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| **Albertella** | **2026** | **Joan Frances Albertella** (85) of Locust Grove, Virginia, passed away February 18, 2026. Joan was born January 10, 1941, and raised in a close-knit Italian family in New York, shaping her lifelong devotion to faith, family, and service to others. She was a proud graduate of Saint Joseph's College for Women where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History/Secondary Education. She traveled the globe as an Army spouse, teaching English at a university in South Korea, navigating life overseas, including driving in the streets of Seoul and exploring Europe with curiosity and confidence. She worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as an Executive Assistant to the Chief in National Headquarters in Washington, DC. No matter where life took her, Joan had an extraordinary ability to make any place feel like home for her five children/Army "brats". After retiring, she settled at Lake of the Woods, Virginia. There she served for several years as Program Co-Chair of the Lake of the Woods AARP Chapter. At St. Patrick Catholic Church, she faithfully served on the Ladies Auxiliary and Martha's Caring Hands, participating in fundraising events and helping to host funeral receptions. Joan was also a member of the Battlefield Ladies Auxiliary of Fredericksburg, Virginia. She loved cooking for family celebrations and traveled near and far to stay connected with her family. She attended birthdays, graduations, weddings, sporting events, and band concerts, always ready to show her support and celebrate. Her love was strong and deeply felt by all. Joan is survived by her five children: Robin (Don) Schulz, Matthew (Kristin) Albertella, Christopher Albertella, Stephen (Elizabeth) Albertella, and Dana (Dan) Ensley; her brother, Nicholas (Lesley) Patrone; 11 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and her former spouse and dear friend, Raymond (Rose) Albertella; and brother-in-law John (Mary Margaret) Albertella. |
| **Eisberner** | **2026** | **Timothy Alvin Eisberner** (67) of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, passed away on January 16, 2026. In 1987, Tim married Sue Redman. Though later divorced, they always remained good friends. Their two children, Alyssa and Emily, were Tim's pride and joy. Later, Tim graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and became a soil conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician in Wisconsin at the Chippewa Falls Service Center, Durand Service Center and the Altoona Area office. Throughout his life, Tim was an avid outdoorsman. He loved deer hunting, fishing, and walking in the woods. His athleticism endured as a member of many softball leagues. He loved classic cars, classic rock, singing, dancing, good meals, and good times. Tim is survived by children, Alyssa (Patrick) McCaughin and Emily (Kamrin) Eisberner; granddaughter, Rowan McCaughin and grandson Ian McCaughin; brothers, Edward (Janet) Eisberner and Chris (Tami) Eisberner; sister, Elissia Joyce Moschkau and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Bonnie Eisberner. His children would like to express special gratitude to Chris and Tami Eisberner, Steve and Sue Marczinke and Sue and Pete Lokken for everything they did to help Tim live out his last years in dignity at his home. |
| **Gerloff** | **2026** | **Bobby Sue Gerloff** (100) of Woodward, Oklahoma, passed away January 5, 2026, in Woodward. Bobby Sue (Owen) Ham Gerloff was born in Searcy, Arkansas to Carl Owen and Norma (Benedict) Owen. Bobby moved to Oklahoma and graduated as Valedictorian from Seiling High School and attended Woodward Junior Business College. In 1942 she married Eugene Earl "Jimmy" Ham, and they lived in Woodward until Jimmy enlisted in the United States Army which then took them to Vancouver, Washington. While living in Washington, Bobby worked at both Aluminum Company of America and Kaiser Shipyard. In 1945 while deployed in the Philippines, Jimmy was killed in action. This brought Bobby back to Woodward to be close to her in-laws. In 1951 she began working at the local radio station (KSIW), where she stayed for several years, eventually beginning her long career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. During her 50 plus years with the USDA she served in several positions including being the longtime Area Clerk in Woodward. She earned many awards and certificates of achievement. She was also an Equal Opportunity Representative for several areas of the state. In 1980 she married Lynton Gerloff of Freedom, Oklahoma and they were together until his death in 2004. Bobby loved to travel and especially enjoyed the many trips with Lynton. She enjoyed, often participating in state and national tournaments. She was an active member of the Church of Christ in Woodward. Bobby is survived by daughters Nicki Hauser and Gail Fitts; stepson Gary (Vanessa) Gerloff; grandchildren: Julie (Rob) (Robbie and Dylan) Wilson, Jayson (Erin) (Jackson and Landon) Hauseer, Jacob Fitts, Lori (Gerloff) King, Josh (Amy) Neese, and Chance (AlyJea) Gerloff; several great-grandchildren; niece Sharon (Miller) Johnston, and nieces and nephew Cindy, Lisa, Cliff (Whetstone). |
| **Gwinn** | **2026** | **Life Member Gary Augustus Gwinn** (83) of Hambleton, West Virginia, passed away peacefully at his home on January 11, 2026. He was born on August 2, 1942, at Fort Benning, Georgia to the late John and Eva (Hanshew) Gwinn. Gary was a wildlife biologist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, registered professional forester and member of the Wildlife Society. Gary retired as State Biologist in 1996. He was honored for identifying and mapping all of the wetlands in West Virginia. He was a devoted West Virginia University supporter and loved the Mountaineers, his alma matter. He was also an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed passing on his knowledge of the outdoors to anyone who wanted to learn. Those left to cherish Gary's love and memories are his wife of 65 years Carol Smith Gwinn, daughter Susan Gainer (Paul), granddaughters Eva and Chesley Gainer, sister Debbie Neely (Gary), brother-in-law Cecil Hall, sister-in-law Nancy Gwinn and many cherished nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held January 18, 2026, at Smathers Funeral Chapel, Rainelle, West Virginia. The family requests that donations be made in Gary's name to Tucker County EMS. |
| **Harder** | **2026** | **Suzanne (Suzie) Harder** (80) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away at home on January 21, 2026. She the wife of **James "Jim" Harder**, retired Resource Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Suzie was a dedicated nurse with a varied career in patient care, teaching, management, and consulting. She received her Nursing education from Cornell School of Nursing, New York Hospital, New York City. She was a lifelong learner receiving additional degrees from Chadron State College, University of Nebraska at Kearney, and the University of Phoenix. She was an active member of Southern Heights Presbyterian Church and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Suzie is survived by her husband Jim of 53 Years; daughters Janelle Oppenheimer, of Flower Mound, Texas, Ruth (Richard) Kroner, of Oro Valley, Arizona, and son Steve (Katie) Harder, of Urbandale, Iowa; grandchildren, Owen, Avery and Anneliese Oppenheimer; Ethan, William, and Matthew Kroner; and Vaugh, Faye and June Harder. |

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| **Lewis** | **2026** | **Jimmy Noel Lewis** (91) of Plainview, Texas, passed away on February 13, 2026. Jimmy was born on August 19, 1934, in San Saba County, Texas to Ben and Virginia Estep Lewis. He married Mary Lynn Bigham on September 28, 1970. She preceded him in death in 2019. Jimmy served in the United States Army. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 46 years, retiring in 2004. He was the District Conservationist in Plainview for many years. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lynn Lewis; his son, James Colvin; his daughter, Pam Lewis and his son-in-law, Randy Ware. Jimmy is survived by his brother, Jack Lewis; his daughters, Jo Beth Ware and Dewana (Joe) Wynn; his grandchildren, Jeremy (Beth) Ware and Tiffani (Coby) Niell; his great grandchildren, Jameson Ware, Halston Ware, Kenzli Blackburn, Caleb Niell and Caysen Niell. A memorial service was held February 17, 2026, at Seth Ward Baptist with Robert Malcolm officiating. |
| **Roberts** | **2026** | **Charles Vernon Roberts** (75) of Hendersonville, Tennessee, passed away on February 11, 2026. He was born on February 25, 1950, the beloved son of Ray Roberts and Amanda Cook. Charles earned his Batchelor of Science in Agronomy with honors from Tennessee State University (Nashville, Tennessee) in 1972 and completed additional post-graduate studies from 1978 to 1980. Charles dedicated 38 years of service to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), building a career grounded in stewardship and public service. Over the years, he served in numerous roles including Student Trainee, Soil Conservationist, District Conservationist, IRM Coordinator, Area Resource Conservationist, Area Conservationist, and Assistant State Conservationist. Charles was also deeply involved in professional and civic organizations. He was a past member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America, a Life Member of the National Organization of Professional Black NRCS Employees where he served six years as National Treasurer. He also contributed as an Instructor at the National Employee Development Center (NEDC). His community presence was just as strong. Charles was a member of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, supported alumni and civic efforts through multiple organizations, and served in leadership roles including President of the Bransford High School (BHS) Alumni Class of 1968 and Chairman of the BHS Alumni Parade for multiple years. He was also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Masonic Universal Lodge #239, and Hason Temple #150 (32° Shriner), along with other service-minded community groups. Charles' survivors include daughter, TaJuan Roberts Watson (Donald); and his granddaughter, Zoey Browder. Funeral services were conducted February 16, 2026, at Oakhurst Chapel of Robertson County Funeral Home with Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Cedar Hill, Tennessee. |
| **Sheets** | **2026** | **Alice Marie Sheets** (84) of Somerset, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2026. She was the wife of Phillip Sheets, retired Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, who retired in 2005. Alice was the daughter of the late Alfred and Louise (White) Fortunato. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and was active in Catholic Daughters of America. She enjoyed bible study and sang in the choir. Alice was a member of the Red Hats, Newcomers of Somerset, T.O.P.S., Track II Squares and Wheelers and Dealers Square Dancing Club. She enjoyed dancing any chance she got. Alice traveled 3 times to the National Square-Dancing Convention. Alice volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Alice was preceded in death by son, Michael Sheets. She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Phillip Sheets; daughter, Sharon (Mark) Stuart; grandchildren, Evan (Alicia) Sheets, Ashley Walther, Alexander (Larry) Lang, Anthony Lubinski and Jacob Sheets; and great-grandchildren, Aden and Liam Walther and L J Lang and Easton Sheets. |
| **Thomas** | **2026** | **Member Brenda Kay McDonald Thomas** (76) of Herndon, Virginia, passed away on January 1, 2026, after a short illness, following a long journey with rheumatic heart disease and rheumatoid arthritis, which she had met with strength, grace, and resilience. Brenda was born on September 22, 1949, in Barbourville, Kentucky, to Lewis and Sylvia McDonald, the youngest of five children. After high school, she went on to attend Union College, choosing a home economics degree with an accounting minor. It is here she met her future husband Dennis R. Thomas. They married the evening before graduation and relocated to the Washington D.C. area to set roots and build their family. Brenda spent most of her professional career working in the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service budget office at National Headquarters. After 30 years of service, she retired in 2004 as a Chief Budget Analyst to dedicate herself to caring for her grandchildren, a role she cherished much more than her career and approached with deep love and pride. Brenda expressed her love through baking. Whether cookies, banana or zucchini bread, cake or pies, she found happiness in sharing homemade treats with family and friends, an enduring symbol of her generosity and care. Throughout her life, Brenda was an active member of the Herndon United Methodist Mary Martha Women's Circle and in recent years dedicated her time as leader and chair of the group. She was very proud of their ongoing mission of collecting and providing new socks for the homeless. She is survived by her devoted husband, Dennis R. Thomas; her daughters, Jennifer (David) Gentry and Sara (John) Simanski; and her beloved grandchildren, Annabella Gentry, Lily Simanski, Emma Simanski, and Tate Simanski, who brought her immense joy. |

