tuesday January 8, 2002, in Swaim Health Center, Newville. Born April 20, 1919, in Baltimore, MD, the son of the late Richard M. and Margaret A. Appleton Abbott, he was a 1942 graduate of Haverford College who served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant during World War II. He served in the Solomon Islands through much of the war.

Charles worked for Seaboard Seed Company in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in his early seed testing career. While working for the Pennsylvania state seed laboratory he claimed to have taught his friend Wendell Ditmer everything he knew about Seed. In the early 70's Mr. Abbott moved to Ohio to assume the position of chief of the seed section. He remained there until his retirement in April of 1989.

At his passing, he was the only person to have been president of both the Association of Official Seed Analysts (1980-1981) and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (1963). He was also Secretary/Treasurer of AOSA for many years in the later 1970's. He served in many other committee positions during his lifelong career in seed testing and received the AOSA Award of Merit in 1990. He also received the SCST Meritorious Service Award in 1973. Charles was also active with the Association of American Seed Control Officials.

He belonged to the Quaker meetings of Langhorne and Middleton and was a member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists, the Association of Official Seed Analysts, and the Baronial Order of Magna Charta.

Mr. Abbott is survived by his wife, Jane Glendenning Abbott; a son, Gel W. of Detroit, Michigan; and a granddaughter. He was preceded in death by a son, Richard C. Abbott.

**Clifton E Adams**  
**July 7, 1921 – May 13, 1996**

Clifton Adams was born July 7, 1921, to Crestus C Adams and Juda Dunn Adams. In 1951 he was united in marriage to Rita Fox. To this union two children were born, a son Brian and a daughter Juda. In 1975 they were divorced. In 1976, Clifton was married to Mary Scambos.

Clifton worked for Agricultural seed Lab and the US Department of Agriculture. He was preceded in death by his parents, Crestus and Juda, a son, Brian, and brother James Adams.

**Mary Elizabeth Akers**  
**April 13, 1888 – October 11, 1970**

Miss Mary Akers, 82, Of Chapel Hill, N.C., formerly of Louisville, died Sunday at a Chapel Hill nursing home. A native of Richmond, KY, she was a graduate of the University of Kentucky. She was a seed analyst and since 1923 has been a member of the Association of Seed Analysts of North America. In 1937 she became a Registered Seed Technologist. She worked for several wholesale seed companies in Louisville. Miss Akers lived in Chapel Hill since 1950 where she operated Akers seed laboratory.

Surviving her are a sister, Dr Susan G Akers, Chapel Hill, NC, three brothers, Arthur A Akers, Chapel Hill, NC, Floyd Akers, Columbus, Ohio, and Herbert A. Akers, Columbus, Ohio.

**Jessie Louise Anderson**  
**February 3, 1890 – January 11, 1979**

Jessie Louise Anderson was born in Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland on February 3, 1890. She most likely spent her childhood days in this area of Maryland. Although she did not graduate from a school of higher education or receive any academic degree, she was self-educated and became proficient in her chosen field, seed analysis. She had attended one or more short courses at the Federal Seed Laboratory under the guidance of Albina Musil.

Her career included the following positions:

1906-1926- employed by Bolgiano Seed Company, Baltimore, MD, as seed analyst in charge of laboratory and buyer of bulbs and flower seeds.

1927-1928- employed by Cornelo Seed Company, St. Louis, MO, as seed analysts in charge of laboratory

1929-1930- employed by Warranted Seed Company, Chicago, IL

1932-1936- employed temporarily by the state of Massachusetts, assigned to the Massachusetts State Seed Laboratory to do seed analysis for the state of Rhode Island

January 4, 1937- she was appointed as technical assistant in the Massachusetts Seed Laboratory at the University of Amherst and remained there until her retirement on February 29, 1960.

Miss Anderson had a long career as a seed analyst. She was a charter member of the Association of Commercial seed Analysts, organized in 1922, later the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. She took pride in her ability as a seed purity specialist and excelled in the identification of grass seeds. She was a regular cooperator in the AOSA referee program. She was a perfectionist, and her expertise was acknowledged by many.

After her retirement, she moved from Amherst with her sister Mary to Milwaukee where they could be close to their sister, Mrs. Noir. Jessie's friends will remember her for her independence and strong feelings concerning her work and her contention that seed analysts were a great asset to the progress of agriculture. She died on January 11, 1979, just three weeks short of 89 years of age.

**Lloyd Arnold**  
**October 2, 1902 – November 12, 1987**

Lloyd Arnold was a member of the Society of Commercial Technologists 1929-1931. He served the Society as Secretary-Treasurer in 1930. Mr. Arnold was born in Iowa and worked for Kellogg Seed Company and Asgrow Seed Company before moving to California where as part owner he established and operated Thomas Seed Service, Inc. Later a branch was opened in Loudon, Washington. Mr. Arnold spent 25 years as an active seedsman in Western and national organizations. He retired to Conroe, Texas. His daughter, Mrs. Irwin Howard, resides in Fresno, California.

**Barbara Ann Atkins**  
**April 8, 1946 – November 2, 2012**

Barbara Ann Atkins, 66, of Longmont, died November 2, 2012, at the Peaks Care Center. She was born April 8, 1946, in Haxtun, Colorado the daughter of Eldred and Ruth Soliday Atkins. Following her high school graduation, she went on to attend DU where she received her bachelor's degree before taking the major step to move to the East Coast to attend and graduate with a master's degree from Cornell University. She was an avid supporter of the BPOE #1055 Elks Auxiliary and through that organization was actively involved with the Little Britches Rodeo and the cross-stitching and knitting groups.

Barbara worked for STA Seed Company as an advanced lab technician analyzing new and hybrid strains of seeds.

She is survived by her half sister Marylee (Robert) Nurmi of Roswell, NM, and her nieces Kristine (Terry) Percy of Firestone, CO, Louann (Roger) Manem and Kathy White of Roswell NM and her nephew Kenneth Nurmi of Longview, WA. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family members.

**Donald W Ator**  
**October 6, 1930 – October 11, 1998**

Donald "Don" Ator Sr, 68, of Pflugerville, TX, passed away Sunday, October 11, 1998, after a courageous battle with cancer. After Service in both the US Air Force and US Marines, he continued his public service in the agriculture industry with the Texas Department of Agriculture and US Department of Agriculture. Since 1986, he had continued his dedication to Agriculture by serving as the executive vice president of the Texas Seed Trade association until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy of 36 years; children, Donald Jr and Susan Ator, of Baton Rouge, LA, David and Beth Ator, of Giddings, TX, Diana and Charles Blalock, of Somerville, TX, Karen Ator, of Irving, TX, and

Mahlon Ator, of Pflugerville, TX; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also surviving are his siblings, Ruth Followill, Herbert Ator, Dorothy Bates, Joe Ator, Paul Ator, and Roy Ator. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia, parents, Dexter and Leroy Ator; and brothers, Dexter and Lloyd.

**Betty Ransom Atwater**  
**August 16, 1907 – May 21, 1996**

Betty Ransom was born in Clarkston, Washington on August 16, 1907. She passed away in the Monticello home Tuesday May 21, 1996.

In 1927 she earned a double degree in botany and music from Washington State College, Pullman, with highest honors, while supporting herself by working in the college seed testing laboratory. She continued this work while she earned her master's degree from Kansas State University, Manhattan, and began work on her doctorate in plant ecology at UC Berkely. In 1933, Betty moved to Los Angeles to set up an independent self-owned business, the Ransom Seed Laboratory, and for the next fifty years she supplied testing services and scientific consultation to the agriculture industry on the west. She served on the International Seed Testing Association's flower seed committee, creating global testing standards, and is internationally recognized for the patterns she documented in the relationships between seed dormancy and physiological structure.

Betty became a Registered Seed Technologist in 1933 and held the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President from 1935-1938 and then President from 1938-1940. She was also on numerous committees during her career and received the meritorious service award in 1974.

Throughout Betty's life, she kept up with her music, singing in many groups and as a soloist. "One of the joys of Santa Barbara has been the richness and opportunity for participation in high quality music exploration with other dedicated performers." Her house and garden patio became a center for informal sharing of live music, she frequented and greatly appreciated the rich and varied music offering of the Santa Barbara area.

She married Eugene Atwater in 1936, and together they raised four children. Betty was an avid naturalist, even preferring a primitive camp to any walls, always seeking new adventures, never afraid of a challenge. Scores of young people learning to love and appreciate nature in her youth groups and camping trips, and they blossomed in the warmth of her optimistic expectations of them. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and her great grandchildren.

**Louise Bagge**  
**May 19, 1927 – December 11, 2011**

Louise B Bagge, age 84 of Orchard Park, NY, died Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Bagge was born in Buffalo, NY on May 19, 1927, the daughter of the late Carlos and the late Louise (Hayes) Bushnell.

In 1949 Louise was married to Jackson Bagge. To this union 3 children were born, two sons Gary Norman Bagge and Richard Bagge, and one daughter Virginia Bagge.

Louise is survived by her daughter Virginia (Dan) Hay and son Richard (Barbara) Bagge. She is also survived by six nieces and nephews.

**Clinton L Baker**  
**August 5, 1904 – November 11, 1993**

Dr. Clinton L Baker, a Rhodes College biology professor for 39 years and the former director of the biological station at Reelfoot Lake, died Thursday at Methodist Hospital North. Baker was born in Hamburg, Arkansas. He attended Henderson-Brown College now Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AK for two years before transferring to Atlanta's Emory University graduating in 1925. He earned his master's degree from Emory a year later and in 1933 earned a doctorate in biology from New York's Columbia University.

Before joining the Rhodes faculty in 1932, he taught at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS, and the University of Detroit. He retired from the Rhodes faculty in 1971.

Along with teaching, Baker published more than 25 research articles on the ecology, plant, and animal life of Reelfoot Lake. Between 1935 and 1960 he was director of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station.

He also served as a president of the Tennessee Academy of Science and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Board of Directors. He helped organize the Association of State Academies of Science. He helped write the associations constitution and served as a president and archivist.

Along with his professional interests, Baker served as president of the Memphis Civitan Club and as a Citian district president. He also helped organize science fairs in Memphis and Shelby County schools and the fishing rodeo now known as the Henry S. Reynolds/Mid-South Junior Fishing Rodeo. He was also a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason and a Shriner.

Baker was the widower of Louise C Baker. He leaves two daughters, Evelyn B Sparks of Dallas and Margaret G Collins of Avon Park, FL; a son Rev. Clinton C Baker of Parma, Ohio and two grandsons.

**Louise Capen Baker**  
**September 19, 1906 – June 22, 1987**

Mrs. Louise Capen Baker, 80, of Timberdale, died Monday at Methodist Hospital North after a brief illness. Memorial services will be at 4:30 pm Thursday at Evergreen Presbyterian Church, of which she was a member. Mrs. Baker owned and operated the Baker Seed Laboratory for many years. She was past president of the Memphis Zonta Club and Rhodes College Women's Club. She was a graduate of Agnes Scott College. She leaves her husband of almost 60 years, Cliton Lyle Baker; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Sparks of Dallas and Mrs. Margaret Collins of Avon Park, Fl; a son Clinton C Baker and two grandchildren.

**Pauline I Balbach**  
**April 15, 1905 – March 27, 1992**

Pauline Balbach, 86, died March 27, 1992, in Normal, IL. Ms. Balbach retired from seed analysis after completing a long and rewarding career in the Indiana State Seed Lab at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. She began her career there in 1927 as a purity analyst. After becoming an accomplished seed analyst in both purity and germination, she assisted in instruction and operation of a yearly seed school held at Purdue from 1935 to 1970 to train beginning and advanced seed analysts on various seed testing procedures and technologies. She retired in 1972, completing a 45-year career dedicated to seed analysis and technology. In 1967 she was awarded honorary membership with SCST.

**Frances Louisa Ethelyn Ball**  
**December 19, 1919 – December 19, 2016**

Frances LE Ball, age 97, died at home in Bloomington, MN on December 19, 2016. She was married to Norman Eugene Ball on October 6, 1951. Frances was preceded in death by her husband, sister, brother and mother. She is survived by her sister, Gladys Isaacson, niece Diane (Tom) Andersen, nephew Bernie (Susan) Isaacson, 7 great nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

**Joseph "Jim" Barnes**  
**July 10, 1901 – December 20, 1968**

Joseph "Jim" Barnes, 67 retired Funk Bros Seed Company seed technologist died in Tucson Arizona on December 20, 1968. Mr. Barnes and his wife were vacationing in Arizona. He had been a patient at the Tucson Medical Center three days.



He was born July 10, 1901, in Delavan, a son of John M and Julia Stubbs Barnes. He married Alma Oehmke of Funks Grove in June 1933. Mr. Barnes received his bachelor's degree and a master's degree in plant physiology at the University of Illinois. He completed additional graduate study at the university while working as a graduate assistant and an instructor in general and agricultural botany. He was associated with grain seed field his entire professional career. Beginning in 1930 a 12-year term with the Illinois Department of Agriculture as a supervising analyst and botanist.

Mr. Barnes took over the Funk Field Seed Division Laboratory in 1947, a position he held until his retirement August 1, 1966. He was president of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists from 1951-1953. In 1960 he published "Tares of the Land, Weeds and Seeds" and regularly wrote a column, "Lab-Oratory" for Seed World. He was particularly interested in the control of noxious weeds and lawn farm seeds development. He received the Society's meritorious award in 1965.

He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, the Normal Masonic Lodge, and the Bloomington Consistory. Mr. Barnes is survived by his wife and two brothers, Julius E of Chicago and Roberts S of Kent, Ohio.

**Rubie Jane Barris**  
**November 5, 1922 – December 3, 1997**

Jane Barris became an RST in 1954. She was President of SCST from 1977-1979.

**Louis Nelson Bass**  
**March 7, 1919 – January 24, 1986**

On a bright, sunny, winter day Louis returned home from work for lunch and suddenly collapsed and died. Upon being informed of his death the employees at the National seed Storage Laboratory were in a complete state of shock and disbelief. Louis was a robust man, full of life, and enjoyed all aspects of his life to the very end. His family and many friends and colleagues will miss him.

Louis was bon in lola, KS, but attended universities in Iowa receiving a BS degree in biological science from Upper Iowa University in 1940; an MS degree in plant taxonomy form the State University of Iowa in 1943; and a PhD in plant physiology from Iowa State University in 1949. Positions held included the following: biology and chemistry instructor, Upper Iowa University; Plan Breeder, associated seed growers; science and mathematics instructor, Ankeny High School; seed analyst and assistant professor, Iowa State University; plant physiologist, US Department of Agriculture National Seed Storage Laboratory. In 1970, Dr. Bass was named the Director of the NSSL and served in that capacity until his death. In addition, he served as the research leader for the seed viability and storage unit from 1972 until his death.

In the area of seed research, he authored over 100 publications, also six book chapters, over 50 scientific journal articles, plus numerous technical bulletins, reports, as well as popular and semi popular articles on seed storage.

Several scientific and honorary societies had the benefit of Louis' experience and enthusiasm including, ISTA, AOSA (which he served as president), the Crop Science Society of America, the American Society of Agronomy, the American Society for Horticultural science, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Epsilon Sigma Phi. Some of the honors and awards received included Honorary member SCST; Alumni Achievement Award, Upper Iowa University; Meritorious Service award AOSA; Fellow of American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America.

In addition to his many research achievements, awards, and honors, Louis Bass was best known for his kindness to others. Many students over the years sought his advice. Aspiring seed analysts came to him for help in finding jobs, a task which he never refused. His employees were always uppermost in his mind, and they respected him highly.

Louis is survived by his wife, Jane, who often accompanied him to various scientific meetings, a son, Colin, a daughter, Nelsa, and three grandsons, Kevin, Kelly, and CJ.

**Doris Baxter**  
**June 16, 1925 – November 19, 2015**

Doris V Baxter passed away on November 19, 2015. Doris was born in Missouri on June 16, 1925. She received her bachelor's degree at Kansas State University and master's degree in Botany at the University of Michigan. Doris enhanced her seed testing skills at the Federal Field Seed Laboratory in North Brunswick, NJ and later transferred to Sacramento, CA. At that time the Sacramento laboratory was a cooperative alliance of the Federal, California State, and California Crop Improvement Association laboratories. These three organizations eventually established their own independent laboratories and Doris continued on as part of the Federal Seed Laboratory. Doris eventually advanced to analyst in charge where she taught federal seed workshops and was active on many AOSA and ISTA committees until her retirement in 1982. Doris was made an honorary member of both AOSA and SCST.

After retirement, Doris realized she wanted to share her love of seed testing and more than three decades of experience with future generations of seed analysts by taking on the revision of portions of USDA Handbook NO. 30. As a result of her exhaustive collaborative work with Dr. Larry Copeland, we now have a new and greatly improved guidebook for seed testing containing more than 2,500 seed images.

In addition to her seed testing activities, Doris enjoyed playing the organ at church and was active in the Sacramento Organ Guild.

**Wayne Beckwith**  
**May 1, 1949 – July 9, 1993**

Wayne A Beckwith, 44, died suddenly at his home on July 9, 1993, due to heart failure. Originally from Rochester, NY, he graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in biology from Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY. He also attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX, and S.U.N.Y in Geneseo NY, where he pursued graduate studies in biology, with an emphasis in plant physiology.

Wayne had previously been employed by Joseph Harris Seed Company in Rochester, NY from 1975 to 1980, and Jacques Seed Company in Prescott, WI from 1980 to 1984 before a move to Texas to accept a position with Gustafson Seed in Plano.

In 1987, Wayne's drive and ambition then led him in another direction, and he is probably best known in the seed industry as the founder and former owner of Armadillo Seed Testing Inc, currently operating under the name of Sterling Seed Testing Inc, in Dover, OK. This business originated in Frisco, Texas and moved to Oklahoma in 1989. After selling his interest in the lab in 1991, he accepted a position at the Wilbur-Ellis Company located in West Burlington, Iowa, as product development manager in the research department and was employed there at the time of his death.

Wayne is survived by his wife, LaDonna, three children, Eric, Kevin, and Carrie Beckwith, from a previous marriage, two stepdaughters, Shannon and Nicole Dycus, his mother, Pauline Shaheen, three sisters and one brother. He was predeceased by his father and one brother.

Wayne became a Registered Seed Technologist in 1983 and as an active member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists he had a great deal to offer the seed industry and will be remembered for his many contributions. Those people who had the privilege to work with and learn from Wayne appreciate what a knowledgeable and dedicated person he was. Wayne was an avid fisherman when time permitted, and he rarely missed an episode of his favorite TV show Jeopardy.

**Earl Conrad Bender**  
**December 28, 1913 – March 20, 1970**

Earl was born December 28, 1913, in Zurich, Ontario, Canada and died March 20, 1970, at Little Rock, AK.

After his discharge from the Army, he worked for the Arkansas State Plant Board from 1945-1947 and for one year for Jones Bros. Seed Company at Van Buren, AK. In July 1951 he operated a commercial seed laboratory for Adkins Phelps Seed Company and became an RST in 1952. In 1960 he joined the L.A. Green Seed Company, which later became the Moss Seed Company, where he worked until the time of his death.

**James E Benedict Jr**  
**February 4, 1885 – September 3, 1969**

James E Benedict Jr, the first president of SCST, passed away in Washington DC on September 3, 1969, at the age of 84. He was a charter member and one of the leaders in the formation of the Society in 1922. He operated his own laboratory, Commercial Seed Laboratory, in the Washington area for 56 years.

Mr. Benedict was born in Washington. He was an all-city halfback on the Central High School football squad. In 1906 he graduated from the Biltmore Forestry school in North Carolina, where he received small college football honors. A member of the Washington Botanical Society, he conducted an annual nature hike through Rock Creek Park for many years, and about 30 years ago, taught botany classes at George Washington University.

He leaves two sons, James E II of Hollywood, FL, and Joseph B of Greenville, DE, two sisters, Elizabeth, and Ruth Benedict both of Silver Spring, and five grandchildren. He will be missed by his many friends in the seed world, as well as his relatives and many other friends.

**Robert Bieter**  
**September 19, 1913 – February 13, 1998**

Robert Bieter was born September 19, 1913, in Rice, MN to Nicholas and Anna (Dobner) Bieter. In 1938 he was married to Leona Becker and to this union two daughters were born. He died on February 13, 1998.

**Grace Blakeborough**  
**November 3, 1903 – December 18, 1996**

Grace Blakeborough, age 93, passed away December 18, 1996. Born November 3, 1930, in Boston MA, Miss Blakeborough had been a resident of Lansing since 1919 and retired from the state of Michigan. She was a member of the Holy Cross Church and Charter Club, member of AARP, volunteered with the Red Cross and local hospitals, and was an avid reader and enjoyed working crossword puzzles. Surviving her are her nephew, L. Bradley (Mary) Conklin of Mason; great nieces, Angie Conklin and Chrystal (Lawrence) Kniffin; great nephew, Bradley A Conklin; and many other family members.

**Dale Everett Bright**  
**June 6, 1915 – October 19, 1987**

Dale Bright passed away on October 19, 1987, at Omaha, Nebraska. He was the Sun of Murray W Bright and Etta Woolsey. He was married on November 29, 1952, in Tarkio, MO to Doris Kreissler. Dale obtained his RST in 1957.

**Mary K Ross Bristol**  
**July 3, 1918 – June 12, 2006**

**Delphine “Dellie” Brown**  
**March 3, 1961 – April 5, 2002**

Delphine “Dellie” Brown was born March 3, 1961, at Hendricks, MN, to Robert and Nelva (White) Kruse. She died Friday, April 5, 2002, at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dellie graduated from Deubrook High School in 1979. She worked at Runnings in Brookings for about eight years and at Sexauer Elevators until 1995 when she began working for Midwest Seed Services. On July 18, 1981, she married James F Brown in White South Dakota.

Dellie was a member of First Baptist church in White, where she taught Sunday School. She was a member of the Valley Rough Riders snowmobile club. She especially enjoyed following her kids’ school activities.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Brown of Astoria, SD; two children: Derek “Bud” and Jessica Brown, both at home; her mother, Nelva Kruse, of White, SD; two sisters: Janeen (Bill) Wingert of Preston, Minnesota, and Vonnie (David) Lucas of White, SD; a brother, Rollie (Rhonda) Kruse of Toronto, SD; nieces and nephews; a special uncle and aunt, Roger and Claudy Kruse, of White, SD; and many other aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Kruse, in 1995.

Dellie Brown began her seed testing career at MWSS in the fall of 1995 as an analyst in corn germination and purity testing. She enjoyed working with the smaller seeds conducting germination and tetrazolium tests. She also became the lead corn cold tester evaluator for many years. Recently the multi-species laboratory at MWSS expanded, allowing Dellie and entire room for her work on tetrazolium and small seed germinations. Dellie was a very dedicated employee and spent many long hours, weekends, and holidays helping make MWSS a success, she was always there when we needed her.

She passed her RST exam in June of 1999 in Omaha, Nebraska. Dellie worked very hard to achieve this goal and was very proud of her accomplishment, as was the staff of MWSS. Dellie did not have as much college experience as some MWSS employees but made up for it in her determination to succeed.

**Betty Gregg Butler**  
**May 30, 1930 – December 14, 2012**

Betty Gregg Butler, 82, of Richmond, passed away Friday, December 14, 2012. She is survived by her sisters-in-laws, Mrs. Edward M Butler (Marianne) and Mrs. Howard W Butler, JR (Agnes); three nieces, Robin Butler, Carol B Copple and Kathleen Diacont; and two nephews, David C Butler and Charles H Butler. Betty was the retired Seed Laboratory manager for Southern States Cooperative. She obtained her RST in 1965.

**Loretta R Byron**  
**September 13, 1906 – December 3, 1983**

Loretta R Byron, age 77, of Madison, Wisconsin and formerly of Remington, Indiana, died on Saturday, December 3, 1982, at a Madison hospital. She was born in Ivesdale, Indiana on September 13, 1906. She was a seed analyst for Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana and Olds Seed Company, Madison, Wisconsin. A resident of Madison for the past 37 years, she was a member of Holy Redeemer Church and a member of Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include two brothers, Vincent Byron of Remington, Indiana, Raymond Byron of Rensselaer, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; and a sister.

**Vicky Caldon**  
**March 3, 1945 – October 18, 2023**

Vicky was born in Nampa, Idaho, on March 3, 1945, to Andrew F Voigt and Goldie Peterson Voigt. She was raised on a farm East of Nampa and attended country schools until they were consolidated with the Kuna schools. Upon graduating from Kuna High School in 1962, she continued and attended Kinman business College in Spokane, Washington. There, she graduated in 1963 with a secretary degree. In 1964 she went to work at Northrup King Seed Company in Nampa. She met and married Earl E Wright in 1964. They later divorced. She then married Richard G Caldon, December 26, 1970.

Vicky trained to be an in-house seed analyst and took the Registered Seed Technologist test in 1977. She worked in Boise for Northrup King and the Idaho state seed lab. Then she transferred to Oregon to work for Roberts Seed Company in Tangent. In 1995, she opened and operated her own seed lab in Halsey, Oregon until Richard passed away in 2000. The next few years she was a rover between Nampa and Richland, Washington- only to finally settle back in Nampa permanently.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Richard Caldon; and her siblings (Carl, Leo, Jerry, Thelma, Helen, and Frankie). She is survived by sister-in-law Phillis Voigt of Fruitland, ID; brother-in-law, Carl Drapeau of Springfield, OR; several nieces and nephews; long time friends, Claretta Evans and family and Rosalind Borchert and family.

**Lovina M Caldwell**  
**June 27, 1883 – May 30, 1972**

**Mabel F Caldwell**  
**September 28, 1923 – June 4, 2016**

**Frances H Callaghan**  
**November 17, 1916 – May 29, 2005**

Frances H Callaghan, age 88, of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, died on May 29, 2005. She was a retired 36-year employee of Northrup King. She received her RST in 1952. She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers; 1 sister; 1 niece; and 1 nephew. Survived by brother, John (Mary); sisters Ruth Callaghan, Lucy Marchiniak, Judy Lemm, Tess Schafer; nephews: Tim, Tom, Joe, Jim, Mark; nieces Brooke, Sue, Rose, Mary, Gail, and Cindy; 16 grand nieces and nephews; 2 great grand nephews.

