

# *By In Memoriam*

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We sadly miss the following members of the SCS/NRCS family who have passed away.

Our sympathy and prayers are with their families and friends.

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Surname	Year	<i>In-Memoriam</i> (Note: These are recent notices. For a complete list, please see <a href="http://www.arcse.org">www.arcse.org</a> )
Adams	2021	Former ARCSE member Charles Richard Adams (73) of Keithville, Louisiana, passed away July 7, 2021. Charles was born July 21, 1947, to Mr. T.C. Adams and Elneva Adams, who gave him and his ten siblings firsthand experience in working the land on their family farm in Logansport, Louisiana. He graduated from Southern University at Baton Rouge with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. He received his master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1983 and he obtained a Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Arlington, Texas. His impressive career with USDA spanned 38 years, having held some of the top positions in the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), including Regional Conservationist for the NRCS Southeast Region. Before that, he was Director of the National Employee Development Center, in Fort Worth, Texas, from 1993 to 1997, South National Technical Center Associate Director, from 1992 to 1993, and Water Quality Coordinator at the center from 1990 to 1992. Before that Charles served as NRCS's State Conservationist for Arizona from 1988 to 1990, State Conservationist for Nevada from 1986-88. He was the Deputy State Conservationist in New Mexico from 1985-86, Assistant State Conservationist for Operations in New Mexico from 1984-85. Charles worked as an area conservationist in Rio Rancho, New Mexico from 1983 to 1984, after working as an area conservationist in Flagstaff, Arizona from 1981 to 1982. From 1978 to 1981 he served as a district conservationist in Edinburg, Texas, following service from 1976 to 1978 as a district conservationist in Eastland, Texas. He was a soil conservationist for the Agency in Abilene, Texas from 1973 to 1976. He began his full-time career with the agency as a soil scientist in Athens, Texas in 1969. He was very active in the National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOPBNRCSE) and served as President and was a founding and life member of that organization. He is survived by his wife Prenella and two sons. A Celebration of Life for Charles was held at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana on July 17, 2021, followed by internment at Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville, Louisiana.
Barrier	2021	Cleveland Lipe Barrier, Jr. (81), of Salisbury, North Carolina, passed away in peace on May 12, 2021 at the Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House after a long illness. Lipe was born on July 3, 1939 in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, the firstborn child of C. Lipe Barrier, Sr. and Evelyn Blackwelder Barrier. Lipe received a degree from North Carolina State University in 1961. He began a career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in September 1961 in Yadkinville, North Carolina, transferring to Tarboro, North Carolina in 1963, to Monroe, North Carolina as District Conservationist in 1966 to 1976 and then to Salisbury District Conservationist. Lipe retired as a Federal employee in Rowan County, North Carolina in 1994. He did contract work for SCS in after his retirement. He was an active member of Milford Hills United Methodist Church. He is survived by his cherished wife, Renda Treece Barrier and his caring son, David M. Barrier (April) of Salisbury; and two grandchildren, Taylor McKenzie Bell (Frankie) and Mason Cole Barrier.
Betoney	2017	Theodore Patrick Betoney Jr. (71) of Morgantown, West Virginia, passed away October 30, 2017 at his home. He was born March 2, 1946 in Morgantown to Theodore Patrick Betoney Sr. and Lelia Doris Mayfield Betoney. Theodore graduated West Virginia University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Theodore worked for over 34 years in federal service as a civil and mining engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and the Mine Safety

		and Health Administration. He also attended West Virginia Tech for mining engineering classes and worked for many years at several coal companies, with his most recent employment at Murray Energy. He was also a land surveyor and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Theodore loved the outdoors and hunting and was a longtime member of the Pioneer Sportsman's Club. He also built and raced late-model stock cars, racing at the Morgantown Speedway and other local racetracks. Theodore is survived by his wife Rita Moore Betoney, one son Patrick Betoney (Stacey) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, two daughters, Nicole Betoney of Morgantown, and Cathy McMaster (Michael) of Hagans, West Virginia; and two grandchildren Brady and Tyler.
Biebl	2021	ARCSE Member Joseph F. Biebl (81) of Viroqua, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully after battling prostate cancer on July 13th, 2021, at home. Joe was born August 29, 1939 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Evelyn and Joseph Biebl. He loved working as a technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Wisconsin. He helped plan and construct many of the Vernon County Flood Control dams. He also designed many farm ponds, small dams, and manure pits for the farmers of Vernon, Monroe, and LaCrosse Counties over his 37 years with the service. Joe, a steward of nature and the outdoors was an avid gardener and enjoyed picking weeds, being outdoors among plants, trees, shrubs, and conversing with the birds. Special joys were playing cards with family and friends, doing Sudoku, puzzles, asking questions and watching or listening to Public Broadcasting. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, his children, Colleen (Doug) Olson; Jeanne (Dave) Renick; Russell (Tara) Biebl; Susan (Mike) Weyh and Sandra (Mike) Kuzulka. Roger Biebl, his other son preceded him in death in 2016. He had 11 grandchildren: Ashley (Olson) McCandless, Eric Olson, Bryce Olson, Arianna Olson, Nolan Renick, Joey Biebl, Jarron Biebl, Riley Weyh, Cole Weyh, Katie Kuzulka and Emmie Kuzulka; 5 great grandchildren: Farren, Eliza, Orion McCandless, Jade Olson and Skye Crawford. Memorials can be given to THE NATURE CONSERVANCY in Joe's name if so wished.
Bridge	2021	Doris A. (Partridge) Bridge (93) of Bangor, Maine, passed away peacefully after a short illness on May 8, 2021, at Ross Manor in Bangor. She was the daughter of Louis and Edna Partridge of Corinna, Maine. Doris' ex-husband, Galen Bridge of Tucson, Arizona, worked in many western states and Washington, DC, for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, giving Doris the opportunity to meet and socialize with many Soil Conservation Service employees. She herself often worked as a nanny for several doctors and their families. Doris is survived by a daughter, Patricia Hughes of Stuart, Florida; and a special nephew, Gordon Simmons of Greenville Junction, Maine, who she and Galen raised as a son.
Burns	2021	Eugene A. "Gene" Burns (81) of Salina, Kansas, passed away May 6, 2021. He was born July 30, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois, to J. Robert "Bob" and Evelyn (Buckley) Burns. Gene served two years in the US Army and four years in the Army Reserves. He married Janice Hartman on October 9, 1966. His career spanned 35 years for the USDA Soil Conservation Service where he served as an Administrative Services Officer. Gene coached youth sports in Salina during the 1970s and '80s. Additionally, he served as President of the Kansas Parents Association of Hearing-Impaired Children. He is survived by his wife, Janice (Jan), of the home; sons, John (Linda Oldham) Burns, of Topeka, Kansas, and Curtis Burns, of Salina; grandsons Hunter Burns and Tyler J. Burns.
Burns	2021	Phillip Joseph Burns (88) of Portland, Maine, passed away on April 20, 2021. Phil was born in Binghamton in upstate New York, the son of John and Merian Burns. Phil graduated from Hamilton College and then, two weeks later, found himself taking basic infantry training at Fort Dix in New Jersey. After receiving his honorable discharge from the US Army, Phil took the Korean War G.I. Bill and entered the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University. He then worked as an Agricultural Economist for 30 years for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service working in Oregon, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. While in Europe observing Denmark's successful exporting of foods, Phil met a lovely nurse from Australia, Jean McMahon, who was working and traveling in Europe. They became acquainted and wound up being married for 55 years while living in Ontario, Canada; Oregon, Maine, and North Carolina. In retirement, Phil was active with Reading for the Blind in North Carolina and reading with elementary students both in North Carolina and in Maine. Jean predeceased Phil; Phil is survived by his daughter, Linda (Bruce) Stone, of Portland, Maine; and by sons, Terry of Windham, Maine, David (Rebecca) of Naperville, Illinois, and Kevin (Melissa) of Saco, Maine; and four grandchildren.