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| **Vrana** | **2026** | **Jon David Vrana** (71) of Fairfax, Virginia, passed away at home on February 1, 2026. Jon was born November 22, 1954, to Elaine and Verlon “Tony” Vrana (Jon’s father served as Associate Deputy Chief for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1980). He graduated from Virginia Tech (Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, 1977) and George Washington University (Master's of Science in Information Systems Technology, 2004). At Tech, he met Mary Helen Miller, the daughter of a colleague at the USDA Agricultural Research Station. Jon worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 43 years. Jon was a passionate and driven man, devoting his life to work and a series of hobbies, from historical interpretation to volunteer rescue squad, Challenger Little League Baseball to just about any musical instrument he cared to pick up. He loved to sing and tell stories. In Franklin, North Carolina he played in the house bluegrass band Southbound and Down at the world premiere of the Foxfire play. He was a Boy Scout and a science guy who loved soil science, agronomy, computers, and wetlands. He valued conservation (environmental) and preservation (historical). He wanted the land and our human stories to be carefully kept for future generations. In later years, he took a keen interest in Ireland and Irish-American history, a way of connecting with his own genealogy. A licensed soil scientist and management analyst, he won too many awards to name comprehensively, but he was especially proud of a few: Soil and Water Conservation Society Berg Fellowship, the USDA Secretary's Award, and the USDA Chief's Award. He celebrated local Virginia history at Burke, Vienna (where he wrote a short play to celebrate the town's 1890 incorporation and was Volunteer of the Year in 2015), Sully Plantation, Pamplin Park, and the Silas Burke House. He co-created numerous programs and displays with the Burke Historical Society, Historic Vienna Inc., and the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. He performed twice at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. He is survived by Mary (wife); Heather and Anna (children); siblings Verlon, Tim, and Carolyn; Laura Wyatt (sister-in-law); nieces and nephews Julie, Tony, and Maggie and their families; and hundreds of friends. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to your favorite environmental conservation or local historical organization. May his memory remind us to live life fully and loudly. |
| **Warren** | **2026** | **James “Jim” Edgar Warren** (94) of George West, Texas, passed away on February 2, 2026. Jim was born February 20, 1931, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the son of George Edgar Warren and Emily Amanda (Petty) Warren. After high school he worked a few jobs before joining the Air Force on December 19, 1950. Jim served in the Air Force until 1954, most of his service being in Honshu, Japan on the Johnson Air Force Base. He then attended Texas College of Arts and Industries in Kingsville, Texas (now Texas A&M University–Kingsville) working toward a degree in animal husbandry. Jim married Joyce Elaine Lauderback on June 1, 1958, at the George West Methodist Church. They were married for 55 years before Joyce passed away in 2013. Jim and Joyce were members of the George West Methodist Church for more than 50 years, where Jim was part of the choir. Jim worked at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he eventually became an archeologist. He held many titles in his life. He was the first Archeologist for the Soil Conservation Service nationwide, Ranch Manager of the Longfellow Ranches, President of the Texas Longhorn Cattle Breeders Association, President of the Texas Archeological Society and President of the George West Lions Club. Jim also served as Chairman of the Grace Armantrout Museum Board of Trustees in George West, as well as Archeology Chair for Live Oak County Historical Commission. Aside from the many contributions Jim has contributed to Live Oak County, he also oversaw the archeological dig on Calliham before Choke Canyon was placed between Three Rivers and Tilden. He worked right up to the age of 82 with his last job being an archeological dig in Laredo. He wrote two books, The Fort Merrill Letters and The Falls of Miquihuana. Survivors include his sons, Wade (Tammi) Warren and T.E. Warren; grandchildren, Starla (Christian) Harber, Samantha (Clayton) Sebesta, Kayce (Cody) Oxford, Colton (Kelsey) Warren and Jayme (Tyler) Bruce; and great-grandchildren, Randon Sebesta, Cale and Kullen Oxford, John and James Warren and Wayden, Wylie and Waverly Bruce. Preceding Jim in death include his wife, Joyce Elaine Warren. |
| **Zimmerman** | **2026** | **Donald James Zimmerman** (86) of Buffalo, Wyoming, passed away February 7, 2026, at the Billings Clinic Hospital following a short illness, surrounded by his family. Donald was born on August 21, 1939, in Casper, Wyoming to Ed and Betty Zimmerman. After high school he drove truck for Zimmerman Crude Oil. He was married on July 8, 1972, in Casper to Barbara (Kuykendall) Bias and they made their home in Casper. In 1975 he was sent by his company to attend the University of Wyoming where he studied Civil Engineering for 3 years. Don and Barbara moved back to Casper in 1978 where Don worked for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a draftsman who designed retention ponds, dams including Flaming Gorge Dam. In 1996 they moved to Glenrock, Wyoming for a short period and in 1997 Don retired. After retiring, they bought an RV and spent the next 20 years on the road. From 2012 until 2018 they were campground hosts and later mountain managers in the Bighorn National Forest. Shortly after they moved to Buffalo where they have lived until his death. Don was a member of the Odd Fellows and was an avid bowler and in 1988 he bowled a 300-game. He loved woodworking and made each of his daughters a jewelry box and hope chests. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf. He is survived by his wife Barbara of Buffalo; five daughters, Beckie Terzich (John), Robyn Landsiedel (Joe) and Lisa Hemsath all of Buffalo; Pam O’Connell of Casper and Kathy Boehler of Billings, Montana; three sons Brad Zimmerman of Buffalo, Scott Zimmerman of Casper and Steve Zimmerman of Rapid City, South Dakota; twenty-two grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter Lori Clark, two sons-in-law, Moe Hemsath and Rodney Clark and one grandson Matthew Hemsath. |
| **Christian** | **2025** | James E. "Jimmy" Christian (76) of Lewisburg, Kentucky, passed away on October 24, 2025, at Med Center Health- Russellville in Russellville, Kentucky. Jimmy was born July 30, 1949, the son of the late Elvis Christian and the late Ruthell Henderson Christian. He was the husband of Sheila Harris Christian of Lewisburg, who survives. He was a proud United States Army Veteran, having honorably served his country during the Vietnam War. Jimmy spent over thirty years as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was proud to help the farmers of Logan County and the surrounding area. His son Nick is the current District Conservationist in Elkton, Kentucky. He was a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, where he spent over twenty years as a Sunday School teacher. In addition to his wife, Jimmy is survived by his daughter, Christie (Travis) Chick of Russellville; two sons, Trevor (Emily) Christian of Lewisburg and Nick (Stephanie) Christian of Lewisburg; three granddaughters, Gracie Christian, Reagan Christian, Whitney Christian; six grandsons, Jordan (Faith) Chick, Peyton Chick, Corbin Chick, Isaac Christian, Blanton Christian, Remington Christian; and two great granddaughters, Laurel Chick and Elaina Chick. |

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| **Clifton** | **2025** | George Michael (Mike) Clifton (72) of Rotan, Texas passed away January 8, 2025. Mike was born on February 22, 1952, in Crowell, Texas to the late George and Velmeta Meharg Clifton. He was a graduate from West Texas State University. He served in the United States Air Force from 1972 to 1976 as a surgical nurse. After returning from his service, he started working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1983. He retired in 2011 as District Conservationist. He married Judy Rushing in Knox City on November 21, 1992. They moved to Rotan after marrying. They loved to travel to the mountains and to see the fall foliage. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy, in 2010. He is survived by one son-in-law Dennis Carver; three Grandchildren Jordan (Tyler), Cyla, and Ryan; two great granddaughters Gracie and Maycie, of Graford, Texas. |
| **Coggins** | **2025** | Brent Wayne Coggins (66) of Lake City, Minnesota, passed away on October 17, 2025. He was born on April 22, 1959 to Jack and Alice Coggins. Brent dedicated his professional life to serving his community. He worked for the City of Rochester and then the USDA-Soil Conservation he worked as a Conservation Engineering Technician on the South Zumbro flood control project, helping design and improve the city's flood management systems. Later, he worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), where his knowledge, dedication, and integrity earned him the respect of his colleagues. Brent also ran for Mayor of Rochester in 2016, reflecting his commitment to civic engagement and public service. Brent was best known to many as "SinGee the Magician." Through his performances, he combined faith, laughter, and wonder to share the message of God's love. He performed multiple times for the Eagle's Cancer Telethon, using his magic to help raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer - a cause that became deeply personal when he faced his own leukemia diagnosis in March 2024. He met that challenge with unwavering faith, strength, and grace, continuing to uplift others through his words and example. Brent was a lifelong, active member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Rochester. Brent is survived by his loving wife, Virginia "Ginny" Coggins of Lake City; his daughter, Jacquelyn (Nate) Proper; stepchildren Jessie Rueb and Jerik (Susan) Brumm; eight grandchildren – Jaxon, Nickolys, Caleb, Kirsten, Clayton, Nina, Ema, and Mia – one great-granddaughter, Eleanor; his brother Lee (Sheila) Coggins; and niece Charlotte Coggins. |
| **Cole** | **2025** | Helen Annette (Pollard) Cole (92) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away on November 17, 2025. She was the wife of the late Everette L. Cole, who worked as a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Helen was born September 14, 1933, in Dunlap, New Mexico. She married her High School sweetheart, Everett Lee Cole, on October 6, 1951. Helen worked in banking much of her life. She and Everett lived and worked in Nevada before moving to Oklahoma. She is survived by her children: Debra Field, of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; Ricky and Etheline Cole; Lapu Lapu, Philippines; Kim and Gerry Cole of Stillwater, and Cindra and Bill Smith of Glencoe, Oklahoma; Grandchildren: Patrick Briscoe and Gina Ferrell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Joshua and Amanda Briscoe, Sand Springs, Kevin and Ki Cole of Morrison, Oklahoma, Angela and John Karr of Bixby, Oklahoma, Will and Rhia Smith Stillwater; Lisa and James Morrow of Glencoe, Oklahoma; Kara and Ashby Kirkendall Morrison, Oklahoma; Joe and Samantha Smith Glencoe, Oklahoma; step-grandson Matt Trigosa, Lapu Lapu, Philippines; Great Grands: Dawsen and Sawyer Briscoe, Jeshurun and Ruthie Cole, Kanade and Liam Smith, Ayden Morrow, Eli and Asher Kirkendall, Isador and Seamus Smith. |
| **Coller** | **2025** | **George N. Coller** (93) of State College, Pennsylvania, passed away on October 15, 2025. He was born June 30, 1932. George worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) starting as a Soil Conservationist. He moved to State College in the late 1970's to be the first Area Conservationist for the new Area 5 that covered central Pennsylvania from Tioga County down to Cumberland County. George retired from the SCS on June 30, 1988. George was known for his laugh. He spent the remainder of his life in the same home in State College living with his wife Joyce Coller. |
| **Conlin** | **2025** | William Joseph “Bill” Conlin (79) of Silver Springs, Nevada, passed away February 7, 2025. Bill was born April 5, 1943. He worked for many years as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service out of the Yerington, Nevada Service Center. He retired at the end of 2018. Survivors include his wife Linda and children. A Celebration of Life was scheduled for June 14, 2025, at Dayton State Park near Dayton, Nevada along the banks of the Carson River. |
| **Crews** | **2025** | Larry Eugene Crews (80) of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, passed away on September 11, 2025, surrounded by his family. Larry was born in Edmonton, Kentucky, on May 27, 1945, to Andy and Evelyn Crews. He graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and obtained a master's degree in Agronomy from the University of Kentucky in 1969. He spent his entire career working for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service until his retirement in 2004. Much of that time he served as the District Conservationist in the Elizabethtown, Kentucky Field Office. Larry loved being outdoors with his family - hunting, hiking, and canoeing. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and restoring vintage corvettes. Larry was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Lynn Crews Van Buren. Survivors include his wife, Alice Stahl Crews of Elizabethtown; his daughter, Larra Crews Rose (Steve) of Cincinnati, Ohio; his son-in-law, Chris Van Buren of Atlanta, Georgia; grandsons, Austin Rose and Anderson Rose; and granddaughter Hadley Van Buren. |
| **Crider** | **2025** | Duane Crider (76) of Yukon, Oklahoma, passed away September 9, 2025 in Edmonds, Washington. Duane was born Feb. 8, 1949, in Enid, Oklahoma Mary Lou and John Crider of Lamont, Oklahoma. Duane attended Oklahoma State University, where he met the love of his life, Jan Walker, and they married in 1969. He earned his Batchelor of science degree in Agronomy and Turf Management in 1972 and began working for the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS). During his career, Duane worked in the Oklahoma field offices in Tahlequah, Pawnee, Geary and most recently was the District Conservationist for 30 years in the El Reno Field Office. Duane and Jan were active members of First Christian Church in El Reno and Duane became a faithful member of the choir. They served either as a Deacon or an Elder for over 41 years. Duane and Jan enjoyed traveling, especially with their grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Jan; son, Greg Crider (Beverly), their two sons, Aspen, and Dylan; his daughter, Jenna Crider (Alex Smithwick), Jenna’s two sons, Drake and Dawson Holland, bonus grandchildren, Maddox and Oliver Smithwick, Lorina Birdshead and her children, Aizleigh and Dayton. |

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| **Crosby** | **2025** | Lewis Paul Crosby (76) of Old Town, Maine, passed away January 18, 2025, in Bangor, Maine, after battling health issues for some time. Lewis worn on October 26, 1948, in Bangor, to Howard and Ruth (McSweeney) Crosby. Lew was stationed in Germany while serving two years in the U.S. Army. After returning home, he graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in agricultural engineering. He settled in Old Town, working his entire career as a hydraulic engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. He and his colleagues traveled the state doing flood studies, working to restore rivers for fish passage, and stabilizing dunes to prevent erosion. Lew loved vintage machines and attended nearly every event at Owls Head Transportation Museum. His 1932 Pontiac was one of his great joys. An avid cyclist, he biked thousands of miles, especially on his favorite loop at Acadia and on the Tour de Cure. Above all, he was always there for his family. His smile and quick wit will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by his siblings, Herbert (Judy), of Orono, Maine, Janet (Michael) Carey, of Scarborough, Maine, Thomas (Judy) of Falmouth, Maine, and Carol Crosby (Doug Varney) of Greenbelt, Maryland. |
| **Crouch** | **2025** | Dr. Carol Vallee Crouch (74) of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, passed away July 10, 2025 in Norman, Oklahoma surrounded by her beloved children. Carol was born to John Vallee and Ada Ruth Tolbert Vallee on December 23, 1950, in Yakima, Washington. After high school, she spent 20 years as a dental consultant before earning an Indian Health Scholarship to study Environmental Management at East Central University. She continued her education and earned a Master of Public Health in Occupational Environmental Health from Oklahoma State University, then a second master's degree in environmental management from the University of Oklahoma. In 2004 she received her Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Management from Oklahoma State University and during this time her dedication was recognized with the National Presidential Fellowship for Water, Energy, and the Environment. She was a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation in Pablo, Montana, Carol held her Native American heritage close to her heart. It shaped her values, guided her work, and was a source of strength and pride throughout her life. At the time of her passing, Carol had devoted 40 years of service to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, the past 18 years, she served with distinction as the State Tribal Liaison for Oklahoma. She was the recipient of national awards including the National Workforce Diversity Civil Rights Award which recognizes individuals who have made the most significant contributions to work force diversity by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Carol worked with American Indian youth illuminating educational opportunities and environmental issues. She often gave advice to young professionals and shared the elder's belief that all people are connected to earth's resources. Carol loved sports, especially cheering on the University of Oklahoma! She was a familiar and beloved presence at her children's and grandchildren's school functions and athletic events. She was a constant supporter, an encouraging voice from the sidelines, and a deeply loving "grandmommie" who celebrated every moment with pride and joy. Carol is survived by her children: Kase Mathis (Genda) of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Misty Williams (Brad) of Davis, Oklahoma; Joe Crouch (Kari) of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; grandchildren Karsten, Spencer, Addison, Morgan, Kasey Jo, Tyler, Haily, Avri, Gavin and her great grandchildren. |
| **Daw** | **2025** | Kevin Daw (70) of Duluth, Minnesota, passed away on June 15, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones. Kevin was born on January 29, 1955, in Mendota, Illinois, Kevin was the son of Joan (Davis Daw) Draheim and Bruce Daw. He worked in farm Agri-business earning his way through college. He studied at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and went on to become a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Kevin's career with the NRCS took him and his family to different areas around Minnesota: The Red River Valley in Crookston, the Driftless Areas of Wabasha and Zumbrota, and the Minnesota River Basin in Morris. He ended his career in Duluth as the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations. Kevin and his wife Celeste were big supporters of scouting. They formed Pack 59 in Zumbrota. Kevin filled the summers taking his family on many camping trips to the BWCA (Boundary Waters Canoe Area) and National Parks. His favorite activity was pheasant and grouse hunting with his dogs and sons. A lifelong dream was achieved in 2016 with a 40-day trip with his wife to the Yukon, Arctic Circle, Brooks Range, Denali, and Kenai. He is survived by his beloved wife, Celeste Hollander Daw, four children, Ben (Laura) Daw of Forest Lake, Minnesota, Rachel (Blake) Bristow of Minnetonka, Minnesota, Chandra (Erich) Ziegler of Marquette, Michigan, Greg (Anja) Daw of Duluth, his eight grandchildren who were the light of his life Matthew, Nathan, Katelyn, Avery, Emma, Hali, Kate, and Lyyli, his dear mother Joan (Davis Daw) Draheim and husband/stepfather Dan Draheim, sister Deb (Joe) Lamm, brother Ken (Jane) Daw. |
| **Deyton** | **2025** | Kenneth Frank "Kenny" Deyton (71) of Burnsville, North Carolina, passed away on May 2nd, 2025, at Mission Hospital in Burnsville. Kenny was born April 16, 1954, the son of the late Frank and Nona Kate Howell Deyton. Following high school graduation, he became a lifeguard at Carolina Hemlocks. In the summer of 1973, he went to fight fires in Montana and California, and worked on the district for several years doing surveying and timber. He then attended Lees-McRae College, and earned his associate degree in forestry from Haywood Community College. After college, Kenny began working for the USDA-Forest Service, then moved over to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service where he worked as a Soil Conservation Technician out of the Spruce Pine Service Center. Kenny was a member and safety officer of the Burnsville Fire Department and was known for his famous Dutch oven peach cobbler. He was also a member of the Burnsville Masonic Lodge #717 A.F. & A.M. From the time he was a boy, he seemed born to the outdoors. Nature wasn't just a hobby to him – it was his calling and always gave him a sense of peace. Years later, he took that lifelong passion and built something lasting on the land that raised generations of Deytons before him…. Triggers, Traps and Trout. It wasn't just a clever business name, but a reflection of a life lived close to the earth, and it became a haven for those who shared his love for shooting, hunting and fishing. Kenny's survivors include his daughter, Missy Bullard (Mike) of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; three grandchildren, Camden, Ryker and Hawkins, otherwise known to their PaPa as "The Tribe"; lifetime friend and "buddy", Harriet Vess McGinnis of Mars Hill; his loyal canine companion, Levi; his range buddies from Friday nights and fire-fighting buddies, as well as numerous cousins and too many friends to list. |