**Zoe Lindahl Callahan**  
**May 31, 1953 – April 7, 2019**

Zoe Lindahl-Callahan was born in Corvallis, Oregon on May 31, 1953, to Leonard and Geraldine Lindahl. She was the youngest of five children. She grew up in the family home west of Junction City, Oregon. Zoe graduated from Junction City high school and went on to attend Oregon State University.

She eventually went up North to live in Alaska where she married her first husband, divorced, and met her second husband with whom she had one daughter, Becky. While Becky was still very young, Zoe moved back to Oregon and started training for her future career in seed testing. She went on to own her own business, South Valley Seed Lab starting in Junction City then moving to Harrisburg and eventually Halsey.

Zoe died on April 7, 2019 at the same family home in which she grew up at the age of 65. Her siblings are all still living. She is also survived by her daughter Becky and her grandson James David.

**Sharon Cameron**  
**September 16, 1945 – January 22, 2013**

Mrs. Sharon Elaine Cameron, age 67, a resident of Washington died Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at her home. Mrs. Cameron was born in Hodgeman County, Kansas, on September 16, 1945, to the late William

Dixon and Dorothy A Dixon (Knoefler) of Jetmore, Kansas who survives. On December 22, 1967, she married Robbie W Cameron, who survives. Mrs. Cameron had worked as a medical technologist and a Registered Seed Technologist, obtaining her RST in 1984. She loved gardening, playing golf, and being outdoors.

In addition to her mother of Jetmore, KS and her husband, Mrs. Cameron is survived by a daughter; Leslie Welner and husband Brooks of Olathe, KS, a grandson Sawyer Welner of Olathe, KS. In addition to her father, Mrs. Cameron is preceded in death by a brother: Bobby W Dixon.

**Altice Carter**  
**July 15, 1900 – January 3, 1988**

Professor Altice S “Al” Carter, 87, died January 3, 1988, at Home Hospital in Lafayette, IN. Professor Carter was retired from Purdue University, where he served in the Purdue Agriculture Experiment Station and was Director of Seed Control and State Chemist Services from 1935 to 1966. He also had served as county agricultural agent in Perry, Johnson, and Posey counties in Indiana.

Professor Carter was born in Chandler, Indiana, July 15, 1900, and had resided in West Lafayette since 1953. He received his Bachelor of science degree from Purdue in 1923 and his master’s from the University of Illinois in 1927. He served as president of the Association of American Seed Control Officials, North central Control Officials Association and Association of Official Seed Analysts. In 1964, Al Carter was the recipient of the AOSA merit award. He was a consultant in India and Brazil working on development of seed control programs in those countries. In 1959 and 1961, he worked for the US technical cooperative mission to India; Rockefeller Foundation in India in 1967 and 1968; and US AID in Brazil in 1965 and 1969. A member of the Executive Council, he was a three-time delegate to the Congress of ISTA.

**Joseph T Charmella**  
**June 30, 1920 – June 8, 1982**

Joe Charmella passed away June 8, 1982. Joe too, had courageously fought cancer for several years. He endured the chemotherapy treatments that kept him with us, but at a terrible cost in suffering.

Joe became an RST in 1950 while employed at Rudy-Patrick Seed Company, Kansas City, Missouri. In 1972 the firm reorganized, and the Kansas City plant became Royal Seeds Incorporated. Joe renamed his laboratory The Royal Seed Testing Laboratory and remained in charge until early 1982. He served on the research committee from 1955 to 1957, was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president in 1963, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president in 1965, and was president from 1967 to 1969. While president he represented the Society at the ISTA Congress held in New Zealand, 1968. In 1967, he was appointed member of the ASTA Liaison committee which was



concerned with the formation of the National Seed Standardization Testing Laboratory. He was also chairman of the AOSA-SCST joint meeting program committee in 1970 and 1971.

Joe's interest and concern for the Society did not cease when his terms of office expired. He attended annual meetings until his illness made that impossible, but he still took a very active part in discussing our projects, proposed changes, etc. Joe was well known and respected by members and friends of the Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada. He donated several valuable books to the library and helped individual members in many ways. He was appointed Honorary member in 1981.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Joe lived there always except for the World War II years when he served in the US Army. He leaves his wife Josephine who has been a tower of strength these past years of his illness, daughter Mary, son Joseph affectionately known as Joe-Nick, and a grandson Matthew David Hayden.

**Maxine W Chenoweth**  
**August 28, 1900 – November 11, 1990**

**Dr Benjamin Clark**  
**October 3, 1914 – May 26, 1983**

Dr Benjamin E Clark, 68, died Thursday, May 26, 1983, at Geneva general Hospital following a brief illness. Dr. Clark was a noted scientist in the field of seed science and technology at Cornell university's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. Born in Southampton, Long Island, NY, on October 3, 1914, he received his bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Cornell University in 1940 and 1945, respectively. He was awarded his doctorate degree in horticulture by Michigan State College (University) in 1949. He began his career at the Experiment Station on July 1, 1940, as a foreman in the former department of seed investigation. Following a period of military service beginning in 1942, Dr Clark entered graduate school. He returned to the Geneva Station in September 1948 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate profession in 1952 and full professor in 1956.

In 1952, Dr Clark was appointed head of the seed investigations department, a position he held until October 1968 when he was appointed assistant director of the station. He remained in this position until February 1977 when he asked to return to research duties in the seed laboratories and field. He retired from the station after 33 years of service on June 30, 1980, and was named a professor emeritus of seed investigations by the board of trustees of Cornell University.

Dr. Clark established a reputation as an efficient and progressive administrator in correlating seed testing and seed law enforcement. Under his leadership, new equipment and additional personnel were added to the Station's seed testing and seed research programs. Today, these programs are considered to be the

most highly rated in the country. He was also instrumental in expanding the program to include basic research in seed physiology and seed pathology.

During his career, Dr Clark authored or co-authored more than 100 scientific papers, many of which had a significant effect in advancing knowledge in seed science and technology. He conducted extensive investigations toward the development of a supplemental cold test to determine the ability of seeds to germinate under unfavorable field conditions. This enabled seedsmen, growers, and processors to better predict field performance.

**Ivah Harriett Clark**  
**1904 – May 28, 1994**

Ivah Harriett Clark (nee Everitt) was born in Oshawa Ontario in 1904 and attended the University of Toronto receiving her Bachelor of Agriculture degree. She began her seed testing career in the early 1930's with the Canada Department of Agriculture Seed Laboratory in Toronto. In 1942, she struck out as a commercial seed analyst when she joined the employ of Steele Briggs Seeds in Toronto.

In 1944 she was one of six charter members who initiated the Ontario Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada which later became the Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada. Mrs. Clark served as the first president of the association and later served as secretary for 25 years. Mrs. Clark's determination, endurance, and foresight provided the nucleus for CSAAC to reach its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

She was greatly respected by her American counterparts and became the President of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists in 1969. She attended many seed testing conventions throughout the world during her career. She received the meritorious service award in 1973 as was on the following committees: nomination 1948, chairman 1960, legislative 1944-1946, rules 1946, public service chairman and editor Seed Tech News 1948-1951, public service 1951-1953, publicity chairman 1958-1959, research 1959-1960, 1964-1965, 1967-1975, membership chairman 1961-1965 and historian 1975-1981. Ivah worked as an official for 17 years and a commercial analyst for 31 years, during that time she rarely missed a meeting and always took a keen interest in welcoming all of our new analysts.

When Steele Briggs terminated their business in Toronto, Mrs. Clark initiated the Clark Seed Laboratory, which she independently operated in Toronto for many years. She shared her knowledge of seed testing with fellow analysts, seedsmen, and farmers. Her contribution to the Canadian seed industry was invaluable.

She spent her last few years in retirement at the Bridge Street Retirement Home in Belleville, Ontario. Mrs. Clark passed away on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Belleville General Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest “Tex” Clark, sister Cora Johnston, and brother Earle Everitt. She leaves her sister-in-law, Frances Everitt, of St. Thomas, Ontario, her nephew, Alan Johnston and wife Pamela, and great grandnephew, Richard Johnson.

**Rose Miller Clark**

**April 14, 1926 – November 1, 1993**

Rose Miller Clark was born April 14, 1926, in Woodville, Florida, and was a long-time resident of Tallahassee. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a retired regional director of Field Enterprises. Rose was owner of Tallahassee Seed Laboratory, Inc and became an RST in 1979. Rose worked for the state department of agriculture 14 years. She once reported “you don’t have many goals left at 65- just to survive and hope that I live to see the day where there is real justice for people who work so hard to grow the food and keep it safe.” Rose is survived by a son, Wayne Clark; two daughters, Cheryl Clark and Bonnie Bradley and three grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Miller of Woodville and George Miller of Tallahassee; two sisters Mary Gibson and Frances Grier, both of Tallahassee.

**Lula Coffey**

**September 20, 1908 – May 13, 1999**

Lula C Coffey, 90 of Memphis, retired seed technologist for Louise C Baker Seed Laboratory, died of heart failure Thursday at Methodist Hospital. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Scottish Rite Society, Tennessee Ornithological Society, Memphis Brooks Museum League, and Memphis art League. She was a charter life member of Arkansas Audubon Society, Mississippi Ornithological Society and Nature Conservancy, and has lectured widely in Memphis and the Mid-South on birds, nature subjects and art. She has recorded more than 2,000 species of birds and served as a volunteer for Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mrs. Coffey, the widow of Ben B Coffey Jr, leaves a nephew who cared for her, Alvin Yancy.

**Robert “Bob” G Colborn**

**July 19, 1918 – May 17, 1980**

Bob died at Des Moines, Iowa, May 17, 1980, just hours after he and Gentry arrived to attend the Joint conference-among the friends he cherished and whose interests he had looked after so well during his 18-year tenure (1960-1978) as our Secretary-Treasurer.

Robert Glenn Colborn was born on July 19, 1918, at Hardy, Nebraska. He received his education at a rural school, Superior High school, and the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture graduating with a BS degree in 1947. During WWII, he saw service overseas and after the war attended numerous military courses and schools. He had the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army.

For 13 years, Bob was an official analyst for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. He served as the Secretary of AOSA and was on the joint SCST-AOSA committees, thus becoming well known and respected by our members. In 1957, he passed the RST examinations and opened his own laboratory in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1960, Bob was elected the Secretary-Treasurer, a position he administered with dedication and benefit to our Society for over 18 years. In December 1960, he was appointed an honorary member of the Commercial Seed Analysts association of Canada in recognition of his helpful friendship and as a worthy representative of the older and more experienced organization.

Bob attended all SCST-AOSA yearly conferences since he became a seed analyst 31 years ago. During that time, and especially after he took the office of Secretary-Treasurer, we had the opportunity of knowing his family-wife, Gentry, who helped in so many ways (often including "closing and cleaning up the hospitality suite at 2 am after delegates had enjoyed an evening of comradeship), and sons, Scott and Craig, whom we saw grow from childhood to manhood.

Bob's "outside" activities were numerous. He was a member of the Scottish Rites of the Masonic Lodge, a faithful member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, and somehow found time for fishing, boating, woodworking, candlestick making, and another activity at which he was successful was "helping others have fun."

**Vera Colbry**  
**September 11, 1910 – February 14, 1999**

Vera Colbry was born in Seattle, WA, on September 11, 1910. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State College, Corvallis, OR, and a Master of Science from George Washington University, Washington, DC. She passed away in Anchorage, AK, on February 14, 1999.

Ms. Colby worked in the seed industry in both the private and government sectors. From 1931 to 1935, she worked as a seed analyst in the Federal/State Seed Laboratory located at Oregon State College. She then went to work for Ransom Seed Laboratory from 1935 to 1938. She returned to government employment in 1938, as a seed analyst (botanist) at the USDA field office in Sacramento, CA. In 1969, she became officer-in-charge of the field office and remained in that position until her retirement in 1980. She lived most of her retired life in Sequim, WA.

Ms. Colby was very active in AOSA and other organizations including ISTA. For AOSA, she served as chair of the rules committee, the research committee on germination, and the germination subcommittee on firm seed in Pensacola bahiagrass. In ISTA, she served on the germination substrata committee and as a

referee committee delegate. She was lecturer for ISTA workshops at ISTA Congress meetings. She also conducted several two-week long seed testing conferences.

Among Ms. Colbry's writing and honors were four superior service awards include one for compiling and writing Agriculture Handbook 30. She was elected to at least five scientific and honorary societies. SCST acknowledged her with an honorary membership. Ms. Colbry has an impressive list of publications including 53 papers , and numerous charts, keys, and descriptive material.

**Doris L Colt**  
**April 26, 1907 – March 22, 1973**

Doris L Colt passed away in Richmond, Virginia on March 22, 1973. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Caroline Ruda of New York City, and a nephew, Mr. Alden Small of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Death was due to heart failure following a sever fall and a long hospital confinement.

Miss Colt was a native of Vermont, but most of her thirty-five-year career was spent in Southern laboratories. She came to the Virginia State Laboratory in in 1960 and retired in 1969. Her retirement was early because of the necessity for cataract operations. The operations were successful, and she had returned to help during the busy seasons through 1972.

Before coming to the Virginia laboratory, she had worked at the New Jersey State Laboratory, the Alabama State Laboratory, Associated Growers of New Haven, Connecticut, the Derryberry Seed Company of Nashville, Tennessee, and TW Wood and Sons of Richmond, Virginia. Her dedication to seed testing and her brave spirit in the fact of many adversities will serve as a constant inspiration to us.

**Reginald M Comstock**  
**February 2, 1909 – November 7, 1989**

Reginald M Comstock, age 80, died on Tuesday, November 7, 1989, at the Oakwood Lutheran Home. He was born February 2, 1909. He was a graduate of UW Madison, with a BS degree from the School of Agriculture, and a master's degree in agronomy.

On December 15, 1934, Reginald married Ruth VanDerslice in Oak Park, Illinois. He was the founder and owner of Comstock Seed and Feed Company. Reginald was a long-time member of the Downtown Rotary Club and had served on its board of directors. He also served on the board of directors of the Madison Club, the Lake City Bank, and had served as president of the former Wisconsin Seed Association. In addition, he was also a director of Wisconsin Feed, Seed, and Farm Supplies Association. He also was a member of Madison Masonic Lodge #5 F & AM Madison Scottish Rites Bodies and Zor Shrine.

He is survived by a son, R Warren (Carolyn) of Lake Bluff Illinois; a daughter, Carol (James) Ruhly of Madison; and four grandsons, Read and Kevan Comstock, and David and Christopher Ruhly. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; and a sister Mervilla.

**Marion Cowgill**  
**July 13, 1928 – May 13, 1983**

Marion Elsie Cowgill died on Friday, May 13, 1983, in a Portland, Oregon, hospital two weeks after undergoing hip surgery. The operation was successful, and she seemed to be recovering nicely when she had some heart attacks and passed away suddenly. She was born July 13, 1928, in Seattle Washington and moved to Albany, Oregon as a young girl and attended Albany elementary and high schools. She graduated from Oregon State University in 1952 with a BS Degree in Botany.

Marion became an RST in 1966 at the SCST meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia. She was an analyst at Halsey Seed Laboratory. In 1973 she started the MarCo Seed Testing Laboratory which she operated until her death. She was active in Society affairs, serving on the Resolutions (1968), Publicity (1971-1973), auditing (1973), and membership (1974) committees. From 1976-1978 she was chairman editorial committee and as such, Editor of the Seed Technologist News. Marion was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was an active Associate Member of the Oregon Seed Trade Association and Pacific Seedmen's Association.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth and their sons, Robert of Troutdale, and Ronald of Albany, and six grandchildren. She shared Kenneth with us as he attended many of our meetings which they brightened with their presence. Ronald was trained in seed technology by his mother and will carry on the business.

**Ronald Cowgill**  
**November 14, 1952 – July 3, 1998**

Former Albany resident Ronald L Cowgill, 45, of Hayden, Idaho, died July 3 of a heart attack suffered while he was hiking in the Selway-Bitterroot wilderness area in Idaho.

Mr. Cowgill was born in Albany to Ken and Marion Cowgill. He married Terri Poole in 1979, and they had twin boys, Jesse and Jordan. They were divorced in 1986. He married Gail Kilian December 31, 1986, and they were divorced in 1996.

Mr. Cowgill took over his mother's company MarCo Seed Testing Laboratory when she passed away in 1983. After his seed laboratory experience, he was a real estate appraiser working for Advanced Appraisal. He worked as a caddie for the Coeur d'Alene Resort golf course and as a truck driver for Food Services of America.

He enjoyed water skiing, boat racing, hiking, camping, and golfing. Surviving are sons Jesse and Jordan, both of Seattle; Father Ken of Mexico; and brother Bob of Troutdale.

**Ruth Cress**  
**November 21, 1934 – May 14, 2018**

Ruth E Cress, 83, of DeKalb, died Monday, May 14, 2018, at Kishwaukee Hospital. She was born November 21, 1934, in Indianola, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Berteen (Rhoades) Taylor. Ruth came to DeKalb in 1941 with her family Guy Thorn and Berteen (Rhoades) Thorn. She was a graduate of DeKalb Township high school class of 1953. She attended Northern Illinois University in the fall and spring of the 1953-1954 school year. After that year, she was employed as a dance instructor, and then with the Housing Office at NIU, Sycamore High School cafeteria, and Wurlitzer.

Ruth married Ronald E Cress on August 26, 1961, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in DeKalb, and became a full-time mother and homemaker. After raising her family, she went to work for the DeKalb Ag. While working there, Ruth was given the opportunity to further her education. She took continuing education classes in biology and botany at NIU, and seed science classes at Iowa State University, Mississippi State University, and various state and federal seed school workshops. These classes gave Ruth the opportunity to be certified as an RST. At the time of her retirement, she was a supervisor in the quality assurance seed testing laboratory. Ruth's interests were her family first, volunteering at church, gardening and making a safe environment for the birds and butterflies in her year, traveling, entertaining friends and family, and finding joy each day.

She is survived by her daughter, Ronda Cress of DeKalb; sons, Charles (Kathy) Cress of Sarasota, Florida, Jack (Ellen) Cress of DeKalb; grandchildren, Joseph (Julie) Cress, Erin Cress, Scott Cress; great grandchildren, Conner and Cooper Cress; brothers, Harold Thorn, John (Priscilla) Thorn, Jacob (Nellie) Thorn; sister, Barbara (Karl) Rempfer; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald and her granddaughter Jackie.

**Willard Francis Crosier**  
**October 26, 1904 – October 24, 1996**

Dr. Willard Francis Crosier, 91, died October 24, 1996, in the Seneca Nursing Home, Waterloo, NY, where he had been a resident since March. Dr. Crosier was born October 24, 1904, in Juniata, NE to Lille (Madison) and Frank Crosier.

He received his BA degree from the University of Kansas in 1927 and a PhD degree from Cornell University and its New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, in 1932. As a student he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma XI honor societies. During the 1940's he was a member of Company K, New York State Guard and served as its last company commander in 1947-1948.

He helped advance knowledge of seed pathology and technology and was the author or co-author of over 290 technical articles, gaining worldwide recognition. He served in several capacities with AOSA and ISTA.

He is survived by his wife Lucille (Guilfus), with whom he celebrated his 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary; a son, Donald (Nancy) of Geneva; two daughters, Marlene (Ronald) Carpenter of Lancaster, PA, and Dianne (Chester) Weslowski of Auburn; seven grandchildren, and several great grandchildren; a sister, Carol Brinegar of Howards, KS; two nieces and two nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Clayton, in 1984.

**Gregory Cunningham**  
**January 14, 1957 – August 2, 2010**

Gregory Gene Cunningham of Golden City, MO passed away Friday morning, July 30, 2010, in his home after suffering a massive heart attack. Greg was 53 years old. Born January 14, 1957, in Nevada, MO, he spent his childhood in the Kansas City, Rich Hill, and Harwood areas graduating from Schell City high school. In May of 1982, Greg graduated with a BS degree in Agronomy from the University of Missouri in Columbia.

After college he moved to Lockwood, MO and worked with his dad in the seed business. In 1985, along with his dad, Roy, Greg became the owner of Southwest Seed Company in Golden City, MO. They closed their business in 2000. Greg went to work for the Missouri Seed Association inspecting soybean fields and other crops. In 2003, he went to work full time for Whittle Farms west of Golden City and was employed there at the time of his death. Greg was a member of the Golden City volunteer fire department for over 25 years.

On July 30, 1977, Greg married his high school sweetheart Becky Lynn Parkison in the Harwood Baptist Church. They had one son, Jason Cunningham. They later divorced. After his divorce he moved to Golden City and bought a small farm where he raised some cattle and crops. He enjoyed hunting and raising rainbow trout as well as participating in muzzleloading competitions. He loved collecting antiques and searching for Indian artifacts. On May 13, 2000, Greg married Joni Denise Cunningham in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Greg was preceded in death by a longtime companion, Linda Carol Perry. Greg is survived by his wife, Joni Cunningham, Golden City, his parents, Roy and Denzail Cunningham, Nevada, MO; a son Jason Cunningham and wife Leslie, Cane Hill, MO; 2 stepsons, Nick Gordon and wife Tam, Marysville, KS, and Eric Gordon and wife, Michelle, Edmond, OK; 3 sisters Melissa Hinck and husband Jamie, Carmel, IN; Roylene Cunningham, Seattle, WA; and Mary Beth Claypool and husband Brandon, Stilwell, KS; five grandchildren, Tyler, Merissa, and Alex Gordon, Edmond, OK; and Telesha and Adilee Gordon, Marysville, KS; nieces, nephews, relatives, and many, many friends.



**Alta Curry**  
**June 22, 1902 – July 14, 1967**

Mrs. Alta Curry, 65, died in her sleep from a possible heart attack at her home early Friday. She had worked since 1945 as a seed analyst at Monmouth Co-op. She obtained her RST in 1963 but had been a commercial analyst for twenty-three years. She was born in Iowa and had lived many years in Dallas before moving here. She was a member of Monmouth Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists.

Surviving are sons Wendell, Rainier, and Donald, San Gabriel, CA; brother Elsworth Wilson, Dallas; and two grandchildren.

**Francis William Shelby (Bill) Dale**  
**1916 – March 12, 2004**

Francis William Shelby (Bill) Dale passed away suddenly at the age of 87 on March 12, 2004, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Bill's wife had died just a few days prior. Bill was born in the Gull Lake area of Saskatchewan in 1916. He volunteered for overseas service in the RCAF from 1942-1946. He obtained his BSA and B ED in 1949 from the University of Saskatchewan.

Bill Dale had a distinguished career with Agriculture Canada and was known for his easy and personable nature. His responsibilities include management of the federal seed testing laboratory in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from 1958 to 1981. Bill served as AOSA vice president (1975-1976) and president from 1976-1977. He was an honorary member of CSAAC and AOSA as well as an associate member of Canadian Seed Growers Association.

Bill is survived by his three daughters, Lynn, Lesley, and Wendy; son, Patrick and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Donald Daugherty**  
**March 15, 1923 – June 23, 1977**

Donald L Daugherty passed away on June 23, 1977. Don was born in Fraser, IA, on March 15, 1923. He commenced seed analyzing at Iowa State University where he received training under Dr. Everson and Dr. Isely. After two years there, he started to work at the Ramy Seed Company, Mankato, MN in 1955. He became an RST in 1961 and relocated to the Hulsey Seed laboratory, Decatur, Georgia, in 1972. He was a member of the legislative committee from 19675 to 1971 and attended many annual conferences. Don was a member of the Lutheran Church, and also held membership in the American Legion.

Don is survived by his wife Neva and five children, Donna, Carol, John, David, and Ronald, and three grandchildren.

**Walter Davidson**  
**September 14, 1902 – August 28, 1983**

Walter A Davidson, 80, who worked for the Agriculture Department for 33 years before retiring in 1964 as grain division director of the Agriculture Marketing Service, died of cardiopulmonary arrest, August 28, at the Doctor's Hospital of Prince George's County.

Mr. Davidson was a native of Valley City, ND, and a graduate of North Dakota State University. He worked the North Dakota State seed department before moving here and joining the US Department of Agriculture in 1931. His first job was as administrator of the Federal Seed Act.

He was a 1959 recipient of the Agriculture Department's Superior Service award and a 1962 recipient of North Dakota State University's outstanding alumni award. He was a prominent member and past president of AOSA. Well known to RST's through control work and attendance at annual meeting he was always friendly and helpful. In 1960 he was voting to honorary membership with SCST.

Survivors include his wife, Martha F of Cheverly; a daughter, James Porterfield of Turnersville, NJ; a son, Karl of West Grove, PA; a brother, Clarence of Hibbing, MN; a sister, Edina Bruns of Winter Haven, FL; and three grandchildren.

**Ethel Ledgerwood Davis**  
**November 29, 1919 – February 3, 2024**

Ethel Viola Ledgerwood Davis passed away of natural causes on February 3, 2024, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, at the age of 104. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and nine siblings. She leaves behind 11 nieces and nephews and multiple great and great-great-nieces and nephews. She was born November 9, 1919, in Athabasca, Alberta, Canada, to James Alexander Ledgerwood and Margaret Eliza Keyes. She married Howard Martin Davis on December 23, 1952. Ethel and Howard loved to travel.

The family moved to Oregon, where Ethel grew up. She worked as an RST for Buchanan Cellers for many years. She will be remembered for her quick wit and smile.

**Bertha DeHam**  
**July 10, 1888 – July 27, 1965**

Mrs. Bertha M DeHam, 77, died yesterday at her home. She was born in Atchison, KS, and lived here 39 years. She was chief seed analyst for Peppard Seeds 55 years until her retirement four years ago. She was a member of the Sixth Church of Christ Scientist. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Chapman, of the home and a brother, Alfred C Schreiber.