		Donations in his memory may be sent to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation: <a href="http://pulmonaryfibrosis.org/">pulmonaryfibrosis.org/</a> .
Camp	2021	Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Joe B. Camp (96) of Temple, Texas, passed away on January 13, 2021. He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on November 14, 1924. He grew up in Junction, Texas, where he graduated from high school in 1942. He completed his freshman year at Texas A&M College before he was drafted into the Army in June 1943. Joe took basic training at North Camp Hood in Texas, and upon completion, the Army placed him in the ASTP Engineering Program, sending him to the University of Oklahoma where he completed engineering coursework. After WWII, he returned to Texas A&M and graduated with a BS in Agricultural Engineering in 1948. He went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Pecos, Texas. Following the war years, this region was experiencing an agricultural boom with large acreage being put into irrigated cotton production. Joe's knowledge and training as an agricultural engineer was in high demand. It was there that he met and married Gay Poitevint. The young couple joined the First Christian Church and remained members throughout their lives. Children and promotions followed, and in 1965 Joe was transferred to San Marcos, Texas, to assume a lead position in watershed planning. From San Marcos, the Camps moved to Temple, Texas, in 1973 where Joe assumed state-wide responsibilities. After retiring in 1980, Joe stayed busy with church activities and many other organizations. He and Gay travelled across the US, Canada and Europe. Joe is preceded in death by his wife, Gay Camp, and his son, Billy Camp. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Robert (Linda) Camp of Houston, Texas, his daughter Shirley (Cody) Vanderford of Oak Point, Texas, his grandchildren and grandchildren-in-laws, Noelle and Jake Johnson, Tara and Spencer Kalliainen, Bijan Camp, Ryan and Emily Balliett, and his great grandchildren, James and Arabella.
Campbell	2021	Linda Sours Campbell (70) of Luray, Virginia passed away peacefully on August 14, 2021 after a very private 3-year struggle with ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease. Linda was the wife of retired USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Information Specialist Leith Campbell. Linda and Leith operated Khimaira Farm, a multi-species organic farm (cattle, swine, poultry, sheep and goats) specializing in dairy goats and meat goats, for more than 40 years. Linda served as a Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation Director representing Page County for 35 years. She served in various leadership roles including service to the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts' (VASWCD) as Area I Chair and Vice Chair, multiple times as well as serving on the VASWCD Executive Board filling the role of Second Vice President and Education Committee Chair. In addition to her husband Leith, Linda is survived by their four daughters Julena, Kendra, Briana and Corina and their families.
Carter	2019	Lifetime ARCSE Member Walker Grady Carter Jr. (91) of Statesboro, Georgia, passed away on December 18, 2019, after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by family in Statesboro. Walker was born on May 1, 1928, to Walker Grady Carter Sr. and Esther Stuart Carter in Americus, Georgia, and raised on the family farm in Sumter County. He was always at home in the agricultural fields, and as a boy was proud of his mule, Uncle Sam. Walker attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia, where he worked his way through school butchering meat at the college farm. He received his Bachelor of Science in agricultural engineering in 1951 from the University of Georgia. He then served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1955 during the Korean War working as a radio mechanic and rising to the rank of staff sergeant while stationed in Japan. After returning from Japan, Walker began a 34-year career as an agricultural and civil engineer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He provided his engineering expertise throughout Georgia. He transferred to his last SCS post in 1973 and served as Statesboro area agricultural engineer until 1989. He was a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America and the National Association of Conservation Districts. Walker met his wife of 49 years, Sara Joanne Holt, when they both worked for the SCS in Athens, Georgia. They worked together on the Lake Tobesofkee Dam project, where Walker's engineering of the dam sluice was visualized by Joanne's drafting of the design. They married in July 1959, and he treated her son Gary as his own. Walker was an active member of Pittman Park United Methodist Church. He enjoyed traveling the world with his Joanne and their family as much as he did tending his Statesboro home garden and square dancing in the living room with lifelong friends. His wife Joanne passed away in 2009. Surviving are children, Gary Gerrard (Karen Green) of Lexington, Georgia; Walker Grady Carter III (Rossana) of Macon, Georgia; and Gregory Holt Carter (Patricia) of Statesboro, Georgia; grandchildren, Ashton Kiesner,

		Elijah and Emma Carter, Olivia Carter and Dylan Carter; and two great-grandchildren.
Chapman	2021	ARCSE Member Dana C. Chapman (75), of Sennett, New York, passed away peacefully September 26, 2021, in his home, with his family by his side. He had suffered from Parkinson's disease for several years. A native of North Cohocton, New York, born on April 3, 1946, Dana was the son of the late Graham and Blossom Morse Chapman. Dana attended and attained degrees from both the College of Environmental Science and Forestry and Syracuse University, School of Agricultural and Civil Engineering. While at Syracuse, he met and married his wife of 52 years, Jeanne Bramble Chapman. Dana was employed as an Environmental Engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 26 years, retiring in 1995. He also worked for the New York City Watershed in Walton, New York and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Rochester, New York. Finally, he owned and operated his own business, Agricultural Engineering Services (AES). He was a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Sennett Federated Church, where he served on several boards. Dana was a simple man with a huge heart for life, friends, family, and specifically for his caring and cherished wife, Jeanne, and is survived by his slightly goofy and joyful son, Brian Chapman and his wife Kate of Conquest, New York; son-in-law Christopher Jorolemon and his wife Amy of Weedsport, New York; and three fun-loving grandchildren, Alison Jorolemon and Marlie and Connor Chapman, who cheerfully called him "Bubba. Contributions may be made in memory of Dana to the Sennett Federated Church or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
Coambes	2021	Howard L. Coambes (77) of Springfield, Missouri passed away July 16, 2021, in Bolivar, Missouri. He was born February 11, 1944, the son of Joe Carter and Naomi Coambes. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in many locations throughout Missouri and was the District Conservationist in West Plains, Missouri, for many years. He transferred to Stockton, Missouri, to be a Grazing Lands Specialist, before he retired in 2003. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Mary Ann Coambes.
Compton	2021	Sandra Joyce Compton (84) of Hill City, Kansas, passed away May22, 2021, at the Graham County Hospital in Hill City. She was born July9, 1936, in Goodland, Kansas, to Vernon and Bessie Ratcliffe. She married to retired Soil Conservation Technician Harold Compton on May29, 1954, in Goodland, Kansas. Harold retired in 1987. Sandra's survivors include her husband, Harold Compton of Hill City; a son, Lee Compton (Deloris) of Mesa, Arizona; a daughter, Robin King (Howard) of Chandler, Arizona; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.
Cooper	2021	Senior Conservationist James M. (Jim) Cooper (90) of Morgantown, West Virginia, passed away July 11, 2021, at his home. He was born in Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania, on November 25, 1930, the son of the Walter Grayson and Elva Gladys (Beal) Cooper. He graduated in 1952 from West Virginia University School of Agriculture and Forestry. He was a member of the WVU and WVU Agriculture and Forestry Alumni Associations. He served in the U.S. Army, with a tour of duty in Korea. Jim retired after 30 years with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, after serving in Michigan, West Virginia and Washington, DC. He was an Amateur Radio Operator and a Red Cross volunteer. He taught at the Adult Learning Center, Monongalia Technical Education Center and was a past member of the Pines Country Club. He is survived by daughters Kristen of Morgantown and Polly (William) Green of Cary, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by wife Nancy.
Davis	2021	Joseph Rex "Joe" Davis, Sr. (84) of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away September 21, 2021, at the Bluegrass Hospice Care Center. He was born December 22, 1936, in Fulton, Mississippi to the Leon Birg "Pop" and Emma Toomer "Mom" Davis. He was a 1958 graduate of Mississippi State University and was an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 33 years, retiring as State Conservation Engineer. Joe was preceded in death by his wife Virginia C. "Ginger" Rodgers in 2005. Joe is survived by his children, Joey Davis, Rodger (Barbara) Davis, and Jane (Chris) Welborne; and his grandchildren, Taylor (Stephen) Montgomery, Lauren Davis, Lauren Welborne, and Kristen Welborne.
Decker	2021	Life Member Gordon L. Decker (81) of Belgrade, Montana, passed away at home August 23, 2021 surrounded by family. Gordon was suffering from advanced Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was born February 15, 1940 to August and Mary Tiede Decker. Gordon was raised on the family homestead in Powder River County in