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| **Dreschsel** | **2025** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary Life Member Leroy John Drechsel (97) of Albion, Illinois, passed away on April 20, 2025, at the Villas of Hollybrook in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Leroy was born November 10, 1927, in Dwight, Illinois, to John A. and Eleanor Dierks Drechsel. He served his country as a member of the United States Navy. He married Maxine Neal on January 30, 1955, and they enjoyed over 70 happy years of marriage together. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a Soil Conservationist for over 40 years, most of that time as a District Conservationist. He retired from SCS in 1987. Leroy was a Christian, and an active member of Little Prairie Christian Church since 1970. He faithfully served as a church elder and a Sunday School teacher. He also worked for many years testing soil through the Edwards County Farm Bureau. He enjoyed gardening and yard work. After his retirement, he and Maxine delivered Meals on Wheels for the Edwards County Senior Citizens Center. Leroy was very proud of his grandchildren. Leroy is survived by his wife, Maxine; his daughters, Pam Drechsel and Lynn (Doug) Kelsey; and two grandchildren, Marissa Kelsey and Nathan Kelsey. Services were held on April 25, 2025, at Little Prairie Christian Church, west of Albion followed by burial at Little Prairie Cemetery. |
| **Droege** | **2025** | Marcia E. Droege (72) of Wadesville, Indiana. passed away on August 21, 2025, at her home. Marcia was born on November 19, 1952, in St. Johns, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Michael and Maxine (Miller) Galvach. Marcia worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist. She loved the outdoors and worked with local wildlife officials to help restore the Bald Eagle population at Hovey Lake. She was a longtime member of Zion Lippe United Church of Christ, where she sang in the church choir. Marcia was outgoing and talkative; she enjoyed sewing and made many of her daughter's Halloween and ballet costumes. Surviving Marcia are her daughter, Laura Droege; sisters-in-law, Carol Jo Droege, Rose Hasty and Ruth (Tom) Wintczak; a niece, Christine (Tyler) Watson and nephews, Zane (Stephanie) Galvach, Sam (Leslie) Lawrence and Michael Droege; great nieces and great nephews. Marcia was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Droege in 2018. |
| **Egbarts** | **2025** | **Rodney D. Egbarts** (81) of Olathe, Kansas, passed away July 19, 2025. An obituary was not available. Rod was born November 1, 1943, to Henry and Esther (Harms) Egbarts of Gilead, Nebraska. He married Nancy Jane Ells at the York Baptist Congregational Church in York, Nebraska on February 16, 1969. Rod served in the United State Army National Guard from 1966 to1972, including being a Platoon leader at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Carson, Colorado. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in at least three states, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas. When in Kansas he was on the State Office Planning staff. I could not find information on his survivors. |
| **Elbert** | **2025** | Christine Holly Elbert (nee Hufnagel) (73) of Washington, Missouri, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family after a long battle with leukemia on July 15, 2025. Christine was born Feb. 16, 1952, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to the late Carol Allen (nee Frank) and Ervin Hufnagel. Christine was united in marriage to the love of her life, Donald Elbert on June 8, 1974. She was employed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 25 years, serving with dedication and integrity until her retirement in 2009, much of that time as Area Clerk in Washington. In her free time, Christine found joy in the simple things: gardening, reading, and decorating her home. She is survived by her husband, Donald Elbert; sons: Allen Elbert of Washington, and Ryan Elbert (Connor) of Kansas City, Missouri; daughters: Jennifer Reames (Dakota) of Warrenton, Missouri and Theresa Koelling (Mathew) of Kansas City, Missouri; eight grandchildren: Blake and Adam Elbert, Jagger, Colt, and Knox Reames, Landon and Noelle Koelling, and Henry Elbert. |
| **Ernst** | **2025** | Dana Clare Ernst (60) of Culpeper, Virginia, formerly of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, passed away May 14, 2025, in Culpeper Medical Center. Dana was born January 30, 1965, in Norristown, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Fred Wilson and Claire Marie McBurney Ernst, Jr. On July 3, 2004, in Culpeper, she married James "Jim" Sawyer, who survives. She earned a degree in agriculture from Pennsylvania State University. She was employed by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a Soil Conservationist. Dana started her career with NRCS is the Coudersport, Pennsylvania Field Office. After that she worked in southeast Pennsylvania, the Virgin Islands, and finally Culpeper, Virginia. She resigned from the agency in 2014 for health reasons. Dana was a member of Virginia Draft Horse and Mule Association and Virginia Forage and Grassland Council. Surviving besides her husband, Jim, are her mother, Claire Ernst of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania; two brothers, Fred (Ginger) Ernst, III of Port Allegany, and David Clifford (Myra) Ernst of Littleport, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom; nieces and nephews; and two step-children, Zachary Sawyer and Elleanor Sawyer. |
| **Fronk** | **2025** | Robert Allen "Bob" Fronk, Jr. (88) of Weatherford, Texas, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2025, in Weatherford. Bob was born on February 11, 1936, to Robert Fronk, Sr. and Matilda Fronk in Mt. Angel, Oregon. He lived in various places across the United States before settling in Weatherford, Texas. Marlene Fronk, whom he married in 1958, were married for 52 years before her passing on December 16, 2010. Bob dedicated his career to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he used his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering and two master's degrees, one in civil engineering and one in Resource Administration, to make a lasting impact. He retired as the Head Engineer at the National Technology Center in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus organization. He was known for his kind and generous spirit, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. In addition, Bob loved his Catholic Faith. He loved attending daily Mass, and he had a very strong devotion to the most holy rosary. Outside of his work, Bob enjoyed spending time in nature, indulging in hobbies such as fishing, hiking, camping, gardening and woodworking in his workshop. Bob is survived by five children: James Fronk, Michael Fronk, Paula (Andy) Allen, Kathy (Steve) Ross, and David Fronk (Janet) Fronk; 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Stephen Catholic Church, in Weatherford, Texas, on January 23, 2025. |

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| **Garcia-Sais** | **2025** | **Rosabeth Garcia-Sais** (57) of Belen, New Mexico, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2025, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was born on June 10, 1968, in Belen, New Mexico. Rosabeth earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of New Mexico. She devoted 36 years of service to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, where she served as Assistant State Conservationist for Management and Strategy. She retired on February 10, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of professionalism, leadership, and commitment. Outside of her career, Rosabeth found great joy in fishing, traveling, baking, putting puzzles together and spending time with her family. These passions brought her happiness and created lasting memories with those she loved most. Rosabeth is lovingly remembered by her spouse of 36 years, Patricia "Trish" Garcia-Sais; her mother, Rosalie Carvalho (Manual); her father-in-law, Julian Garcia; her brother, Barney Sais (Vickie); her brother-in-law, Julian Garcia (Shaun); and her sister-in-law, Sandra Mendoza (Rosemary). Connie & Rick Apache and Vickie & Alberto Suazo-Chanza. She is also survived by her nephews Brandon Sais (Jenna), Kyle Sais (Sam), Julian Garcia, and John Garcia; her nieces Jaclynn Mendoza (Jordan) and Gabrielle Mendoza; and her great-niece Savannah Sais and great-nephews Sterling Sais and Elias Mendoza-Padilla. Rosabeth was preceded in death by her father, Barney Sais; her stepfather, Alfonso Peralta; and her mother-in-law, Helen Garcia. |
| **Garner** | **2025** | Billy Jack Garner (97) of Lampasas, Texas, passed away on March 6, 2025, with his family by his side on the ranch he loved. Jack was born on the family ranch in Lampasas, Texas to Milton Edward and Dicie Beatrice Garner. While in Lampasas schools, he met the love of his life, Jo Ann Witcher. After graduating from Lampasas High School, he continued his education at Texas A&M University earning a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering. Jack and Jo Ann married in 1949 at the First Baptist Church in Lampasas. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Army 45th Infantry Division and was sent overseas to fight in the Korean War. Jack worked as an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 40 years in various towns, but was in Harlingen, Texas for many years. Jack was a faithful Christian and member of the Methodist Church throughout his life. He was also an active Mason for more than 70 years. After retirement, Jack and Jo Ann moved to the family ranch in Lampasas County. Jack and Jo Ann celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in August 2024 with a big family celebration. Jack was preceded in death by his son, Paul. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann, his daughter, Debby (Ross) Hardin, his son, Mark (Connie) Garner, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. |
| **Gaskell** | **2025** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary Member Luther James "Jim" Gaskell (97), of Derby, Kansas (formerly of Chanute, Kansas), passed away peacefully on June 10, 2025, at Derby Assisted Living. Jim was born May 25, 1928, near Cameron, Missouri, to Garfield L. and Lorena (Owens) Gaskell. He earned a degree in Agriculture from Kansas State University in 1950. He married Lorraine Piper on August 13, 1950, in Overbrook, Kansas, and they settled on a farm east of Altamont, Kansas. His service to his country included a stint as a Guided Missile Repairman in the Armed Services from 1955 to 1957. Following his military service, Jim dedicated over 37 years to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, working in Effingham, Altamont, and Chanute, Kansas. His 23 years as Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator in Southeastern Kansas showcased his dedication to his community. After his retirement in April 1994, Jim remained active, working part-time for the Public Wholesale Water Supply District #11 and the SEE-KAN Resource Conservation and Development Project, and even contributing his time to Penwell-Gabel Funeral Homes. A was a devoted member of Westview Southern Baptist Church in Chanute since 1971, Jim served tirelessly as a trustee, deacon, chair of the 2003-2004 Church Building Committee, Sunday School teacher, choir member, and on numerous other committees. His faith was a cornerstone of his life. He was also an active member of the National Active and Retired Employees Association (NARFE), and ARCSE, holding several officer positions, including editor of their newsletter. In his leisure time, he enjoyed woodworking, tending his yard, and photography. He is survived by his children, Barbara Kay Parker and Daniel Kent; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews. |
| **George** | **2025** | John "Jack" Alvin George (95) of Davis, California, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2025, at Sutter Davis Hospital. Jack was born in Damascus, Georgia, on October 15, 1930, to Grady Isaiah and Bessie Mae. He graduated from the University of Georgia (UGA) with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Knowing he would soon be drafted; he enlisted in the United States Air Force and consequently missed his last final exam at UGA — though with no lasting harm. Hostilities in the Korean War were suspended prior to his deployment, and he was able to complete his service without seeing combat. Upon his release from active duty, Jack began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He relocated to Redding, California and thoroughly enjoyed his early career making field visits to farmers and ranchers in Shasta, Siskiyou and other Northern California counties, helping them develop plans to irrigate their crops and rangeland. In 1961, he met and married Janet, and together they began their family. They moved from Redding to Red Bluff, California, and finally settled in Davis when Jack's career brought him to the SCS State Office. A highlight of his career was leading the federal funding program for emergency flood recovery efforts in Los Angeles in 1978 (prior to the establishment of FEMA). He retired after more than 30 years with the Soil Conservation Service. Jack enjoyed a full and active retirement, traveling locally with their travel trailer as well as on numerous trips to Europe, Mexico and Hawaii. He was a member of University Covenant Church since the 1970s. Jack is survived by his beloved wife, Janet; their children Jennifer Michael (Fred) and Jim (Wanda); grandchildren Kevin Babcock (Jen), Tiffany Eschbach (Mark), Jeff Michael (Heather), Andrew George and Beth Brooke (Trevor); and 10 great-grandchildren. A graveside service at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery will take place January 22, 2026, followed by a reception. |
| **Goforth** | **2025** | Gayle Deon Goforth (91) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on July 4, 2025. He was born January 23, 1934, in Okeene, Oklahoma, to Henry and Bertie (Walker) Goforth. He graduated from Homestead High School in 1952 and served in the United States Army for two years. Gayle married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ellen Carver, on May 2, 1954. He then worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Watershed Construction Inspector until his retirement in 1993. He enjoyed farming, playing cards, and dominoes, and was an avid sports enthusiast. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Perry until he moved to an assisted living facility. Gayle was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ellen Goforth, in 2017. He is survived by his children Michael Goforth (Sharla), Mindy Goforth, and Alex Goforth, and his grandchildren, Donovan Brown, JaLeesa Brown, Jameson Brown, and Hannah Mullins, and great grandchildren Donovan Brown, Ruby Brown, and Kyngston Hobby |