**Michael Dideriksen**  
**January 17, 1954 – March 20, 2007**

Michael Wayne Dideriksen, 53, of Fort Collins, died suddenly on March 20, 2007. Michael was born January 17, 1954, in Shenandoah, Iowa to Eleanore and the late James Dideriksen. Along with his only brother, the late Robert Dideriksen, Michael grew up in a farming family. He always appreciated the warmth of his extended family and a close-knit farming community. Michael felt the draw of the Rocky Mountains, and he moved to Colorado in 1974. Mike was a graduate of the Larimer County Vo-Tech center Seed analysis program in 1984. He became a CSA in 1984 and an RST in 1998. He worked at the USDA's National Seed Storage Laboratory in Fort Collins from 1984 until 1989 when he began working at Hillehog Mono-HY, a sugar beet seed company, in Longmont, Colorado. In 2001, he was hired back at the National Seed Storage Laboratory now known as the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation. He took the position in Fort Collins because it allowed him to spend more time with his family.

Mike served the FRSA, SCST, and AOSA In many capacities, as a representative to the ISST board of directors, the SCST Librarian, and most recently on the AOSA-SCST consolidation task force.

He and his wife Janet have been together for 26 years and were married in 1991. The addition of their children Sarah in 1993 and Daniel in 1996 transformed Michael into the devoted soccer, baseball, "anything that my kids are doing, I'm there kind of Dad" for which he will be lovingly remembered. They have a wide circle of friends and family from Iowa, New Jersey, and Colorado. Mike also made many friends abroad during his trips to Europe for Hillehog.

Mike is survived by his wife Janet and children Sarah and Daniel. Recollections of Michael, whether from his youth or the recent past, always reveal an exceptionally outgoing, funny, and genuine man who relished the simple pleasures in life. Mike lived life as though he were playing baseball. He stepped up to the plate and swung the bat with everything he had.

**Wendell Parker Ditmer**  
**May 7, 1922 – March 13, 2014**

Wendell Parker Ditmer, 91, of Mechanicsburg, formerly of Camp Hill, passed away on Thursday, March 13, 2014. Wendell was born in Carlisle, on May 7, 1922. He graduated from Shippensburg University in 1947 and went on to earn his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1949. He was a World War II veteran having served with Company K, 311<sup>th</sup> infantry, 78<sup>th</sup> division and served in the European theater. He worked as a botanist and seed technologist for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for over 35 years and was active in a number of associations related to his work.

He was a member of Camp Hill United Methodist Church for over 50 years, where he served on the board of trustees and as a facilities manager. Wendell enjoyed camping and hiking. He was active for over 50 years with the Boy Scouts of America, was a member of the Keystoneians, and a member of Lowther Manor Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his sons, Robert W Ditmer and his wife Robin from Salisbury, MD, and David A Ditmer and his wife Janet from Enola, PA. He is also survived by four granddaughters and three great grandsons.

**David S Doby**  
**February 8, 1917 – August 16, 1997**

**Delma Dockins**  
**May 10, 1923 – January 12, 1990**

**Laura Doerle**  
**April 1881 – April 1976**

Laura, sister of Stephan and John Doerle and the late Alma Wippel, Alfred Doerle, and Clara Orth, also one nephew and six nieces, in her 95<sup>th</sup> year, passed away.

**Elizabeth Doppelfeld**  
**March 10, 1914 – February 28, 1997**

Elizabeth M Doppelfeld, 82, of West Chicago, IL, a Lafayette native, died Friday, February 28, in Central DuPage Hospital in Windfield, IL.

Miss Doppelfeld was an analyst for George J Ball Seed Co for 30 years before retiring in 1982. She also worked at Container Corp in Carol Stream, IL for two years. Born in 1914 in Lafayette, she had lived in West Chicago since 1952 moving there from Lafayette. Miss Doppelfeld was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in West Chicago. She was a volunteer for Feed My Lams Food Pantry and was active in senior citizens groups in West Chicago. Surviving is a brother, John Doppelfeld of Lafayette.

**Frances Elizabeth Ford Doyle**  
**February 8, 1981**

Frances Elizabeth Doyle, nee Ford, died February 8, 1981, at her home in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She had been an RST from 1947 to 1963. Betty was born in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada; received her BA magna cum laude, at Mount Allison University in 1938. Also in 1938, she became an official analyst at the plant products laboratory at Sackville. In 1946 she came to Toronto and was a senior analyst at Ontario Seed Cleaners & Dealers Limited. In 1953 she married Michael Doyle and did analytical work on a part time basis. In 1963 she resigned and commenced library work. In 1968 she received her Bachelor of Library Science degree from the University of Toronto. At the time of her death, she was the head of one of the larger Metro Toronto libraries.

Betty served on the legislative committee, publicity, and nominating committees. She was a prominent, hard-working member of CSAAC; held many offices and was President from 1952 to 1954. After her resignation in 1963 she still attended some function sand kept in touch with members.

**Mabel Virginia Roberts Dye**  
**February 9, 1921 – January 28, 2019**

Mabel R Dye, 97, passed away Monday, January 28, 2019. She was born on February 9, 1921, in Orange County, NC, to the late William Thomas Roberts and Eugenia Law Roberts. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Rush Dye, and her step-granddaughter Traci Rousey.

Mabel is survived by her son, Joel Dye (Cynthia of Marshville, and her daughter, Celeste Helms (Rusty) of Marshville, two stepdaughters, Barbara Rousey (Bobby), and Camilla Ivey (Billy) all of Georgia; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**Doris Alice Edwards**  
**July 11, 1912 – January 8, 2002**

Doris Alice Edwards, 89, died Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at Owensville Convalescent Center. She was a seed analyst and worked for McCarty Seed Co for more than 30 years. She owned and operated the Lighted Lamp, an antique shop in Cynthiana, and had worked in antique showrooms at the Mews in New Harmony. She attended Oakland City College and had taught school briefly. She was a member of Cynthiana Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a sister Martha Law of Cynthiana; two brothers, Paul Edwards of Cynthiana and Robert Edwards of Bardstown, KY; and nieces and nephews.

**Robert H “Lum” Edwards Jr**  
**January 19, 1930 – November 13, 2019**

Robert H “Lum” Edwards, son of Robert H Edwards Sr and Mai O’Guin Edwards. He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Lucile Cady Edwards; his sister Flora Taylor, and numerous nieces and nephews. One of those nephews Keith (Michelle) Edwards was like a son to him.

**George Arthur Elliot**  
**1889 – July 15, 1965**

George Arthur Elliott, Assistant Chief, Laboratory Services, 1938-1954, passed away at Ottawa on July 15, 1965. He is survived by his wife, Frances, and daughters, Mary and Margaret. George Elliott was born near Wingham, Ontario, and started his career as a schoolteacher. He attended the Ontario Agricultural college at Guelph, Ontario, but interrupted his studies by entering the army as a volunteer in 1915, losing a leg before the war ended.

He resumed his studies for the BSA degree and after graduation joined the Seed Branch as an Inspector in 1921. In 1925 he was promoted to Supervisor of the Seed Laboratory at Ottawa, in which position he served on many committees of AOSA. He was vice president of the association in 1936 and president in 1937. In 1927 he published the first issue of the AOSA Newsletter. In 1938 he was promoted to assistant chief, laboratory services, and during the war of 1939-1945 served also as assistant administrator of fertilizers and pesticides.

Canadian laboratory supervisors will remember him especially for his assistance in staffing and equipping laboratories. His annual visits to district seed laboratories were always welcome events. He was a strong supporter of CSAAC., first organized by ex-official analysts in Toronto.

In his private life he was an active member of Trinity Church in Ottawa, a past president of the war amputees' association and a regular visitor at veteran's hospitals. He was active in work for the blind and for the Good Companions Society of senior citizens.

On his retirement in 1954, at the end of 33 years of valuable service with the Department of Agriculture, he was elected an Honorary member of AOSA.

**Fred S Emmett**  
**December 5, 1895 – February 5, 1960**

To all of us in seed technology, Fred will always be remembered as one who was intimately dedicated to the profession. He was a pioneer in the organizing and developing of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. He was an enthusiastic advocate of careful and farsighted planning and gave generously of himself. His firm conviction was that an organization be strong and strive for better things. Fred Emmett's interest in a genial atmosphere of fun and humor in a gathering of friends and colleagues will be remembered by those who knew him.

**Alma Everard**  
**October 1, 1895 – May 10, 1981**

On May 10, 1981, Alma Everard passed away in the Imperial Nursing Center, Tinley Park, Illinois. Alma was born October 1, 1895, in Louisiana. As a young girl he moved with her family to Chicago, where she received her elementary education. She also attended the University of Chicago.

Alma began her career as a seed analyst in 1921 with Vaughan-Jacklin Corporation, then known as Vaughan Seed Store. She continued working for 45 years in that capacity as a seed analyst and laboratory supervisor until she retired in December 1966. Alma became a senior member of the SCST in 1938. During her career as a member, she attended many seed schools and was a faithful attendant at our annual seed conference. When Alma started her work in the Vaughan laboratory, there were no published rules for testing of flower seeds. Each laboratory did their own research trying to find the best method to germinate the many varieties of flower seed. Much of Alma's life was dedicated to that project.

Surviving is one brother, Edward Everard of Park Forest.

**Leroy E Everson**  
**April 2, 1914 – July 1, 2005**

Leroy E Everson was born in Westboro, WI, in 1914. He married his wife Barbara in 1941 and he served in the US Navy as an anti-submarine warfare trainer in the Pacific and Atlantic from 1943-1946. He earned his BS, MS, and Doctorate degrees in agronomy and botany from the University of Minnesota. He was professor of botany and plant pathology and director of the Seed Science Center at Iowa State University from 1948-1980. Dr. Everson contributed extensively to making the University and seed testing activities in Ames, IA, world famous. After retirement from his position at Iowa he was a visiting professor in Columbia, SA from 1981-1983.

Barbara and Leroy Everson moved to Sequim, WA in 1990 where they were very active in their church, Master Gardeners, Over the Hill Hikers groups and other activities. Leroy died at the age of 91 on July 1, 2005, in Sequim, WA. He is survived by his wife Barbara, one son John and two daughters, Karin and Mary along with seven grandchildren.

Dr. Leroy Everson was chairman of the ISTA purity committee from 1962 to 1977. He has played an important role in the harmonization of the ISTA and AOSA Rules. His main contribution to seed testing was the development of the blowing method for purity analyses of *Poa*, *Dactylis*, and a number of range grasses. He worked extensively on preparing instructions and introduction of the blowing methods into the AOSA and ISTA rules.

**Helen Kroeger Faris**  
**September 2, 1914 – February 11, 2008**

Former Durango resident Helen Kroeger Faris died from complications of a broken hip in Albuquerque on Monday, February 11, 2008. She was 93. Mrs. Faris was born to Sabrina M and Frederick W Kroeger in Durango on September 2, 1914. Her father owned the Farmer's Supply Co, which is still in the family and is now Kroeger's Ace Hardware Store.

She attended Durango schools and graduated from Durango High School in 1932 with honors. After studying for two years at the old Fort Lewis College in Hesperus, she finished her bachelor's degree at Colorado A&M University, now Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

As a student, Mrs. Faris worked in the Colorado Seed Laboratory. After graduation, she went to Bethesda, MD, to work in the National Seed Laboratory. She was there only a few years when she came back to Fort Collins as the manager of the Colorado Seed Laboratory. She later went to Oakland, CA, to work in the Del Monte Seed Laboratory, eventually setting up her own private seed lab. Her brother, Frederick Kroeger, said that was a successful venture for her.



On June 20, 1948, she married Donald Faris in Oakland. After they retired, the Faris's moved to Oregon to satisfy their love for the ocean and beaches. In 1982, Helen started tutoring Ellen Mary to become an RST, driving to Tangent, Oregon daily. Later in the year, Helen had a stroke, and in 1982 Jessie Steven's started tutoring Ellen. Helen's husband Donald died January 1, 1985. In 1985, Jessie moved to the coast with Helen and stayed until 1993, at which time Helen moved to Albuquerque to be closer to her family. Helen lived at Montebello Assisted Living complex. About two years ago, Helen fell and broke her hip and moved into the nursing home in Montebello. Mrs. Fairs is survived by her younger brother, Frederick Kroeger, of Durango; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Bower F Forward**  
**December 15, 1901 – August 2, 1990**

Bower F Forward passed away August 2, 1990. He was 88 years of age. Dr. Forward was born in Ottawa, Ontario. He attended the University of Toronto after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1925 and a Master of Science degree from Cornell University in 1928 in Plant Breeding and Soils. A doctoral degree was received in 1950 from the University of Toronto. From 1928 to 1938 Dr. Forward was a district analyst in the Calgary Laboratory and in 1938 he headed the Toronto Seed Laboratory until his retirement in December of 1966.

Since 1931 Dr Forward participated actively in the Association of Official Seed Analysts serving on several committees and holding various offices. Dr Forward was president in 1952 and vice president in 1951. He also chaired the membership committee and served as editor of the newsletter. Dr Forward was the recipient of the Award of merit in 1966. Dr Forward was also very active in the Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada and in appreciation was elected as honorary president of the association.

Bower Forward is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, James and Robert Forward; daughters-in-law, Shirley and Lianne, and four grandchildren.

**Hazel Frazier**  
**August 24, 1922 – August 31, 2011**

Hazel Marie Frazier, 89, of Henrico, was called home to heaven on August 31, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilson B Frazier SR. She is survived by six children, Wanda A Walker (Kenny Jr), Rosalie Cyrus, Marie Thorp, Charles (Polly), Wilson Jr (Angie), and James (Thelma); four grandchildren, Kenneth C Walker III "The Love of her Life", Christy Wright, Catherin Nuckols, Wayne Sites; and a host of great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

**Helen Carmen Fulton**  
**March 29, 1906 – May 1, 1996**

Helen Fulton, 90, formerly of Salem died in Queens Medical Center Wednesday. She was born March 29, 1906, in Plymouth, Indiana, later moving to Salem where she owned Fulton Seed Laboratory from 1960 to 1984. Helen became an RST in 1947. She was chairman of the research committee in 1963 and special research in 1967. She was a member of the Queen's Medical Center Auxiliary.

Survivors include sister Jane Wantland of Carmel, IN.

**Joe Garvey**  
**November 24, 1945 – September 15, 2018**

Joe David Garvey, age 72, of Enola, passed away peacefully to be with the angels on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Joe was born on, Saturday, November 24, 1945, in Ashland, KY, to the late Joe Van Garvey and Zelma Lee (Fannin) Garvey.

Joe's survivors include his wife of 24 years, Marie Kay (Rudy) Garvey; his daughter, Lori Shaffer of Palmyra; his two stepdaughters: Sara Klawitter of Mechanicsburg, Stephanie Naugle of New Bloomfield; his four grandchildren: Drew Klawitter, Kara Shaffer, Killian Patterson, and Anastasia Naugle; his sister, Lee Farina and her husband, Lou, of Lancaster; and several nieces and nephews.

Joe graduated from John Harris High School as part of the class of 1963 and from Delaware Valley University in 1968 with a Bachelor of science in agriculture. He retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Harrisburg, after over 40 years of service working as a seed analyst. Joe was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints -Camp Hill Ward for 24 years. He helped volunteer at New Hope Ministries in Mechanicsburg many times a week in the warehouse and with data entry. Joe also enjoyed golfing and traveling all over with his wife, Marie

**Martha Rothstein Gerik**  
**January 22, 1951 – December 21, 2016**

Martha Jean Gerik, age 65, of Reedley, California, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2016, in Reedley. Martha was born January 22, 1951, in Monterey, CA. She was a graduate of Salinas High School. ON April 1, 1988, she was united in marriage to Jimmy Gerik in Reno, NV. Martha was a Registered Seed Technologist and worked for several companies in California, including the University of California, until she retired. She was a master gardener of Fresno County California. Martha enjoyed canning, traveling, listening to music, and making jams and spaghetti sauces. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and an auxiliary member of the American Legion.

Survivors include her beloved husband of 28 years, Jimmy Gerik, of Reedley, CA; a son, Brian Rothstein of Newport Beach, CA; sisters Sally Nakasawa, Ann Drake, Laura Anderson; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

**Ruth Gilbreath**

**November 3, 1921 – January 21, 1997**

Ruth E (Dougherty) Gilbreath Fritz, formerly of Corvallis, died Tuesday, January 21, in Titonka Care Center in Titonka, Iowa. She was 75. She was born in Corvallis, the daughter of Leslie and Goldie T. Dougherty. She was raised in Corvallis and lived here throughout her childhood except for two years in the mid 1920's when her family lived in Oklahoma. She went to Corvallis schools. She married George Gilbreath on October 6, 1946, in Gainesville, Texas. They lived there until moving to Corvallis in 1951 with their two daughters., Patricia and Georgia. George Gilbreath died in 1973.

She was a seed analyst at Oregon State University Seed Laboratory. She also ran True Test Seed Lab in Halsey until she married Herman Fritz on December 30, 1978, in Corvallis. They then moved to Titonka, Iowa.

She is survived by daughters Patricia Nusleia of Las Cruces, NM, and Georgia Starr of Bend; brothers Goodwin Dougherty of Salem, Edward Dougherty of Monmouth, and Henry "Hank" Dougherty of Independence; and seven grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband Herman in 1995; sisters Opal Borden and Bertha Kerst; and a brother Kenneth N Dougherty.

**Dr. Nirmal Gill**

**May 24, 1925 – June 22, 2016**

Dr. Nirmal Gill, 91, of Clovis died June 22. He was director of quality control. He received his RST in 1974.

**Marjorie Ann Gillaspy**

**June 8, 1936 – March 6, 2019**

Marjorie Ann Gillaspy was born June 8, 1936, in Caldwell, Idaho to Perry Newton and Blossom Buffington. She was raised by Otis Blue and Ethel Ruth Bailey. Marj married Eugene M Gillaspy, the love of her life, and spent the next 64 years building their life and family together. She was a devoted wife and mother who loved her four children: Penny, Jerry, Patty Jo, and Perry. Marj always welcomed others into her

family readily becoming “Mom” to many young people. Marj and Gene worked hard, lived simply, and loved their families deeply. They shared great joy in simple activities like family picnics, playing cards and taking the children camping. She loved dressing up and dancing the night away with Gene to their favorite honky tonk country tunes by Loretta Lynn, Hank Williams, and Merle Haggard.

When Marj’s children were older. Marj became a seed analyst at Musser Seed Company, obtaining her RST in 1994. She helped farmers grow crops and worked to develop new seeds. Marj loved learning new skills from upholstering her own furniture to painting landscapes. Mom was always excited for new adventures; she loved meeting new people, exploring new places, and trying new things.

Marj is survived by two sisters, Emily Roach and Bertha Chadwell and her children: Penny (Cyndi) Gillaspy, Jerry Gillaspy, Patty Jo Gillaspy, and Perry (Patty) Gillaspy. She adored her many grandchildren and great grandchildren: John Hart and children: Anna, Tia, and Brittany and her daughter Abcde; Michael (Becky) Hart and children: Mikel Dylan and Danny; Caleb (Shelley) Gillaspy and children: Wyatt and Quinn; Patrick (Jessica) Gillaspy and children: Trinity and Caprice; Lori Scott and children: Courtney and Jordan; Jacob (Tricia) Gillaspy and children: Alexis, Asia, and Aria; Kimber (Ramon) Gillaspy Quintero and children: Kiely and Bella; Randi (Rebecca) Drake and daughter Finley: Roman (Kimberly ) Drake and Nikki Drake.

#### **John Goff**

**October 21, 1931 – December 10, 1995**

John R Goff, formerly research lab assistant at the Aurora Quality Lab for Cargill Hybrid Seeds died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Sunday, December 10, 1995, in Marianna, Florida. John was born October 21, 1931, in Iowa. He served his country in the armed services in the early 1950’s. Then went to college and graduated from Iowa State University in 1959. John started with PAG Seeds in August 1971 and continued with Cargill Hybrid Seeds until his retirement on December 1, 1995, after 36 years of service. John became an RST in 1988.

#### **Randy Goff**

**November 19, 1960 – February 16, 2018**

Randy Goff, age 57, died February 16, 2018, at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD. Randy was born November 19, 1960, to Frank and Ida Goff in Rapid City, SD. He always enjoyed the country life. He was a proud 4-H’er and a member of the Newell FFA. He enjoyed showing cattle, dairy and horses and was an avid agronomist. Randy worked for many neighbors haying and on their ranches during high school and helped his mom pay bills with his earnings. He graduated from Newell High School in 1979 and continued his education at SDS in Brookings, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Agriculture science. He became a Registered Seed Technologist in 1986.

Randy worked for three years in California as a seed technologist, but his heart was in South Dakota with his family. He worked in Huron and then Madison. After a few years, he bought a small acreage and house and started his horse herd. Randy was dedicated to his work and ran on "plant time", working long days and weekends as the job demanded. He was a giving person like his mother. He enjoyed playing darts, visiting, and telling stories. Randy is survived by brothers and sisters: Idamae Goff, Larry Goff, Adam Goff, June Eagon, Guy Goff, Hope Mastel, and half-brother Glen Tryon. He is also survived by his companion of 20 years, Diana Finch.

**Roberta Goranson**  
**July 12, 1954 – October 11, 1992**

Roberta Goranson died Sunday, October 11, at Sartori Memorial Hospital of complications of anorexia nervosa. She was born July 12, 1954, in Waterloo, daughter of Richard B and Ines F Wellmann Goranson. She graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. She obtained her RST in 1982. She was employed at Credit Bureau Enterprises, Waterloo.

Survivors include her mother of Cedar Falls; and a brother, Timothy J Goranson of Plano, Texas; she was preceded in death by her father.

**Murlin Carlisle Graves**  
**June 5, 1921 – April 30, 2017**

Murlin Carlisle Graves, 95, of Columbus, MS, passed away Sunday April 30, 2017, at Trinity Personal Care, Columbus, MS. Mr. Graves was born June 5, 1921, to the late Clinton H and Johnnie Cockrell Graves in Ackerman, MS and moved to Columbus, MS from Starkville, MS. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served during World War II in the 888<sup>th</sup> Signal Company. Mr. Graves served as a Staff Sergeant in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of Operations and received ATO Medal, APTO Medal, Good Condition Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. He was a graduate of Mississippi State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. Mr. Graves worked for Sawan Seed Co and Graves Seed Lab as a Registered Seed analyst for 67 years. He was a charter member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Columbus, MS. In addition to his parents, Mr. Graves was preceded in death by his brothers – Elvis (Elizabeth) Graves and Dr. Clinton (Nancy) Graves, Jr.

Mr. Graves is survived by his wife of 69 years, Amaryllis Virginia Petty Graves, Columbus, MS; sons Carl (Melinda) Graves, Brandon, MS, Rodney (Claudia) Graves, Columbus, MS, Richard "Ricky" (Derinda) Graves, Columbus, MS and Joe (Lisa) Graves, Millport, AL; 9 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

**Marie Greeniaus**  
**April 25, 1950 – December 16, 2005**

The death of Marie Therese Elizabeth Greeniaus occurred at the Brandon Regional Health Centre on Friday, December 16, 2005. Marie was born on April 25, 1950, in Palmerston, New Zealand. Marie came to Brandon in 1971 and has spent her career working as a seed technologist at various labs. She was very active in church activities and many seed analyst and community organizations. She was a member UCT and served as Grand Councilor for Manitoba/Saskatchewan. Marie was also an active member of the “Waves of Hope” breast cancer dragon boat team. She was very involved in the “Run for the Cure” for breast cancer, being the top fundraiser every year since it began in Brandon.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Derek; son, Brryan Greeniaus (grandson Dylan) of Winnipeg; daughters, Krista Greeniaus (Curtis Erickson and granddaughter Taryn) of Brandon and Sara (Jeff) Seeton of Burleson, Texas. She will also be deeply missed by her mother, Ellie Lucinsky of New Zealand; brothers, Michael (Marea) of New Zealand; Tony (Joan) Tic (Teena) Simon (Debbie) all of Australia; sisters Rosalie of New Zealand and Anne of England; brother-in-law, Gordon (Carolyn) of Victoria, BC and numerous nieces, nephew, and extended families and many special friends around the world.

**Charles Robert “Bob” Gunn**  
**June 1, 1927 – September 26, 2015**

Charles R “Bob” Gunn, a resident of Givens Estates in Asheville, NC, died September 26, 2015, at the age of 88. Bob was a botanist with a lifelong specialty in seed identification, was born in Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Iowa State College and was hired by a seed company in Louisville, KY, and met his future wife, Betty. Later, the couple and their two small children moved back to Iowa where he worked his way through the rename Iowa State University and received a PhD.

In 1965, he was hired by the United States Department of Agriculture to be the director of what is now known as the US National Seed Herbarium. From 1965 through his retirement in 1992, he led the growth of the herbarium, which is considered the world’s largest taxonomic seed collections with more than 100,000 samples, many of which he collected.

While director, he gained national publicity after spotting jewelry made with poisonous seeds – *Abrus precatorius* – for sale at a major department store chain, which led to recalls and changes in federal policies. And he and a coworker published the first paper documenting the use of a computer for automated seed identification. He also identified seeds for forensic analysis, and even contributed to the design of a postage stamp.

Bob published about 150 papers and books, including a multi-volume series of seeds and fruits of 375 legume genera. In this study, he discovered a new genus of African legume. He was honored by his colleagues, who named the genus Bobgunnia.

His hobby also involved seeds: collecting and writing about tropical seeds and fruits carried by ocean currents to temperate beaches. He co-wrote a book on the topic. In the early 1990's, he and his wife retired from their home in Maryland to Brevard, NC, and ten years ago moved to Givens Estates. He enjoyed the Sunday evening bridge group. Bob was active in his children's lives and was proud of his children and grandchildren. He especially enjoyed family visits in recent years.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty, of Givens Estates; daughter Laura Leff (Adam) of Hudson, Ohio; son Steve (Jean Harris) of Norfolk, VA, and four grandchildren: Kathryn Gunn of Evanston, IL; Alexander Gunn of Carrboro, NC; and Benjamin and Amelia Leff, both of Hudson; and cat, Catie Jane.