		southeast Montana. He attended Montana State College and received his bachelor's degree In Range Management in 1961. Upon graduation, he accepted a job with the Forest Service in Bridgeport, California working as a range conservationist. This job was cut short as he was drafted into the US Army. After basic training, he was stationed at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. After the military, he returned to the family ranch. Gordon returned to college in 1968, now named Montana State University, and received his PhD in Soil Science in 1972. During the summers of his graduate studies, he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), soil mapping several counties in Montana. In 1976 he accepted a Soils Coordinator job in Fort Worth, Texas and worked there until 1979 when he moved to Washington, DC to work at the USDA as a Soil Conservationist and Computer Specialist. He returned to Montana in 1986 and was the State Soil Scientist until his retirement in 1995. In retirement, Gordon enjoyed working on the family ranch, grandchildren, hunting, dancing, traveling, and meeting with friends at the Bozeman Brewery. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Kathy Decker; stepson Ray (Rebecca), seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren and his four-legged companion, Rocky. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Stillwater Hospice of Montana, the Bozeman Senior Center, or the College of Agriculture at Montana State University. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00PM Monday, August 30th, at Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service Tribute Center.
Eckroat	2020	John Arthur (Jack) Eckroat (77) of Edmond, Oklahoma, passed away July 13, 2020. Jack was born On April 2, 1943, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Kathryn E. and William M. Eckroat, Jr. He went to college at Oklahoma State University (OSU), in Stillwater, Oklahoma where he not only earned his Bachelor but his Masters in Agronomy and later went on to get his PhD in geographic information systems. He served his country as a Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves during the Vietnam War era from 1963 to 1976. He was a successful businessman with his brother Tom Eckroat owning and operating Eckroat Seed Company, in Hennessey, Ok., partner in Aggie Oil Company, member of First Christian Ghurch in Hennessey, and avid OSU football supporter. Jack worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a Resource Conservationist on the Ecological Sciences state office staff in Oklahoma from 2003 until he retired on January 2, 2009. Jack's focus during his time working with NRCS was on compiling ecological site descriptions and the eastern red cedar project. He is survived by his daughters Carrie Eckroat-Feuerborn of Edmond, Oklahoma, Meagan (Scott) States of Kingfisher, Oklahoma and Kristen (Greg) Alexander of Keller, Texas; and six grandchildren Kara, Garrett, Brayden, Trevor, Dalton and Austin.
Felder	2021	Anthony John Felder (92) of Okeene, Oklahoma, passed away June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021. Anthony was born August 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1928, to John D. and Velma (Biggs) Felder. He married the love of his life, Dorothy "Jewel" Armstrong on August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1949, in Hennessey, Oklahoma. They were married 72 years. Anthony worked at the USDA- Soil Conservation Service as a technician, retiring in 1983. After retirement, he was excited to open his own survey company. He loved being a surveyor and was a member of Oklahoma Society of Land Surveyors. Anthony was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church all his life and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He walked to Mass every Sunday. He is preceded in death by his son Tony and daughter Jane Nusz. Anthony is survived by Jewel, his wife; Daughters Gladys "Beth" (Henry) Weber of Victoria, Texas; Joan (Mike) Geers of Yukon, Oklahoma; Laura "Ruth" (Gary) Boeckman of Enid, Oklahoma, and Barbara (Dick) Creps of Okeene, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great great-granddaughter.
Forrand	2021	NRCS Employee Mark A. Forrand (63) of Madison, Wisconsin, passed away at home Tuesday, June 1, 2021. He was born March 1, 1958, in Madison, to George and Thelma Forrand. He obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and then worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, followed by a 30-year career at the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service where he worked as a cartographic technician. Mark was an active outdoorsman and enjoyed camping, fishing, and duck and grouse hunting. He always had a boat of some sort and knew the best fishing and duck hunting spots on the Madison chain of lakes and sloughs of the Mississippi River around Stoddard, Wisconsin. He was an excellent cook, enjoyed good food and could make wild duck melt in your mouth. Mark loved to ride motorcycles and owned everything from motocross dirt bikes and enduros to Harley-Davidson Sportsters. Mark was a kind and caring brother, and his sweet soul will live on through everyone that knew him. He is survived by his

		brother, Randy (Bridget) Forrand; and sister, Kristine (David) Pittz. He was preceded in death by his special friend, Penny Adams.
Freeman	2021	Senior Conservationist Roy G. Freeman (96) of Kenedy, Texas passed away on August 7, 2021 at John Paul II Nursing Home. Roy was born July 2, 1925 in Cameron, Texas and was reared in Rosebud, Texas. In 1942 he became an "Aggie" at Texas A&M. Roy finished 2 years in college and when he reached the age of 18, he was drafted into the U.S. Navy. He served in the Navy Air Corps as a bombardier for 2 ½ years. After WWII was over, he returned to Texas A&M in 1946 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy in 1948. That same year he married Elizabeth (Betty) Boeselt of Westphalia, Texas at College Station Texas. In December of 1948, Roy went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Kenedy Texas. In 1951, he was promoted to the position of District Conservationist for the Kenedy Field Office. In 1978 he received the "USDA's Superior Service Award for Meritorious Public Service to the Karnes-Goliad Soil and Water Conservation District. In 1983 Roy retired after 37 years of service. Roy then went to work for the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board and retired in 1999 after 16 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty. Roy is survived by a daughter, Bonnie (Richard) Urbanek of San Antonio, Texas.
Graham	2020	Clarence "Cal" Graham (100) of Redmond, Oregon passed away July 29, 2020, just a few months after his 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Cal was a strong, quiet hero veteran of World War II. During the war, Cal was captured on Corregidor (Island) and survived a death march, followed by 3 1/2 years in brutal Japanese slave labor camps and transfers in "death ships." He escaped from the last camp just after the bombing of Hiroshima and witnessed the bombing of Nagasaki. Despite several near-death experiences, Cal never lost his faith in God or mankind. After the war, he married his true love, Doris Lueders, and enjoyed a long and happy marriage until her death in 2016. Cal retired after a long career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He also rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Oregon National Guard. Later in life, he authored a highly acclaimed book, "Under the Samurai Sword," documenting his experiences during WWII. The native of eastern, rural Nebraska has been featured in Tom Brokaw's book and documentaries about the Greatest Generation. He was interviewed by Brokaw for NBC News six years ago. Cal is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.
Hedt	2021	Nina Jeffre Hedt (68) of Eureka, California passed away at home on July 10, 2021 from pancreatic cancer. Nina was the wife of retired USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service employee Thomas Hedt who worked most of his career in California, including time as State Resource Conservationist and also a year at National Headquarters as Director of the Ecological Sciences Division. Nina was an artist, educator, nurturer, and revolutionary who showed us all how to live life to its fullest.
Henningsen	2021	Steven "Steve" Henningsen (70) of Salina, Kansas, passed away October 7, 2021. He was born September 13, 1951, in Salina, the son of Clair and Margaret (Neilson) Henningsen. He married Linda Fry on March 29, 1975, in the Central Christian Church, Belleville, Kansas. Steve was a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Abilene, Kansas. He was a community leader in his church, 4-H and was a volunteer for Access Television and the Rescue Mission. He was a lifelong fan of the Kansas City Royals baseball team. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his daughter, Kristi (Chuck) Hays, and his son, John Henningsen. He has three grandchildren, Stephanie, Cameo and Madison and 3 great grandchildren.
Hickman	2021	Glenn Lamar Hickman (85) of Waverly, Alabama, passed away October 14, 2021. Glen was born November 4, 1935, in Ashland Alabama to parents Daisy and Loye Hickman. He graduated from Auburn University in 1958 with a degree in Agronomy and Soils. He worked for USDA Soil Conservation for 34 years, retiring in 1994 as an Alabama Assistant State Soil Scientist. Glenn moved from Auburn, Alabama to Waverly, Alabama in 1988. He raised cows for several years which was his passion. He was an avid gardener who could grow anything, except carrots and for many years he had a huge garden full of vegetables, a strawberry patch, and a few flowers. Glenn had a sharp wit and could make anyone laugh. He also had the gift of making easy conversation with anyone. A memorial service was held at the Waverly cemetery on October 24, 2021. Glenn is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Alice Bobo Hickman and their three daughters, Jan Hickman of Waverly, Alabama, Emily Hickman Handley of Tallassee, Alabama, and Beth Hickman (Paul) Cox of Opelika,

		Alabama; and three cherished grandchildren, Clay Frangipane, Thomas Handley, and Jacob "Jake" Cox.
Hitz	2021	Gustav (Gus) R. Hitz Jr. (86) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away April 13, 2021. He was born in Dennison, Iowa on July 8, 1934 to Gustav R. Hitz, Sr. and Edna Hitz. Gus was the husband of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service employee Margaret A. Hitz (Struebing). Gus retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in 1996 after 42 years of service. Gus is survived by his loving wife of 59 years; Margaret A. Hitz (Struebing); children, Gus (Tina) Hitz, Laura (Brian) Runge, Richard Hitz, Trisha (Lloyd) LaFountain, and Guy Hitz; grandchildren, Ryan, Erin, Anna, Margaret Kathryn, Evan, Liam, Derek, Eleanor, Steffanie, Rebekah, Trevor, and Barrett. Gus wished to have no funeral. A celebration of life was held on April 25, 2021.
Joiner	2021	Jerry Joiner (76) of Ormond Beach, Florida, formerly of Leitchfield, Kentucky, passed away July 14, 2021, in Florida. He was born on February 23, 1945, in Leitchfield, Kentucky, to his late mother, Elwanda Smith Joiner and his father, Leon Joiner who survives. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Western Kentucky University. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, first as a conservationist in Kentucky, and later he transferred to Florida where he served as the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs. He was well respected for his technical expertise. Jerry enjoyed riding his Harley in his free time. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Surviving Jerry is his wife, Jackie Wilson Joiner of Ormond Beach, Florida; daughter, Melisa Militello; his father, Leon Joiner of Falls of Rough, Kentucky; and three grandchildren, Sam and Molly Militello and Juliet Joiner. He was preceded in death by two children, Holly Rebecca and James Leon Joiner. Graveside services were held July 18, 2021 at the Porter Cemetery in Falls of Rough, Kentucky near his family farm.
Jones	2018	Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Joseph G. "Jodie" Jones (96), of Bentonville, Arkansas passed away January 11, 2018 at Circle of Life Hospice Legacy Village. He was born August 14, 1921 in Watson, Arkansas. Jodie attended Arkansas A&M College and graduated from the University of Arkansas. Jodie was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a dedicated conservationist and served 23 years as District Conservationist for the USDA--Soil Conservation Service in Benton County, Arkansas. After retirement in 1985, Jodie served many years on the Benton County Conservation District Board of Directors and was elected to the Arkansas Association of Conservation Directors Hall of Fame. The State Senate also honored him with a citation for his conservation leadership. He was preceded by one grandson. Jodie is survived by his wife Mary Mae of the home; two daughters, Kathy Jones of Bentonville and Lorri Daniels of Fayetteville, Arkansas; one son, Jerry (Judy) Jones two grandsons; one granddaughter; four great grandsons; two great-granddaughters.
Karnosh	2021	James "Jim" Leslie Karnosh (85) of Salem, Oregon, passed away June 17, 2021, from Parkinson's disease. Jim was born June 11, 1936, and grew up in Scio, Oregon. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Idaho and Oregon as a contract specialist for 37 years. He was an avid hiker, and enjoyed wood working and camping. Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Linda. He is survived by his children, Kristi Runa, Michael Karnosh, and Stephanie Karnosh; his grandchildren, Aaron Albrecht, Richard Karnosh, and William Jackman; and his sister, Janet Jenkins. A memorial service was scheduled June 30, 2021, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Salem.
Kleppe	2021	Mary Joyce Kleppe (90) of Hiawatha, Kansas, passed away August 13, 2021, at Amberwell Hiawatha Hospital surrounded by family. Mary was the spouse of Paul A. Kleppe. Paul retired in 1994 as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the Troy Field Office in Kansas and passed away in 2015. Mary worked in the Brown County Extension and Treasurer's Office prior to her marriage, then farmed with her husband near Troy and later near Hiawatha, Kansas.
Laflin	2021	Lewis Eugene "Lew" Laflin (88) of Crab Orchard, Nebraska, passed away at the Good Samaritan Center in Beatrice, Nebraska on October 17, 2021. He was born to Lewis and Maree (Shiek) Laflin on January 3, 1933 at Crab Orchard, Nebraska. Lew grew up in Crab Orchard, Nebraska on the family farm, where the Laflin family homesteaded in 1857. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska in 1954, a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United State Army ROTC program upon graduation. While attending the University of Nebraska, he met the love of his life, Virginia Reavis and the two were joined in marriage on October 3, 1954