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| **Graham** | **2025** | John David Graham (84) of Gardners, Pennsylvania, passed away unexpectedly on March 5, 2025. John was born in Monroeville, Pennsylvania on July 2, 1940. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University and served three years in the Pennsylvania National Guard. After 37 years as a civil engineer working in flood control and water resources projects at several government agencies (USDA-Soil Conservation Service and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission), he retired. He loved to travel and meet people from other cultures. He visited state and national parks across the United States and Canada and journeyed overseas to 15 countries, his favorite being Tanzania where he camped with his wife and fellow travelers on the Serengeti. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening, especially raising tomatoes, tinkering on anything mechanical, and birdwatching. John is survived by his wife, Eileen (Scofield) Graham; sons, Kirk Graham (Sue) and Lisle Graham (Dana Huggins); sisters, Clara Sadowsky and Graham Park; brothers, Harry Graham and Mark Graham; nieces and nephews; and his dog, Izzy. |
| **Greenough** | **2025** | Roger Allen Greenough (86) of Slater, Iowa, passed away peacefully in Ames, Iowa on July 8, 2025. Roger was born on a farm near Soldier, Iowa on June 18, 1939, to Charles and Neola (Jensen) Greenough. He graduated from Mapleton High School. Roger married Arlene Jensen in 1960 in Battle Creek, Iowa. He began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Sioux City, Iowa. He was transferred to Ames in 1971, which led to his family settling in Slater. Upon his retirement, he took up seasonal work as a gardener for Hyperion Golf Course. Roger was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Neola Greenough, two sons, Guy Greenough and Richard Greenough. Roger is survived by his wife Arlene Greenough, daughters Linda (Adrian) Mueller and Leslie Stephens, son Quentin Greenough, 16 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. A funeral was held on July 15, 2025, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Slater. |
| **Hall** | **2025** | Life and Honorary ARCSE Member Howard W. Hall (97) of Quarryville, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2025. Howard was born December 31, 1927, with his twin sister Helen, in a little farmhouse in southern Iowa, near Kellerton. After high school, Howard spent 18 months in the United States Army working as a surgical technician in the base hospital at Camp Lee, Virginia. He arrived home in July, just in time to register for college at Graceland Junior College in Lamoni, Iowa. The next year he moved to Iowa State College where in four years he earned a degree in Agricultural Engineering. His degree was not the only thing he received from Iowa State, it was there he met his college sweetheart, Linda BreDahl, of Greenfield, Iowa, whom he later married. After graduation, Howard worked as an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Shenandoah, Iowa. His work included survey, design and construction supervision of small earth dams for gully control, flood control, water supply and recreation. After working in Iowa for 16 years, Howard transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska for 9 years, then moved in 1977 to Newtown Square, Pennsylvania where he finished his 40-year career with the SCS. After retirement, Howard and Linda decided, due to their country background, they would be happier in a more country setting, so they moved to a house near Quarryville, located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Howard joined the Methodist church in high school and was a member for more than 80 years. He was a member at Memorial United Methodist Church in Quarryville for 27 of those years. Howard and family enjoyed hiking and camping and spent many vacations in the Colorado and Wyoming mountains. They also canoed on the Minnesota lakes and streams. After moving to Pennsylvania, Linda and Howard joined a square dance club and became avid square dance fans. Linda developed cancer, and after a long battle she died in 1997. Other interests of Howard's were studying various subjects (Art, Language, History, Religion, Science) and writing poetry. After living alone for 12 years after his wife died, it was time for other arrangements, so Howard moved to QPRC (Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community) where he lived for the remainder of his life. It was a good choice, with good friends and, when needed, living support. Howard is survived by 3 children, Rosalie (Robert) of Middleton, Wisconsin, Mark (Suwimon) of Hastings, Nebraska, and Timothy (Katherine) of Gaithersburg, Maryland; 5 grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. |
| **Handley** | **2025** | Clay Rolland Handley (72) of Craigsville, West Virginia, passed away July 16, 2025, at his camp on Sugar Creek. Clay was born August 21, 1952, in Mississippi and was the son of the late Rolland and Marilyn Thompson Handley. He was a graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in Agricultural Forestry. Clay was employed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician in Summersville, West Virginia, for many years. Clay enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, gardening and was a skilled banjo player. Survivors include his daughter, Rexana (Jamie) McCourt and son, Joshua (Renae) Sill; grandchildren Madeline and Julian Sill; brother, Craig Handley and sisters: Chris Yardley and Zane (Roy) Handley. |
| **Hanson** | **2025** | Ambers E. Hanson (101) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away peacefully in his home on June 9, 2025. Ambers was born on July 31, 1923, to James Madison Hanson and Lora Butler Hanson in Pine Hill, Alabama (Randolph County). He grew up on a farm, which— with the family's labor and know-how—provided much of the food that sustained them during the Depression. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1942 and served in World War II for three years as an Air Force radio operator and gunner on B-17s and B-24s. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force, 34th Bomb Group, 391st Division. He survived a plane crash during training before he was deployed to Mendlesham, England. From this air base, he flew 25 bombing missions over Germany, France, and Czechoslovakia. At the end of the war, he participated in food drops over Holland. His military awards include the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the World War II Victory Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars. During the Korean War in 1950, while Ambers was attending Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API, now Auburn University), he was recalled to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. Once again, he served as a radio operator on B-29s and practiced loading the atomic bomb. Although his education was interrupted twice by military service, Ambers graduated from API in March 1952 and married his sweetheart in October 1952. He then began a long career as an agricultural economist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), focusing on river basin studies. In 1964-65 he was awarded a Kellogg Fellowship to attend North Carolina State for additional graduate courses. Ambers was a faithful and loving husband to Jean Lowery Hanson throughout their 72 years of marriage. Together they were charter members of Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn. After retirement from SCS, the Hansons also owned and operated a horse boarding business with two of their lifelong friends, Dorothy and Walter Grimes. Ambers is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Scott (Sarah) and Lynn (Mary Lou); 2 grandchildren; and 7 great- grandchildren. |

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| **Hausner** | **2025** | Georgene P. Hausner (85) of Spring Green, Wisconsin, passed away September 22, 2025. Georgene was the wife of former member and retired District Conservationist Eugene “Gene” Paul Hausner who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Georgene was born on July 23, 1940, in Hastings, Minnesota, to Clifford and Bernice (Fecker) Wolterstorff. Growing up on a farm, she developed a strong work ethic and an advocacy for agriculture, proudly showing cattle in 4-H and serving as the Dunn County Dairy Queen. She earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1962. While working at the Marquette County Extension Office, Georgene was introduced to a young Soil Conservation Technician who worked in the same town. They married on July 2, 1966, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Boyceville, Wisconsin. A master of creativity, Georgene “invented” many dishes, to inspire confidence in young cooks and make memorable time together. Georgene celebrated life, from bringing her young daughters to visit and sing songs for nursing home residents, to being a steadfast advocate for the unborn and receiving special recognition from the Sauk County Right to Life, she encouraged all to recognize the beauty and value in every life, at every stage. For over thirty years, Georgene made a profound impact as a 4-H Leader, dedicating herself to being a mentor and coach in many projects from public speaking to foods to clothing. Georgene’s survivors include her devoted husband of 59 years, Gene; her daughters Julie (Jon) Bauch, Mary Beth (Jeff) Wachsmuth, and Louann Hausner; her grandchildren Jordan Bauch, Amanda (Justin) Olive, Joshua (Randel) Wachsmuth, and Janessa (Brad) Dahlberg; and great-grandchildren Avery, Cullen, Ariya, Rudy, Raya, Dawson, and Lydia. |
| **Hendricks** | **2025** | Senior Conservationist and Life Member Ronald E. “Ron” Hendricks (87) of Gann Valley, South Dakota, passed away on September 16, 2025, in the pasture he loved so dearly, with his beloved wife Mary at his side. Ron was born March 23, 1938, in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, to Ralph and Gertie (Kieffer) Hendricks. He grew up on a ranch in Jerauld County, attending a rural school through 8th grade before graduating from Wessington Springs High School in 1956. In 1961, he earned his bachelor’s degree in Animal Husbandry from South Dakota State University (SDSU), where he discovered his lifelong passion for soils and grasses. During his school and college years, Ron worked a variety of jobs, from trucking to ranch work. While at SDSU, he met the love of his life, Mary Abernathy. The two were married on June 29, 1960, beginning a partnership that lasted 65 years. In 1964, Ron accepted a position with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), a job that would become his lifelong career. Over the years, his work with SCS took the family to Walsenburg, Loveland, Pagosa Springs, Lamar, and Monte Vista, Colorado, with each new assignment a step forward in responsibility. His career also led him to positions in Oregon, Pennsylvania, and New York. He then served as the State Conservationist first in Maine, then Nebraska, and eventually back home to South Dakota. Ron retired from the SCS in 1994, devoting his days to improving the land, raising cattle, and enjoying the ranch life he treasured. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and founder of the Grasslands Coalition. Ron is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Tim Hendricks of Montana, and Rodney Hendricks and his partner Andrea of Pennsylvania and their children Taylor, Noah, and Bella; daughter Kim Hendricks of Tennessee and children Keith and Victoria Haydu, Shelby Haydu, Kacy Haydu, and Sydney Haydu; brother-in-law Jim Abernathy; sisters-in-law Connie Stebbins and Janet Reuer; adopted grandchildren Gabe and Levi; and many nieces and nephews. |
| **Henson** | **2025** | Odos Gene Henson (93) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away on December 13, 2025. Odos was born on September 28, 1932, in Lindsay, Oklahoma, to James Arthur Henson and Sarah Gladys Henson. On December 9, 1959, Odos married Claudia Dianne Coffey at Buffalo Baptist Church in Beckham County, Oklahoma. Their marriage of over 66 years stands as a testament to their devotion to faith and family. Odos earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Oklahoma A&M. He built a distinguished career as a soil scientist and agronomist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, work that reflected both his respect for the land and his commitment to public service. A longtime member of Stillwater Bible Church, Odos's faith was an important foundation throughout his life. Outside of work, he found great joy in fishing, hunting, gardening, and collecting artifacts and arrowheads-interests that reflected his love of the outdoors and appreciation for Oklahoma's natural history. Odos was preceded in death by his grandson, Isaac Henson. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dianne; his sisters, Betty Robbins and Mary Beckham; his children, Kim Hall (Vance); Mark Henson (Monica), and his grandchildren, Sophia Henson, Autumn (Mark) Allred, Anna Robbins, and Vance Hall (Kaitlin); and his great-grandchildren, Sophia and Madeline Hall. |
| **Higginbotham** | **2025** | Rudy K. Higginbotham (79) of Columbia, Kentucky, passed away December 5, 2025, at the Veterans Administration Hospice Cottages in Lexington, Kentucky. Rudy was born in Ono, Kentucky on January 24, 1946, to the late Raymond and Ertress Flanagan Higginbotham. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist and then District Conservationist, retiring in 2001. Rudy was a member of the Columbia Christian Church, formerly serving as an Elder and Deacon. Rudy was an active member of the community. He served as a former board member of the Adair County Water District and Airport Board. He enjoyed restoring antique farm equipment and spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife Rebecca, son Patrick (Erica) Higginbotham of Lexington; and three grandchildren Elliot, Aubrey and Evelyn Higginbotham. |
| **Hill** | **2025** | James Steven Hill (78) of Weston, West Virginia, passed away on March 1, 2025. Jim was born on December 15, 1946, in Union, West Virginia, a son of the late Jimmy Joy Hill and Hazel Fern Hatcher. He graduated from West Virginia University (WVU) in 1969 with a bachelor’s degree in agriculture and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He served two years in the United Sates Army on active duty followed by 19 years in the National Guard, retiring in 1990 with the rank of Major. While attending WVU, Jim began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He was a soil conservationist in Keyser, Hamlin, and Elkins, West Virginia, and Rockville and Hagerstown, Maryland. Jim was the District Conservationist in Lewis and Harrison Counties, West Virginia. From 1996 until retirement in 2002, he was the State Grassland Specialist for NRCS. Jim attended St. Patrick Catholic Church in Weston. Jim’s survivors include his wife of 42 years, Betty Lee Rowgh Hill, son, Matthew Steven Hill (Sarah) of Fairmont, West Virginia, and granddaughter, Emily C. Hill of Morgantown, West Virginia. Jim was preceded in death by a daughter, Melanie Suzanne Hill. A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 6, 2025, with Father T. Matthew Rowgh as Celebrant, followed by services at Forest Lawn Memorial Garden of Jane Lew, West Virginia with full military honors conducted by the United States Army and the Lewis County Honor Guard. |