**Thomas E Hackett**  
**March 2, 1913 – September 25, 1995**

Tom E Hackett, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, September 25, 1995, at his home. Tom was born March 2, 1913, in New Haven, CT, the son of Thomas and Anne Whalen Hackett. He grew up and attended schools in New Haven and attended Penn State University. Tom married Virginia Cassidy in 1945, and they moved to the Twin Falls area in 1953, where Tom worked for Asgrow Research for many years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and of St. Edwards Catholic Church, serving as an usher for 40 years.

Tom is survived by his wife, Virginia of Twin Falls; and nine children, Nancy (Paul) Zimmerman of Denver, CO, Greg (Barbara) Hackett of South Woodstock, CT, Patty Hackett of Springerville, AR, Kevin (Cary) Hackett of Colorado Springs, CO, Anne (Paul) Niemysk of Boise, Tracy (Tod) Blakeman of Boise, BJ (Marilyn) Hackett of Boise, Rob Hackett of Twin Falls and Sean (Melissa) Hackett of North Haven, CT; a sister, Mary Hackett of Hartford, CT; and 13 grandchildren.

**Reginald "Denny" Hall Jr**  
**December 1, 1953 – May 5, 2023**

Denny Hall passed away after a two-year battle with cancer. He was at his home in Powell Wyoming with his wife Jackie and sister Patty Mayfield by his side. He was born December 1, 1953, to Donna and Denny Hall in Morgantown, WV. He graduated from Morgantown high school in 1971. He was active in FFA and attended the National Convention in Kansas City as part of a dairy judging team. He attended Glenville College in West Virginia, receiving an associate degree. After working as an extension agent, he returned to the University of West Virginia. He received a degree in animal science. He worked two years as a Conservation Officer before attending Montana State University, where he received a Masters in Agronomy in 1988.

After graduation Denny worked at the Plant Material Center in Bridger, MT. He then was employed by the University of Wyoming as the Seed certification director. He encouraged the University to move the service from Sheridan to Powell where the majority of the seed crops were grown. In 2000 he returned to Bozeman, MT to train as a seed analyst. He returned to the new seed lab in Powell as assistant analyst eventually becoming the director.

He worked hard to develop good working relations with legislators, growers, and the Department of Agriculture, all of whom were instrumental in bringing the state seed lab to Powell. During his years at the lab, he served on the AOSA RST exam committee review board and the native seed committee. He was especially proud of this group as they developed testing standards for native species that insured uniform procedures nationwide. During his tenure he developed a reputation as the “go to lab” when testing native species for the BLM and Reclamation companies.

Denny was an avid fisherman and gardener. He loved to observe wildlife with his spotting scope. At one point in his life, he took up photography and briefly played electric bass in a band. He continued to love music especially bluegrass and traditional western performers. He grew up in the Goshen Baptist Church in Morgantown and attended the First United Methodist Church in Powell. He served as an usher for services and funerals as well as serving as a trustee and head of the council.

Denny is survived by his wife Jackie of 35 years, as well as his sister Patty Mayfield (Gary), nieces Crystal Frankenberry (Bryan), Wendy Barker, Stacy Logan, Heather Faxon (Paul), great nephews including Jack and Zeke Frankenberry, Noah Faxon, Mitch Mayfield, Greg and Trey Randolph and great niece Raven Moore (Clayton). Denny is preceded in death by his parents, Donna and Denny Hall, his brother Butch, nephew Jeff Mayfield, and nephew in law Vince Barker.

**Anne Wright Handwerker**  
**October 5, 1920 – December 12, 2004**

**Francis Eugene Handwerker**  
**August 23, 1917 – March 1, 1970**

Francis Eugene Handwerker, Gallatin, Tennessee, age 52, died yesterday in Sumner County Memorial Hospital. He became an RST in 1949 and operated the Mid-South Seed Testing Laboratory up until the time of his death. Gene will be remembered as a fine southern gentleman with a humorous but intelligent side that added so much to the meetings that he attended.



**Carleton Hanson**  
**March 5, 1915 – September 14, 2006**

Carleton Hanson, age 91, of Golden Valley, MN, passed away September 14, 2006. Carl worked in the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association seed laboratory for many years after retiring from the USDA Seed Lab in Minneapolis. He was a graduate of the West Central School of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota. Carl is survived by his wife Amy and seven children.

**Lois A Hardesty**  
**March 9, 1944 – August 28, 2015**

Lois A Hardesty, 71, of Normal, formerly of Danvers, died Friday, August 28, 2015, at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal. She was born March 9, 1944, in Bloomington, daughter of Cecil and Mildred Warner Hill. She married Harold L Hardesty on February 23, 1963, in Bloomington. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2013. He preceded her in death on September 29, 2014. She was also preceded in death by one brother Robert. Surviving are three sons, Bart (Lisa) Hardesty of Glen Ellyn, Brad Hardesty of San Francisco, CA and Brent Hardesty of Chicago; two grandchildren, Quinn and Katie Hardesty of Glen Ellyn. Also surviving are two sisters, Carolyn McNelly and Joyce Thorpe. She retired from Funk Seeds/Growmark, Inc where she worked as supervisor of the quality assurance lab for many years as an RST. Lois enjoyed spending her free time with family and friends, and she especially loved the time spent with her grandchildren.

**Edward E Hardin**  
**June 18, 1925 – November 29, 2000**

Edward E Hardin of Corvallis, OR, died November 29, 2000, at the age of 75. He was born to Eugen and Grace Kernan Hardin in Lewiston, ID. He graduated from high school in Lewiston in 1943 and enlisted in the US Navy. He served in the Pacific during World War II, aboard the USS Currituck. He married his high school sweetheart, Eldorra V Peterson, in June 1947.

They moved to Pullman, WA, where he graduated from Washington State University in 1951. In 1957, they moved to Corvallis, and he began working for Oregon State University as an instructor and seed analyst in the crop sciences department. In 1968, he was promoted to the director of the seed laboratory and an associate professor.

During his career at OSU, he also served as superintendent of the Hyslop Experimental Farm and acting head of the crop sciences department. He also was chairman of the Western Forest Seed Council and president of AOSA. In 1979, he received the Merit award from AOSA. He was named the Oregon Seed Trade man of the year in 1981 and 1982. He retired from OSU in 1988.

He was a member of St Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis and was active in the Cub Scouts. In addition to spending time with his family, he enjoyed gardening, boating, traveling, and sports. Survivors include his wife, sons, Kent of Eugene, and Scott of Corvallis; daughter, Susan Venice Rugh of Corvallis; and four grandchildren, Sarah, Kimberly, Samuel, and Kelsey.

**James F Harrington**  
**November 24, 1916 – April 12, 2002**

James F Harrington died of congestive heart failure at his home on April 12, 2002. He was born November 24, 1916, in Newark, NJ and grew up in Caldwell, NJ, and Cleveland, OH. He attended Dartmouth college for one year, then transferred to the Ohio State University and received his bachelor's degree in 1939. Jim earned his master's degree from Ohio State in vegetable crops in 1940 and his PhD from Cornell University in 1944.

Jim took a position as an assistant professor at Iowa State University in 1944. Two years later, he was appointed assistant professor of vegetable crops at UC Davis, where he remained on the faculty until his retirement in 1980 as a professor of vegetable crops and olericulturalist in the Agricultural Experiment Station. Jim Harrington's research interests focused on the physiology and quality of vegetable seeds. He was most well known for his studies on packaging and moisture contents of seeds in relation to their longevity. He established the relationships between ambient humidity and seed moisture content for seeds of many species and further characterized how long seeds of various species would store under various conditions without losing viability. These studies resulted in the development of a rule stating that the potential storage life of seeds doubles for every 1% decrease in seed moisture content of 10F decrease in storage temperature within certain temperature and moisture limits. This relationship is known worldwide as "Harrington's Rule" and is widely used as a guide by seedsmen when storing or shipping seeds. Jim also conducted studies on hermetic and vacuum packing of seeds to exclude moisture and extend their lifetime.

Jim worked very closely with the seed industry in California to solve problems related to the production of vegetable seeds. He was involved in the development of the hybrid vegetable seed industry and made research contributions to numerous crops. He worked closely with and served as an officer for many professional organizations, including AOSA, the California Seed Association, and the California Seed Council. ASTA presented him its award of honor for horticultural achievement in 1964 and the Pacific Seedsmen's Association named him as its "Man of the Year" in 1967. He served on the board of directors of the California Crop Improvement Association for over 30 years.

An entire generation of students learned the principles of seed production in Jim's courses at UC Davis. He also taught in specialized seed courses at other institutions, including an annual seed course at Mississippi State University. Jim Harrington is best remembered for his dedication to improving the quality of seeds. He furthered the development of the seed industry in California, helping to make it one of the premier seed production locations in the world. He assisted in the development of seed

improvement programs in many countries around the world. His studies on seed testing and seed vigor helped harmonize regulations for the international seed trade.

Jim Harrington was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and a grandson, Guy Harrington. He is survived by his three children and their spouses: daughter Sally and Leigh Holmes, son Gordon and Delia Harrington and son Mark Harrington and his wife Dixie Dursteler; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

**Martha Hatchett**  
**October 22, 1913 – May 24, 2007**

Martha Hatchett, age 93, of Urbana, IL died Thursday, May 24, at her home in Urbana. Mrs. Hatchett was born October 22, 1913, in Richmond, IN the daughter of Clifford and Edna Smith Haworth. She married Albert Herchell Hatchett of Rockford, AL on August 29, 1942, in Orlando, FL. He preceded her in death on July 25, 1986.

She is survived by a sister Catherine Bicknell of Richmond, IN, three nieces, great nieces, and nephews, surrogate grandsons and host of friends. She is preceded in death by her husband and two sisters.

Mrs. Hatchett was a graduate of Richmond High School and Earlham College. She was a seed specialist for the Illinois Crop Improvement Association for 27 years retiring on October 1, 1978. She was a member of Delta Theta Tau, enjoyed reading and was known for her cooking.

**Philena Heckert**  
**January 22, 1931 – November 23, 1996**

Philena Heckert passed away on Saturday, November 23, 1996, within a few hours after suffering an apparent stroke, while at her home in Lebanon, PA. Philena had been a botanist with the USDA AMS Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch (Federal Seed Laboratory), Beltsville, MD, for the last eight years. She was a current member of both the ISTA and AOSA tetrazolium committees.

Philena completed her formal education at Cornell University with a BS in floriculture and ornamental horticulture in 1952 and an MS in economic botany in 1955. During the 1950's she worked at the New York State Seed Laboratory and the seed laboratories of GLF Farm Cooperative, Buffalo, NY, and Fredonia Seed Company, Fredonia, NY. From 1977 to 1988, Philena was a seed analyst at the seed laboratory at Agway, Inc, Elizabethtown, PA. In 1979, she became a Registered Seed Technologist.

In 1988 she came to the USDA AMS Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch, Beltsville, MD. Besides the routine purity and germination testing that is the lot of all seed analysts, Philena shared her seed testing

expertise at the many Federal Seed Schools that she was involved in teaching. She especially enjoyed the one-on-one contact in training new analysts. And whenever extra hands were needed for field plantings, Philena was there. As a member of the AOSA tetrazolium committee, she researched, compiled, and edited the bibliography for the forthcoming revised handbook. She was a valued co-worker and friend.

True to her sense of usefulness and dedication to science, Philena's body was donated to the Hershey Medical Center. In her memory co-workers planted a blackgum tree that can be seen from the windows of the seed branch. Survivors include her husband, Robert Heckert (who shared with her in a lifelong career in seed testing) and their three daughters, son-in-law, and grandson.

**Robert M Heckert**  
**January 27, 1925 – May 24, 2002**

Robert M Heckert, 77, Lebanon, died of natural causes Friday, May 24, 2002, In Lebanon's Good Samaritan Hospital. He was the husband of the late Philena Townley Heckert, who died November 23 , 1996. Born January 27, 1925 in Dalmatia, Northumberland County, he was a son of the late John and Leah Witmer Heckert. A 1952 graduate of Penn State University, he was a seed analyst at Maryland State Department of Agriculture and an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Association of Official Seed Analysts and Alvin E Long American Legion in Herndon, Northumberland County.

Surviving are daughters Elizabeth Heckert, Anita Heckert, and Jennifer Heckert Nace, all of Lebanon; and two grandsons. He was preceded in death by brothers A Franklin and John Heckert.

**Mabel M Heidt**  
**June 15, 1906 – October 24, 1993**

**Fred Henke**  
**August 4, 1905 – August 4, 1973**

Fred Henke passed away August 4, 1973. Fred Henke joined the Society as a Junior member in 1937 while with Corneli Seed Co, St. Louis, MO. He gained Senior membership in 1940. After serving with the armed forces in World War II, he returned to St Louis as an RST with Corneli. In 1963 the operations were moved to Twin Falls, ID and in 1966 the company became Keystone Seed Company, and the headquarters were set up in Hollister, CA. Fred and his family moved to California where they had resided since. Fred passed away in a rest home after a long illness on August 4, 1973, and leaves his wife Karla of Gilroy, a stepson Carl Brand of New Mexico, and a brother Wilhelm Henke of Germany.

**Edith C Higgins**  
**July 6, 1891 – October 24, 1980**

Edith C Higgins, a charter member, died October 24, 1980, at Beatrice, Nebraska, at the age of 89. In 1922 when she assisted in forming our Society, she was a seed analyst with Peppard Seed Company, Kansas City, MO. In 1933 she resigned from the company and the Society and became an official analyst at the North Dakota State Seed laboratory where she worked for 35 years until her retirement in 1968. She was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, a member of Sigma XI, Fellow AAAS, Sigma Delta Epsilon, North Dakota Academy of Science. Edith was well respected and loved by the many SCST and AOSA members who received help and encouragement from her, although she suffered from severe health problems for many years. After her retirement she lived at Beatrice, NE.

**Fed H Hillman**  
**1863 – February 8, 1954**

Fred H Hillman, 90, noted botanist and seed expert, died February 8, 1954, at this residence in Washington DC. A past president of AOSA, Mr. Hillman was author of more than 50 seed publications, many of which are in worldwide use. Mr. Hillman served as a delegate of the US Government to the sixth Congress of ISTA.

Mr. Hillman received his Master of Science degree from Michigan Agricultural College in 1890, where later he became an instructor. Before joining the seed laboratory of the agriculture department in 1901, he was an instructor of Nevada State University.

At the time Mr. Hillman joined the staff of the US Department of Agriculture seed laboratory, seed technology was a completely new field, and he devoted a lifetime to place the identification of seeds on a sound scientific basis. His seed drawings, which are outstanding for clarity and botanical accuracy, may well be considered his most important contribution. He is perhaps best known among seed analysts for the photographic plates of these drawings, commonly known as the 15-plate set by Hillman and Henry.

Surviving Mr. Hillman are his widow, Marian Miller Hillman of Washington; a son, Francis M Hillman, of Washington; three daughters, Mrs. Katharine Yochum of Bethesda; Mrs. Margaret Martindale of Chicago; and Mrs. Dorothy Sessions of ST Petersburg, Florida; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**Mary Joyce Holcomb**  
**September 14, 1934 – January 21, 1979**

Mrs. Mary Joyce Holcomb passed away January 21, 1979. Joyce was born September 14, 1934. She began work with Hulsey Seed Laboratory in May of 1956. She took the examination to become a Registered Seed Technologist in 1964 at Rochester, New York.

She is survived by daughters: Rebecca Morris and Tammy Holcomb; a son David Hicks; her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Miller; one sister Mrs. Linda Malone; four brothers Lloyd Edson, Donald Parker, and Jim Abbott; and one grandchild Jimmy Ray Hicks.

**Willard Francis Hovde**  
**February 28, 1921 – June 9, 1997**

**Colias Jacob “Jake” Hulsey**  
**June 12, 1921 – August 26, 2014**

Colias Jacob “Jake” Hulsey, 93, of Dunwoody, GA, formerly of Avondale Estates, FA, and Duluth, GA, passed away peacefully on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Jake was born June 12, 1921, in Bayleton, AL to John Seth and Marine Hulsey. He attended high school in Starkville, MS. After graduating from Mississippi State University and obtaining a master’s degree in agronomy from the University of Missouri, Jake was invited to develop and implement a “good Seed Program” for the state of Georgia to comply with a 1944 Georgia law enacted to regulate the quality of seed sold in the state. In 1951 Jake founded his own seed testing lab, Hulsey Seed Lab, with little idea that in 2011 he would celebrate 60 years of service.

Jake, an RST, was a member of the Georgia Seed Association, the Southern Seedsmen’s association, the Western Seedsmen’s association, and the American Seed Trade Association. He received the distinguished service award from the Georgia Seed Association and was made an honorary member for his outstanding contributions to the agriculture and seed industry. The Georgia Crop Improvement Association awarded him the outstanding service award.

When arriving in Atlanta in 1944, Jake set out to find a place to live. As was customary in the war years he called on a boarding house for housing. A beautiful young brunette princess opened the door greeting Jake with a charming and welcoming smile. After several months of courtship, he proposed to the most beautiful girl in the world, Roberts Boswell. They were married November 21, 1945, and celebrated 68 years of marriage. While residing in Avondale Estates, Jake and his family enjoyed fellowship at Columbia Presbyterian Church where he was a deacon. After moving to Duluth, Jake and Roberta attended Norcross Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and assisted with beautification of the grounds. Jake and Roberta were avid golfers. He and Roberta spent many happy Sunday afternoons playing in couple’s

events at the Atlanta Athletic Club where Jake was an emeritus Heisman member. He also enjoyed boating at the AAC Yacht club for many years.

Jake was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Thelma Reed, niece Betty Ann Graham and great nephew Bobby Hulsey. Jake is survived by his wife, Roberta; children, Patricia Bridges (Al), Jerry Hulsey (Debi), Jan Daniels (Jim); brother John Seth (Sonny) Hulsey (Lucille); grandchildren, Tripp Bridges (Ramsey), Trey Daniels, Haley Daniels, Holley Jaakkola (Juha), Brooke Odom (Louette); great grandchildren, Berdie and Ford Bridges, Ava and Sophie Jaakkola and Georgia Odom; niece Selah Zweig (Dennis) and nephews John Reed (Tana), Vincent Hulsey (Sharron) and David Hulsey (Carol); great nieces Bree Lorenzo, Jenna Zweig, and Katarina Hulsey; great nephews Brandon Reed and Justin Reed; great great nieces Noah Grace and Elis Lorenzo.

**Dolores Frances Hutchins**  
**December 23, 1928 – February 1, 2009**

Dolores was born in Lebanon to Merle Pierpoint and Frank Weisner. After graduating from Corvallis high school in June of 1946, she married Maurice Charles Hutchins on December 23, 1946.

She then completed the required training for and received certification as an official and commercial seed analyst. For 22 years she worked for Oregon State University Seed Laboratory in Corvallis and Townsend Commercial Seed Testing in Tangent. In 1991 she retired as manager of the True Test Commercial Seed Laboratory in Halsey.

After retiring, she moved to Waldport and enjoyed the good life of coastal living until July of 2004. She was living in Redmond when she succumbed to a lengthy battle with cancer. Dolores was a longtime member of St. Luke's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Waldport and a recent member of St Martin's Episcopal Church in Shady Cove. She was a retired member of SCST. Dolores enjoyed her family, career, the outdoors, travel, beach combing, and photography.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice, and son, Merle. Survivors include her sons David of Prineville and Robert of Redmond; daughter Janet Hutchins of Central Point; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**John Imbirowicz**  
**July 15, 1919 – January 31, 2016**

**Rosa Gwin Irving**  
**May 26, 1928 – July 22, 2021**

Rosa Gwin “ByBy” Irving was born in Weir, MS on May 26, 1928, to John T and Vera Cobb Irving. Her survivors are her sister Anita Irving Brown and her four nephews, Tim, Mike, Craig, and Tracy Irving. She was a seed analyst for several laboratories, having started her career with Baker Seed Company in 1946. Rosa was an active member of Buntyn Presbyterian Church where she used her talents in many areas as needed. She enjoyed cooking, painting, playing Bridge, and was an avid crossword puzzle solver.

**Dr Duane Isely**  
**October 24, 1918 – December 6, 2000**

Dr Duane Isely died on December 6, 2000. Dr Isely was born on October 24, 1918, in Bentonville, Arkansas to Dwight and Blessie Elise (Dod) Isely. He had lived in Ames, IA since 1945. He grew up in Fayetteville, Arkansas, graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas in 1938, received his master’s degree in botany in 1939 and was awarded a doctorate in botany from Cornell University.

He was hired as an extension associate to help operated the fledging seed laboratory at Iowa State College in 1944. He eventually became a “distinguished professor” at ISU in the botany department. He published more than 50 papers and a textbook in the field of seed technology and nearly 20 books and laboratory manuals on weeds. In 1991, a series of biographical sketches of botanists was published as “101 Botanists.” He retired in 1989. He married Helen Sue Pearson on April 3, 1940. Following her passing, he married Mary (Holman) Faden who survives him.

**Beverly Beadles Jackson**  
**October 11, 1925 – April 7, 2019**

Beverly Sledd Beadles Jackson, 93, died April 7, 2019, at the Virginian in Fairfax. Beverly is survived by her sons, Barnett Carwile Jr “Jay” (Marilyn) and John Hunter (Lyn); grandchildren, Thomas Theopolis, Alexander Carwile and Gina Lyn; and brother, Hunter Wood Beadles Jr. She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Barnett Carwile Jackson; her parents, Hunter Wood and Mamie Foster Crump Beadles; and grandson, William Baxter Jackson. Beverly worked for the Jackson Seed Lab and obtained her RST in 1951.



**William Jackson**  
**March 19, 1908 – May 8, 1988**

On May 8, 1988, William E (Bill) Jackson died. Mr. Jackson worked for LA Green Seed Co in Nashville, TN until he retired. Bill became a Registered Seed Technologist in 1956 and served as chairman on the nominating committee in 1959; membership committee in 1959-1960; public service committee and the Editor of the Seed Tech News 1960-1963. Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife Mary of La Vergne, TN.

**Marian Jamison**  
**April 15, 1910 – March 13, 1975**

Mrs. George Jamison died at Hedrick Medical Center Thursday afternoon. She had been in failing health for four years. Marian Etheleen Newton was born April 15, 1910, in Tina, to Bert Newton and Edith Brown Newton. She attended the Bedford school and the State Teachers College in Warrensburg. August 26, 1943, she was married to George Wesley Jamison in Chillicothe. Mrs. Jamison was a housewife and a Reed's Seeds analyst. She started working for Reeds Seeds in April of 1966 and passed her RST exam in 1972. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, George; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newton; three brothers, Donald, Chillicothe; Eugene, Liberty, and Earl, Rock Island, IL, and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Tharp, Chillicothe.

**Bonnie Spalding Jenkins**  
**January 1, 1909 – May 16, 2003**

Bonnie Spalding Jenkins, 94, Kansas City, MO, passed away May 16, 2003, at North Kansas City Hospital, of pneumonia. Mrs. Jenkins was born January 1, 1909, near Eugen, MO. She was a mother of five, grandmother of nine, and a great grandmother of 11. She lived at Garden Village for 11 years and made many friends.

After 28 years as a seed analyst at Iowa State University, she retired and moved to the Kansas City area to be near her family. She was a member of St. Theresa parish. She was preceded in death by her husband, Garland; her daughter Joyce; her sister, Geraldine; her brothers, William, and Lonnie. Survivors include the immediate family, her daughter, Gaynelle Moore, and her sons, Duane, James, and Ronald Jenkins.

**Charlotte Jennings**  
**January 5, 1928 – January 13, 2008**

Charlotte Jennings, age 80, passed away January 13, 2008. She is survived by her husband William, her brother Richard, and several nieces and nephews.

Charlotte received her RST in 1958. For many years she operated her own seed laboratory, Jennings Seed Testing in St Joseph MO, retiring in 1987. Charlotte and her husband moved from Kansas City, KS to Florida in 1998.

Charlotte Jennings was President of SCST in 1985 and 1986. She also served on many committees including publicity, herbarium resolutions, and legislative committees. In 1988 she received the meritorious service award for her dedication to the Society.

**Louisa Ames Jensen**  
**1910 – July 22, 2006**

Louisa Ames Jensen of Corvallis, Oregon, died peacefully at her home on Saturday morning July 22, 2006, at 96 years old. As a young woman, she attended college in Fort Collins, Co, returned and taught school in her hometown, then on to Washington DC to begin her career. She joined the staff at Oregon State College in 1936, achieved professorship, and retired in 1971 having attained international recognition in the field of seed technology.

Louisa had an adventurous and independent spirit perhaps due to her pioneer stock. She enjoyed camping, fishing, and crabbing. She piloted her own airplane, participated in professor exchange programs to Egypt and Malaysia, enjoyed walks in the jungle, numerous river rafting trips including the Yangtze. She toured the Amazon in her eighties taking only her backpack and a walking stick.

Louisa was loved and respected by all who knew her. One of her students developed and named an orchid for her. She was no stranger to self-sacrifice, always humble and grateful. She embraced her life and those around her.

Her wish was to be cremated and placed to rest with her parents in Mancos, Co. She regularly returned to visit Mancos and the original family homestead on the edge of town. She never lost her connection with her roots in the Mancos community.

**Delmer Johnson**  
**July 6, 1915 – June 1985**

Delmer B Johnson, 69, of Magnolia, died Sunday in Beacham Memorial Hospital in Magnolia. Born July 6, 1915, in Logansport, LA, Mr. Johnson was a retired state seed analyst for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Magnolia.

Survivors include his wife Lillian Bacque Johnson of magnolia; one son Joseph A Johnson, Magnolia; three daughters, Nora Miller of Baton Rouge, LA, Carolyn Boyd of Magnolia and Mary Tanner of Summit; one sister Mamie Jones of Pelican, LA; and nine grandchildren.