		at the United Methodist Church in Falls City, Nebraska. Shortly after their marriage, Lew was stationed in Mannheim, Germany, where they lived two years. While in Germany, Lew served in the 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion. After returning to the United States, the couple came back to the family farm where Lew continued with the family's Registered Angus cattle business. Lew also became heavily involved in the Republican Party working with local, state and national candidates for more than 50 years. Lew served in variety of organizations and politics. In his early 50's, Lew began full-time employment off the farm as a District Sales Manager with Northrop King Seed for 11 years. Afterward, he continued in a variety of positions with the National Soil Survey Center and Office of Personnel Management. Lew is survived by his wife, Virginia Laflin, Crab Orchard, children: Mike Laflin; Mark (Kari) Laflin; Crab Orchard; John (Shirley) Laflin, Lincoln, Nebraska, 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
Lagassey	2021	Louise A. Lagassey (78) of Bangor, Maine, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on March 23, 2021, following a courageous battle with cancer. Louise was born in Fort Kent, Maine, on July 7, 1942. In 1962, she married Robert "Bob" Lagassey, the love of her life for nearly 60 years. For many years Louise, and successfully operated her flower business, Flowers by Louise. Bob survives and is retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service.
Lee	2021	Jerry Byron Lee (81) of Dublin, Texas passed away unexpectedly on June 16, 2021. He was born on August 28, 1939, in Dublin, Texas to his parents Rosa Lee (Hamilton)Lee and Robert Morris Lee. Jerry earned his bachelor's degree in Agronomy at Texas A&M University and started his career in agriculture for the government. Shortly after his graduation, in 1964, Jerry married and through that marriage he had two children Byron and Barbara. Jerry worked for the Department of Defense and as an agronomist for USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He retired in 1994 as a Plant Materials Specialist on the Resource Conservation Staff in the Kansas State Office in Salina, Kansas. He later pursued a career in as an agronomist for the state of Texas. He was known for his hard work and dedication to his family and his farm. In the late 1980's, Jerry was re-married to Linnadelle Mudd and through this marriage he gained three stepchildren Susan Carl, Robert Mudd and Greg Mudd. He was affiliated with the Greens Creek Baptist Church and currently is a member of the First Baptist Church in Stephenville, Texas. Jerry was on the Greens Creek Water Board and Texas Farm Bureau for many years. Jerry suffered from leukemia during the last few years of his life and although his illness slowed him down, he was a fighter and continued to pursue his dream on the family farm. Jerry is survived by his wife Linnadelle Lee of Dublin, Texas, his children Barbara Lewis of Early, Texas and Byron Lee of Denton, Texas, his stepchildren Susan Carl of Stephenville, Texas, Robert Mudd of Stephenville, Texas and Greg Mudd of Fruita, Colorado, his grandchildren Jordan Nail, Gage Nail, Zach Nail, Josh Mudd, Jeremy Lewis, Matthew Lewis, Byron Lee, Estelle Lee, Julian Lee, many great-grandchildren and several other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.
Lemon	2021	Dennis Ridell Lemon (86) of Salina, Kansas, passed away on Oct. 1, 2021, in Salina with his wife of nearly 60 years at his side. Dennis was born on March 28, 1935 in the tiny country town of Portis, Kansas and He was the only child of the late Clyde Donald Lemon and Mary Revo Payton. He spent his youth helping his father raise racing greyhounds. He attended Ft. Hays Kansas State College and graduated in 1957. Promptly after graduation he and a couple of friends went to Denver to enlist in the Army for 2 years. He was stationed in Germany for the entire duration of his enlistment where he traveled all over Europe in his MG convertible he purchased when he arrived. He settled in Denver, CO after his discharge from the Army in 1959 and began a career in the US Forest Service. In 1961, he met his wife, Ila Faye Lawson, and they were married a short 9 months later on March 17, 1962 in Norton, Kaansas. The family moved to the Washington DC area in 1974 and remained until they moved to Salina in 1980 when Joe transferred to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he was the Assistant State Conservationist (Administration) in the Kansas State Office. He retired in 1995 after 35 years of government service. He was one of the last few living historians of the period of greyhound coursing history – which preceded the greyhound track racing as we know it today. He recently had been a resource of firsthand information for UK historian and author Charles Blanning for a September 2021 article in the "Sporting Press" (Ireland) on the early days of coursing in the United States. Joe loved to play golf and travel with his wife all over the world among many other hobbies. He is survived by his wife Ila, his daughters Michelle of Columbia, Tennessee and Tia of Aurora, Colorado. His two grandsons, Tom (Shannon) Worcester of Grand Forks, North Dakota and

		Brandon Worcester of Columbia, Tennessee as well as his two great-grandchildren, Grace Helen Worcester and Solomon Thomas Worcester. Memoriums can be made to the Greyhound Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund in Abilene, Kansas.
Lincoln	2020	Lifetime ARCSE Member Ernest Erdine "Ernie" Lincoln III (81) of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away on June 8, 2020 at Page Memorial Hospital. Ernie was born on November 27, 1938 and was the son of the late Ernest Erdine Jr. and Helen Garber Lincoln. He served in the United States Air Force. On January 5, 1962, he was married to the former Carolyn June Carr who survives. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation (SCS) in 1985, where he worked as an engineering technician. After retiring from SCS he worked as a school bus driver for Rockingham County Schools and the Social Security Office as a security guard. He collected and called in the local weather data to radio station WSVA for many years. He was an avid hunter who enjoyed camping and spending time in the outdoors. He was a member of the Church of Christ. In addition to his wife, Carolyn, also surviving are two daughters, Janice (Robert) Burns of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, and Sherri (Dennis) Norris of Union Bridge, Maryland; grandchildren, Brandon Rudisill, Lacey Campbell, Nicole Rudisill, Jennifer Thompson, Brian Burns, Joel Norris, Philip Norris; great-grandchildren, Haley Thompson, Alana Thompson, Aiden Thompson; and his special fur-baby, "Buttons."
Maetzold	2021	ARCSE Member James "Jim" Alden Maetzold (83) of Spotsylvania, Virginia, passed away June 30, 2021. Jim was born on August 7, 1937 in Devil's Lake, North Dakota and was a farmer from the time he could remember. After graduating high school, he went on to earn his undergraduate degree in agricultural economics from North Dakota State University where he also served in the US Army ROTC program. After serving three years in the Army Reserves as a First Lieutenant and photographer, Jim went on to earn a master's degree in economics from the University of California at Davis while also taking coursework towards a PhD shortly thereafter. Most of Jim's career was spent as an economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he most recently led the department's agri-tourism efforts as a key member of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He was a master woodworker, gardener, photographer (especially at his grandkid's games), and loved being on the water boating or being towed on his own self-made flotation device. As a devout Catholic, Jim was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus in multiple parishes. Jim leaves behind his beautiful wife, Lorraine Catherine Maetzold; children Paul Bjarnason, David Bjarnason, and Christine Schoen; and grandchildren Hanna, Nolan, and Krista Bjarnason, Max and Sam Bjarnason, and D.J., Chris, and Amanda Schoen. A Funeral Mass was held July 12 at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia followed by burial in Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, Virginia.
Malone	2021	Blanche Evelyn McPherson Schultz Malone (100) of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away June 2, 2021. Blanche was born October 12, 1920, to Edith Minton Spann and John Milton McPherson in Triune, Tennessee. She played AAU professional basketball during World War II for the Vultee Bomberettes, winning the national championship in St. Joseph, Missouri. She was also a champion bowler, winning many City Championships. She married Major League Baseball player Bob Schultz on April 7, 1950. Bob played 11 seasons for the Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh Pirates and the Detroit Tigers. They later divorced. Blanche worked in the transportation department for Seward Air Base where she met and married James O. Malone, Jr. She then worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and in 1986 retired after 29 years of civil service. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by daughter, Debbie Schultz (Charles) Chadwick, son, Duffy (Trish) Schultz, grandsons, Joshua (Sara) Schultz, Michael (Melanie) Schultz, Kristofer (Carrie) Chadwick, Zachary (Justine) Schultz, Erich (Emily) Chadwick, Phillippe (Nick Maynard) Chadwick, and Timothy Charles Chadwick, and 9 great-grandchildren.
Malone	2021	ARCSE Member Paul LaVerne Malone (82) of Boise, Idaho passed away June 5, 2021. Paul was born November 16, 1938, in rural Lancaster County Nebraska near Lincoln, Nebraska, the ninth child of Fredrick and Ruby (Holley) Malone. In 1956 he enlisted in the Nebraska National Guard. Paul had active duty for training from November 1956 to August 1957 and employed as a Radar Technician with Nebraska National Guard at Lincoln Air Force Base until November 1959. He was employed at Martin Company in Denver, Colorado from November 1959 until January 1962 when he entered Colorado State University, completing a degree in Soil Conservation in March 1965 after 3.5 years, graduating in the top 5% of the class with High Distinction. He was