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| **Hoepfner** | **2025** | John Peter Hoepfner (83) of Appleton, Wisconsin, passed away on January 1st, 2025, just making it into the new year. In his final moments, he had the chance to be near what he loved, including family and his beloved backyard through the window. John was born on July 12th, 1941, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, to the late Julius and Philomine Hoepfner. He served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1966. During his service he had many opportunities to broaden his schema in several European countries, since the naval ship he was stationed on was situated in the Mediterranean Sea. After his discharge from the navy, he returned to Wisconsin. He married Laura Litturno on June 8,1974. He graduated from the Fox Valley Technical College on June 9, 1974. He got his first job working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Lumpkin, Georgia. He returned to Wisconsin, and worked in the in the Waukesha, Wisconsin NRCS office. In 1983, John moved with his wife Laura to Appleton Wisconsin where he helped raise their daughters. He put down roots in Appleton through his conservation work, and through his various hobbies (photography, singing, nature walks, and whittling). His most proud moment was finishing his agriculture degree much later in life. It was a goal that he pursued over his life. He was a member of St. Bernadette Parish, Appleton, WI. John is survived by his wife, Laura, and his two daughters, Stacey Hoepfner(Marco), and Shelley Hoepfner-Weier (Brad). |
| **Holt** | **2025** | **Donna Joyce Holt** (89) of Asheville, North Carolina, passed on December 2, 2025. Donna was the wife of Senior Conservationist and Honorary Member **Francis (Frank) T. Holt**, retired State Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Donna was born on July 8, 1936, in Valley Park, Missouri, the daughter of the late A.R. (Lonnie) and Bernice (Bunny) Mottesheard. Donna married Francis (Frank) Holt and would have been married 71 years December 25, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter, Vicky. Surviving is her husband, her daughter, Debi Holt, and son, David Holt and wife Donna; sister Sue Miller and husband Tom; granddaughters Brittany Hobbs and husband Stephen and Megan Davis and husband David; two great grandchildren Adeline Davis and Jacob Davis. Surviving also are three nephews, Mark Holt, Tom Rea and Tommy Miller; and five nieces, Becky Alexander, Shirley Uehle, Carrie Hopler, Nancy Rea and Kerri Routsong. |
| **Hummel** | **2025** | Member Judith Carol Hummel (83) of Urbana, Illinois, passed away on May 10, 2025, at home surrounded by her family. Judith was born January 23, 1942, at Frostburg, Maryland, the daughter of Arvel L. and Mary (Raley) Minick. She married John W. Hummel August 1, 1964, in Frostburg, Maryland and he survives. Judith graduated from Catherman's Business School. She was employed at Rocket Center, West Virginia, from 1961 until she married John. She was a stenographer for the United States Bureau of Mines in College Park, Maryland, while John was a graduate student at the University of Maryland. The family moved to Urbana, Illinois in 1966. Judy was employed part-time as a temporary office worker on campus, and later she typed theses for other graduate students while John completed his PhD. Judy continued as a homemaker in New Carrollton, Maryland and Adelphi, Maryland, while John was a faculty member of the University of Maryland. The Hummel family returned to Urbana in 1976 where John began employment with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service. Judy became an employee of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was a Human Resources Specialist for most of her federal career, retiring in 1996. Over the next 14 years, she used her expertise in federal retirement benefits to council other employees as a part-time employee of Blue Cross Blue Shield. Judy is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Urbana. She is a member and past president of both the Exchange Club of Urbana, and Chap. 0348 of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). She was a volunteer at the Spurlock Museum and a member of The Illinois Club. She and John participated in the Gourmet Club and the Supper Club. And she made the best potato salad. In addition to her husband John, Judith's survivors include her children, John William Hummel, Jr. of Savoy, Illinois, Lisa Marie Gaylor (Robert) of Englewood, Ohio, Mark Devon Hummel of Urbana, Lori Rene Younker (Steve) of Genoa, Illinois; grandchildren, Ashley White (Max), Mary Catharine Hummel, Bobby Gaylor, Ethan Gaylor, John Hummel, Jack Hummel, Rachel Younker, Benjamin Younker, and one great grandchild, Ryan White |
| **Janowski** | **2025** | Leon Louis Janowski (89) of Green Bay, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Leon was born to the late Leo and Regina (Brusda) Janowski, in Algoma, Wisconsin, on May 22, 1936. He proudly served his country in the United States Army Reserves and later went on to dedicate 34.5 years of his career to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Civil Engineering Technician. He retired in 1991. Following his retirement from federal service, he continued his engineering work for another 12.5 years as a Civil Engineering Technician for Brown County. Leon was a proud and active member of St. Bernard's parish serving in multiple capacities throughout his lifetime. Additionally, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, living out his faith through service and fellowship. He also brought joy to many through his passion for music. A talented clarinet and saxophone player, he performed with the Russ Zimmerman Band, the Green Bay City Band, and participated in numerous other musical ensembles throughout his life. Leon's survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Sheila M. (Kuehn) Janowski; son, Michael D. Janowski (Kelley), and their children, Matthew and Emily Janowski; daughter, Anne Marie Bolstad (Scott), and their children, Andrew and Genevieve Bolstad. |

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| **Janssen-Smith** | **2025** | Carrie Lynn Janssen-Smith (69) of Chubbuck, Idaho, passed away on April 14, 2025, in Pocatello, Idaho after a five-year battle with cancer. Carrie was born on July 13, 1955, in Barling, Arkansas. She grew up on the Janssen family farm in Epworth, Iowa. She earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa. She completed a master's degree at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She continued her studies for her PhD at Washington State University, Pullman, Washington and the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington where she achieved her PhD candidacy status. She met her soul mate, Terry Lee Smith of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at Washington State University as he was working on his master's degree in Range and Forestry Management. They were married July 24, 1982 in Dubuque, Iowa. In 1987, Carrie began working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Caliente, Nevada. In 1993, Carrie accepted a position as Resource Conservationist with the NRCS in Pocatello, ID and Terry transferred to the Pocatello BLM office in January 1994. They both retired from Federal Civil Service on July 31, 2015. She enjoyed working with the farmers and ranchers to implement best management practices and reduce soil erosion. In September 1998, Carrie was selected to conduct soil erosion training abroad with a team of other NRCS specialists for two weeks in Bratislava, Slovakia. Carrie's passion for gardening was evident not only in her personal life but also through her work with the Chubbuck United Methodist Church. One of Carrie's most impactful contributions was helping to establish and manage the church's "Garden of Grace". Alongside her husband, they planted seeds at home each February to be transplanted into the garden by mid-May. The produce supported the Idaho Food Bank—a testament to Carrie's generous spirit and commitment to helping and serving others and fighting food insecurity in Idaho. Carrie loved horses and shared that passion with her husband through raising and showing American Paint Horses across the Intermountain West. Carrie is survived her husband Terry, her mother Betty A. Janssen and sister Laurie Janssen. |
| **Jones** | **2025** | Michael T. "Mike" Jones (77) of Purdy, Virginia, passed away peacefully in his home at River's Edge Family Farm on the banks of the Nottoway River, surrounded by his family on June 10, 2025. He proudly served in the U.S. Army, as Sargeant for 2 years, during the Vietnam Era. He was a 1969 graduate of Virginia Tech. He spent his entire career working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, most of it as the District Conservationist in Dinwiddie, Virginia. Mike was a lifetime member of Grace Church, in Purdy. He was a volunteer with EGRA for 20 years and founding member of Poplar Mount Hunt Club. Mike was a man who loved all things in nature and found great joy in being able to share its beauty and secrets with so many. His passion was teaching both children and adults the fascinations of God's world. He is survived by Patricia H. "Pat" Jones, his loving and devoted wife of 49 years. He is also survived by two sons, Andy Jones (Lexi) and Travis Jones (Meaghan); and two daughters, Kelly Corcoran (Bryan) and Casey Valiente (Scott); ten grandchildren Mason, Levi, and Silas Jones; Grayson and Aubrey Jones, Michael and Austin Corcoran, Tyler, Marc, and Maria Valiente. |
| **Jones** | **2025** | Gilbert Douglas "Doug" Jones (79) of Goldsboro, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2025, while surrounded by the compassionate care of Heartland Hospice at Rex Hospital. Doug was born in Lenoir County North Carolina to the late Johnnie Manley and Olive Williams Jones, Doug lived a life defined by service, family, and faith. He proudly served his country for 22 years with the United States Army National Guard. He treasured the deep friendships and lessons he carried from his time in uniform. After graduating from North Carolina State University, he began his career as a civil engineer with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, where he worked with dedication and integrity. Throughout his life, Doug was a faithful member of churches wherever his career took him. In recent years, he was part of the First Baptist Church of Mount Olive, where he especially enjoyed supporting missionary work through the Fishers of Men group. Together, Doug and Gail opened their hearts and home to more than 20 foster children, leaving a legacy of love and care that touched countless lives. Above all, Doug's greatest joy was his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Gail Thornton Jones; his daughter, Glenda Jones MacDonald (David); his son, Brian Douglas Jones (Nicole); and a special daughter, Mary Feige Parker (David); his grandchildren, Nicole Smoot, Matthew Bunch, Stephen Bunch, Caleb Jones, Chris Feige, Doug Feige, and Kyle Feige; and great-grandchildren, Emory and Parker Smoot, Zoe Bunch, and Kaitlyn, Hazel, Waylon, and Josie Feige. |
| **Kelley** | **2025** | Obie Gene Kelley, Jr. (71) of Rotan, Texas, passed away March 10, 2025. Obie was born on April 12, 1953, in Rotan, Texas, to Obie Gene and Patsy Lee Kelley. At Texas Tech University, he earned a degree in Agriculture. He then went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service. His career took him all over West Texas. He was the District Conservationist in Post, Texas before his final post as the Resource Leader in Amarillo, Texas. Obie leaves behind a family who adored him and his endless tales of mischief. Obie loved reminiscing about his childhood adventures, especially his times at Rough Creek and working cattle alongside his lifelong friend, Dee Whittington. He also cherished the incredible friendships he built during his time at Texas Tech. Survivors include his devoted wife of 34 years, Freda Mae Kelley. His son, Dru Murray, and wife Mitzi, along with their children—Chandler, Cutter, Hank, and his great-granddaughter Callie Jo (aka. Calico). His daughter, Beth Hime, and her children, Harlee and Gavin Lingo. His brother, Nathan Kelley, and wife Tammie of Rotan. His nephew, Guy Kelley. His niece, Lindy, and her husband, Jubal Williamson. |
| **Kral** | **2025** | Willa Faris Kral (94) of Corsicana, Texas, passed away in Dallas, Texas, on August 3, 2025, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Willa was the wife of the late Robert "Bob" Marden Kral, retired Soil Scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Bob passed away 8 months earlier in December 2024. Willa was born Willae Mae Faris in Weatherford, Texas on September 14, 1930, to Reuben Faris and Elsie Faris (nee King). She enrolled at Texas Tech in 1947, graduating in 1951. At Tech she met the love of her life, Bob Kral, whom she married in 1954. She was a devout, lifelong member of the Methodist Church. Willa began her teaching career when the family moved to Lamesa, Texas in 1969. She worked as a Reading Specialist and taught at Fannin Elementary in Corsicana for many years until her retirement. She is survived by her children Robin Kral (Rachel) and Jeanette Gordon, her grandchildren Katie Worthington (Dalton), Andrew Gordon, Kyle Dawson Crittenden, Graham Kral, and Thomas Kral, her great-grandson Gabriel Worthington. |