**Mark Wilbur Johnson**  
**August 6, 1927 – November 21, 2014**

Mark Johnson passed away on November 21, 2014. Mark received the Meritorious service award in 1987. Mark was cited for his contributions not only to SCST but also his work as an Official Seed Analyst and Seed Control Official.

Mark began his seed testing career working with Bob Colburn at the University of Nebraska State Seed Lab while attending the University of Nebraska. His first job after graduating from Nebraska, was as assistant manager of the South Dakota State Seed Lab under Ray Kinch's direction. He obtained a master's degree in Agronomy while at SDSU. After working in Brookings six years, he was offered the position of Director of the New Jersey State Seed Lab at Rutgers University. Mark worked there for 10 years. In 1967 Mark took a position at Colorado State University as an overseas advisor in technical training for seed analysts in Nigeria. Pioneer HI-Bred hired Mark in 1968 as germination laboratory manager in the Plant Breeding Division. September 1, 1986, Mark retired from Pioneer with eighteen and a half years of service.

**Mary Koester Johnson**  
**March 17, 1926 – February 2, 2006**

Mary K Johnson, 79, died Thursday, February 2, 2006. She was born in Minneapolis on March 17, 1926, the daughter of Anton and Luella Koester. She graduated from Southwest High School and attended college at the University of Minnesota, receiving a bachelor's degree in botany. She taught school in Illinois for a year before returning to Minneapolis to work on her master's degree in biogenetics. She worked at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, in Brookhaven, NY for several years and at Northrup King Seed Company in Minneapolis.

On June 4, 1955, Mary married Mark W Johnson in Minneapolis, and they resided in Brookings, SD. After 10 years, they moved to Des Moines, IA. They remained in Des Moines, IA for 32 years. Mary became an

active volunteer for the Broadlawns Hospital Guild and Childserve, Inc. In 1999, they moved to a retirement community in Mesa, AZ before moving to Omaha in 2002. She is survived by her husband, Mark of Omaha and many nieces and nephews and friends.

**Thomas A Joseph**  
**May 30, 1929 – December 22, 2002**

Thomas A Joseph, 93, formerly of Big Beaver Borough, passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022, at Celebration Villa in Chippewa Township, PA, where he resided. Tom was born on May 30, 1929, in Monticello, IA, he was a son of the late Raymond P and Alice (Patton) Joseph. After serving two years in the US Army as a clerk typist at an Army Neuropsychiatric Clinic in Pusan, Korea, he returned to the family farm, chiefly with a desire to support the local Reformed Presbyterian Church in Hopkinton, IA. Due to his health and a realization that the church would not continue, he ended up in Kansas City, working in the laboratory of a new seed company there. A new church work had begun in Marion, IA, and he moved to that area in August 1967. That church work did not survive, and he moved again the summer of 1994 to the Beaver Falls, PA, area.

He was married on July 30, 1957, to Martha Caskey of the Clarinda, IA area. Two children were born to that marriage, William and Mary. Martha died on October 23, 2003, and he was remarried to Irma Matz on April 23, 2005. He was a member of the Hope Community Reformed Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Irma (Matz) Joseph, Chippewa Township; two children, Bill (Sandra) Joseph, Big Beaver Borough, and Mary (Bill) Graham, Lawrence, KS; five grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; a stepdaughter, Lynda Szabo, Beaver Falls; and a stepson, Mike Matz, Pisgah Forest, NC. In addition to his first wife, Martha, he was preceded in death by his brother, Raymond P Joseph.

**Oren L Justice**  
**November 11, 1907 – February 13, 1993**

Oren L Justice, 85, a government research botanist who was an international authority on rules for testing seeds, died of pneumonia, February 13, 1993, at a nursing home in Sarasota, FL. He had Alzheimer's disease.

For most of his career, as chief of the federal seed testing and seed quality laboratories, he formulated rules for uniform testing of seeds, a work that helps guarantee seed quality. He was president of ISTA and AOSA. He retired in 1974 as assistant branch chief of the field crops and animal products branch, market quality research division, Agricultural Research Service, USDA. Dr. Justice moved to Sarasota from Silver Spring, MD, after his retirement from USDA. In Florida, he was active with the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the American Association of Retired Persons, and the Gulf Gate Citizens Association.

Dr. Justice, a native of Pikesville, KY, was a graduate of Ohio University in Athens, OH, where he also received a master's degree in botany. He received a doctorate in economic botany from Cornell University. He worked at a government seed laboratory in Montgomery, AL, before moving to Washington. Dr. Justice received awards from the Agriculture Department and AOSA. In 1963, he received honorary membership with SCST, an honor that meant so much to him.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Helvia K Justice of Sarasota; two sons, Roger L Justice of Doylestown, PA, and Keith O Justice of Strongsville, OH; a sister, Amanda V Lewis of Proctorville, OH; four brothers, William Justice and Curtis Justice both of Willow Wood, OH; and Kenneth Justice and Everett Justice, both of Kitts Hill, OH, and seven grandchildren.

**Norman Kalbacken**  
**March 17, 1920 – July 11, 2002**

Norman Kalbacken, World War II veteran, husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend passed away Thursday, July 11, 2002. Mr. Kalbacken received his degree in agronomy from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1946. He was a registered seed technologist from and worked for the Wisconsin State Seed Laboratory, the Sommer Bros Seed Co, and Funks Seed International, retiring in 1985. He received the Meritorious service award from SCST the same year. Norman was the son of Peter and Thea Kalbacken and is survived by his wife Joan. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Charlotte Emery.

**Emma Jacquelin Tilman Kay**  
**June 9, 1929 – November 13, 2019**

Emma Tilman Kay, 90, of Richmond, went to be with the Lord on November 13, 2019. The widow of Leslie C Kay, she is survived by her daughter, Leslie Anne Kay. Emma received her RST in 1961.

**Dale Edward Kern**  
**July 20, 1927 – March 18, 1998**

Dale Edward Kern, 70, of Marysville and Punta Gorda, FL, died Wednesday, March 18, 1998, in Punta Gorda. He had lived in Marysville since 1954 when he moved here to found his business, Seed Technology. He was born in Colton, OH, and when he was in the fifth grade, he moved with his family from Toledo to a farm in Liverty Center where he graduated from high school in 1945.

In June 1945 he enlisted in the US Navy, serving as a ship's clerk and training as a radio technician, and was honorably discharged in July 1946. He attended the University of Toledo from 1946-1950, earning a bachelor of science degree. He did graduate work at Iowa State University in Ames.

He became an RST, working for the National Seed Testing Laboratory in Toledo before moving to Marysville. Nationally known in his field, he published many articles and was a frequent speaker at professional conferences. Dale became an RST in 1952. He served on the research committee from 1952-1955 and mechanical seal device committee from 1967-1969.

**Preston King**  
**November 26, 1923 – March 16, 1991**

Preston "Pres" King, 67, former director of Northrup King & Company and manager of the firms' farm seed department, died of cancer March 16, 1991. Preston King was the third generation of King family members to operate Northrup King, the Minneapolis based international seed company started by his great grandfather William King in 1884.

King, of Minneapolis, joined the company as an alfalfa and grain seed buyer for its California office in 1947. He spent several years at branches in Idaho, Washington, and Utah before he became the manager of the farm seed department in Minneapolis in the early 1950's.

King was president of the Minnesota Seed Dealers Association and Northern Seedsmen's Association and vice president of Minnesota Future Farmers Association Foundation. He was a board member of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association 1970-1979 and Premier Seedsman. He was an honorary member of SCST. He also advised at the University of Minnesota Crookston and was the ASTA's representative of the Canadian Seed Trade Association.

He was born in Minneapolis and graduated from Blake School there. He attended Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts, and the University of Minnesota. He served in the army during World War II.

Besides his brother William, he is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two other brothers Lyndon Jr of South Dakota and Abbott of Oregon.

**Helen Louise Griffin Knupp**  
**January 16, 1912 – December 17, 1983**

Helen Griffin Knupp died of cancer December 17, 1983, in Bakersfield, CA, where she had resided with her husband John since her retirement from Ransom Seed Laboratory.

Helen graduated from Cornell University with a BS degree, majoring in floriculture and botany. In 1937, she took a position as a seed analyst with Ransom Seed Laboratory in Los Angeles, CA and became a Senior member of SCST in 1942. In 1943, she was a member of the Research committee. Helen set a standard of excellence which is unsurpassed today. She was an active correspondent in matters of seed testing, and contributed much in ideas and support in advancing the goals of SCST. Helen resigned from seed testing in 1948 when the family moved to Bakersfield, CA.

**Cecilia M Kollack**  
**October 26, 1910 – December 19, 2006**

Cecilia M Kollack, 96, of Aviston, died Tuesday, December 19, 2006, at Countryside Manor in Aviston. She was born October 26, 1910, in Aviston, Daughter of Henry F and Mary E (Reutting) Schmuck.

She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth "Betty" Steinbach of Arlington Heights, IL; three grandchildren, Scott Steinbach and wife Darlene of Atlanta, GA, Peter Steinbach and wife Sharon of Round Lake Beach, IL and Lynn Le and husband Son of Brentwood, TN; four great grandchildren, Andre, Marcus, and William Le and Brennan Steinbach. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Frank Schmuck, Herman Schmuck, John Schmuck, Henry Schmuck, Tony Schmuck; three sisters, Theresa Schmuck, Elizabeth Karas and Anna Millaway; two brothers-in-law, Peter Karas and Ray Millaway; and four sisters-in-law, Florence Schmuck, Annie Schmuck, Ellen Schmuck and Mary Schmuck.

Mrs. Kollack was a lab director and seed analyst at Vaughans Seed Company for 35 years before her retirement. She was a member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists and served as president in 1983 to 1984. She was awarded the SCST meritorious service award in 1983.

**Katherine Howard Koos**  
**May 11, 1909 – December 13, 1997**

**Elice Lavon Kraft**  
**September 15, 1930 – May 20, 2007**

Lavon Kraft, 76, who for many years lived in Harrisburg, passed away Sunday after a long illness in Las Vegas, NM. She was born to HL and Quida B Skirvin of Harrisburg and attended both grade school and high school in Harrisburg. After graduating high school in 1948, she went on to earn an associate of arts from Stephens College in Missouri in 1952. She married Paul W Kraft on August 19, 1951, and they reared four children in Harrisburg.

Lavon was known for her many years in the grass seed industry as a registered seed technologist in the area. She collaborated with Oregon State University in Corvallis and taught for a short time in the labs at the University of California Davis. Eventually, she established her own business, Kraft Seed Lab, for several years until retiring in 1980.

A love of the Southwest culture and way of life eventually drew her to New Mexico, where she enjoyed being outdoors on the high plateaus with its clear skies and changing colors of the mountains and desert. It was here that she made her home for the last 15 years.

She is survived by children Pamela Barklow of Seattle, Barbara Kraft of Madras, Karan Malpass of Harrisburg and Peter Kraft of Nevada City, CA; brothers Bob Skirvin of Walnut Creek, CA, Dick Skirvin of Junction City and Jean Skirvin of Seattle; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

**Noella Laliberte**

**November 4, 1916 – February 20, 1989**

Noella Laliberte of Fresno, CA, died February 20, 1989. Noella began her career as a seed analyst in 1946. She worked between Montreal and Ottawa, Canada until 1955 when she moved to Chicago, IL and started working for Vaughn Seed Company. In 1958, Noella moved again this time to the Virginia Department of Agriculture in Richmond, she worked here until 1960. Germains Inc of Fresno, California was her next stop where she remained for one year. In 1961, Noella moved to Jenks-White in Salem, OR, where she wrote her RST exam. She remained here for two years then resigned in 1963.

Surviving are two brother, F Laliberte and JH Laliberte; three sisters, Gemma Laliberte, Gertrude Ferguson, and Jeanette Ramsey, all of Canada.

**Ercelle Fuller Lamb**

**June 12, 1907 – November 12, 1990**

Ercelle Fuller Lamb, 82, a retired seed analyst, died Monday night at Weakley County Nursing Home. She was married to the late Roy Lamb.

**Hada Ressler Lambert**

**July 20, 1928 – September 18, 2010**

Hada Maxine Ressler Lambert, of Woodland, died on Saturday, September 12, 2010, at Woodland Memorial Hospital at the age of 82. Born on July 20, 1928, in Centerville, IA, where she graduated from



North High School, Hada continued her education at Iowa State and received an associate of science degree. She moved to Modesto and worked for Calapproved until she married the late Rayburn G Lambert in 1967. They made their home in Seattle, WA, until moving to Woodland in 1970 where she began working for the new 28 years as a registered seed technologist for Cal/West Seeds until retiring in 1998.

Hada was honored numerous times for her many volunteer services, which are listed but not limited to, the Yolo Wayfarer Center, woodland Food Closet, Child Find of America, and Court Appointed special advocates. She will always be remembered for her selfless generosity and kindness to people in need. She was a member of the Woodland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for many years.

Hada is survived by her daughter, Lori Baker and husband Marvin Baker of Reno, NV; son Kendall G Lambert and wife Dawn Lamber of Newport, OR; sisters, Julia Gladfelter of Cedar Rapids, IA, and Rosalie Munzemaier of Gilbert, AZ; five grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband of 18 years Rayburn G Lambert.

**Mary Elizabeth Lamphier**  
**1906 – October 28, 1980**

On October 28, 1980, Mary Elizabeth Lamphier passed away at St Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto, Canada. Born in Oakville, Ontario, in 1906, Mary E Lamphier began her agricultural career in 1930 as a seed analyst with the Canada Department of Agriculture, Plant Products Division in Toronto. She joined the staff of the United Cooperatives of Ontario in May 1944, and worked there in the capacity of seed analyst and purchasing agent until the closing of the seed plant in November 1967.

Mary was a charter member of the Commercial Seed Analyst Association in Canada and served as President of that organization during 1950-1952, 1956-1957, and 1961-1963. In 1957-1958, she served as President of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. She was a member of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the Ontario Institute of Agrologists.

She was a former President and member for 50 years of the Catholic Women's League at Holy Family Church in Toronto, a former director of the Parish Credit Union, and active in the Golden Age Social Club.

**Lewis J LaPine**  
**August 30, 1897 – January 22, 1968**

Lewis LaPine, was employed by the Albert Dickinson Company, Chicago, IL from 1922 to 1957, passed away on January 22, 1968, after being in the hospital and nursing home in Appleton, Wisconsin, since November 14.

He was born in Oshkosh, WI, August 30, 1897, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1921. After 32 years, he left the Albert Dickinson Company. In 1956, he took charge of the Scott Seed Laboratory in New Albany, IN. In 1957 to take charge of the Kentuckiana Laboratory, New Albany, IN. He retired in 1962 and moved to Appleton in 1963. He joined the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists in 1940 and served as chairman of the legislative committee from 1940 to 1946; served as vice president from 1946 through 1948; was representative of the AOSA and Standardized tests committee. He also served on the seed analysts' management committee and the standard reference laboratory committee of ASTA. He compiled state seed laws for Seed World for a number of years.

Lewis LaPine was a member of the American Legion and the Congregational Church of Appleton. As a hobby, he enjoyed gardening to the fullest, and was a lifelong stamp collector.

He is survived by his wife Vera, of Appleton, and two sisters, Margaret and Josephine of Oshkosh, WI.

**Arnold Lewis Larsen**  
**September 6, 1927 – May 6, 2020**

Arnold Lewis Larsen was born on either September 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> 1927 depending on who you asked. His mother Minna (Rasmussen) Larsen and Father Lewis Christian Larsen delivered him at home and the doctor, who arrived the next day, wrote the wrong day as Arnold's birthday. Minnie and Lewis had not picked out a name for Arnold yet, so his original birth certificate in addition to having the wrong date had his name as boy no name Larsen.

His youth was spent on an 80-acre farm near Fiscus, IA. Arnold grew up witnessing great changes to agricultures in America. He started working with hoes and watched as farming moved to tractors and other machinery. He personally experienced the change of having to hand pick corn to seeing massive combines do the same job. He often bragged about graduating second in his high school class. Upon further questioning you would find out that his class only had seven kids, but he was in the top half. He went to Dana College in Blair, NE after high school. While there he caught pneumonia and was sent home. While recuperating at home he met Dorothy Ann Lauritsen who he married on June 8, 1950. On April 5, 1951, their first child was born, Roger Arnold Larsen, on August 30, 1955, their second child was born Amy Sue (Larsen) Brown.

Arnold is survived by his wife Dorothy Ann, his son Roger Arnold Larsen and wife Sally, and daughter Amy Sue (Larsen) Brown. He has three grandchildren Jessica Thressa (Larsen) Spinks her husband Joh Spinks, Sean Karl Brown, and Matthew Eric Brown (wife Katie). He also has two great grandchildren Ashlynn Julia (Larsen) Spinks and Logan Jon Spinks. He came from a family of hard chargers, his oldest brother Dr. Lawrence Larsen MD deceased (surviving wife Betty), his sister Neoma (Larsen) Steen LPN deceased, Anna (Larsen) Berg RN, Rev Dr Peter Larsen (wife Inetta) and Dr Philip Larsen PhD (wife Sandra), and brother-in-

law Don Ray Lauritsen deceased a very successful farmer (wife Joan) and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Arnold has worked several jobs throughout his life. He was a farmer, he worked in a gas station, drove a gravel dump truck, and at fifteen he drove a school bus. After he got married, Arnold and Dorothy Ann lived on two different farms but before long he wanted to go back to school where he eventually received his PhD from Iowa State University in Ames, IA. From there he took his family to Washington DC where he worked for the US Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, MD for six years. In 1970 he took his family to Fort Collins, CO where he managed the Colorado State University Seed Testing Laboratory. There he created a training program to develop and train future seed analysis that is now used nationwide. He retired from CSU, July 30, 1993.

**Frances May Dickson Lenhart**  
**January 30, 1913 – October 23, 1996**

May Dickson Lenhart, 83, of Minneapolis, MN, passed Wednesday October 23 in Minneapolis. She was born January 30, 1913, in Norwich, Iowa. She was a graduate of Shenandoah High School. May was a retired seed analyst for the Barzen Seed Company. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John Dickson and Alfred Lenhart, and her sisters and brothers. She is survived by a brother, John Fithen, and many other relatives and friends.

**Janetta A Leveque**  
**January 14, 1925 – August 29, 2005**

**Fanny Levescy**  
**November 27, 1905 – April 10, 1986**

Fanny Nunn Levescy, age 80, passed away April 10, 1986, at the Central Oklahoma Christian Home after an extended illness. She is survived by son, David A Levescy and his 3 children, David A Levescy Jr, and Shannon Renea Levescy, and Amanda Lea Levescy; daughter, Tommie A west, her 4 children, Earle West Jr, and Mary Ann Sudbury, and Elizabeth Nunn West, Paul Sowell West; 3 great grandchildren, Benjamin West, John Mack Sudbury, and Laura Sudbury; 2 sisters, Winsel Nunn Levescy, and Sarah Nunn; and a brother, James Nunn. She was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Martin, Robert, and Paul.

**Estella Linder Frawner**  
**October 29, 1921 – May 31, 2005**

Mrs. Frawner died May 31, 2005, in a Palestine hospital. She was born October 29, 1921, in Lafayette, IN to the late John and Magdalene Zink Linder. She graduated from St Francis High school, Lafayette, IN, in 1939. She worked as a seed analyst for Purdue University in the 1940's and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd Paul Frawner, Palestine; sons, Paul Frawner, Magnolia, James Frawner, Cloudcroft, NM, and Karl Frawner, Crawfordsville, IN; daughters, Cindy Jeanes, Palestine, and Donna Kelley, Boonville, IN; brother, David Linder, Lafayette, IN; sister, Catherine Mackey, Lafayette, IN; 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**Mary Ellen Loring**  
**July 29, 1951 – December 17, 2017**

Mary Loring passed away December 17, 2017, in Wheat Ridge, CO. She was 66 years old. Mary worked as dedicated Registered Seed Technologist for 30 years after graduating from the University of Colorado with a degree in botany. She was a master gardener who beautified every place she lived. She was married to Lynn Loring. They enjoyed many years together taking trips to the mountains and she assisted Lynn in his business. Mary had a quick wit and could be counted on to make others laugh and smile, even during her illness. She sent hundred of cards each year to family and friends commemorating birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays.

Mary is survived by her mother Ilene McMahan and four siblings: Charles McMahan, Theresa Evans, Bobbi Lovelace, and Jackie McPherson.

**Margaret Lothian**  
**April 21, 1967**

After a lengthy illness, our dear colleague, Margaret Lothian, passed away on April 21, 1967, at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Margaret was the first analyst in Toronto to move from the official laboratory to a commercial firm and was an analyst at Ontario Seed Cleaners & Dealers Limited until she opened her own laboratory, Seed Testing Services, in 1944. This was the first and only fully equipped commercial, independent, seed testing laboratory in Canada. She became a member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists in 1944. She served on the research committee in 1947 and the nominating committee from 1953-1957.

Of late years, her health, as well as her family responsibilities, prevented her from taking a more active part in Society activities, but she was always interested. She was a founding member of the Commercial

Seed Analysts' Association of Canada and was President from 1948 to 1950. She held many other offices in the CSAAC and was on the Executive committee without a break. Her vale to the CSAAC was immeasurable.

**Earl Lott**

**January 17, 1907 – December 16, 1973**

Earl Lott was born in Seminary, Mississippi on January 17, 1907, and passed away on December 16, 1973, at Darlington, Alabama, in a local hospital after an extended illness. Earl attended school in Seminary and later attended college at Mississippi State University where he obtained a BS degree in Rural education and then a master's degree in agronomy. He had 28 years of experience as a seed technologist and became an RST in 1952. He was employed by RE Lambert & Sons Co of Darlington, Alabama for 27 years; in fact, he was employed by them and immediately discharged from the Army in World War II. Earl is survived by his wife Elise and two sons, Charles Loft, Waterloo, IA, and John Lott, Myrtlewood, AL: four grandchildren.

**Margaret M Lux**

**August 18, 1898 – March 30, 1980**

Margaret M Lux passed away March 30, 1980, in Idaho Falls, ID. A former resident of Spokane. Survived by three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Wyona) Dryden, Spokane; Mrs. Clifford (Loretta) Clark, Blanchard, ID; Mrs. Cleo Werner, Idaho Falls, ID; one son, William D Lux, Idaho Falls, ID; 11 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, one brother, Ronald Matthews, Edmonds, WA. Affiliated with Jehovah's Witnesses. A member fo the Royal Neighbors of America.

**Clara Mangelsdorf**

**August 24, 1881 – February 29, 1980**

Clara Mangelsdorf passed away on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 1980. She retired as an RST in 1963. She became an RST in 1937 and until her retirement played a prominent role in the development of our Society. She was membership chairman from 1944 to 1948; was on the examinations committee in 1946-1947 and on the board of examiners also in 1946-1947.

During her 44 years of commercial service, Clara was in charge of the seed laboratory at ED F Mangelsdorf and Bros Company, St. Louis, MO. After her retirement she led an active life but still took time to keep in touch with her friends in SCST.

**Jolan Mari**  
**January 22, 1953 – July 6, 2020**

Jolan sadly passed away this week after a long battle with cancer and our hearts are heavy with the loss. Her marvelous work ethic and accomplishments over her 40-year career with Ball is certainly a story worth sharing. Jolan joined Ball Horticultural Company in 1977 only three months after arriving in the United States with her husband Joseph from a rural town in Croatia (then Yugoslavia). Remarkably she did not speak English when she immigrated to West Chicago, where she began work as a custodian. However, she took advantage of the Ball language facility to learn. Over the years she made the most of many opportunities, including learning about seed biology and growing with the company. She advanced to the seed testing lab in 1987 where she worked until her recent retirement.

Jolan was mentored by Franics Kwong and it was he and Ben Lacson, who encouraged her to further her career in seed testing. "One day she asked me what else she could do in the company. At that time, we were sending most of our test externally as we did not have a certified resident seed technologist. I told Jolan you can study to become an RST." Recalls Ben. Jolan took up the challenge and studied very hard for three years while continuing to work full time and became an RST in 1995.

Throughout her career, Jolan was revered for seeing obstacles as challenges and failures as setbacks rather than defeats. Her research efforts on behalf of our company and the seed industry were key to making new product ideas into realities.

Jolan lived in West Chicago with her husband of 45 years. He had recently passed as well. They raised three children, Jackie, Joseph Jr, and Elizabeth, and had two grandchildren, Erick and Morgan. In her own words during her 40-year Ball Service Awards, Jolan shared how she enjoyed her work in seed immensely even though she had been in the same department for decades.

**Harriet E Marsh**  
**October 7, 1903 – May 5, 1997**

**Mildred Pladeck Mauldin**  
**March 31, 1907 – December 7, 2000**

Mildred Pladeck Mauldin was born March 31, 1907, in Queens, NY. Through her mother, Agnes Bennewitz, Mildred Marguerite Pladeck was descended from a line of German horticulturists and florists going back several centuries. After schooling at PS 87 and New Town high School (class of 1924), Mildred attended Hunter College in Manhattan for two years, studying science and liberal arts, then transferred to Cornell University in 1926 where she completed a BS degree in life sciences. She continued there in the college of agriculture for a master's degree in economic botany in 1930.

From Cornell, Mildred went to a job in 1930 with the US Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC, where she was a seed tester and worked on botanical projects. In 1936, she went to Purdue University in Indiana to set up a seed testing laboratory and to teach this applied science. In 1937 she took a job with the USDA Soil Conservation service near San Antonio, Texas, where she designed and operated a seed testing lab.

In 1940, Mildred married an agronomist at the SCS lab, Raleigh Cecil Mauldin, a native of Texas. In 1941, with a baby due, she elected to stay home, where she began seed testing on her own. In 1946, with son John age 4, they moved to Robinson in central Texas, where she started a commercial seed testing laboratory called Southwestern Seed Service, aided by her husband, who also farmed. Their lab was one of about 100 in the US. A second son, Richard, was born in 1947. The business was carried on until 1990 when her husband died.