		<p>employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Burlington, Colorado (1965-1967); Rifle, Colorado (1967- 1970); Rocky Ford, Colorado (1970-1975); Bellingham, Washington (1975-1978); Shelby, Montana (1978-1979); Rio Rancho, New Mexico (1979-1983); Pocatello, Idaho (1983-1987) and Boise, Idaho (1987-1994) retiring as State Resource Conservationist in 1994. He married Shirley Davis in Denver 1960; they were later divorced. They had 2 daughters (Melissa and Jennifer). Paul then married Kip Coffelt in Bellingham, Washington in 1975. Since his retirement Paul worked for the Peregrine Fund in Boise leading tours of the visitor center assisting with captive birds of prey and maintenance of facilities. He loved to play the guitar and played in bands with the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers for several years and the Eagle Bluegrass Gospel Band (EBGB's) at the Eagle United Methodist Church where he was a member since 1994 and volunteered with the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts (2004-2021). He loved music especially old-time country bluegrass and gospel as well as fishing, woodworking and was an avid reader. He was preceded in death by grandson Tyler Matus. He is survived by his wife Kip, 2 children, Melissa Malone (Barry Henderson), Jennifer (Dave) Schiff, 2 stepchildren: Ed (Carolyn) Coffelt, Stacey (Dave) Matus, 5 grandchildren Santana Matus (Corey Richards), Shaelyn Coffelt, Andy Schiff, Gracie Schiff, Finnegan Henderson and 2 great-grandchildren (Brayden and Jaxson Richards), and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Peregrine Fund of Boise or Eagle Methodist Church.</p>
Matheson	2021	<p>Senior Conservationist Lawrence Evander Matheson (97) of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away May 1, 2021. He was born in Chesterfield County, South Carolina on September 13, 1923, to the late William Norman Matheson and Nezzie Boswell Matheson. Lawrence honorably served his country in the US Army, 32nd Infantry Division during World War II. He retired as a Conservation Technician from the Department of Agriculture and was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. He served as Soil Conservation Technician in the Raleigh Field Office for many years. He had the distinction of having attended more of the annual SCS/NRCS retiree picnics than any other retiree. He is survived by his daughters: Margaret M. White (Mike), Janice M. Lienthal (John); grandchildren: Angie W. Dutton (Bobby), Brian White (Tina); great-grandchildren: Christa, Caroline, and Sam Dutton. Lawrence was preceded in death by his wife, Ollie Brown Matheson, and daughter, Lois Elaine Matheson.</p>
Meyer	2021	<p>Dennis "Denny" Meyer (87) of Mandan, North Dakota, passed away September 15, 2021, in Mandan. After two years at Bismarck Junior College, he completed his degree at North Dakota State University in 1961. He worked as an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Fargo, Forman, Minot and Bismarck, North Dakota until retiring in 1989. After retirement, he formed Dennis F. Meyer, Inc. and was an engineering consultant. As a professional engineer he rose through the ranks to become president of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), the organization that oversees licensure for these professions. He is survived by his wife, Bernie of 26 years; daughters, Kora (Ken) Dockter and Janel (Mike) Schmitz; stepsons, Dan (Karla) Clark and Jay (Michele) Clark; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and a grandson.</p>
Mickley, Jr.	2021	<p>John W. Mickley, Jr. (83) of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania passed away June 15, 2021, in Gettysburg. He was an ARCSE member until 2019. John was born Sept 20, 1937. in Adams County, Pennsylvania and grew up on his family's farm in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. John graduated from Pennsylvania State University with an Engineering degree in 1955. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the following counties in Pennsylvania: Crawford, Clearfield, Schuylkill, and Somerset, PA. In Maryland he worked in College Park and Annapolis. His last assignment was as State Conservation Engineer in Maryland. He retired January 1, 1993 and moved to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. John and his wife, Donna, had 2 sons, Paul and Mark. After retirement, John worked part time for the conservation districts in Frederick and Washington Counties, Maryland. Among his duties were environmental assessments for poultry and swine farms.</p>
Moebius	2021	<p>Gordon Eugene Moebius (82) of Duncan, Oklahoma passed away at home on September 12, 2021. Gordon was born November 24, 1938, in Payne County, Oklahoma to Henry A. and Laura (Weldon) Moebius. He worked for the USDDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist and was well respected by his colleagues for his knowledge and cheerful attitude. He was easy to talk to and made lifelong friends. An avid outdoorsman, Gordon loved to hunt, fish, and spend time outdoors. After retiring from the Soil Conservation Service, he</p>

		rehabbed and sold houses while earning his real estate broker's associate license. Then he created his own business, GEM Services, working as a soil consultant advising on a variety of environmental issues. He was active in Duncan Christian Center, Duncan Gideon's organization and the State Retirees Association for the Soil Conservation Service, where he had served as president. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Minnie Carol Rains-Moebius. Gordon is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law Debra Handy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Susan (Jeff) Henderson of Seminole, Oklahoma, Mark Handy of Oklahoma City; and grandchildren: Evan Mark Handy, Emma Nichole Henderson, and Hayley Moore.
Mott	2021	Senior Conservationist Frederick "Fred" Thurston Mott (92) of Dover, Delaware passed away May 21, 2021. Fred was born on September 28, 1928 in Seneca Falls, New York to the Helen Greenman Mott and Herbert L. Mott. Fred received his Associate Degree in Agronomy and Soil Conservation from Alfred University and then went on to earn his Bachelor of Science from the University of Georgia. After graduating, Fred became a student trainee for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) beginning in 1949. In 1952, Fred married Genevieve Whitney and was given a permanent position with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Two years later, Fred joined the U.S. Army where he was a part of the Special Category Army Personnel with Air Forces (SCARWAF) troops. After serving, Fred and Genevieve came back to Dover and he returned to work for SCS. Fred retired from the SCS in 1987. Following his retirement, Fred began serving as Administrator of Conservation District Operations for the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. He was then employed with his daughter and son-in-law Sue and Bob Bartley as the Safety Manager for their electrical contracting business – B&D Electric for 13 years. Some of Fred's other accolades include chairman of the Optimist Club of Dover, past president of the Soil Conservation Society of America (Pocomoke Chapter), and past Kent Conservation District Supervisor for 10- 3year terms. He retired from this position in 2020. Fred was honored in 2020 with the Kent Conservation District Office building named in his honor, the Frederick T. Mott Conservation Center. Fred was also a devoted husband and family man. He enjoyed fishing, wood carving decoys, backpacking, swimming (until the age of 85) and even writing poetry. Fred was heavily involved in his community. He was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Dover for over 69 years. Fred was also a volunteer for many years at Bayhealth Hospital – Kent Campus of which he was rewarded the Jefferson Award by the Governor. Fred is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Genevieve; daughters, Susan (Bob) Bartley of Lewes, Delaware, Becki (Mark) Mott-Lynn also of Lewes, Carrie (Dean) Geyer of Milford, Delaware; grandchildren, Michele Bartley, Whitney Mott-Lynn Murray, Hannah, Tillie, Bonard and Camille Geyer. For those interested, the family suggests donating to the Delaware Envirothon c/o Frederick T. Mott Conservation Center, 1679 S. Dupont Hwy., Dover, Delaware 19901.
Olson	2021	Natural Resources Conservation Service employee Dale R. Olson (60) of Robinson, Texas, passed away August 21, 2021. Dale had been hospitalized the last few weeks with double pneumonia. Dale was born February 11, 1961 on James Connally Air Force Base in Waco, Texas, the son of Robert George and Patsy (Teichelman) Olson. He moved 15 times with his family as his father served in the US Air Force. In 1974, the Olson's settled in Robinson where he attended Robinson High School, Class of 1979. Dale was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Waco. He married Jennifer Snider in 1989. Dale worked at USDA-National Resource Conservation Service since 1979 as a construction inspector. He had many passions that involved working with his hands, such as rebuilding a 1969 Mustang, with son, Jared and working at the Teichelman farm. Dale was a Jack of all trades, whose favorite saying was "built, not bought." Survivors include his wife, Jennifer; daughter, Haley Nicole; son, Jared Dale; beloved dog, Brody; mother, Patsy Olson; and father-in-law, Buddy Snider.
Overing	2021	John Edwin Overing (94) of York, Nebraska passed away August 8, 2021 at Lincoln, Nebraska. He was born November 1, 1926 at Red Cloud, Nebraska to Edwin James and Nina (Simmons) Overing. After graduating from Red Cloud High School in 1944, John enlisted in the US Army and was stationed at Ft. Collins, CO, Camp Hood, Texas, Corvallis, OR, and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He was discharged in 1946 and attended the University of Nebraska and graduated with an Agricultural Engineering Degree in 1950. He married Lorena (Schleif) Overing of Lincoln on December 30, 1951. He taught classes to veterans at Bradshaw High School from 1953-1955. He was employed by the USDA- Soil Conservation Service in 1955 as an Agricultural Engineer in York and Hebron, Nebraska and as an Irrigation Engineer at Grand Island and