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| **Kucera** | **2025** | Karen Marie Kucera (64) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away May 18, 2025. Karen was the wife of Michael J. Kucera, retired Agronomist at the National Soil Survey Center of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Karen was born on September 7, 1960, in Sioux City, Iowa to Francis “Pat” and Rose “Betty” (Day) Kneifl. She received her bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Karen was united in marriage to Michael Kucera on April 22, 1989, at St Peter’s Catholic Church in Newcastle, Nebraska. They have made their home in Lincoln for the past 32 years. Karen had just recently retired from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services where she worked as an adjudicator. Karen’s family and faith were very important to her. She loved caring for her family, praying for them, cooking, baking, singing, and gift giving. Karen’s survivors include her husband Mike and their children: Andy (Alex) Kucera and their daughter Charlotte, Zac Kucera and Megan Kucera. |
| **Kuntz** | **2025** | Berry "Ted" Kuntz (84) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away June 1, 2025, in Guthrie. Ted was born July 9, 1940, in Apache, Oklahoma to Henry John and Lula (Mason) Kuntz. Ted went to Stillwater High School and Oklahoma State University (OSU). Besides football, Ted came in #2 in North America for Poultry Judging, as well as bringing the OSU Poultry Judging Team into second place. Ted was initiated into the Kappa Delta pi Honor Society at OSU in 1962. He worked over forty years as an economist with USDA in the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Economics Research Service, and then joined the Soil Conservation Service at the South Technical Center in Fort Worth Texas. From there he went to Grazing Lands Institute, Fort Worth, and then to the Oklahoma State Office. Ted retired from the National Resources Conservation Service in Stillwater in 2006. He is survived by his wife Linda (of almost 60 years), sons Kevin (Judy) and Scott (Jerry); and five grandchildren Nicholas, Christian, Noah, Emma, and Anne. |
| **Lansford** | **2025** | Life Member Jimmie William Lansford (81) of Cookeville, Tennessee, passed away on February 9, 2025, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Jim was born September 22, 1943, in his aunt Ada's homestead house in Cumberland County, Tennessee. He was the son of the late Robert and Edna (Smith) Lansford. After graduating from Cumberland County High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served for 4 years during the Vietnam Conflict. Upon leaving the military, he attended Tennessee Tech and received a bachelor's degree in agriculture. Jim worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 34 years as a soil conservationist, District Conservationist and Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator. His life’s work was not just a job but a true calling. His career was dedicated to helping farmers protect the soil, water, plant, and animal resources on their land. He also helped schools with conservation education and local government with environmental concerns. Jim was a role model, mentor, and friend to countless NRCS employees. After retirement, he helped train new employees nationwide about the importance of protecting our nation’s natural resources. He loved spending time at his family’s farm in Crossville, fishing at Kentucky Lake, spending Monday night at Outback, tailgating at Tennessee Tech football games, and fishing at the river with his grandsons. He attended Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for over 45 years where he served as an elder. Jim’s survivors include his daughter, Stacey Byers (Bill); and 2 grandsons, Nate and Brody. |
| **Larsen** | **2025** | Randall Larsen (76) of Walnut, Iowa, passed away August 25, 2025. On May 30, 1970, he married Marlys Petersen. Randall worked as a Soil Conservation Technician in southwest Iowa for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Survivors include his daughter Chantil Ellis of Council Bluffs, Iowa; son Nate (Reita) Larsen of Blair, Nebraska; and 5 grandchildren: Josie, Dex, Dane, London and Landry. He was preceded in death by his wife Marlys Jean Larsen in 2021. |
| **Lawrence** | **2025** | Anthony Ray Lawrence (64) of Checotah, Oklahoma, passed away January 19, 2025, at his home surrounded by family. Anthony was born on July 28, 1960, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the son of Everett Ray and Kathleen (Logan) Lawrence. He received his associate degree from Connors State College. Anthony married Verlinda (Carol) Martin at the Vivian Baptist Church in Eufaula. He worked as a soil conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for twenty- three years, retiring in 2011. After retirement, Anthony worked as a ranch foreman for C-Gawf until 2016. He then worked for the United States Postal Service as an HCR mail carrier from 2016 to 2023. He was the owner/operator of CAL Cattle from 1985 until his death. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Carol, of the home; daughter Felicia DeAnn Pearce (Barry); son, Martin Callahan Lawrence (Stormy); mother Kathleen Lawrence; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A funeral service was held January 25, 2025, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Eufaula, Oklahoma. |
| **Lemon** | **2025** | Wilma Jean Lemon (96) of McMinnville, Oregon passed away on July 5, 2025. Wilma was born in Osawatomie, Kansas on November 2, 1928. She was the widow of Chuck Lemon, who was the West National Technology Center Director for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1984. Chuck passed away in 2012. Information on her life and survivors was not available in her obituary. |
| **Lindsey** | **2025** | Ralph Donald “Don” Lindsey (93) of Hanover, Pennsylvania, passed away on November 24,2025 after 4 days on hospice care at Homewood. Don was born in Washington, DC on October 2, 1932, the son of Ralph and Elizabeth (Cox) Lindsey. Don graduated from the University of Maryland in 1954 as an Animal Husbandry major. During his college years he played for the Washington Redskins band (trombone). He was drafted and served in the United States Army at Fort Rucker Alabama from 1955 to 1957, eventually trading in his Browning Automatic Rifle for the trombone when reassigned to the post band. He was the husband of Shirley (Smith) Lindsey- they shared 71 years of loving marriage. Don and his wife Shirley bought a farm in Adams County where they lived briefly, then rented it out for many years as his job with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service took them all over the state. They moved to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, in 1963 and made a home there until 1987, making friends wherever they went. Don worked with farmers to improve soil and water quality, and on rural abandoned strip-mine improvement. His final post brought them back to Adams County as the District Conservationist, and back to that first farm. Don’s survivors include his wife Shirley, sons Scott (Joyce) and Bruce (Doris), daughter Julie (Ed), 10 grandchildren (Katie, Colin (Liz), Caleb (Yoshimi), Josh, Ross (Emily), Logan, Quinn, Christopher (Kera), Kurt (Abbie), and Emily (Ben)) and 11 great grandchildren. |

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| **Losh** | **2025** | Senior Conservationist and Life Member Linus Burton “Lenny” Losh (100) of Westerville, Ohio, passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 3, 2025, with his daughter by his side. Lenny was born in Lakewood, Ohio on March 12, 1925, to the late John and Cecilia Losh. Lenny was a true American Classic with an indomitable will, an exacting intelligence, and a disarming smile. He was a World War II veteran, whose unit, (the 97th Infantry Battalion) liberated the Flossenburg concentration camp in Bavaria and was a leading element in General Patton's 3rd Army. His battalion met the Russian troops near the Czechoslovakian town of Cheb at the European war's end and, later, his battalion was then assigned the occupation of Japan. Lenny loved learning and was the first in his family to attend college. He obtained a bachelor’s degree in agronomy and a master’s degree in economics from Ohio State University. Lenny was a pioneer in American agricultural conservation policy. He spent a significant part of his career in Washington DC as the chief economist in the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and as a legislative aide to Senator Mike Oxley for Agricultural Policy. During his tenure in Washington, he helped develop the Resource Conservation Act and led the creation of the National Resource Inventory (NRI), which remains the Federal Government's principal source of information for soil, water, and related resources on non-federal lands in the US. He also procured major funding for conservation efforts in the Scioto River and the Darby Creek watersheds, as well as others, such as the Celeryville Project, in Ohio. Well into his nineties, Lenny continued to be consulted on conservation matters by engineers, conservationists, farmers, and other conservation and agricultural professionals. He was inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Council's Hall of Fame in 2007. Lenny was a devout Catholic and a staunch supporter of the Ohio State football team. He was married to the late Jeanette Hippler Losh for 63 years. He is survived by his two children, Lynnette (Lynn) Losh -Eisentrout (Richard Hoechstetter), Clifford Losh (Chakameh Habibi), his two grandchildren, Sarah (Steve) Caudill and Claire (Dustin) Krebs and his seven great-grandchildren: Jakob Caudill (25), Emaleigh Caudill (22), Lilah Krebs (7), Owen Caudill (6), Cameron Caudill (5). Bennett Krebs (4) and Carter Krebs (1). He was predeceased by his great-granddaughter Madelynn Caudill (eight months). The family wishes to thank Wesley Woods of New Albany, the Gables of Westerville and Riverside Methodist Hospital for the extraordinary care of our beloved Lenny. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests any contributions to be made to the Sisters Carmelite of the Holy Family, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and to St. Paul Catholic Church. |
| **Lubich** | **2025** | Kenneth William Lubich (75) of Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at Marshfield Medical Center-Weston, in Weston, Wisconsin on March 12, 2025. Ken was born on February 4, 1950, in River Falls, Wisconsin to Hartland and Rhoda Lubich. He attended the Ames Teacher Education/Laboratory School at University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF), which allowed him to joke that he started college at age 5 and was a class of 1968 graduate of River Falls High School. In August 1969 he was drafted into the United States Army and deployed to Vietnam. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Heroism for actions on May 12, 1970, while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry in Cambodia. On this date he was subjected to intense fire from an enemy force and during the course of the action he was seriously wounded. He was also awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After his military service, he earned a bachelor's degree in soil science from UWRF and in 1974 started working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (later called the Natural Resources Conservation Service or NRCS) in Manitowoc, Rhinelander, and Spooner and eventually rose to the rank of Wisconsin State Soil Scientist. He concluded his career in Washington, DC as Program Manager, Soil Survey Division for the NRCS and retired after 33 years as a devoted public servant. Ken married Joanne Deusterman on August 24, 1974. After his retirement, Ken and Joanne returned to Wisconsin, built a home on Two Sisters Lake and began living there year-round starting in 2015. Throughout his life, Ken was an avid hunter, skilled gardener, and enthusiastic home winemaker. He loved nothing more than spending time outdoors, especially on and around the lakes in the Madison area. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, and served as Grand Knight of councils in Spooner, Verona, and Woodruff. Ken is survived by his wife Joanne Lubich, daughter Jaime (Richard) Hartman, son-in-law Patrick Neuman and Patrick's wife Stacey and children Zoey, Parker, and Mia. He was preceded in death by his daughter Lisa Neuman. |
| **Mackey** | **2025** | Tommy Lee Mackey (81) of Woodville, Texas. passed away May 12, 2025 at Woodville Health & Rehab Center in Woodville, Texas. Tommy was born October 30, 1943, to Earl Lee and Amye Boen Mackey in Cleburne, Texas and raised in Godley, Texas. He attended Tarleton State College and graduated from Sam Houston State majoring in Agriculture. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist for 35 years. Tommy met his wife Ann while attending Godley Elementary School. They attended the same schools together and married while completing their college degrees. After retirement, they spent time traveling extensively throughout North America. Tommy was a people person and never met a stranger. He was a master storyteller telling his tales while punching you on the shoulder. His hobbies were fishing, bird hunting, and golfing. Tommy’s greatest pride and joy was his four grandchildren and great grandchild and never missed any of their life events. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ann Mackey of Woodville; sons, Jeff Mackey of Houston and Scott Mackey of Dayton; grandchildren, Haley, Aidan, Aethan, Hannah and Micah; and great granddaughter, Parker Ann. |
| **Maddux** | **2025** | Member Clarence “Owen” Maddux (84) of El Dorado, Kansas, passed away on November 20, 2025. Owen was born on April 11, 1941, in Watonga, Oklahoma the son of Roy A. and Dorothy Elmira (Edsall) Maddux. He attended Oklahoma State University where he earned his bachelor’s degree in agricultural engineering. On December 29, 1962, Owen was united in marriage to the love of his life, Marjorie Carroll Ensminger, in Watonga, Oklahoma. Owen dedicated his career to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, working as a construction and project engineer in Eastern Kansas. His efforts in flood prevention and land stewardship left a positive and lasting impact on communities across the region. A man of many passions, Owen was a true vintage car enthusiast. He proudly owned two 1926 Model T’s and a 1930 Model A, and he loved participating in parades as a member of the Bluestem Vintage Auto Car Club. His appreciation for older country music, tractors, RV traveling, family reunions, genealogy, and carpentry reflected a life lived with curiosity, craftsmanship, and heart. Owen is survived by his wife, Marjorie; daughter, Tracey Zieman; sons, Tony (Kelly) Maddux and Mark (Anita Sullivan) Maddux; grandchildren, Jacob, Ava, Ella, and Sophia Maddux; brothers, Larry (Judy) Maddux and Vernon (Sheryl) Maddux; sister, Joyce (Greg) Rogers; and many treasured nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Wayne Maddux, and Don Maddux. |

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| **Marcum** | **2025** | Thomas Charles Marcum (74) of Georgetown, Kentucky, passed away January 30, 2025, at Baptist Health Lexington. He was born May 8, 1950, in Clay County, Kentucky the son of Robert H. Marcum and Elva Gabbard Marcum. Tom was a graduate of the University of Kentucky earning a bachelor's degree of Science in Forestry. He had a successful career across the decades with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service retiring after 31 years in 2005 as State Resource Conservationist of Kentucky. He was a member of Southland Christian Church and the University of Kentucky Alumni Club. His most important accomplishment in life was as a devoted husband of 51 years to the love of his life, Judith (Judy) Warren Marcum. In addition to Judy, survivors include his sons, Bryan Thomas Marcum of Georgetown, and Wesley "Wes" Warren Marcum (Kimberly) of Spring Hill, Tennessee; and grandson, Ethan Wesley Marcum. |
| **Mayo** | **2025** | Member Bailey Ross Mayo (89) of Lubbock, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2025. Bailey was born on May 18, 1936, in Winters, Texas. He was a proud graduate of Texas Tech University. Through his work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, Bailey made a significant impact in soil conservation. He worked as an Agronomist and Assistant State Conservationist. His commitment to nurturing the land echoed his love for nature and the many lives it supported, leaving a legacy that will continue to inspire future generations. An avid fisherman and hunter, Bailey found joy and fulfillment in the great outdoors. Bailey was a devoted husband to his late wife Mary Lee. He later found love again with Sandy Lehman, who stood beside him in life's later chapters. He was a proud father to sons Dewayne Gray and Byron Gray. He cherished and had a special bond with both his daughters-in-law, Susie Gray and Kathi Gray. His family grew to include 4 beloved granddaughters; Amber, Maranda, Katelyn, and Autumn, and 4 treasured great-grandchildren; Skylar, Everly, Hendrix, and Ryker, all of whom brought him boundless joy. Bailey is survived by his devoted partner, Sandy Lehman; his son, Dewayne Gray (Susie); his son Byron Gray (Kathi); his granddaughters and grandchildren. Bailey was preceded in death by his late wife Mary Lee Mayo. |
| **McDonald** | **2025** | Danny Wayne McDonald (81) of Hayesville, Kansas, passed away February 19, 2025, at Robert J. Dole Veterans Administration Hospice Unit in Wichita, Kansas. Danny was born July 15,1943 to Clarence and Edna (Greer) McDonald in Neodesha, Kansas. He served in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965. He later received degrees from both Texas A&M University and Kansas State University. Danny worked for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service where he served as the assistant director of the Manhattan, Kansas Plant Materials Center. He later worked as the IT director at the Presidents College in Wichita, Kansas. He loved the outdoors and travel. This was highlighted by a recent trip to India. Danny is survived by his three daughters, Meghan, Morgan, and Moira, his brother David McDonald, and several nephews and nieces. He will be interred at the Greenwood Cemetery in Newton, Kansas at a date to be determined. |
| **McGriff** | **2025** | Darrel Lee McGriff (86) of Marion, Indiana passed away on June 29, 2025, at Rolling Meadows Health & Rehabilitation Center in LaFontaine. Darrel was born in Plymouth, Indiana, on January 2, 1939, to Lester and Mary (Garl) McGriff. Darrel earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Purdue University. He was honorably discharged from the National Guard and worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Most of his career was spent in the Northeast part of Indiana as soil conservationist, district conservationist, area agronomist and resource conservationist. He was the Area Earth Team Coordinator for many years. He also worked for the Farm Bureau as a crop adjustor. He cherished family vacations, enjoyed bowling and softball, and was passionate about mission trips to Oklahoma, South Dakota, and many other places. He attended Christland United Methodist Church, where he served on several committees. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Betty (Peer) McGriff; children, Robert (Kay) McGriff, Pam Dillon, and Paul (Becky) McGriff; and grandchildren, Anna McGriff, Tyler Dillon, Alex Dillon, Owen McGriff, and Cooper McGriff. |
| **McMillin** | **2025** | Steven Allen "Steve" McMillin (70) of Paris, Missouri, passed away January 27, 2025, at his residence. Steve was born in Pensacola, Florida, on June 10, 1954 to Nancy Stapp McMillin and the late Harold Dean McMillin. Steve worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was the Area Resource Conservationist in Missouri's Area 3 when he retired. Steve, influenced many young careers ensuring all employees had grazing training, knew technical policy, and followed program policies. He was a trainer and a coach for many employees. Steve loved spending time with his boys hunting. He was an avid pickleball player and loved sports. Along with his mother, Nancy McMillin who survives of Bolivar, Missouri, Steve is survived by his two sons, Brian (Shelby) McMillin of Paris, Tennessee, and Jarrod (Deidra) McMillin of Mayfield, Kentucky; one sister, Cheryl (Tony) Bowers of Bolivar, Missouri; and five grandchildren, Steven McMillin, Ivy McMillin, Oliver McMillin, Dean McMillin, and Ellie McMillin. |
| **Melton** | **2025** | Deborah Kay Lindsey Melton (74) of Temple, Texas, passed away on June 21, 2025. Debbie was the wife of ARCSE Member Charles Thomas Melton, retired Civil Engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Debbie was born on November 17, 1950, in San Antonio, Texas, to Mr. and Mrs. James "Jim" Lindsey. She attended Texas A&M University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1973. During her time at Texas A&M University she met Charles Thomas Melton from Sallisaw, Oklahoma, who she married on May 27, 1972. For 53 years she followed Charles all over Texas from the Red River to the Rio Grande Valley to the Texas Panhandle and even up to Salina, Kansas in 1989. After more than 10 years away from Texas, Charles and Debbie moved to Temple, Texas in 2000, where they sank roots in the community they call home. Along the way and over the thousands of miles, she helped raise two sets of twin boys. Debbie devoted her life to making a home for her sons and her husband through serving others and seldom asking for anything or doing anything for herself. She was a friend to everyone who met her, and a true prayer warrior, who devoted herself to praying for others and writing cards and letters to friends, relatives, and other loved ones each morning before she went about the rest of her day. Debbie loved her many colorful hats, which she proudly wore as she hugged everyone she met, friend and stranger alike. She never met a stranger, and anyone who had the privilege of meeting her knew she had a heart of gold and loved them just as they were. Even with her last breath on Earth, her family and loved ones knew she was praying for them, because that's just who she was. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Timothy Aaron Melton. In addition to her husband of 53 years, Charles, Debbie's survivors include four sons, Charles Howard of Silver Springs, Maryland, Paul David of New York City, New York, James Andrew (Melissa) of Benbrook, Texas, and John Mark (Amanda) of Dallas, Texas; and four grandchildren, CJ Melton of Port Orchard, Washington, Mark and Hannah Melton of Dallas, Texas, and Ethan Melton of Benbrook, Texas. |