Mildred left a legacy of prairie conservation reserves near Waco, Texas. She had articles published in specialized botanical/agricultural journals, and she surveyed and recorded local native species. In the 1970's and 1980's she also wrote locally shared poetry. It often reflected on nature, her highest calling. Her life concluded December 7, 2000, in Texas.

Memberships included: American Association for Advancement of Science, American Institute of Biological Sciences, Society of Commercial Seed Technologists, Association of Official Seed Analysts, Texas Native Prairie Association, and a local poetry society. Mildred Pladeck Mauldin is survived by two sons, John Hugo Mauldin in Colorado, and Richard Pladeck Mauldin in Texas.

**Christina Isabel McArthur**  
**November 15, 1976**

Christina McArthur was an analyst at the government laboratory in Toronto from 1945 until 1951 when she left to marry John McArthur. She joined commercial ranks then with Margaret Lothian, Seed Testing Services. Two years later she became a senior analyst with the AE McKenzie Co, Toronto. Immediately upon becoming a commercial analyst she had joined the Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada as a senior member. In 1958, she passed the RST examination at Montreal. Her firm closed its Toronto plant in 1969 and Chris was forced to resign from SCST and CSAAC. Shortly thereafter she rejoined government service in Toronto where she was employed until her fatal illness.

Chris served on several of our committees and attended many yearly conferences. She had completed arrangements to go to the 1976 Hershey meeting but instead had to enter the hospital for an operation. During the summer she seemed to be getting better, but it was not to be, and she passed away in the hospital on November 15, 1976.

In addition to her interest in SCST, Chris was a prominent member of CSAAC. During her 18 years as a commercial analyst, she held many offices and was in her second year as President when she resigned as

she was no longer employed commercially. In recognition of her worth and continuing interest in CSAAC, she was appointed an honorary member in 1969.

**David Stanley McClure**  
**April 26, 1925 – June 7, 2021**

**Merlin Edward Wellington McCoy**  
**December 10, 1942 – November 4, 1994**

Merlin McCoy passed away November 4, 1994, of natural causes. Merlin was born December 10, 1942, at Prineville, OR. He attended school in the Prineville area. After graduating from high school, he joined the US Army and served as a shipping clerk. After serving his country he returned to Oregon.

His training in seed testing began at True Test Seed Lab in 1982 at Junction City, OR. Transferring to the Halsey Lab in March 1984. Completing his training and becoming an RST in 1986. Merlin moved to Imler, OR in 1986 and worked for Boise Cascade several years. Returning to seed testing in 1988 as lab manager for Allied Seed at Nampa, ID>

He is survived by 5 brothers, 3 sisters, and preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

**Kathleen L McKillen**  
**December 11, 1915 – August 23, 1996**

Kathleen Lee McKillen, 80, of Modesto died Friday at English Oaks Convalescent Hospital. Mrs. McKillen was a native of El Centro. She lived in Modesto 30 years. She was a registered seed technologist at Ferry-Morse Seed Co, Mountain View, later moving to Modesto to establish and the seed testing laboratory for FMC Corp, Niagara Seed Division. She retired in 1980.

**Joseph Merkel**  
**June 26, 1902 – January 16, 2000**

Joseph Merkel died Tuesday, January 16, 2000, in Heartland Health Care Center, Henry. Joseph was born June 26, 1902, in Winslow, IN to Casper and Anna (Brang) Merkel. He married Blanche Kregl on November 20, 1954, in Chicago.



He was employed for 44 years as seed technologist for the Albert Tickinson and Rudy Patrick Seed Companies of Chicago, Kansas City, and Princeton. He was a member of St Louis Catholic Church and the national and local chapters of AARP. He was a life member of the Central States Numismatic Society and the American Numismatic Association. He was a past secretary/treasurer and president of the Bureau County Coin Club and for many years was the program chairman of the Bureau County Camera Club.

Survivors are two brothers, John of Arlington Heights and Clarence of Chicago; two sisters, Marie Ott and Dorothy Merkel, both of Arlington Heights; two nieces; and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife on March 8, 1996; four brothers and one sister.

**Mildred Henry Miller**  
**March 17, 1909 – March 29, 1979**

Mildred H Miller, 70, died Thursday morning at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center. She was a native of Paris, Arkansas, and lived here since 1939. She was the owner-operator of Tallahassee Seed Laboratory, was a member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists and was the only registered seed technologist in Florida. Prior to opening her own laboratory for a short time, she was in the State Laboratory in North Carolina and then was the head of the State Seed Laboratory in Florida for several years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, John H Miller of Tallahassee; a son John H Miller II of Atlanta; a daughter, Jean Trott of Atlanta; two sisters, Lillian Walker of Tallahassee, and Lorene Wilson of Wakulla; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**June Lois Mondeng**  
**June 13, 1935 – December 7, 2019**

June Lois Mondeng, age 84, of Minneapolis, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 7, 2019. June was born June 13, 1935, to the late Robert and Mina (Tritt) Mondeng. June was retired from Northrup King where she was a registered seed technologist. After retirement June worked at Holy Triune Lutheran Church.

June is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Joyce and Arden Swanson, two nieces Sandra (Richard) Henkalin, Kathleen (Cary) Serif, and one nephew David (Sandra) Swanson, three great nephews and one great great nephew.

**Gilbertine Douglass Moore**  
**May 21, 1914 – July 30, 2008**

Gilbertine Douglass Moore, 94, of Franklin died on July 30, 2008, at her residence.

The Simpson County native was a former owner of Franklin Seed Lab and a philanthropist. She was a graduate of Franklin High School and the recipient of the RH Moore Loving Cup, awarded to the best all around student. She attended Ward-Belmont College and graduated from Vanderbilt University. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, a founder and member of the Friends of Gladys Taber, an author, artist, and an avid supporter of the arts and the opera. She was a daughter of the late Randolph Gilbert Moore and Essie Douglass Moore. She was the granddaughter of the late RH Moore, founder of RH Moore Drug Co.

Survivors include three cousins, Roland Willock of Bowling Green and King and Robert Rogers both of Memphis, TN; and several close friends.

**Dr. Robert Parker (RP) Moore**  
**January 30, 1912 – October 11, 2000**

Dr. Robert “Bob” Moore, 82, retired professor at North Carolina State University, Department of Crop Science, died, Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Dr. Moore was born to the late Oscar Moore and Lulu Tansey on a farm owned by the Pawnee Indians near Blackburn, OK.

He earned a BS at Oklahoma State University, a MS at Iowa State University, and a PhD at Ohio State University. He has authored over 300 articles on seed quality and the diagnosis of seed disturbances and is most noted for his “pursuance of excellence” in TZ testing. Besides being a well published and respected scholar, teacher, and researcher in the field of crop science. Dr. Moore was well known for his loving service to all that he knew. In addition to fixing things for people, he provided everyone an abundance of vegetables, roses, and enthusiastic support.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mable Nordstrom Moore; sons, Glen and Steve; grandchildren, Amanda Moore, Mary Ripley, Michelle Coghil, and Rick Smith; and brothers, Paul and Harold. He was predeceased by his first wife of 54 years, Ruth Findley Moore.

**Albina Musil**  
**December 25, 1890 – March 27, 1979**

Albina F Musil, cherished honorary member, died March 27, 1979, at Edina, MN after a battle with cancer. She was unanimously voted to honorary membership in 1954.

Miss Musil received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska in 1927. She began her work with the US Department of Agriculture in 1928 as a botanist in the Federal Seed Laboratory at Washington, DC. In 1938, she transferred to the Agricultural Research Service, but in 1950 returned to the Federal Seed Laboratory at Beltsville, MD from which she retired in 1961.

Miss Albina Musil and her work were well known, and a detailed account is hardly necessary. She has made outstanding contributions in several areas of seed testing and was generally acknowledged as the final authority in seed identification in the United States.

Her contributions to the advancement of research in seed technology is manifested by the twenty or more publications based on original research. Also, she had prepared and released numerous seed keys for various skids and other guides useful to analysts in seed identification. Miss Musil was in almost daily contact with analysts, aiding them in seed identification problems. Aside from her usual full schedule, she promoted the interest of AOSA directly by serving on such important committees as the rules committee, the standardization tests committee, and a chairperson of a special committee on noxious weed seeds.

Miss Musil contributed significantly to education in seed technology through direct instruction and publication. Since 1951, she had conducted a total of 50 federal seed schools throughout the United States.

Miss Musil was held in high esteem as a counselor of experience, knowledge, and wisdom in the field of seed technology. She has given freely of herself, at times under conditions which drew heavily upon her physical resources. These services were rendered willingly, cheerfully, and with untiring effort.

**Lucy Morton Neill**  
**September 7, 1910 – November 7, 1996**

Mrs. Lucy Morton Neill, a retired botanist, died Thursday, November 7 in Richmond, VA. She was 86. Born September 7, 1910, in Charlotte, CH, VA, the daughter of Lucy Watkins Morton and John Flood Morton she received a BS degree from William and Mary and an MA from Cornell University. She served 20 years with the Virginia State Department of Agriculture, two years with the US Department of Agriculture, and 20 years as supervisor of the seed laboratory for Southern States Coop. She retired in 1975. She served on the executive board and as President of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists and was presented with the Meritorious service award in 1975. She was a delegate to the International Seed Testing Conference in Warsaw, Poland.

She is survived by nephews, John F Morton Jr, Charles C Morton, three great nephews, a great great nephew, a sister-in-law, Mrs. JF Morton in New Orleans; a great niece and great great nephew in Tuscaloosa, AL; a great niece and great great nephew in Atlanta, GA, and Mr. and Mrs. Howson W Cole of Richmond.

**Mary Frances Nelson**  
**December 24, 1912 – June 3, 1988**

Mary Frances Nelson, 75, of Kansas City, MO, passed away on June 3, 1988. Mrs. Nelson was a seed analyst for the Rudy Patrick Seed Co and lived in this area most of her life. Mrs. Nelson is survived by a brother and one sister.

**Clay McTyre Newkirk**  
**August 29, 1903 – November 30, 1987**

Clay McTyre Newkirk, age 84, of Phoenix, AZ, formerly of Nashville, TN, died on November 30, 1987, after a long illness. Mr. Newkirk, a retired RST became a member in 1940 and worked for Nashville Seed Lab, Nashville, TN. Clay was on the public service committee in 1946-1948, legislative chairman 1949-1952, editorial committee in 1950-1951, and the membership 1955-1956 and 1958-1959.

Mr. Newkirk is survived by his two daughters, Rozena N Reams, Nashville, and Betty Jane N Massey, Phoenix, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Irene Nims**  
**August 24, 1884 – April 13, 1972**

Miss Irene K Nims, 87, died early this morning at her home. Miss Nims made her home with a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bradshaw.

Miss Nims was born in Cosby but had lived in St. Joseph most of her life. She was the daughter of the late Nathan and Ella Higgins Nims. Prior to her retirement, Miss Nims had worked for 40 years as a seed analyst for the Mitchelhill Seed Co. She had been a member of the Woodson Chapel Christian Church for 50 years and served as superintendent of the children's department and taught many Sunday School classes.

She was a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship and had been treasurer of Circle No 2 of the church. In addition to Mrs. Bradshaw, Miss Nims is survived by one brother, Harry Nims, Kansas City; another niece, Mrs. Fred Schoenlaub Sr, St. Joseph, and several other nieces and nephews.

**Elva Lovina Norris**  
**October 7, 1894 – February 13, 1963**

The death of Dr. Elva Lovina Norris at the age of 69 in Fresno, CA in February has ended a long and active career in seed science. After a long illness, which terminated in a Fresno hospital.

Elva joined the Society in 1950 soon after becoming senior seed technologist at Germain's Incorporated, Fresno, CA. Before this she had a distinguished career as a botanist and official seed analyst. She studied for her BA Degree at Wesleyan College, Lincoln, NE; for MA degree at the University of Wisconsin; and PhD degree at the University of Nebraska. She served as state seed analyst for Nebraska from 1934 to 1938. From 1938 to 1946 she was the state seed analyst for Kansas. From 1946 to 1948 she was the official seed analyst for the state of Georgia and in 1948 she established a seed testing laboratory for the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, Nashville, TN.

Her most notable activities were the presidency of the Society of Commercial Seed analysts. A native of Iowa, she received her PHD from the university of Nebraska. She was a member of several learned societies in science. Her career in seed testing extended over a 38-year span.

Survivors: brother, Howard L Norris, Laurel, and one sister.

**Barbara Ann Viet Notman**  
**November 6, 1935 – April 6, 2021**

**Donna Notman**  
**January 2, 1938 – December 5, 1999**

Donna M Notman, 61, died Sunday at Baptist Hospital East. She was a native of Indianapolis, a registered seed technologist for Kentuckiana Seed Laboratory and a bookkeeper for Lewis Seed Co.

Survivors are sons Rick Dangler and Brian Notman; her mother, Catherin L Griffey; brothers Joseph V Borden and Terry L Griffey; sisters Sandra Lawton and Lorena DePue; and three grandchildren.

**Gabriel E Nutile**  
**February 28, 1913 – June 2, 1966**

Gabriel "Gabe" Nutile, 55, died Monday morning at the Magic Valley Memorial Hospital of a short illness. "Gabe" as he was known to his many friends, was born February 28, 1913, in North Haven, CT. He attended Massachusetts State College, 1934-1935, going to the University of Connecticut in 1935-1938 where he

received his BS in Botany. He joined the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and in 1938-1939 did graduate work at Cornell. In 1939-1940 he was a botany assistant at Yale University. From December 1940 until his death on June 2, 1966, he was chief analyst and manager of the germination laboratory of the Asgrow Company.

In June 1944, he married Louise Clearmont. In June 1953 Gabe became the manager of the Asgrow Research laboratory. He filled this position until September 1960 when he became the director of the germination and seed physiology laboratory for the company at Twin Falls, ID.

Gabe was president of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists 1946-1949. He was very active throughout his career as seed technologist, acting on legislative, research, standardized test, board of examiners, nominating committee, and as membership, and publicity chairman. In short, where there was work to do you could count on Gabe being in there with what it took to get the task done. He recently received the Meritorious service award from the Society.

He leaves his wife Louise, a daughter Jean, 20, who is a student at the University of Idaho, as well as a son, Stan, A Twin Falls, ID high school student.

**Louise C Nutile**  
**February 4, 1917 – January 23, 2002**

Louise C Nutile, 84, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, January 23, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center. Louise was born February 4, 1917, in Cincinnati, OH, to John and Mabel Clermont. She had a marvelous childhood growing up in a large house overlooking the Ohio River. She attended Western Hills high school in Cincinnati, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Cincinnati in 1939 with a degree in botany. After college, Louise worked as a seed analyst in Cincinnati for McCullough Seed Co and later for Asgrow Seed Co in Connecticut.

In 1944, she married Gabriel Nutile of North Haven, CT, and in 1953 they and their two children moved to Idaho; Louise quickly developed a fondness for her new home which she christened "the jolly old desert."

In the basement of the Nutile home on Piece Street, Louise operated her own business, Western Seed Testing Service, where she tested the purity and germination of seeds for local firms and sold specialized seeds for use in high school biology classes. For years she was a member of the Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday school there during the 1950's. An avid gardener, Louise was a longtime member of the Twin Falls Garden Club and a member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists.

Never a boring soul, Louise once played the role of dragon during Mother's weekend at the University of Idaho, chasing her daughter's friends through the dorm hallways while blowing smoke out her nose. She had a unique way with words both in writing and in conversation. She would say "greetings" when she met you and "Cherrio" when you left, and "Ye gods!" when something surprised her.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gabe; and sisters, Virginia Adams and Jean Knudsen. She is survived by her son Stan (Trudi) of Twin Falls; daughter, Jean of Emmett; sister, Dorothy (Walter) Adams of Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Donald Ogawa**  
**April 14, 1952 – September 27, 2022**

Donald Ogawa, 70, of Caldwell, ID, passed away at his home on September 27, 2022, following a multi-year battle with cancer. Don was born April 14, 1952, in Nampa, ID. He graduated from Middleton High School in 1970. He attended Boise College for a time. Early in his career he managed the Karcher Ranch Market, worked for Idaho Sand and Gravel, Max Lewellin Insurance, and several Iseri Insurance in Ontario, OR. Most of his career was spent as a registered seed technologist employed by the Crookham Company from where he retired in 2017.

Don't lifetime interests were fishing, hunting, bowling, and community service. He treasured the countless fishing trips with his close friends and family. He enjoyed bird hunting and traveled to participate in countless regional bowling tournaments. His community involvement was extensive. He donated considerable effort and resources to the creation of the Caldwell Japanese Densho Garden. He was extremely dedicated to the Caldwell Exchange Club for roughly four decades. Over the years, he also participated in the Caldwell Jaycees, Caldwell Independent Insurance Agents Association, Coalition for Agriculture's Future, and the Caldwell Chamber of Congress helping coordinate the annual agriculture tour.

Don is survived by his mother, Lilly Yamaki; stepmother Judi Ogawa; brothers Ed Ogawa and Jeff Zmuda (Cheryl); sisters June Ogawa, Kapri Zmuda, and Wendi Zmuda-Scott; daughter Melissa McGladrie (Randy); grandchildren Tanner (Brooke), Kyle, Ryan, and Hannah McGladrie. Also Cecilia Hiatt; Anthony Ogawa; Alexander McMains (Kuemei); Kristi Hendry (Rolando); Trina, Reyna (Robert); Marcus Ogawa. As well as Aunt Ida Ogawa, Uncle Tom Ogawa, and Uncle Ken Ogawa (Yuki); beloved friends and dozens of cousins.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Mos Ogawa; stepfather Bill Yamaki; Uncles and Aunts: Todd Ogawa, Yosie Ogawa, Fumi Ogawa, Mary and Tommy Miyasaki, Tak and Emmy Ogawa, May Ogawa, Short Fujikawa, Shiz and Irene Fujikawa, and June and Nancy Fujikawa; Cousin Wendy Fujikawa; and close friend Richard "Dick" Jones. He embraced the concept that families are forever. His generosity and willingness to serve his family and community will be greatly missed.

**William Wells Opper**  
**February 23, 1902 – January 8, 1985**

Wells lived at home in Wauwatosa Wisconsin before his death in a Milwaukee hospital on January 8, 1985, at the age of 81. He was born in Madison on February 23, 1902, the son of William A Opper and Mabel Wells Opper. He attended Brayton and Wisconsin High Schools, and the University of Wisconsin. For many

years he was associated with Courteen and later Teweles Seed Companies of Milwaukee, until his retirement. He married Irene Mikkelsen who died in July 1983. A son Thomas Bennett Oppel, died in 1972.

Mr. Oppel was a member and officer of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists obtaining his RST in 1937 and of the Optimist Club. Mr. Oppel's service to the Society was as follows: research committee chairman 1938-1942; first vice president 1940-1942; president, 1942-1944; legislative committee chairman 1946-1947 and 1949-1950; public service committee 1946-1948, nominating committee 1945-1946 and 1960-1961; editorial committee 1950-1952; membership 1956-1959; and resolutions 1967. In 1971 he received the Meritorious Service award.

He is survived by a son, Theodore Wells Oppel of Dallas, TX; a brother Dr. Theodore Wright Oppel, of New Rochelle, NY; a sister, Mrs. Catherine Crocker of Madison and their children and grandchildren.

**Geraldine Lindahl Ottosen**  
**July 10, 1919 – November 16, 2015**

Geraldine Lindahl Ottosen, age 96, died November 16, 2015. Gerry received her RST in 1962 and started Valley Seed Laboratory in Junction City, OR. She later became the owner-operator of True-Test Commercial Labs, employing and training many seed analysts in her career, including her daughter Zoe Callahan.

Gerry was involved in the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists and served as secretary/treasurer in the 1980's. She received the SCST Meritorious service award in 1989, the year she retired from seed testing. Gerry was very active in Oregon Women for Agriculture, serving as president in 1971-1972. She was a charter member and organizer of American Agri-Women, a national organization with roots in Oregon Women for Ag and other like organizations across the United States. Gerry was named to the executive board of the Oregon Agri-Business Council in 1976. She served on the Lane County Rural Improvement Council and the Lane County Vegetation Management Advisory Committee. She was awarded the Diamond Pioneer Award by the Oregon State University College of Agricultural sciences in 1999. This award is given to "...honor people whose lifetime contributions to agriculture, natural resources, and the people of Oregon and/or Oregon State University have been significant."

**Goldie V Oxley**  
**July 18, 1889 – June 5, 1968**

Goldie V (Sally) Oxley, Registered Seed Technologist, passed away June 5, 1968, in California. Her home was in St. Joseph, MO where she worked several years for Mitchelhill Seed Company. Before going to St. Joseph, MO, Sally was employed by the Rudy Patrick Seed Company, Kansas City, MO. She retired from



the position March 29, 1961. Sally worked for twelve years as an official analyst at the Illinois State Laboratory, Springfield, IL.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John T Oxley in 1925. She is survived by one son and daughter.

**Eileen Pacier**  
**December 23, 1946 – July 30, 2013**

Eileen worked as a registered seed technologist for Ferry Morse and Del Monte before returning to San Jose State for her master's degree in biology. She taught at De Anza Jr College for 15 years. Eileen worked briefly for the National Park Service in Yosemite which inspired her interest in the outdoors. She enjoyed camping in the desert, exploring tide pools, California native plant gardening, folk music, reading, and sewing. Upon retirement, she enjoyed drawing and painting in local art classes and served as a docent at the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum. She was honored for the most docent volunteer hours at the museum in 2012.

**Billie Jean Patterson**  
**January 18, 1930 – January 21, 2011**

Billie Jean Patterson died on January 21, 2011, at Marietta, Georgia. She was born in 1930 in Van Arsdell, Mercer County, Kentucky the daughter of the late Andrew Garnett and Eula Chilton Patterson. She graduated from Harrodsburg High School in 1949. In the 1960's Jean studied to be a Certified Seed Analysts and from there began her career with the Department of Agriculture in Memphis. While living in Memphis, Miss Patterson volunteered more than 1,000 hours at the Veterans Hospital. In the early 1990's she moved to Tifton, Georgia to work as a lead seed analyst at the Tifton Seed Lab. She was highly regarded for her seed identification abilities especially with grass species. She retired from the Georgia Department of Agriculture in 2004.

Jean is survived by two sisters Helen Tracy of Grand Island, NE, and Beatrice Tatum of Harrodsburg; 11 nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews.

**Ethel Ely Pattison**  
**December 31, 1888 – August 14, 1959**

Mrs. Ethel Ely Pattison, 69, a retired seed analyst of international fame died Friday, in East Haddam, CT, after a long illness. Mrs. Pattison founded the International Seed Service, importers, exporters, and developers of agricultural seeds for all purposes. Between two World Wars, she became prominent as an adviser to the Soviet Union on what types of crops and hybrids to plant. She was a charter member of SCST.

**Helen Baker Peebles**  
**January 21, 1877 – January 16, 1960**

Mrs. Helen Baker Peebles, age 82, on Saturday, January 16, 1960, at the Cartright Nursing Home, Wanesburg, PA; mother of Walter S, Mrs. Elizabeth McKinney; sister of Mrs. Arthur Curtis and Walter S Baker. She was a charter member of SCST.

**Margie Aileen Peterson**  
**June 18, 1910 – August 19, 1965**

Margie Peterson passed away August 19, 1965, age 55, on Thursday. She had been in poor health for the last two years but had worked up to two weeks before her death. She was a registered seed technologist for 13 years, and had worked in the seed laboratory at Northrup, King & Co, Minneapolis for over 36 years.

She is survived by a sister Miss Clarine E Peterson and a brother Glenn F Peterson; 2 nieces, Jewell and Cheryl Peterson.

**Walter Carl Pfaender**  
**November 27, 1894 – October 1, 1960**

Mr. WC Pfaender became ill while visiting with relatives at New Ulm, MN, where he was born and reared and passed away on October 1.

Mr. Pfaender was the former assistant chief of the Seed Branch, Grain Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, at Beltsville, MD, and was voted Honorary membership in the Association of Official Seed Analysts last July. He was past president of the Association of Official Seed Analysts and was a charter member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. Mr. Pfaender retired from government service in July 1958 after being employed approximately 20 years in the seed branch. Previously he had been employed by the Albert Dickinson Company in Chicago for approximately 20 years as a seed analyst.

Since retirement he worked at a local hospital, enjoyed boating, fishing, and his cottage on the Chesapeake Bay. He and his wife Myrtle, traveled extensively during the past two years, including a trip to Mexico City and two visits to the Western states.

**Marian W Phillips**  
**January 20, 1935 – October 17, 2008**

Marian W Phillips, 73, of Franklin, Died October 17, 2008, at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. The Nashville native was born January 20, 1935. She was a member of the first class to graduate from Harpeth Hall High School in Nashville in 1952. She obtained her bachelor's degree from University of Kentucky in 1956 with a double major in English and history.

While still in college, Marian began testing seed at the Franklin Seed lab and worked at Farmers Elevator. She became a registered seed analyst and bought Franklin Seed Laboratory from Gilbertine Moore in 1966. She ran this business, the only commercial seed laboratory in the state, for more than 25 years.

She began a second career in 1981 as a charter member of the Franklin-Simpson Community Arts Council, serving as its executive director for the last 20 years. In addition to the arts council, she was a leader in many civic and community activities. She was a past member and past chairman of the board of directors of the Goodnight Library and past president and treasurer of the Friends of the Goodnight. She was an active participant in the Franklin Rotary Club and District Rotary and was twice designated as a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition for her services to Rotary. She was a longtime, active member of Franklin First United Methodist Church, presently serving on the finance committee. Marian was a past president of the Franklin Business and Professional Women's chapter, of which her mother was a charter member.

Marian was an accomplished equestrian and exercised a lifelong passion for horses. As a child and continuing into her teens, she showed five-gaited horses at competitions throughout Tennessee and Kentucky, amassing scores of awards, trophies, and ribbons. As a young girl, she competed at the World's Championship Five-Gaited Horeshow in Louisville, and she attended that show annually for more than 60 years.