		Lincoln, Nebraska. He retired in 1987. He was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at York. He was preceded in death by his wife Lorena. He is survived by one daughter, Sue (John) O'Shea of Ann Arbor, Michigan; two sons, John (Patty) Overing of Danville, Kentucky, and Michael (Theresa) Overing of Pasadena, California; seven grandsons Brennan, Cailen, James, Matthew, Robert, John, and Andrew; and seven great grandchildren.
Phillips	2021	Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Richard L. Phillips (96) of Maplewood, Minnesota (previously of Gibsonville, North Carolina) passed away earlier this year at The Homestead at Maplewood Assisted Living Community. An obituary was not published. According to the ARCSE database, he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, serving as a State Engineer, and a soil conservationist, retiring in 1982.
Pollock	2021	Doris Ann Pollock (93) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away October 12, 2021. She was born January 26, 1928, in Rising City, Nebraska and passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 12, 2021 at the age of 93. Doris was married to Bob Pollock who passed away on March 11, 2018 after 70 years of marriage. Bob worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Nebraska as a soil scientist.
Ramsey	2021	Janus Don Ramsey (86) of Stephenville, Texas, passed away September 18, 2021. Don was born in Cleburne, Texas, on January 9, 1935, to Charley John and Bessie Olena (Hankins) Ramsey. He married Patsy Jeanene White on November 26, 1953, in Cleburne, Texas. Don was a retired Construction Inspector for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Lake Pat Sams RV club where he served as President for several years, and the Studebaker Driving Club. Survivors include his wife, Pat Ramsey of Stephenville, Texas; sons, Michael Don Ramsey (Denise) of Quinlan, Texas, Cris Alan Ramsey (Donna), of Allen, Texas, and Bret Eugene Ramsey of Dallas, Texas; 8 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.
Richmeier	2021	Elmer John "E.J." Richmeier (88) of Shell Knob, Missouri, passed away April 24, 2021, at his home. Elmer was born April 12, 1933, in Salina, Kansas, to Fred and Philomena (Rome) Richmeier. He was a graduate of Joseph Military Academy, in Hays, Kansas and graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. He married Mary Jean Aich on April 15, 1952, in Hays. He was a district conservationist employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He was a storyteller and had an amazing sense of humor. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Survivors include his wife; a son, Glenn Richmeier (Jennifer) of Brooksville, Florida; two daughters, Lisa (Brad) Bascue, of Manhattan, Kansas, and Brenda (Danny) Spain of Aurora, Missouri; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Fred Joseph and Gary; and a daughter, Janice.
Sawyers	2020	Ray Gene Sawyers (71) of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away June 27, 2020, at Good Shepherd Homecare & Hospice in Manhattan, surrounded by his family. He was born March 7, 1949, in Duncan, Oklahoma, the son of Raymond L. and Thelma Jean (Best) Sawyers. On November 24, 1967, in Dalhart, TX, he was married to Peggy Elliott. Ray earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 1979 in Agriculture. He served in the United States Navy for 6 years on nuclear submarines. He later worked as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He worked as the District Conservationist in Kearney, Clay and Riley Counties from 1980 until his retirement in 1994. Ray enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing cards and games with friends and family. He was also an avid reader. He loved spending time with his family, he had a quick wit and uncanny recollection of all things history. He was a wealth of knowledge and a storyteller extraordinaire, everyone who knew him enjoyed listening to the many stories he shared. Ray is survived by his wife, Peggy, his three children: Dr. Eric Sawyers (Leslie) of Casper, Wyoming, Jason Sawyers (Tara) of Topeka, Kansas, and Dené (Zachary) Mosier of Manhattan; and four granddaughters: Ashley and Ellie Sawyers, and Grace and Gabrielle Mosier.
Schauble	2021	Philip Oscar Joe Schauble (93) of Spokane, Washington, passed away September 21, 2021. He was born April 1, 1928 in Fayette, North Dakota, to Robert and Mary Krautchuk Schauble. His love of trees and plants led him to a career as a soil conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he became a district conservationist in eastern Washington. He married Maureen Doyle on July 9, 1960. Both Phil and Maureen were born on April Fool's Day. He struggled with memory loss for the past year but was lucid and engaged when it came to his newest great-grandson, Tristen, who he referred to as "the little guy". Phil was preceded in death by his grandson Tristen Jordan

		and his son-in-law M. Michael Bishop; He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Maureen, daughters Julie (Andy) Schauble-Nguyen, Lorretta Schauble, Brenda (Michael) Coles, Sheila (Rodney) Molett, Anita (John) Willis, and Teresa Bishop; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.
Scheffe	2021	Kenneth "Ken" Francis Scheffe (64) of Corrales, New Mexico, passed away February 22, 2021, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Kenneth was born on November 6, 1956, in Wichita Falls, Texas to Earl James Scheffe and Evelyn Olivia Koetter. He attended college at Texas Tech University and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Soil Science. In 1982, he graduated with a Master's degree in Soil Science from Texas Tech University. He married Linda Oyer on July 5, 1997 in Bernalillo, New Mexico and they were married for 23 beautiful years. For 40 years, Kenneth worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (New Mexico State Soil Scientist and other positions) from 1978 to 2014. He served as the National Soil Classification Specialist (Soil Taxonomy) at the National Soil Survey Center from 2014-2018. He was also a co-author of National Soil Survey Manual published in 2017. He was a Co-owner of Sustainable Soil Systems LLC from 2019 to 2021, and from 2019 to 2021 was a contract Soil Scientist working in soil health with New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts. He was an EMT and volunteer firefighter & Chief in Santa Rosa, New Mexico. He was an active and dedicated member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Rio Rancho, New Mexico and St. John the Apostle Parish in Lincoln, NE. Among Kenneth's survivors is his wife, Linda Oyer Scheffe of Corrales, New Mexico; son, Shawn Oyer (Kristin) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; daughter, Xela Oyer (Kamil Javon) of Las Vegas, Nevada; granddaughter, Cora Grace Oyer; and grandson, Paul Russell Oyer.
Schledorn	2021	Senior Conservationist Frank J. Schledorn (98) of Bozeman, Montana, passed away March 23, 2021. Frank was born on a farm in near Edmore, North Dakota, to Franz (Frank) Nicholas Schledorn and Marie Clara Vander Heiden Schledorn on September 19, 1922. Several years ago, after his wife of 64 years Doris Mollerud Schledorn passed away, Frank recorded a video reflecting on his life. He things he believed in were family, church, and good citizenship. "If we look to our elders as forests, their wisdom teaches us that patience is the work we can till into the soil". Frank said, "Overall, as I look back, I think maybe the thing I've learned is to be patient with life. You need to think things through, not just react to them, and think about what might happen five years from now, ten years from now." Frank worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an Engineer. Frank is survived by his son Rick Schledorn (Betty); daughters, Patti Marshall, Lynn Speakman (Fred), Laurie Lint; six grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Doris Mollerud Schledorn, loving companion Brigitte Zobel Yearman. Memorial services were held June 19, 2021 in Bozeman, Montana at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ.
Schmadeke	2021	Carl Schmadeke (99) of Cornelius, Oregon, passed away on June 28, 2021 at the Kaiser Westside Medical Center in Hillsboro, Oregon. He was looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday in 32 days. Carl Schmadeke was born July 30, 1921, in Bradish, Nebraska, the son of the late Carl Herman Schmadeke and Anna Hefti. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, with a major in Agricultural Education. Carl served in the United States Army, as a PFC in the 84th Infantry Division—TheRailSplitters, when he was captured from a pill box with 11 others on the Siegfried line on Thanksgiving Day 1944. He was part of a work crew that cut wood by hand near Zislow with very little to eat until he was liberated May 3, 1945, when Germany surrendered. He was united in marriage to Carol Jean Lymath on August 1st, 1942 in Newman Grove, Nebraska. They moved to Oregon with six-year-old Carl Edward in June 1949 to join Carol's family who had recently moved here from Nebraska. They settled in Bay City in 1953 where Carl worked for several years as the District Conservationist for Tillamook County. The family relocated to Hillsboro, Oregon in 1962 when Carl was transferred to the Washington County office. They divorced in 1974 and he worked at The Dalles SCS office until his retirement in 1979. It was during that time that he met Evelyn Jasnoch, and they were together until her passing in 2008. Carl became a Real Estate Agent after his retirement and spent many decades as a hands-on landlord. Carl was introduced to Debra New at the New Year's Eve Dance at the Pumpkin Ridge Grange Hall one year later. Carl was preceded in death by his son Cary Schmadeke. Survivors include his partner, Debra New, of Cornelius, Oregon; his children and their spouses, Carl E (Sharon) Schmadeke, of Hillsboro, Oregon, and Carla (Steve) Pentkowski, of North Plains, Oregon; four