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| **Meredith** | **2025** | John B. Meredith (75) of Jackson, Ohio, passed away at his home on July 13, 2025. An obituary was not available. According to friends and colleagues, John was born December 12, 1949, in Meigs County, Ohio. John started work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the mid-1970s, starting in Fairfield County, Ohio. He then worked in Shelby County, Ohio, where he met his wife, Sara (Sally). Sally passed away in 2016. John moved to Jackson County where he was the District Conservationist there. He then became the District Conservationist in Vinton County, Ohio, where he stayed until his retirement in 2005. |
| **Michael** | **2025** | Member James Romine Michael (89) of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, passed away on June 19, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family and while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle. Jim was born October 10, 1935 in Martinsburg, West Virginia, the son of the late Gladstone Michael and Reba Unger Michael Myers. He was a 1957 graduate of West Virginia University (WVU) with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education. After graduating from WVU he joined the Air National Guard in Martinsburg. After his service at the Air Guard, he started working at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he held several positions across the state of West Virginia and finally retired in the state of Virginia after 36 years of service. After retirement Jim returned to Berkeley Springs where he took over his family's multi-generational farm. He was actively involved with the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District serving as District Supervisor. Jim was also the President of Cacapon State Park Foundation and the West Virginia State Parks Foundation for approximately 30 years. He was also a member of Sleepy Creek Watershed Association, People's Mutual Insurance Board, Morgan County Farmland Protection Board and West Virginia Farm Bureau. Jim was an active member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church where he served on numerous committees and leadership roles. Jim is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jacqueline Lee Hewett Michael, at home, three children, Christopher Paul Michael of Beaverdam, Virginia, Romey Michael McGraw (Gary) of Berryville, Virginia and Brad Allen Michael (Beth) of Berkeley Springs, one sister, Judith Baisden (Ernest) of Shanks, West Virginia; five grandchildren, Brianna (Matthew), Odessa, Grant, Ava and Lily; and two great grandchildren, Iulieana and Lydeon Romine. |
| **Miller** | **2025** | Leona Mae Miller (85) of Clinton, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2025, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Leona was born near Indiahoma, Oklahoma, to Herbert and Minnie Lucus on September 9, 1940. She married Claude "Buddy" Miller in 1962 at the Presbyterian Church of Burns Flat, Oklahoma. She attended school at Carnegie, Oklahoma; Vernon, Texas, and graduated from Shamrock High School in Shamrock, Texas in 1958. She retired in 2004 from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, where she worked as a Clerk/Typist. She was preceded by the death of her husband Claude in 2018, her parents, and three siblings. She is survived by her son Justyn Miller and his spouse Tammy. She will be resting in the Miller family plot in the Clinton Cemetery. |
| **Nass** | **2025** | Fred Drue Nass (62) of Rhame, North Dakota, passed away March 12, 2025. Fred was born to Melvin and Mavis Nass in Cando, North Dakota on June 12, 1962. After graduating from high school in Cando, he attended college in Bottineau, North Dakota. This gave him the skills to begin his career with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Jamestown, North Dakota, as an engineering technician. Most of his 30-year plus career was spent in Bowman, North Dakota, but he had worked in much of the state throughout his tenure. Fred spent a lot of time helping friends on farms and ranches, traveling, making wooden bowls, riding his motorcycle, and being on the Bowman County Fair board. Fred was pre-deceased by his parents and leaves behind his brother Ray (Donna) Nass. |
| **Nelson** | **2025** | Dana Frazer Nelson (81) of Ellsworth, Maine, passed away from leukemia on November 19, 2025, in Portland, Maine surrounded by the love of his family. He was born January 26, 1944, to George Carl and Maud Lena (Rugan) Nelson in Caribou, Maine. In 1968 he graduated from Ricker College with a degree in geology and minors in mathematics and soil science. He then entered the United States Army and served in Vietnam where he became a sergeant in charge of an 8-inch and a 175 mm self-propelled artillery gun crew. He received Army commendation medals for his role in the 1969 March Offensive on the D.M.Z. and for his role in supervising construction of a new Artillery Battery Area. After military service, in 1970, he was employed as a soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Waldo County Maine for 8 years; as a soil conservationist in the St. John Valley, Maine for 5 years; as district conservationist in Washington County, Maine for 2 years; as district conservationist in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, for 3 years; and as a Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator for Down East Maine Resource Conservation and Development for 12 years. He retired in 1999 after 30 years of government service. In 1970, he met fellow soil scientist, Sandra Jean Field of Bangor, and in October 1971 they were married. Survivors include four children and their families, George Carl Nelson (Rosalynn) of Trenton, Maine, Louise Nelson Hamelin (Marc) of Waterville, Maine, Emily Maud Nelson (Chaitanya Saha), and Anna Jean DeLuca (Christian) all of Portland; five grandsons, Joseph and Benjamin Hamelin, Rugan DeLuca, George and Robert Nelson; and one granddaughter, Estella Lucia DeLuca. |
| **Noble** | **2025** | Wayne Leonard Noble (85) of Colome, South Dakota, passed away on, June 21, 2025, at the Winner Regional Long Term Care Facility in Winner, South Dakota. Wayne was born September 12, 1939, to Elias C Noble and Millie (Konop) Noble in Winner, South Dakota. He attended South Dakota State College graduating in 1961 with a degree in Animal Husbandry. Wayne married Sharon Meeder October 2, 1962, also of Winner, being blessed with six children. Wayne began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in South Dakota as the Range Conservationist in Sturgis, Hot Springs, and Martin. He was the District Conservationist at White River, Herreid and Burke. His final assignment was in Lake Andes as District Conservationist ande then the Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator in Charles Mix County and in the surrounding areas until his retirement in 1996. Wayne was an avid horseman, training 47 horses for cutting and ranch work. Wayne valued the company of family and friends on many hunting and fishing trips within the state. Wayne retired to Colome, South Dakota where RP (retinitis pigmentosa) claimed the rest of his eyesight. He was well known for his positive attitude despite his blindness and did not let it keep him from community involvement. Wayne's survivors include his children, Renae (James) Kampa of Black Hawk, South Dakota, Valerie Noble of Meckling, South Dakota, Yvonne (Gavin) Clark of Beresford, South Dakota, Wade Noble of Winner, South Dakota, James (Mary) of Aurora, South Dakota and Natalie (Derek) Keen of Crosby, Texas, and his former wife, Sharon Noble of Mitchell, South Dakota; 12 grandchildren, Rachel Kampa, Terrance (Ericka) Kampa, Robert (Casey) Osterberg, Heidi (Nathan) Evilsizor, Yolanda (Josh) Dirnberger, Lennea (Garrett) Olson, Claire, Andrew, and Theodore Noble and Adelaide, Aurora and Marigold Keen and 7 Great-grandchildren, Juniper Kampa, Kennedy and Gracen Osterberg, Isabelle, Issac, Melody and Noelle (plus 1) Dirnberger. |

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| **Nordaune** | **2025** | Curtis Jerome Nordaune (92) of Montevideo, Minnesota, passed away on August 27, 2025, at Luther Haven Nursing Home in Montevideo. Curtis was born on May 12,1933 in Montevideo to Jenny (Soma) and Elvin Nordaune. He graduated from Montevideo High School in 1952. He attended St. Olaf College for a short time and then farmed with his family. On August 9, 1964, Curtis married Betty Pederson of Starbuck, Minnesota. They were happily married for over 35 years until her passing in March 1999. Curtis started work with the Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District in April 1957. After seven years with the district, he had a chance to go to Windom, Minnesota, and work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). In 1971 he moved back to Madison as a Soil Conservation technician. He “retired” from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS) in April 1994 but immediately began work part time with the Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District. Throughout his lifetime, Curtis volunteered on many committees and boards in church and in the community. Curtis was a lifelong member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Baxter. Curtis is survived by numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty, and a stillborn son in 1966 |
| **Norris** | **2025** | Sharon Lenore Gough Norris (83) of Boise, Idaho, passed away on April 10, 2025. Sharon was born to J. Clyde and Sarah on March 20, 1942, in Wendell, Idaho. She worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 40 years, retiring in 2003 as a Public Affairs Specialist. She was very creative and loved making times special for her children, granddaughter, and family. She always had a smile for everyone she met and made friends of all kinds everywhere she went. She traveled extensively for work but loved being in her own home. We will miss her smile, generosity, and love. Sharon is survived by her children, Stacie Norris, Stuart (Julie) Norris, and her only granddaughter, Shalyn, brothers Jack (Barbara) Gough, Dorothy (Jerry) Gough, Eldon Gough, Lavar Gough and numerous nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her beloved brothers and sisters – Phyllis Robertson, Jerry Gough, Joanne Gough and Linda Gough. The family offers their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Doctor’s Hospice, who provided excellent care. No memorial service will be held. Her ashes will be interred at Wendell Cemetery. |
| **Patrick** | **2025** | James Patrick “Jim” Lafleur (91) of Norfolk, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2025, in Norfolk. was born on March 17, 1934, in Madison, Nebraska, to Marie (Olmer) and Rafael Lafleur. An exceptional athlete in his youth, Jim played football at the University of Nebraska. He married the love of his life, Lisabeth "Libby" Linn, on July 11, 1970, in Omaha, Nebraska. Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army, where he was stationed in Hawaii and was a member of the Rifle Team. Following his military service, he dedicated almost 40 years of his professional life to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, work that reflected his deep connection to the land and his commitment to preserving it for future generations. Throughout his career, Jim and his family made their home in Pierce, Nelson, and finally Norfolk, Nebraska. Jim was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk, Nebraska, where his faith provided him strength and community throughout his life. He was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman who found peace and joy in hunting and fishing, often sharing these passions with family and friends. Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Libby; his daughter Kristi (Jesse) Rosales of Burr Ridge, Illinois; his son Bill (Jade) Lafleur of Norfolk; and six cherished grandchildren who brought immense joy to his life. |
| **Peterson** | **2025** | Dennis Martin Peterson (85) of Ankeny, Iowa, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2025. He was born February 17, 1940, to Harold Peterson and his Doris (Christenson) Peterson. Dennis married the love of his life, Gerri Warner, and they went on to spend 64 beautiful years together. Dennis served in the United States Army for 18 months. Dennis worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Draftsman in the State Office Design Section. His precision, artistry, and work ethic earned him admiration and trust from colleagues through the years. For 25 years, Dennis also worked part-time for a patent attorney. His dedication to his community was just as strong. At Longfellow Elementary, Dennis volunteered teaching children to read, helping parents learn to read, even dressing up as Clifford the Big Red Dog. His generosity, enthusiasm, and heart earned him the Des Moines Education Association Volunteer of the Year Award for his service in the Des Moines public schools, but what mattered most to him were the relationships he built and the people he helped. He loved church, loved singing, and especially loved being part of choirs. He is survived by his wife, Gerri Peterson; his sister, Deb Smith; and his half-brother, Bill Leech. Dennis is also survived by his son, Steve Peterson (Sherri Peterson); his grandchildren, Austin Peterson Sr. (Brittany Peterson), TJ Peterson (Kelsey Peterson), and Rondi Ballard (Ben Ballard); and his 8 beloved great-grandchildren, Austin Peterson Jr., Colton Peterson, Elias Peterson, Pearl Peterson, Emmy Peterson, Addy Ballard, Aubrey Ballard, and Mike Ballard. |
| **Plumb** | **2025** | Connie M. Plumb (85) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, passed away October 24, 2025, at Primrose Assisted Living. Connie was the wife of the late Marion K. Plumb, who worked as a Civil Engineering Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Connie was born April 15, 1940, in Griswold, Iowa, to the late John and Catherine “Caroline” (Lawson) Weston. She graduated from Griswold High School in 1957. Connie married Marion on June 6, 1959. She worked for Council Bluffs Community Schools and Iowa School for the Deaf retiring in 1993. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the over 50 Walking Club at Henry Doorly Zoo. Connie enjoyed baking and sewing, motorcycling, and dancing. Connie was preceded in death by her husband, Marion in 2024 and son-in-law, Lynn Bertelsen. She is survived by her daughters, Lezli (Steve) Root of Lawrence, Kansas, Trisha (Nick) McGrain of Lenexa, Kansas, Sheila (Gary Bales) Bertelsen of Des Moines, Iowa, Rhonda (Robert) Casson of McClelland, Iowa; 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. |
| **Post** | **2025** | James Gary Post (90) of Moscow, Idaho, passed away on February 26, 2025. Gary was born March 18, 1934, on the family farm in Cowles, Webster County, Nebraska to James Guy Post and Marie June Post (Geiger). His family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho when he was 10. After high school he enrolled at the University of Idaho. In 1955, Gary was drafted into the Army where he served two years of active duty and four years of reserve duty. In 1959 he returned to the University of Idaho to finish his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. He was hired by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he began his career as a Soil Scientist at Burley, Idaho and through several promotions, become the Area Conservationist for Northern Idaho in 1974 in Moscow. Gary made many wonderful friends during his 36-year working career and many have stayed in touch to this day. Gary married in 1959 and to this union was born a daughter, Gretchen Lynn in 1961 and a son, James Gregory in 1963. This marriage ended in divorce. In 1982 he met Lynda Bley. They married at the Episcopal Church in Moscow on January 7,1984. They enjoyed many ski weekends and trips to resorts in Western US and Canada with their best friends. Gary competed in NASTAR (amateur ski racing) and won many gold and silver metals. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Lynda; his daughter Gretchen Post; grandchildren Edan, Emily and Matan Chen; and his son Greg Post. |