She was the daughter of the late Marion Williams and Bernice Humphrey Williams. Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Joe M Phillips; two sons, Ben Phillips and Sam Phillips and his wife, Audrey, all of Franklin; two stepchildren, Cathey Ware and her husband, Dan, of Franklin and John Philips and his wife, Susan, of Louisville; and four grandchildren, Isabelle Phillips, Seth Phillips, Witt Phillips, and Jack Phillips.

**Merle Pierpoint**  
**December 12, 1908 – December 12, 1967**

The Oregon State University Seed Laboratory is saddened by the death of Merle Pierpoint on December 12, 1967. She had been on the staff of the Farm Crops Department of Oregon State University for 30 years in charge of the germination section of the seed laboratory. She was a dedicated seed analyst whose professional advise will be missed in the germination and tetrazolium sections of the seed lab. She had an outstanding ability to observe fine details in seeds and correlate these details with the ability of the seed to germinate. She was an outstanding seed artist and had drawn many pictures of seeds showing their diagnostic characteristics which could be used in identification.

**Annie Pierson**  
**October 1, 1904 – December 17, 1994**

**Eve Pyfer**  
**February 25, 1906 – April 21, 1993**

Eve Pyfer, a former Corvallis resident, died April 21, in Gresham. She was 87. She was born to Herman Schmidt and Lillian Smith in Chicago. She studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and at Hull House as a student of established artists in the Chicago area. Moving to Corvallis from Texas in 1945, she was a founding member of the Corvallis Art Guild, taught art classes, and held numerous exhibits in Albany and Corvallis.

She was active in the Corvallis Garden Club, and her block long flower bed at Samaritan Village was featured in a 1985 Gazette Times article. She was a registered seed analyst who worked for the Oregon State University seed lab for several years before retiring.

Survivors include her son, Diehl Mackey-Pyfer; daughter, Holly Pankow; and two granddaughters.

**Joseph Roger Reed**  
**March 19, 1929 – May 31, 2023**

Roger was born March 19, 1929, in Ville Platte, LA. Roger was a 1945 graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Ville Platte. He attended SLI now ULL and received a BS degree in Agronomy in 1948. He was a Registered Seed Technologist, holding membership in the Society of Commercial Technologists. He was employed with Guaranty Seed Co in Bunkie, LA for eight years, and moved to Alexandria in 1960. He

continued his career with Alexandria Seed Co Inc managing their quality control seed testing laboratory for 36 years. Roger was a member and past president of the Louisiana Seedman's Association.

While in Alexandria, he was an active member of St Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 13505, and he was also involved in the Nursing Home ministry for 20 years. Other organizations he volunteered his time were as past president of Holy Savior Menard Athletic Association and past president of the Rapides Senior Choice Club. He enjoyed his 18 years coaching youth baseball with the Little League and Dixie Majors programs. The best times were spent duck hunting on Catahoula Lake, fishing at Toledo Bend, and days spent in his bountiful garden.

Roger is preceded in death by his loving wife of 72 years, Jean Duos Reed, his son Daniel Roger Reed, his great granddaughter Abby Christine Reed, mother Pearl Thibodeaux, father John Reed, stepfather Rodney Thibodeaux, stepbrother Goldman Thibodeaux, stepsister Ramona T Richard, and half-brother Kenneth Reed.

Those left to cherish the memories are his children and their spouses, Christine R Maxwell and husband Scotty, John Archer Reed and his wife Jackie, Stephen Craig Reed, Jennifer R Lawrence and husband Wynn, Vicki R Durham and husband Jay, and daughter-in-law Becky Reed. The ten grandchildren and their spouses who lovingly called him Papa Roger are: Catherine M McDaniel (Malloy), Angie M Burris (Sidney), Marcie Maxwell, David Reed (Stephanie), Matthew Reed, Michael Reed (Ashley), Kimberly R Sijm (Bas), Emily L Eberts (Scott), Eric Lawrence (Jordan), and Sara D Foshee (Josh). Papa Roger loved his great grandchildren: Maxwell McDaniel, Murphy McDaniel, Vidrine McDaniel, Elizabeth Burris, Ryan Reed, Julianne Reed, Maggie Reed, Caroline Reed, Clara Reed, Juliette Reed, Isla Reed, Jucoby Sijm, Ivory Sijm, Ellajay Sijm, Carrie Eberts, Hilton Foshee, and Harper Foshee. Roger is also survived by his brother Keith Thibodeau and spouse Catherine and many nieces and nephews.

**Harley Miller Reeder**  
**December 27, 1908 – July 21, 1996**

**Frances Marion Reynolds**  
**August 25, 1917 – October 1, 2003**

Frances Marion Reynolds, 86, of West Lafayette, died Thursday, October 1, 2003, in St Elizabeth Medical Center. Born July 25, 1927, at Anderson, she graduated from Anderson High School and attended Purdue University for a year. She lives in this area for most of her life. Miss Reynolds was a first sergeant in the WACS from 1941 to 1945, in New Guinea and the Philippines. She later was a long-distance operator, then was a seed analyst for 15 years at Northrup King Seed Co.

Surviving are two nephews and two cousins. She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Steele.

**Graydon Robinson**  
**January 25, 1952 – January 30, 2013**

Graydon Robinson, 61, of Kennewick, WA, passed away at his home surrounded by family on January 30, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born January 25, 1952, in Boise, ID to Llewellyn and Effie Robinson. He married Gil Newby in 1978. They had four children together and opened their home and hearts to six adopted children. Graydon is survived by 11 grandchildren, his mother, 5 brother, 3 sisters, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Graydon served in the Navy during the Vietnam War before working in the agricultural industry for 38 years. Graydon started his career at the WA State Department of Agriculture in the grain inspection division. After 21 years as a grain inspector and area manager, he transferred to the seed inspection program in Yakima, WA in 1997. For the next 8 years as program manager, he was responsible for the state seed laboratory, seed certification program, and was the seed control official for Washington state.

After leaving the department in 2004, he and his wife Gail opened Agri-Quality Testing, Inc, the first and only private seed testing lab in Washington. Graydon was committed to serving the needs of the industry and actively engaging in regional and national seed organizations. In 2011, he became an accredited member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists when he earned the title of Certified Viability Technologist. Graydon personified the high professional standards and commitment to improving seed technology that was the foundation of SCST. He was a true gentleman and valuable asset to the Society.

**Margaret Louise Rochford**  
**April 19, 1891 – November 21, 1970**

**Suzanne Roemer Reeve**  
**May 13, 1919 – April 13, 1996**

Suzanne B Roemer Reeve, 76 of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, April 13, in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. She was a native of Lafayette. Surviving are her husband, Bill H Reeve, a daughter, Sue Ann Clymer, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Florence Bell and Ruth Brooks, both of Lafayette, and Phyllis Tarnow of Indianapolis, and a brother Donald Bray of Brazil.

**Mildred Witt Romich**  
**July 7, 1917 – September 4, 1978**

**Catherine Rumble**  
**September 21, 1902 – May 21, 1973**

**Blanche Russell**  
**January 12, 1897 – March 20, 1972**

Mrs. Blanche Russell, 75, f Clarinda passed away at her home Wednesday evening where she operated her seed laboratory. She and her husband had also operated a secondhand store at the same location.

She was born January 12, 1897, near Clarinda, the daughter of Ottawa and Hattie McNutt Russell. For many years she was employed at Berry seed Co for 30 years and later had her own laboratory in her home. She became an rST in Rochester in 1964.

Mrs. Russell is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Norine) Orr of Phoenix, AZ, a daughter in law, Mrs. Jeanne Russell of Front Royal, VA, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer in November 1971, son Thurman in May 1971, and one grandchild.

**Mary K Ryman**  
**December 13, 1899 – December 10, 1974**

Mary K Ryman, Registered Seed Technologist, retired, who passed away December 5, following complications after surgery, would have been 75 years of age. She was born December 13, 1899, in Hamlet, Illinois. Her education included attendance at Iowa State College (University) at Ames, IA and Oregon State University at Corvallis, OR.

Mary's long seed career began in 1939 when she attended seed school at Corvallis. Her early training and encouragement were under the supervision of Mrs. Helen Fulton. After completing her training, she was employed by the Lilly Seed Company in Albany for several years. She came to Forest Grove in April 1947, to establish and equip the seed laboratory for EF Burlingham & Sons and became their first seed technologist. She became a senior analyst in 1949 at the annual meeting held in Corvallis and immediately became involved in Society activities. In 1956, Mary became membership chairman and served in that capacity for several years. During that time, she aided and encouraged new members of the Society. In later years, Mary served in all the offices of the Society, culminating with her presidency in 1966 and 1967.

**Richard Lawrence Sayers**  
**November 28, 1938 – July 4, 2008**

Richard Lawrence “Dick” Sayers passed away suddenly at his home July 4, 2008, at age 69 due to heart attack. Dick was born November 28, 1938, in Klamath Falls, OR, to Lawrence Frank Sayers and Helen Margaret Scott Sayers, their only child. In his early teens, the family relocated to Independence, KS, to help run the family hardware business.

Dick graduated in 1956 from Independence High School. He then went on to college at Colorado A & M, which the following year became Colorado State University. It was there that he met the love of his life, Dorothy VanEpps. He married his life’s companion on July 8, 1961, in Delver, CO. He continued his education, obtaining his Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy at Colorado State University, finally graduating in December 1968 as a plant physiologist. Since all his children were born while he was in school, he worked full time for the National Seed Storage Laboratory CSU campus to support his family and complete his education. Brenda Sue was born in 1962, followed by sons, Brett Franklin in 1963, Richard Scott in 1965, and Jay Lawrence in 1968.

Upon graduation, Dick had many job offers, but the one that intrigued him the most was in Filer, with the Asgrow Seed Company as head of its research department. With the help of dear friends, he moved his family in the middle of a snowstorm to begin his new job in January 1969. He was quickly promoted to general manager of the Asgrow Research Center. His expertise, honesty, and love of his work took him all over the world as a “trouble shooter” in the field of commercial seed technology. Dorothy often accompanied him to the annual seed conferences. Dick was acknowledged with many national awards for his work including the prestigious William E Upjohn Prize in recognition of special accomplishment in 1986. He retired in 2001 from Asgrow/Seminis Seed Company but continued working as a consultant for several more years.

Dick enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was an assistant drill master for the Twin Falls Junior riding club and later the Filer Junior riding club, as his children rode in the competitions. He proudly served for several years on the Twin Falls School Board. When his children became active in junior rodeo, he was always right here to help and cheer them on clear through their college years, attending everyone that he could. His support continued for all of his grandkids, no matter what their activity. If he couldn’t attend, he always wanted to hear them talk about it. He loved the sport of rodeo, especially the bull riding, and served for many years, as a member of the board of directors for the Sixth District high school rodeo. He was always supportive of any activities his children participated in. When the kids were grown, that support went to Dorothy and her enjoyment of showing her dogs.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Dorothy; his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Tony Richards; grandsons, Daniel Richards, Tom Richards, and John Richards of Reynolds Creek, ID; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Lori Sayers; and grandchildren, Cady and Tanner of Three Forks, MT; and son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Kristin Sayers of Boise. He was preceded in death by a son, Brett Franklin; his parents, Frank and Helen Sayers; and Dorothy’s parents.



**Regina B Schulte**  
**July 28, 1880 – March 15, 19548**

Regina Schulte who passed away on Saturday, March 15, 1958, is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Mary Penne of Aurora, IL, Miss Tessie Schulte of Humphrey and two brothers: Joseph of DeKalb, IL, and William of Elgin. She was an honorary member of SCST.

**Harold Rokell Scott**  
**November 30, 1914 – November 23, 2003**

Harold R Scott, 88, died November 21, 2003, after a long illness. He was born in Cornina, IA, on November 30, 1914. Missouri recently awarded him a medal and certificate for military service during World War II. Scotty was a registered seed technologist and worked in several laboratories for over 30 years.

His first wife, Dorothea, died in 1965, and his second wife, Jane, died in 1992. He is survived by four children, Harold H and wife Karen, Gaithersburg, MD, Ted and wife Trudi, Sam and wife Sharon, Springfield, and eight grandchildren. His daughter, State Ombudsman Carol Scott is in Jefferson City.

As a volunteer, Scotty worked for the Southside Senior Center, Crosslines, and Habitat for Humanity. He donated his body to the University of MO. He enjoyed the fellowship of Presbyterian Mariners and worshipped at Southminster.

**Elma Jane Richardson Scott**  
**March 26, 1928 – August 18, 1991**

Elma Jane Scott, 63, of Springfield, MO, died Monday in St. John's Regional Health Center there. Mrs. Scott was a registered seed technologist at Pennington Seed Co in Greenfield, MO, when she retired in 1990. She held many positions including public service, editor of Seed Technologist News, publicity and promotion co-chairman, auditing committee and mechanical seed divider committee. Jane received the Meritorious service award in 1982.

Born on March 26, 1928, in Lafayette, she lived in the Lafayette area and had lived in Springfield more than 20 years. She married Harold R Scott on August 30, 1969, and he survives. Mrs. Scott was a member of South Minster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, the Order of Eastern Star in Lafayette, and American Legion Auxiliary in Monticello.

Also surviving are three sons, Harwood Scott of Gaithersburg, MD, Ted Scott of Springfield, MO, and Sam Scott of Pleasant Hope, MO; a daughter Carol Scott of Jefferson City, MO; a brother Robert Richardson of Lafayette; and two sisters, Frances Ferdinand of Reynolds, and Viola Werner of Akron, OH.

**John Andrew Scott**  
**December 16, 1924 – May 26, 1995**

John A Scott, retired seed analyst, died May 26, 1995, after a several month battle with cancer. John was born in Melcher, IA, December 16, 1924. After serving in the Army during World War II, he attended Iowa State University, where he received his BS in 1950. John became an RST in 1952. He began work as an RST for J Chas McCullough Seed Company, Cincinnati, OH, and later for Seed Technology, Inc, Marysville, OH. In the early 1960's he operated his own laboratory , Midwest Seed Testing, Creston, IA.

He retired from the Federal Seed Laboratory in Beltsville, MD, in 1987, after working there nine years. John had come to Beltsville from Forest Grove, OR, after supervising the seed laboratory at EF Burlingham & Sons for over 8 years. He had previously been at the Federal laboratory in New Brunswick, NJ, for five years. Over the course of his 37-year career as a seed analyst, John was active in both the SCST and AOSA, having worked in both commercial and federal laboratories. John spent his retirement years in Mesa, AZ.

He is survived by four children, two grandchildren, four sisters, and his ex-wife. John was predeceased by his oldest son John, his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

**Lester C Shenberger**  
**January 3, 1911 – April 13, 1991**

Lester C Shenberger, 80, professor emeritus at Purdue, University, died April 13 in his home at West Lafayette. Born January 3, 1911, on a farm near Kentland, he came to Lafayette in 1936. He entered Purdue University in 1929, majoring in horticulture. He supported himself through college by raising, grinding, and bottling horse radish, which he sold to local beaneries. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in 1934.

From 1936 to 1937, he taught in the horticulture department at Purdue and worked summers with Indiana tomato processors. In the fall of 1938, he entered graduate school and completed his master's degree in botany in the spring of 1939. While studying there, he worked with the department that certified tomato seed. In the spring of 1939, he worked as an inspector for the Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner, and later was in charge of the Indiana laboratory.

Mr. Shenberger began teaching biochemistry at Purdue in 1941 and continues teaching off and on until his retirement in 1976. He worked in the field of seed technology research, which led to progress in test methods. His principal efforts were educational not only in training personnel, but in conducting the

Indiana seed school which is attended by both national and international students. Professor Shenberger held numerous offices and served on many committees with AOSA. He was also an honorary member of SCST.

He married Christina F Middleton on April 14, 1935, in Lynn, and she survives with two sons, James Shenberger of Kentland, and Robert W Shenberger of Indianapolis, and a daughter, Ruth Ann Holder of Dayton, OH.

**Emma Serrine**  
**September 13, 1870 – January 17, 1958**

Miss Emma Serrine, 87, who had lived in Traer since her retirement nearly 20 years ago as a botanist and seed analyst of the US Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC, died at her home last Friday morning. She had been ill during the last seven years during which time she was tenderly cared for by her sister, Ida with whom she lived. Emma was bedfast many months.

She was born on the Serrine homestead, 3 ½ miles north of Dysart in Geneseo township, September 13, 1870, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Myers Serrine, early settlers. She attended school in Geneseo, and then went on to graduate from Iowa State college at Ames in 1894. She specialized in botany and related subjects. She was a graduate assistant in the botany department while studying for a master's degree which she obtained in 1896. She had post graduate study at the University of Chicago.

Miss Serrine went to the department of agriculture in Washington DC in 1905 and was eventually placed in charge of seed analysis work and investigations dealing with seed purity. In her later years in Washington, she trained many women in testing after they had passed the civil service examinations and were assigned to her department. ON her retirement from government service on October 1, 1928, Emma was described by the Washington Star as "one of the better-known scientists of the US Department of Agriculture." She was past president of AOSA and of several scientific societies including the American Association for Advancement of Science, the American Association of University Women, and the Botanical Society of Washington DC. She was the author of a number of published scientific papers.

On Emma's retirement she was honored at a farewell party given in the home of James C Wallace in Washington, attended by several members and former members of the seed investigations staff. Edgar Brown presented a gold wristwatch to Emma in behalf of all of the personnel of her department, and she received warm praise for her 33 years of loyal and efficient public service.

Most of the years since Emma lived with her sister, Ida, in the family home in Traer. Their mother died in Geneseo township in 1907. In 1909, the father, Ida, and brother Henry moved to Traer buying the former SM Porterfield home. Ida was the homemaker of the family. The father Jacob, died in Traer in 1917 and Henry in 1937. A sister Mrs. Mary Joles of Antigo, WI was taken in 1938. Two brothers died in infancy and another at the age of 15 in Geneseo. Surviving with Ida is a brother F Atwood Serrine, 96, of Riverhead, Long Island, NY, a former director of the NY state experimental farm on Long Island.

**Marie Sivertson**  
**February 20, 1922 – September 26, 1981**

Marie Sivertson, RST, Died Saturday, September 26, 1981, after a long courageous fight against cancer. Born and raised in Wimbledon, ND, Marie was an official analyst at the North Dakota State Laboratory for five years. Moving to California, she became an analyst at Northrup Kin & Co, Berkeley. She passed the RST examinations in 1950 and was a member until 1952 when she resigned. She soon returned to seed technology when later in 1952 she commenced part time employment with Pacific Seed Laboratory, Oakland, CA. Later she became a permanent assistant seed technologist there. In 1970 she moved to Ferry-Mose Seed Company, Mountain View, where in her position as senior RST, she trained several analysts, and remained, despite ill health, until shortly before her death. Marie was always interested in the organizational aspects of seed technology.

Marie left her husband Ernie who was for so many years her constant and thoughtful supporter in the fight against impossible odds; and three sons, Dave, Gene, and Paul.

**Joseph Mallie “Joe” Smith**  
**May 1921 – December 14, 2016**

Mr. Joseph “Joe” Mallie Smith, 95 of Fuquay-Varina passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at Central Harnett Hospital in Lillington. He was born in Chatham County, the son of the late Mallie and Ola Gilchrist Smith. Joe was a US Navy veteran serving in WWII. He graduated from NC State University in 1950 with a bachelor’s degree in agronomy. Joe spent his entire career as a seed analyst with FCS in Statesville. He retired after 36 years of service. After retiring, Joe moved back to Harnett County and enjoyed spending time outdoors. Joe enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a man of strong faith who showed great patience. Joe was preceded in death by a son Ronald Smith; brothers, JC Smith, Ben Smith, Clifton Smith and sisters, Inez McKinney and Elouise Smith.

Joe is survived by his wife of 71 years, Annie Lee Weathers Smith of the home; daughter, Judy Hall and husband, Cress of Carolina Shores, NC; daughter, Laurie Perez of Randleman, NC; t5 grandchildren, Douglas Smith and wife, Anna; Matthew Hall and wife, Juawana; Rebekah Nickerson and husband, Joey; Philip Perez, Benjamin Perez; 4 great grandchildren, Ryan, Evan, Caleb, and Landon; sister, Mary Rosser of Sanford; brother, Junior Smith and wife, Doris Jean of Lillington; nieces and nephews.

**Kercheval E Smith**  
**April 4, 1893 – January 1, 1945**

Mr. Smith had been with the WM G Scarlett Company, Baltimore, MD for over 25 years. Although not a charter member of the Association, he was admitted the year after it’s beginning and was elected first vice president in 1927; became president in 1932, which office held through 1935. He was made chairman of

the membership committee in 1935 and held this office until 1942, when he asked to be relieved of this arduous post on account of ill health. He did however accept the office of second vice president in 1942 and was advanced to first vice president again in 1944.

Mr. Smith conceived and designed the "Emblem Insignia" of our Association which was officially adopted in 1927. He has consistently contributed to publications and letters from time to time, and was one of our most valued members.

**Lloyd Erdman Smith**  
**November 25, 1918 – February 21, 2011**

Mr. Lloyd Erdman Smith, 92, died Monday morning, February 21, 2011, at Baptist Village Retirement Communities after an extended illness. He was born November 25, 1918, in Shawnee, OK to the late Dr. Erdmann Smith and Vivian Harris Smith. He was formerly employed by Lab Tech as a seed technologist. Mr. Smith is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Wallace Smith.

**Myra Verene Snell**  
**1882 – January 8, 1968**

Miss Myra Verene Snell, 85, died Saturday at the Jewish Geriatric and Convalescent Center, where she lived. She was born in Atchison, KS, and had lived in this area since 1932. Miss Snell was a seed technologist for the Rudy Patrick Seed Company 33 years before she retired in 1965. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kansas City. She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star in Atchison. She leaves cousins. She received the Meritorious service award in 1967. She served on the nominating committee, membership committee and public service committee.

**John P Solverson**  
**October 1, 1923 – May 9, 2004**

**Frank Spanier**  
**July 5, 1890 – November 8, 1964**

Frank Spanier passed away Sunday morning, November 8, 1964, at Mountain Home Veteran's Hospital, Johnson City, TN. He was the husband of the late Katherine Yates Spanier. Survived by two brothers, Jacob Spanier, of Mendota, IL, and James Spanier, Chicago.

**Macy Spracher**  
**March 9, 1890 – February 25, 1964**

Macy Spracher passed away very suddenly February 25, 1964. She was recuperating at home after being hospitalized with a heart condition. She was born March 9, 1890, in Nebraska, and graduated from the University of Nebraska. She studied seed testing at the USDA in Washington, DC and in Columbus, MO, and worked in Federal laboratories in Oregon and California. She started working for Northrup King & Co, in Minneapolis, MN in 1922, retiring in 1957.

She was very active in the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists, being a charter member and serving on many committees. She was membership chairman for years, president for two years, served as secretary-treasurer and vice president; as chairman of the historian committee, she did much of the work in getting the history of the Society together. Throughout these many activities her warm friendly nature combined with an astute insight and alertness to progress made her advice and council sought by both members of the seed industry and seed analysts.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

**Jessie Stevens**  
**June 4, 1920 – August 19, 2009**

Jessie Stevens, RST, 89, of Albany passed away Wednesday evening at the From the Heart Adult Care home in Albany. Jessie was born to Bertram and Annie (Taylor) Stevens in North Monaghan, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. She worked for Dominion Woolens & Worstead from 1936 to 1941, Westclox clock factory from 1941 to 1942, and joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps, where she spent four years.

Jessie later owned and operate the first Women's taxi service in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and was a transport driver for the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion service for eight years.

She started seed testing at Canwest Grain under the supervision of Plant Products Division – Canada Government for five years, became a senior member of the Commercial Seed Analyst Association of Canada in 1961 and moved to Fresno, CA for employment by Germain's Seed Company. Jessie passed her registered seed technologist (RST) exam in Fort Collins, CO in 1963 and was director of Germain's seed lab for 16 years. She moved to Moran Seed Company, where she served as the director of the laboratory for five years and retired from the company in 1982.

Jessie is survived by numerous nieces and nephews in Canada. She was preceded in death by both parents and her two brothers.

**Wilson Stone**  
**December 30, 1910 – March 21, 1996**

Wilson Stone, 85, Dumas, former Tyler resident passed away March 21 in Dumas. He was born December 30, 1910, in Madison, WI, and had lived in Dumas one year. Mr. Stone, formerly a resident of Tyler for 35 years was a state seed inspector and was past president of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists.

Mr. Stone was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Stone in 1961. Survivors include his sons, Mike Stone, Dumas, and Ken Stone, Marango Valley, CA; daughter, Sharon Lacy, Houston; brothers Alden L Stone, San Diego, CA, and Donald Stone, Waukesha, WI; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**Mildred Lindner Stoner**  
**January 7, 1917 – May 30, 2014**

Mildred Lindner Stoner, age 97 of Princeton, passed away on Friday, May 30, 2014, at home. She was born on January 7, 1917, in Tiskilwa, IL to Emil Lindner and Jenny (Christophel) Lindner. She attended Tiskilwa High school graduating in 1934. She continued her education at Purdue University and became a registered seed technologist working for many companies including Rudy Patrick's. She was first and foremost a farmer's wife. She was an active member of Willow Springs Mennonite Church where she taught Sunday school.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth (Gail) Stoner of Princeton; sister, Esther Harrod of Princeton. She was preceded by her spouse, Stephen E Stoner of Princeton; Father Emil Lindner and mother, Jenny (Christophel) Lindner; son, Donald Stephen Stoner of Princeton; three sisters and one brother.

**Thomas Storey**  
**August 18, 1925 – March 21, 1994**

Thomas Bradford Storey, 86, of Phoenix, AZ, died March 21, 1994. He was born in Clifton and was a Navy veteran. Thomas owned Agriculture Seed Laboratories in Phoenix and became an RST in 1959. He was on the legislative committee from 1960-1967. Survivors include his wife, Ruby; sons, Gary and Gregory Bradford; mother, Zelma; and brothers Ralph and Arthur.