		grandchildren, James Paulson, JenRenee Fairlane, Megan Pender, and Chris Pidd; and six great grandchildren.
Scott	2021	ARCSE Member Swayne Scott (87) of Reston, Virginia, passed away in February of 2021. Swayne served as the National Irrigation Engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1988. The family chose not to publish an obituary. He is survived by his wife Frankie Scott and children.
Shreve	2021	Senior Conservationist Sterling "Sam" Paul Shreve (89) of Ames, Iowa passed away at the Israel Hospice House in Ames, Iowa, on June 9, 2021, with his loving family near his side. Sam was born in Sioux City, Iowa to Neal C. and Esther (Christiansen) Shreve on February 26, 1932. Sam was united in marriage to Ruth Ilene Lauritsen on February 13, 1957. Sam and Ruth had two children, Kelly Brodie and Karen Thiel. Sam had a son, Paul Shreve, from a previous marriage. In 1956 Sam started working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Sioux City where he was a surveyor. He transferred to Ames in 1971 as a soil map cartographer. He retired in 1988. Sam enjoyed spending time with his family and playing cards with his many friends. He was known for his quick wit and making people laugh. He was a longtime member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Ames. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth, and his daughters, Kelly Brodie and Karen (Denny) Thiel; four grandchildren, Michael Ryan Brodie (Katy Beerhohm-Young), Emily (Nic Carnes) Brodie, Amber (Tim) Jacklin, Justin (Ashley) Redding; and ten great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank Mary Greeley Hospice Services for their care and comfort. Private graveside services were held at the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery in Adel, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames.
Smith	2021	Jerry Lynn Smith (82) of Tumwater, Washington, passed away June 20, 2021, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Jerry was born May 29, 1939 in Klamath Falls, Oregon to Red and Helen Smith. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1962 with a degree in Forestry. From a young age he always enjoyed being out in the woods. His career in the forestry industry kept him walking in the woods across Oregon and Washington for the early part of his career. He entered government service in the early 1980s and worked as a forester for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (later called the National Resource Conservation Service) until his retirement. After retiring from work, he still spent many hours in the woods, whether as a docent at Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail or as a bird watcher. When Jerry wasn't wandering through forests, he could be found singing in the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation church choir, or volunteering his time with Bread and Roses, Camp Quixote, and Habitat for Humanity. Jerry is survived by his second wife of 36 years of marriage, Virginia Smith, and her two children Eric Lassen and Anne Brown. He is also survived by his first wife Kathy LaFrance who is the mother of his children, Charmaine Gural and Graham Smith. Jerry also leaves behind six beloved grandchildren, Noah Smith, Jonas Brown, Tabitha Smith, Molly Lassen, Sophie Brown, and Jasper Lassen.
Spears	2021	Senior Conservationist and Life and Honorary ARCSE member Maurice "Whitey" James Spears (96) of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away January 05, 2021, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Whitey was born in Grand Saline, Texas on March 31, 1924. After high school graduation, he was accepted to Texas A & M College. He was expected to graduate with the class of 1946 but when World War II started, Whitey hesitated, he quit A & M and joined the Army. "Chub", Whitey's younger brother said that was the only time he saw their father "MJ" cry in the fields. Whitey wanted to go overseas as soon as possible so he was sent to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas for deployment. He was assigned to Battery B672d Field Artillery Battalion. He was on a 155 Howitzer crew. They spent two weeks going to Africa and till his last days he hated the thought of taking a "BOAT" ride. He said that was the sickest he had ever been. He never bragged about his service, like most of the Greatest Generation. His reply was, "They all had to do their duty for the country." He served till the end of the war, he then returned to A & M and graduated in the class of 1949. His first job was back to his love of the land. He became a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) based in different cities in the Rio Grande Valley. He met his biggest supporter, "Hank" Henrietta Waters, in Harlingen Texas. They were married in 1951. Whitey worked his way through the ranks with SCS. He spent time in South Dakota as an Assistant State Conservationist. From there, he went back to Texas as a Deputy State Conservationist. He was promoted to State Conservationist of Arkansas in 1973. In May of 1979 Whitey was awarded the Superior Service award "For outstanding direction of Soil Conservation Service programs leading to enhanced environment and improved standards of living

		for rural residents of Arkansas." Whitey believed in family, friends, and fairness. He also believed "No beer will be consumed on the golf course till a Par was made". He also believed in declaring a Par on the #3 (Third Hole) if no Par was made. He became an ICON at Hindman Golf Course. Whitey had three kids with "Hank" Henrietta Waters who preceded him in death in 1998. In 2000, Whitey got married to his second wife, Amy Jones who preceded him in death in 2018. He is survived by three children, Michele (Pierre) Richer, Melissa (Tony) Casteel, Myles (Lisa) Spears, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren.
Studer	2021	Louis L. Studer (84) of Columbia, Missouri, passed away July 14, 2021, at his farm north of Columbia. Louis was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, to Joseph and Evadell (Smith) Studer. He graduated from Kansas State University (KSU) in 1959 with a degree in Civil-Agricultural Engineering. While at KSU, he was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity, AFROTC, and engineering organizations. Louis married Janice "Jan" Groh in 1957, in Manhattan, Kansas, where they both graduated from Kansas State University. After graduation, Louis was employed by the Missouri State Highway Department in St. Joseph, Missouri, as an engineer, construction inspector. In 1956, Louis accepted employment with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. During his career, Louis worked in Water Resources as a Planning and Project Engineer. After a 30-year career, Louis retired in 1996. After retirement, Louis and his wife, Jan, traveled throughout Europe, Asia, and Canada, and the United States. He also enjoyed woodworking, gardening, fishing, and hunting. Louis is survived by his wife, Jan, of Columbia; son Bruce (Elizabeth) Studer of Germantown, Wisconsin; son Craig Studer of Shanghai, China; and son Kent (Melanie) Studer of Columbia; seven grandsons; and one great-grandson.
Tingey	2021	Joylene R. Tingey (91) of Vancouver, Washington, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah, surrounded by her beloved husband, Senior Conservationist K Marsal Tingey, and other family members after battling Alzheimer's, diminishing sight and other health issues. Joylene was born on 09/14/1930. She graduated from Brigham Young University and received her baccalaureate degree in physical education, recreation and health with a minor in modern dance in 1952. Her husband Marsel retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1990 after serving many years as the State Resource Conservationist in the Oregon State Office.
Wade	2021	Arthur Wade (74) of Whittier, North Carolina, passed away September 16, 2021. He was the son of the Anderson and Ina Tubby Wade. He was a US Army veteran having served in Vietnam and received three Purple Hearts. Arthur worked a soil conservation technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was liaison to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians when he retired. Arthur was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for over 40 years and loved mission work. He was preceded in death by his son, Chris Jenkins and brother, Chester Wade. He is survived by his wife, Judy Wade; three daughters, Dusty (Shawn) Husky, Melissa (Joe) Setzer, Jennifer (Mike) York and Taelyn Hunt; grandchildren, Dagon McClure, Geoffrey Wade, Courtney Brashear, Jesse Jenkins, Chelsea Ball, Chaise Setzer, Alyssa Huskey, Drew Huskey, Madison York, Daniel York, Brady Jenkins, Wyatt Delozier and Brianna Nash; and 15 great grandchildren. A memorial service was held September 25, 2021 at the Cherokee Indian Ceremonial Grounds. Military honors were conducted by The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post #143.
Wells	2021	Darrell Lee Wells (82) of Clinton, Oklahoma passed away May 5, 2021 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Darrell was born March 26, 1939 to W.C. Wells and Charlene (Swearingen) Wells in Visalia, California. He was raised in the Stafford community west of Clinton and graduated from Stafford High School in 1957. That same year he began his working career at the age of 18 for the United States Soil Conservation as a soil mechanics technician. He did a lot of compaction testing on dams to ensure they were safe. He worked in Okmulgee, Davis, and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, retiring after 37 years later in 1994. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and working in his garden. He is survived by daughter, Cindy Hicks (Frank) of Watauga, Texas; son, Darren Wells of Ft. Worth, Texas; three grandchildren, Angie Hicks, Lee Hicks, and Dylan Hicks; four great-grandchildren.
Westerman	2021	Kathryn (Kay) Louise Westerman (95) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away May 17, 2021. Kay was born in Atkinson, Nebraska December 6, 1925, to Archie and Lucile J. Millington. She attended the University of Omaha. On June 14, 1947, she was united in marriage to Lyle Westerman who was a Soil Conservation

		<p>Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Kay worked for the War Department and Finance Department during and after World War II. Kathryn worked for LL Coryell in Lincoln and the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Pawnee City, Nebraska and Lincoln for 34 years. After retirement, she served as secretary for the SCS Retirees Breakfast Club for several years. She was also secretary for the VFW Women's Auxiliary Post 4626 until its disbandment. Surviving Kay are her children, Susan (Ken) Mayberry of York, Nebraska, David Westerman (Terri Tobias) of Cooper Landing, Alaska, Joan Kennedy of Cypress, Texas, and James Westerman of Rapid City, South Dakota. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held May 22, 2021, at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church in Lincoln.</p>
Whitaker	2021	<p>Orville J. Whitaker (86) of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, passed away on July 14, 2021 at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, Kentucky. Orville was born on April 22, 1935 in Richmond, Kentucky and was the son of Walter A. and Burdette Ross Whitaker. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He was a beef cattle farmer and a retired soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Orville was passionate about agriculture. He was past president of Lincoln County Farm Bureau and served for a time as a coordinator with the Kentucky Beef Network. He also served on the Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association and the University of Kentucky Extension Council. Orville was a man of faith and an active member of Crab Orchard Christian Church where he served as an elder. He was preceded in death by his devoted and loving wife of 60 years, Josephine Stone Whitaker. Survivors include: two sons, Doug Whitaker (Julie and daughters Melissa and Jessica) of Louisville, Kentucky, and Larry Whitaker (Sharon), of Aberdeen, Ohio; and one grandson, Ross Whitaker. His son Larry Whitaker retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service after working as a district conservationist in Kentucky and resource conservationist in Ohio.</p>
White	2021	<p>Lonnie Kent White (75) of Keeling, Virginia passed away May 14, 2021, at a memory care facility in Forest, Virginia after a decline in his health for the last six years. Lonnie was born on September 12, 1945, a son of the late Johnnie Kent White and Gladys Dunn White. He had been a resident of Keeling, Virginia for the past 37 years. He retired from the USDA NRCS as an engineer after 36 years of service. Lonnie was a member of the Virginia Army National Guard for 26 years. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 325 and the Keeling Volunteer Fire Department. He was married to Carolyn Shively White, who survives, for 53 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Kent L. White (Michelle) of Lynchburg, Virginia; and two grandchildren, Aiden L. White, and Dylan J. White.</p>
Whitworth	2021	<p>Mariann Whitworth, "Blondie" (73) of Boise, Idaho passed away August 22, 2021. Mariann was born on September 5, 1947 in Pocatello, Idaho to Robert and Jeraldine Whitworth. Mariann was raised in May, Idaho in the beautiful Pahsimeroi valley. Upon high school graduation, Mariann followed her sister Maureen to Pocatello and attended Idaho State University. Mariann enrolled in the secretarial program and upon completion moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. Eventually settling in Boise a few years later. In Boise, her career began with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Her career brought her great joy and pride. She worked in administrative services. One of her favorite titles in life was that of being an Aunt. Mariann was truly a wonderful Aunt (and Great Aunt!) and was at her happiest when loved ones were near. Mariann cherished hosting large thanksgiving dinners each year where the family would gather where she was able to share her gift of cooking and baking. The simple pleasures of life brought her so much happiness, you could often find her baking or enjoying a good book. Mariann was such a warrior and beat cancer twice in her lifetime and through it all she never lost her joy and was a shining example of bravery and perseverance. Mariann had the most important qualities of a beautiful soul, bravery and love. Mariann is survived by her loving sisters Maureen Betscher and Kami Corrigan, six nieces and nephews and their children.</p>
Williams	2021	<p>Ronald Dale Williams (61) of Sac City, Iowa passed away August 11, 2021. Ron was born in Storm Lake, Iowa, on September 26, 1959, to parents Louella Therldean (Wright) Williams and Estelle Ai Williams. After high school graduation, Ron worked for the Pocahontas County Conservation Board. Ron met the love of his life, Cindy Weishaar, in Pocahontas, Iowa and they were married on July 18, 1981, at the Catholic Church in Laurens, Iowa. Ron and Cindy moved to Sac City, Iowa, in 1981 where Ron had accepted a job with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation where he worked as a civil engineering technician. Ron served his community in many ways by being an active member</p>

		of the Sac City Volunteer Fire Department for many years as well as serving on the Sac City Police and Sac County Sheriff Reserves. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he sang in the choir and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Ron leaves behind his wife of forty years, Cindy Williams of Sac City, Iowa; sons Travis Williams and Nathan Williams both of Sac City, Iowa; grandchildren Kelon and Devyn Williams; former daughter-in-law Tiffany Williams; and special son Brandon Clark of Sac City, Iowa;
Wulforst	2 0 2 1	John P. Wulforst (91) of Hornell, New York, passed away May 24, 2021, peacefully and surrounded by family at his home. John was born in Hicksville, New York (Long Island) on October 9, 1929 to John F. and Magdalena (Hoeffner) Wulforst. John attended Lemoyne College before transferring to Cornell University. Prior to receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell in 1958, John served three years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. John joined the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist where he worked until 1987. He then joined the staff of the Allegany County Soil Water District as an environmental specialist until 1999. John was recognized by the USDA for surveying more than 1 million acres during his career. John worked in over half of the counties in New York, which included a special facilities project at Lake Placid in preparation for the 1980 Winter Olympics. In addition to New York, John was detailed to soil survey projects in Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, Vermont, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Mississippi. In his own words, "This was my life, and I couldn't have picked a better job." John is survived by his wife of 62 years Jo Ann (Ray); four children, Michael (Charlene) Wulforst of East Islip, New York, Michelle (James Wancha, Jr.) of Olympia, Washington, Matthew Wulforst of Hornell, and Andrew (Amy Amphlett) of Rochester, New York; and, and seven grandchildren Brenndan, Anna, Patrick, Eva, Ashley, Noah, and Ella. John was preceded in death by his grandson, Ryan A. Wancha.
Wyman	2 0 2 1	ARCSE Life Member Henry "Hank" Schainck Wyman (80) of Davis, California, passed away at home on May 1, 2021, surrounded by family. Hank Wyman was born in 1941 in The Dalles, Oregon and grew up in Corvallis and Eugene, Oregon. He met his high school sweetheart, Christie Bransford, in 1958 at a Boy Scout-Girl Scout party when they were 15 and 16. He earned his Eagle Scout award in 1958; graduated from Eugene High School in 1959; joined the Air Force, and was sent to Korea, then Japan. He served as editor of several air base newspapers while in the Air Force. Hank and Christie were married in Japan and their first child was born there. They returned to Eugene, where he raced through the University of Oregon School of Journalism in three years, using the GI Bill to help pay for his education. He worked as a reporter for the Eugene Register Guard while in college. Their second child was born in Eugene. After graduation, he was hired by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service) as a public information specialist in Portland, Oregon. Their third child was born in Portland. In 1968, he was reassigned to Hawaii, where they lived for seven years. He also served in Washington, D.C., and in California, stationed in Davis. In 1977, he became California state information officer, and in 2003, he retired as California's deputy state conservationist after 40 years of service. After he retired, he joined the Friends of the Davis Public Library (FOL). He served in various roles in the group, including president and first manager of Logos Book Store after it was acquired by the FOL. He was a very active FOL volunteer through February this year, when he fell ill with COVID-19. After recovering from COVID, his health began to deteriorate rapidly, and he was diagnosed with advanced cancer. Hank loved to travel. His last big trip in 2019 was to France and Spain. Over the years, he traveled to many Pacific Islands, Indonesia, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, France, Greece, Switzerland, Austria, England, Sweden, Finland, every state in the United States, and more. He was intelligent, compassionate, kind, generous, funny, and loyal — a remarkable human being in all ways. He will be remembered for being able to see the "big picture" for everyone who worked with or for him. He helped people recognize their potential and achieve their dreams. He is survived by his wife, children Bryan, Michael, and Catherine; seven grandchildren: Hanah, William, Elise, Ivy, Juliet, Kyle and Monica; and daughters-in-law Michelle and Lorán