**Rhoda Stribling**  
**April 13, 1917 – September 8, 2004**

Rhoda Stribling passed away September 8, 2004. She finished her seed technology training from Regina Schulte of the Indiana State Seed lab in 1942. After training, Rhoda took a position at the Idaho State Seed Lab for three years and then moved to Salem, OR. Rhoda received her RST in 1947 and took a position with Northrup King & Co in Fresno, CA.

**Robert Stucker**  
**August 12, 1957 – November 20, 1987**

Bob's career began in seed testing at the Minnesota Crop Improvement lab in 1980. In 1985, he began working with Northrup King Co. at Stanton, MN and became an RST in 1986. In July of 1987, Bob opened Northrup King's vegetable seed lab in Gilroy, CA, where he was residing with his wife, Coleen. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife Coleen, who resides in Lakeview, MN, and his parents, Bob and Carol Stucker.

**Edgar William Sundermeyer**  
**November 12, 1916 – April 1, 2013**

Edgar William Sundermeyer, 96, of Washington DC, passed away Monday, April 1, 2013, at his home. He was born November 12, 1916, in Chamois, MO, the son of the late Frederick and Bertha (Pahmeier) Sundermeyer. He was united in marriage in 1939 in Chamois to Ruth Shobe, who preceded him in death.

Edgar was a 1934 graduate of Osage County R-1 Chamois and was a 1938 graduate of the University of Missouri Columbia, School of Agriculture. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1941-1945 during World War II.

He was employed with the US Department of Agriculture, Seed Branch from 1946-1976 and then with Farmland Industries from 1977-1981. Edgar was an elder of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and a member of its church choir in Kansas City, MO. He was also a member and church choir member of presbyterian churches in Raytown, MO, Montgomery, Al, Beltsville, MD, and Lee's Summit, MO. Edgar was a long-time officer of the Kansas City chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. He was also a Boy Scout Leader of Troop 363, Kansas City, MO and a coach in Raytown, MO for Little League Baseball.

Survivors include one son, Michael S Sundermeyer of Washington DC, and two grandchildren, Kim and Mark Sundermeyer. He was preceded in death by one sister, Leona Hoffman, and one brother Robert Sundermeyer.



**Thomas A Svien**  
**December 17, 1917 – July 29, 2015**

Thomas Andrew Svien, 97, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston. Thomas was born December 17, 1917, in Dennison, MN, to Thomas and Mary (Fink) Svier. He graduated high school in Nashua, IA and served six years in the US Navy during WWII. Thomas received his undergraduate and master's degrees from Iowa State University in 1952. Thomas was united in marriage to Alcienne Mae Ewald on June 11, 1945, and they made their home in Urbandale. In his early years, Thomas was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening and fishing trips to Northern Minnesota.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Alcienne Svien of Urbanale; daughters, Marvy Svien of Missoula, MT and Cathy (Paul) Waugh of Sandia Park, NM; sons, Timothy Svien of Ames and Michael Svien of Urbandale; granddaughter, Sabrina Waugh; and two nieces, Patricia (Frank) Basilico and Harriet (John) Kiger. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; sister Ruth Ernwine and her husband, Charles; and brother, Robert Svien and his first wife , Leone (Drey) and second wife, Doris (Bouquet).

**John D Swalin**  
**September 12, 1928 – June 1, 1989**

John D Swalin, 67, of West Chicago, died suddenly Thursday, June 1, at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield. He was born September 12, 1928, in Fort Dodge, and resided in West Chicago since 1965. He attended Iowa State University in 1954, majoring in botany. He was a member of St Andrews Lutheran Church of West Chicago. Mr. Swalin was presently employed by the Geo J Ball Seed Co of West Chicago as a seed analyst with 24 years of service. Prior to Geo J Ball, John worked from 1956 to 1965 at Teweles Seed Company in Milwaukee, WI. While employed here, John earned his RST in 1963.

After graduating high school, he was US Army Veteran of the Korean conflict with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from 1951 to June 1953. He was a member of the American Legion Post 300 of West Chicago.

John is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a son, David of West Chicago; a brother, Clayton Swalin of Pomeroy. He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Martha Swalin.

**David Syme Sr**  
**June 10, 1900 – March 9, 1985**

David Syme Sr was the co-founder of Anchor Paper Co in 1935 and attended every annual meeting from 1947 until his retirement. David DR became an honorary member of our society in 1971. He passed away at the age of 85.

**Mary Gardner Tarr**  
**March 8, 1917 – July 24, 2001**

Mary Gardner Tarr, born March 8, 1917, in Filer, Idaho, passed away on July 24, 2001, in Tacoma, WA. Mary became an RST in 1963. After retiring from Northrup King Company in 1981, she was a volunteer at St Lukes Regional Medical Center in Boise, ID for several years. She was a faithful member of University Christian Church for over 50 years. In 1993, she moved to Tacoma, where she has been a member of First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forest Tarr. Survivors include her daughters, Sharon Berg, Harveys Lake, PA; Mary Gunder, Tacoma, WA, and Nancy Miller, Denver, CO; and her grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

**Margaret Ann Taschler**  
**July 25, 1931 – May 25, 2024**

Margaret A Taschler (nee Wessel) passed away on Saturday May 25, 2024, at the age of 92. She was the beloved wife of the late John Taschler for 55 years; loving mother of John (Catherine) Taschler, Jeanne (Keith) Bohm, Carol (Robert) Gielow, and Karen (John) Wagner; our dear grandmother, great grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and a friend to many.

**Susan Taylor**  
**September 13, 1939 – May 13, 1998**

Susan Taylor was born on September 13, 1939, in Connecticut. She began working for Betty Ransom at the Ransom Seed Laboratory in 1959. During the following years Susan worked part time while raising her family of four young children. In the early 1970's Susan resumed full time employment with Ransom and became an RST in 1979. In 1958 Susan purchased AMM Seed Testing, which she ran until her death. Susan died of cancer on May 13, 1998, at the age of 58. She leaves behind her husband, David, four children: Scott, Diana, Jeremy, and Josh, and three grandchildren.

Susan was an active member of the SCST until her death in May. She was an editor of the Seed Technology News for several years. She was an original member of the Ethics Committee, and served on that committee for four years, during which an ethics code was written and adopted by the SCST. She always was willing to give her time and talents to the Society, and we could rely on Susan when she was needed.

While Susan's participation in Society affairs and committees was a valuable contribution to the Society, the greatest gift that she made to the future of the SCST is the addition of two fine new members. This year Susan's daughter-in-law, Anita Hall, and Susan's son, Scott Taylor passed the Society examinations and

became RST's. Susan's high ethical standards, love of seed testing and dedication to the Society and to our profession will live on through them.

**Myra Templeton**  
**April 4, 1911 – February 12, 1950**

Miss Myra L Templeton, 38 years old, died yesterday at a St. Louis hospital after an operation. Miss Templeton had lived in the St Louis area most of her life. She leaves her father Dwight M Templeton and a sister, Mrs. Fern Buis. She passed away just a short eight months after she passed her RST exam.

**Mary F Teschke**  
**April 1, 1905 – January 25, 1997**

Mary F Teschke, 91, of Kenmore, a former seed analyst for Agway, Died Saturday, January 25, 1997, in Heathwood Health Care Center, Amherst, after a long illness. Born Mary Kukowski in Wilno, Poland, she moved to Syracuse with her family as a child and was a graduate of Central City Business Institute. She worked in Syracuse as a clerk for GLF, which later became Agway, and was transferred to Buffalo. She retired in 1970.

She was a volunteer for the Kenmore Mercy Guild of Kenmore Mercy Hospital and a member of St Andrew's Church Auxiliary. Her husband, Robert, died in 1965.

**Wiley Custer Tester**  
**November 23, 1919 – February 9, 1995**

**Harold O Thornes**  
**August 2, 1915 – July 1, 1989**

Harold O Thornes, age 73, of Fort Dodge, IA, formerly of Arden Hills passed away on July 1, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Dolores of Fort Dodge; daughters, Cheryl Lachelt and Deborah Bart, both of St Paul; brothers, Ivar of Milwaukee, OR, Ole of Britton, SD, Alvin of Detroit Lakes, MN, and Ruben of Dunsmuir, CA; sisters, Lena Eisenlohr of Britton, SD and Helsina Oland of Veblen, SD.

**Leota Lucina Thurlimann**  
**August 11, 1896 – December 17, 1987**

Leota Thurlimann, 91, Nampa, a retired seed company research specialist died Thursday, December 17, 1987, in a Nampa hospital. She was born August 11, 1896, in Carroll, the daughter of Edward and Mary (Rettenmaier) Thurlimann. She is survived by a niece, Ellen Rio Smith of Nampa.

**Adeline Miller Tiffany**  
**April 13, 1916 – September 12, 2005**

Adeline M Tiffany, 89, a resident of Fillmore Pond in Bennington, VT, died Monday, September 12, 2005, at her home. Mrs. Tiffany was born in Osco Township, April 13, 1916, the daughter of William and Wilhelmina (Meier) Miller. She received her early education in Illinois and was a graduate of Knox College, Galesburg. She later received a master's degree in botany from the University of Iowa.

She married Harry R Tiffany in 1958. He died in 1986. She owned AMM seed Testing in Fresno, CA from 1958 to 1988. She was a member of the American Association of University Women in Fresno. She enjoyed reading, wild flowers and needlepoint. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Eric W Tiffany and Lee Y Park of Williamstown, Massachusetts; two nephews, Craig Miller and Bryn Miller, both of Geneseo, and several cousins. She was preceded in death by a brother, Darrel Miller, and a sister Hazel Miller.

**Mervin Naomi Blanton Tillman**  
**December 30, 1917 – September 10, 1984**

**Helen J Townsend**  
**February 15, 1921 – July 19, 1990**

Mrs. Helen Townsend died Thursday, July 19, 1990 in Tangent, Oregon. She was born February 15, 1921, in Tangent, the daughter of William and Ethel (Hart) Slate. Soon after graduating from Tangent High School, she began her grass seed testing career in 1938. She became an RST in 1960 and for the past 20 years has owned Townsend Seed Testing where she worked until the time of her death. Helen was an active member in the SCST standing on the research, membership, and nomination committees at different times during her career.

On May 26, 1949, she married Vernon E “Bud” Townsend in Vancouver, Washington. Mr. Townsend died April 14, 1990. A sister, Marie Holst of Sherwood survives. A sister and three brothers preceded her in death.

**Eben Toole**  
**January 6, 1889 – August 2, 1967**

Dr Eben Henry Toole, 78, a former researcher with the USDA and a world authority on seed physiology, died Wednesday, August 2, 1967, of a heart attack at his home in Lanham, MD. A native of Baraboo, WI, Dr Toole did undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, receiving the doctorate degree in 1920. From 1915 to 1919, he was assistant botanist at the University of Wisconsin, instructor at Kansas State University, and assistant plant physiologist and pathologist at Purdue University. In 1920 he was appointed head of research in the agriculture department’s division of seed investigation. In 1938, he was transferred to the crops research division as investigations leader for vegetable seed investigations. He held this position until his retirement in 1959.

Dr Toole, together with Edgar Brown and WL Goss, pioneered in making the germination tests more realistic through research on seedling evaluation and his influence in developing the AOSA and ISTA Rules for Testing Seeds. He was an honorary member of SCST, received the AOSA meritorious service award in 1959 and was a delegate to five ISTA Congresses. After his retirement, he served as a consultant with Asgrow Seed Company. He worked for Asgrow until 1964.

He leaves his wife, Vivian Kearns Toole; a daughter, Sister Anastasia, CSM, of Valhalla, NY; two sons E Richard of Leland, MS and Allen D of Alameda, CA.

**Mary Ann Trowbridge**  
**July 23, 1940 – March 4, 2019**

Mary Ann Trowbridge, 78, went to her final rest March 4, 2019, at Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock, CA. Mary Ann was born July 23, 1940, in the Dalles, Oregon to Frank Dee Vincent Bennett and Florence “Marjorie” Shew. She grew up in Klickitat, Washington, where she graduated high school in 1959. While attending high school she met her future husband, Delbert Trowbridge. They married six months later, on November 21, 1959. Prior to his passing on January 10, 2013, they had just celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.

They began their marriage in Cle Elum, Washington. They had also had the opportunity to reside in several cities while Del worked on various union construction jobs in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California. After raising a family of four children, Mary Ann started her own career in 1983 when she became a Registered Seed Technologist. Throughout her career as an RST she had the opportunity to travel to Paris, Holland, Chile, Canada, and several states within the United States. One of Mary Ann’s greatest accomplishments and proudest moments was obtaining her master’s degree at 60 years old. Seed testing

was her passion and after 20 years in the industry and her husband's 39-year career working for the union, they decided to return to his native Idaho when he retired in 2002. Upon returning to Twin Falls, ID, she decided to continue working but this time for the River Christian Fellowship and home of the Christian Satellite Network International FM Radio Station as the Church Secretary. She worked there for 12 years until she returned to California in 2014 after the passing of her husband, to be near family.

Mary Ann enjoyed cooking, gardening, crocheting, camping, and spending time with her family. Upon returning to California, she found a new fellowship at Westside Christian Center in Gustine, California. Mary Ann never knew an enemy; she could strike up a conversation with anyone and once she did, she considered them a friend. Her loving hugs and infectious smile would light up a room and she always welcomed a good conversation. However, her greatest passion was spending time with Jag (her constant canine companion). Jag has been with her through the passing of her husband and was at her side during her final moments.

Mary Ann is survived by her three children, Terene (Cy) Roberts of Gustin, CA, David (Jackie) Trowbridge of Kuna, ID, and Wendolyn (Wendy) McGregor of Casper, WY; nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Delbert, their oldest son Kenneth, her son-in-law, Brian McGregor, her parents and one sister.

**Charles Richard Vadas**  
**September 3, 1920 – July 18, 2008**

**Evelyn Maria Vandervelden**  
**December 5, 1935 – November 16, 2014**

Evelyn Maria Vandervelden, 78, a resident of the Verboort community passed away Sunday morning, November 16, 2014, at the Jennings McCall Assisted Living Home in Forest Grove. Evelyn was born on December 5, 1935, in Roy, OR. She was one of five children born to Joe and Edith (Vanderzanden) Meeuwssen. She was raised on the family farm in Roy and attended St Francis Grade school and Banks high school graduating with the class of 1954.

She met her future husband, Harold Vandervelden, while at a dance. They soon began dating and were married on September 6, 1954, at St Francis Catholic Church in Roy. They began their family in a small house in Roy and then moved to Verboort one year later.

Evelyn was a devoted mother to her seven children. She also worked outside the home as a Registered Seed Technologist. She had worked for Burlingham Seed Co, VanDyke Seed Co, and most recently was employed with Jewett Cameron Seed Co in North Plains. She enjoyed gardening and lawn figurines, was a quilter, and an exceptional cook. She was also a volunteer at her Parish, Visitation Catholic Church, where

she was active in the Altar society and the parish hall. Evelyn was also the loving disciplinary force behind her children and was proud of her children and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son Michael, and two siblings: Alvin Meeuwsen and Gertude Lee and a sister-in-law, Janice Meeuwsen. She is survived by her loving husband, Harold, six children and their spouses; Clifford and Marianne Vandervelden of North Plains, Kenny Vandervelden of Verboort, Kathy and Gail Rust of La Grande, Marvin and Gig Vandervelden of Cornelius, Edward Vandervelden of Beaverton, and Thomas Vandervelden of Beaverton, two siblings and a sister-in-law; Carrell and Judy Meeuwsen, Bernard "Barney" Meeuwsen, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

**Luke Paul Vassar**  
**August 13, 1899 – March 16, 1961**

Luke P Vassar, age 61, a resident of Minneapolis, passed away in Faribault on Thursday, March 16, 1961. Mr. Vassar is survived by his wife, Mildred and one son, Stephen, both of Minneapolis. Mr. Vassar headed the Minnesota Seed Company in Faribault, forming that firm in 1938. He has been connected with the Midland Seed Company of Minneapolis for a number of years.

**Harry Edward Vegiard**  
**1885 – August 27, 1958**

**Marion Viccars**  
**1908 – December 16, 1980**

Marion Viccars, a Registered Seed Technologist from 1946 to 1965, died in Pensacola, Florida, December 16, 1980. Marion was born in Chelsy, Berkshire, England, the daughter of Thomas R Viccars and Eleanor Gordon Viccars, and spent her early life in Canada. She was educated at Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto, Canada, and attended Queens University in Kingston, Canada.

Marion was an official analyst for 18 years, starting at the Canada Department of Agriculture Seed Laboratory in Toronto, then when health problems necessitated being in a warm climate, she moved to the Alabama state seed laboratory, Montgomery, in 1938. In 1946 she became an RST, first at the Ransom Seed Laboratory and then she worked for PP Williams Seed Company in Vicksburg, Mississippi. In 1949 she was owner-operator of her own laboratory in Montgomery, AL until 1965. She served on the public service, editorial, and herbarium committees.

In 1965 she changed to an associate membership and resumed her university work, earning her BA at the University of Alabama, 1966, Master Library Science, 1967, and MA at University of Western Florida, 1972. She was a librarian at UWF from 1967 until she retired in the summer of 1980, first as a reference librarian then was appointed head of the Special Collections Department in 1970. Marion's accomplishments were many and her worth recognized by UWF when she was awarded the first President's Distinguished Service award. Later in 1980 she suffered a stroke but seemed to be recovering until her heart failed.

**Kent Von Lanken**  
**November 17, 1958 – May 14, 2017**

Kent Allen Von Lanken, 58, died, Sunday, May 14, 2017, at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center following a short hospitalization. A native of Urbana, IL and raised in Hopkinsville, the son of Melba and the late George Von Lanken. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 123 at St. John's Methodist Church. He graduated from Hopkinsville high school and the University of Kentucky. He worked at the University of Kentucky in Regulatory services in the College of Agriculture. He was certified as both a Registered Seed Technologist and a Commercial Seed Analyst. He served as a board member for the Association of Official Seed Analysts.

Kent was a horticulturist at heart, growing 300 orchids and being a member of two orchid clubs in Lexington, KY. He enjoyed good friends, good food, and occasionally a good Kentucky bourbon.

He was preceded in death by one brother, and his father died four days after Kent's death. In addition to his mother, survivors include his sister Carol, Lexington; and his brother, Chris, Hopkinsville.

**Catherine Wack**  
**August 26, 1908 – January 24, 1973**

**Aileen McCoy Wadley**  
**1908 – 1981**

**Clarence H Waldron**  
**October 28, 1893 – April 4, 1971**

Clarence Waldron passed away on April 4, 1971, in Florida where he had lived several winters since his retirement. He had been in poor health for years. He was a charter member of the SCST in 1922. Clarence spent most of his life doing work in seed technology, retiring in 1962 from the Great Lakes Seed Laboratory, Toledo, OH.



Mr. Waldron leaves his wife Anna and two daughters, Ellen and Sarah. Both are married. Ellen is a psychologist in Boston and Sarah is a teacher now obtaining a master's at San Diego. His wife is making her home in Franklin, NC. They were ready to move there when he died.

**Virginia "Ginny" Watz**  
**August 4, 1928 – January 29, 2019**

Virginia "Ginny" Watz, 90 years young, peacefully passed into heaven surrounded in love by family on Tuesday January 19, 2019. She was a beloved wife, mother and "Gramme" and her faith in God inspired everyone around her.

Survived by Nick, her devoted husband of 62 years; children Donna (Bill Hittler), Maureen (Tom Gornik), Craig (Amy), and Mark (Annette); 10 cherished grandchildren Nicholas (Kerry McGuire), Caroline, Annemarie, Mia, Lily, Laura (Eric Burns), Matthew, Kathleen, Mark, and Faith.

**Frieda L Wertman**  
**January 8, 1916 – March 31, 2001**

Frieda Wertman passed away on March 31, 2001, in San Luis Obispo, California due to smoke inhalation from a house fire. She was born January 8, 1916, to Aaron and Sarah Lippman. She was married to David Wertman. She passed her RST exam in 1955.

**Dale W West**  
**October 27, 1918 – May 31, 2008**

**Wesley C Wilcox**  
**April 8, 1926 – January 1, 2008**

Wesley C Wilcox, 81, Normal, died on Tuesday, January 1, 2008, at ManorCare Health Service. Wesley was born April 8, 1926, at Bloomington, son of J Wesley and Nin Crain Wilcox. He married Jean Hale on August 20, 1948. Surviving are his wife, five daughters, one brother and fifteen grandchildren.

Wes had formerly worked at Funks Seed, Bloomington, for 40 years before he retired. He was a supporter of SCST and seed testing, he received the Meritorious Service award in 1989. Wes worked with Norm Kalbacken, RST and another Meritorious Service award winner.

He was former president of the board at the Western Avenue Community Center. He was active with SCORE and Habitat for Humanity. He served on the Bloomington Symphony Board, Friends of Milner Library and Parkland Foundation. He and his wife, Jean, served on the Little Children of the World Board and served on missionary trips in the Philippines. He served in the US Army Air Corp during World War II. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a master's degree in agronomy in 1951.

**Coralie Joyce Wilson**  
**June 12, 1930 – December 17, 2021**

Coralie Wilson, 91, of Albany, passed away Friday, at Quail Run. Coralie was born in Webster, SD, to Walter and Irma (Krause) Machmiller. Upon graduation from the University of South Dakota in 1951, she went to work for Northrup King Company in Minnesota. Two years later in 1953 she moved to Albany to be the seed technologist and laboratory manager for Northrup King in Tangent.

She married George T Wilson on December 9, 1955. He preceded her in death on January 30, 1985. They had one son, David G Wilson, who also preceded her in death on March 23, 1992.

Her career with Northrup King was 40 years with retirement in 1992. She was a retired member and past president of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. Coralie enjoyed reading mysteries, gardening, British comedy TV shows, was a member of Camera Club and the Albany Friends of the Library.

**Elizabeth Wiseman**  
**August 24, 1980**

On August 24, 1980, Elizabeth (nee Muth) Wiseman, beloved wife of the late Louis A wiseman, devoted mother of Mrs. Elizabeth M Magee, Mrs. Alice G Lecompte, Mr. LeRoy L Wiseman Sr, and the late Edward E wiseman, sister of Mrs. Alice G Morrow, Mrs. Evelyn Lepper. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

**Wilfred Hornsby Wright**  
**November 10, 1884 – September 22, 1956**

Mr. Wilfred Hornsby Wright died on Saturday, September 22, 1956. Mr. Wright was born at Devonport, England, on November 10, 1884, and received his early education at Dover College Preparatory School, London House and Highgate School. He came to Canada in 1904 and worked on a farm in Western Ontario for several years. In 1912, he received his BSA degree and in 1930 MA degree from the University of Toronto.

From 1912-1915 he was a demonstrator in Botany at the Ontario Agricultural College and from 1915-1918 he served as a Lieutenant with the Eight Reserve Engineers. From 1918-1920 he lectured in botany at the Ontario Agricultural College, when he joined the Dominion Seed Branch. From 1920-1923 he was district analyst at Calgary, Alberta and from 1923-1930 he was at Toronto. From 1930—1937 he was chief seed analyst at Ottawa and from 1937-1950 he was chief laboratory services.

After his retirement in 1950, he continued to make many drawings for the Department of Agriculture, including a set of 80 illustrating the new publication “Weeds of Canada”. He was internationally known for his work with seeds and weeds and for his painting in tempora and oils. He was a charter member and Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, a prominent member of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, a past president of AOSA, and he represented Canada at the ISTA Congress.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, six grandchildren, and two sisters who live in England. He lost a son who was shot down over Egypt in World War II while serving with the Royal Air Force.

He was highly respected and loved by all who knew him. His judgement was always fair, and his integrity and enthusiasm did much to inspire the seed analyst and improve his work. His knowledge was freely imparted, and he was very generous with his talent for drawing and painting.

**Anton J Zahorik**  
**May 10, 1889 – March 9, 1969**

Anton J Zahorik passed away at the home of his son in Wausau, WI, on March 9 at the age of 79, after an illness of several months. He was born in Sheboygan, WI, raised on his father’s farm near Kewaunee and graduated from the University of Wisconsin as an agronomy major.

He became interested in seed analysis in his sophomore year and was employed in the state seed laboratory while in school. During that time, he wrote American councils all over the world for samples of seeds in their areas and received hundreds of samples. These offered an opportunity for a study which was used in his thesis “Whether or Not it is Possible to Identify the Source of a Lot of Seed by the Weed Seed Present.”

Mr. Zahorik’s first commercial employment was with the Albert Dickinson Company of Chicago where he worked for six months, after which he was transferred to their Minneapolis plant. He oversaw their laboratory for nine years and supervised their chemical laboratory for analyzing feeds. In 1924 he took charge of the L Teweles Seed Company laboratory in Milwaukee and continued until his retirement in 1962.

He was the president of SCST from 1935 to 1938, served on many of its committees and had written a number of papers on agricultural subjects for radio talks. He maintained his home in Milwaukee at the time of his death and was an avid gardener. Surviving him are two brothers; two sons, Harold J Of Marinette; Paul T of Wausau; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**Leland Willis Zellweger**  
**May 25, 1926 – July 28, 2008**

Leland Willis Zellweger, 82, died on Monday at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. He was born in Grand River Township in Adair County, Iowa to John and Dorothy (Cook) Zellweger. He was the oldest of four children. Leland attended rural school in Iowa and graduated from Zion high school in 1945. He also attended Creston Junior College and Iowa State College.

Leland moved from Iowa to Seattle and then settled in Albany in 1954. He went into the chemical and fertilizer industry; originally working for Lilly's which eventually became Western Farm Services. He obtained his RST in 1951. Leland retired as a manager after 42 years in 1996. Leland was an avid sportsman who loved fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed traveling to his home state every year and visiting family and friends.

Leland is survived by brother Robert Zellweger of Florida; and a special nephew, Jay Zellweger of Iowa; as well as many other nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was preceded in death by brother Wyman and sister Arlene.