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| **Purnell** | **2025** | Julius Earl Purnell (68) of Amarillo, Texas, passed away on April 20, 2025, in the comfort of his own home in the presence of family and loved ones. Julius was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi on November 23, 1956, to the late Julia Marie Goldsberry and June Dotson. He accepted Christ into his heart at an early aged and attended Second Baptist Church in Mississippi and Antioch Baptist Church in Dalhart, Texas, until he relocated. He and his brother were adopted at a very early age by their great grandfather Ben Purnell (Daddy Ben), whom his teachings highly impacted much of his hard work and success. Julius attended Port Gibson High School Class of 1974 and later went on to attend Alcorn State University Class of 1978. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in animal science which led him to work as a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for thirty-five years until he retired in Amarillo, Texas. The last few years of his life were spent with his high school sweetie Bell Purnell who cared for him until both of their health began to fail. He had many passions including Dallas Cowboys Football, his Alma Matter Port Gibson and Alcorn University, agriculture and his career, classic cars drawing, western movies, cooking, rhythm and blues music, and his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Julius was preceded in death by his former wife, Bell Purnell. Survivors include his daughters, Tyrise Jackson, LenTanya Denise Summage, Keisha Rena Purnell, and Sheneeka Annette Purnell; grandchildren, Audreania Goods (Frankie), Keyona Evans, Daquan Jackson, Phaedra Watts, Michael Harris, Moniquesa Flanagan, Sa'Nieya Stovall, Kyrie Gross; great grandchildren, Daylen Jackson, Daquan Jackson Jr., Akeem Williams Jr., Kyrie Williams Mylan Jackson, and Milani Jackson; two brothers, Albert Purnell (Lois), Y'nassia Goldsberry (Priscilla), and D'Albert Purnell (Lauren). |
| **Ricks** | **2025** | Sylvester Eugene “Sid” Ricks (77) of Canyon, Texas, passed away peacefully at his home on January 1, 2025. Sid was born October 12, 1947, in Childress, Texas, the only child of James Edward and Velma Lee (Goodson) Ricks. Sid was a decorated war veteran, enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1968, where he served his country as a Sergeant during the Vietnam War until 1972. He then attended West Texas State University and graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. For 34 years he was a soil conservationist around the state of Texas for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service until his retirement. Sid was very active in his community. He was a lifetime member of Girlstown USA, became a Mason with Patrick Lodge No. 359 in Franklin, Texas, and Commanded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5681, as well as a Lion’s Club member, in Canyon, Texas. Survivors include his loving wife, Cheryl Hunter Ricks; a son, Jason James Ricks (Nicole), and their children Kaitlynn, Kelton, and Kiegan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a daughter, Kristin Kamille Ross (Dan), and their children Margot and Charlize of New Braunfels, Texas; a stepson, Eric Hunter Forsyth (Maegan), and their children Reilly and Sean of Houston, Texas; and a stepdaughter, Desi Forsyth Hutcherson (Joshua), and their children Daniel and Nicholas, of Canyon, Texas. |
| **Runyon** | **2025** | Patti Ann “Pat” (Coulter) Runyon (70) of West Baden Springs, Indiana, passed away on October 5, 2025, at Indiana University Health Hospice House in Bloomington, Indiana, surrounded by the love of her family and friends. She was the wife of retired Engineering Technician Jerry Runyon who worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Patti was born December 13, 1954, in Salem, Indiana to the late William Lester Coulter and Marie (Luttrell) Coulter. She graduated Paoli High School and attended Indiana University. She worked at the B+B Shoe Factory and later made a career out of working for Orange County Bank, from which she retired. Pat and Jerry were married for 50 years. They both loved traveling and made many trips out west. Pat had a heart for animals; especially those who were injured or abandoned. She and Jerry took in countless strays over the years. She is survived by her husband Jerry, her brother Jack (Barb) Coulter; 3 Brother-In-Laws Jan (Brenda) Runyon, Lawrence Robbins, and James Beatty Jasper; and many nieces and nephews. |
| **Sheets** | **2025** | Maryalice Sheets (87) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away March 26, 2025. She was the wife of retired USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service employee Marlin “Keith” Sheets. Maryalice was born on June 25, 1937, in Beaver City, Nebraska, the daughter of Charles and Dorothy Quig. Maryalice was a compassionate and supportive beacon of love to all who had the privilege to know her. Residing in Lincoln, Nebraska, she dedicated many years as a teacher in the Lincoln Public Schools before retiring in 1999. But her true passion was her family, whom she cherished deeply. She was an unwavering source of strength and courage, a pillar for her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a devout member of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church since 1966, Maryalice found solace and joy in her faith. Maryalice is survived by her loving husband, Marlin “Keith” Sheets; her children, Jim (Brenda) Sheets, Marla (Terry) Kurtenbach, and Bill (Kim) Sheets; her 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. |
| **Shook** | **2025** | Roy Arthur Shook, Jr. (85) of Coventry, Connecticut, passed away on October 15, 2025. Roy was born February 26, 1940, in Bangor Pennsylvania, to the late Roy A. Shook, Sr. and Sarah (Parsons) Shook. Roy worked much of his career as a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He started his SCS career in New Jersey. When Roy left the agency, he was an Assistant State Soil Scientist in Connecticut. Our ARCSE Georgia State Representative, Edward Ealy, credits Roy with getting his SCS career started when he was assigned to work on Roy’s Soil Survey crew in Sullivan County New Hampshire. Roy did the extra to make Edward, a black kid from Florida, feel welcome and accepted in New Hampshire. Roy is survived by his wife Orian (Handelong) Shook, his daughters, Laura Barnett (David) and Shelly Seymour (Ronald; grandchildren Joshua Barnett, Sarah Barnett, Ian Seymour, Roan Seymour, Fiona Seymour, Kiera Seymour and his great grandchildren, Jace and Mia Rivera and his sister Nancy Savercool. Roy's family would also like to express their gratitude to the staff at Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation for their compassionate care of Roy while he was in their care. |
| **Sikes** | **2025** | David Arthur Sikes (77) of Wichita Falls, Texas, passed away on October 9, 2025, after a lengthy illness surrounded by his family. David was born on May 6, 1948, in Long Beach, California to Delbert and Catherine Sikes. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970 aboard the brand-new destroyer the USS Richard L. Page, patrolling the Mediterranean Sea. He graduated college at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and then attended Texas Tech University earning his Masters in Range Management. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 30 years as a range conservationist in Seymour, Longview, Vernon, Haskell, Paducah, Guthrie and Aspermont Texas. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Shirlene, sons Aaron (Nadia), Andrew (Denise), and Nathan (Amy); grandchildren Chandler, Bryce (Addison), Eric, Brady, Ryleigh, and great grandson Walker. |

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| **Simon** | **2025** | Member John Joseph Simon (85) of Hampden, Maine, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2025, at a Bangor hospital, with his wife and son at his bedside. John was born on May 28, 1939, in Millinocket, Maine, the son of Joseph C. Simon and Marie Victoria ("Cecile") Simon (née Plourde). He attended the University of Maine, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering, in 1963. In May of 1964, John met the love of his life, Noreen Marie Thorne, who agreed to accompany him on a date (their first) to celebrate his twenty-fifth birthday. Later that year, they married. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary last October. John worked in various roles for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) for thirty-four years, first in Pennsylvania (where he and his young family lived for more than a decade) and then in Maine. He retired in 1995. After his retirement John served as the ARCSE State Representative for Maine for 24 years. His love of the natural beauty of his home state inspired him, during and after his time with the SCS, to design innovative solutions to preserve the water quality of Maine's streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes. In addition to his wife, John is survived by his son, Peter John Simon; his daughter-in-law, Kristin Dorothea Wald; his grandchildren, Beckett Walden Simon and Eliza Thea Simon, and many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 9, 2025, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, in Bangor. |
| **Skemp** | **2025** | **Samuel J. Skemp, Jr.** (60) of La Crosse, Wisconsin, passed away on December 7, 2025, after a medical emergency on the family land. He was born July 31, 1965, to Samuel J. and Jean Skemp. Sam attended Fox Valley Tech School in Appleton, Wisconsin, for 2 years and earned his Conservation degree at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. He had a long career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, working at offices in Onalaska, Sparta, Richland Center, Wisconsin; and finally serving as District Conservationist for Vernon County starting in 2006. He enjoyed providing fellow farmers and other clients with advice and guidance on agricultural land use and native prairie restoration. He deeply appreciated being in the Driftless area and enjoyed giving tours and talks about its unique history. His kind and friendly demeanor, sense of humor and jovial laugh will be greatly missed. Sam loved driving tractors and raising beef cows and listening to music and often attended concerts and music fests. He was an avid rock and arrowhead collector and took great pride in the prairie restoration work he had completed to over twenty acres located on the ridge of his family's farm. Sam is survived by his parents and his 4 siblings, Sheila, Jeff, Andy (Ana), and Matt as well as 8 nieces and nephews and many family relatives. His sister, Julie, died in 2021. |
| **Skidmore** | **2025** | John Robert Skidmore, Jr (Rob) (71) of Centerville, Ohio, passed away on July 5, 2025. He was born to the late John and Georgene Skidmore on January 9, 1954. Rob met his wife, Judy (Schein) Skidmore during high school as members of the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir and as performing choir members in Europe. They were married just one month short of 49 years. Rob graduated from Miami University with dual majors of History and Geography. He worked for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as an Engineering Technician at the Circleville Field Office, for his entire career, covering Pickaway, Fairfield, Franklin, and Delaware Counties in Ohio. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and he loved attending his children and grandchildren's activities. He enjoyed singing in choirs and ensembles, and as a soloist at church, Roundtown Players, and community groups. He was preceded in death by his son John Robert Skidmore III. In addition to his wife Judy, he is survived by daughter Kelly (Duce) Black, daughter-in-law Katie Skidmore, grandchildren Lillian and Jackson Skidmore and Ruby and Finley Black |
| **Slayback** | **2025** | Norma Jean (Walters) Slayback (92) of Lodi, California, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2025, surrounded by her family. Norma was the wife of Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Robert D. "Bob" Slayback. Born Norma Jean Roelofs on March 21, 1933, in Muskegon, Michigan, she was the daughter of Jack and Sue Roelofs. Norma's first husband, Monty Walters, passed away in 1993. She married Bob Slayback in 1996. From 2002 to 2013, Norma served as the Office Manager for Vinewood Preschool. Norma was a devoted member of Vinewood Community Church for 50 years -- teaching 1st and 2nd-grade Sunday School for 12 years and singing in the church choir. She and Bob remained active Vinewood members until recent health challenges made regular attendance all but impossible. Norma's faith, kindness, and love will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Norma is survived by her loving husband, Bob Slayback, her brother, Ray Roelofs (Gert), her 3 children, Don Walters (Peggy), Debi Hyzdu (Bryan), and Diane Juarez (John). Norma is also survived by 3 stepchildren, David Slayback, Scott Slayback (Julie), and Dan Slayback, as well as 8 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. |
| **Smith** | **2025** | Judith Marie Smith (88) of Columbia, Missouri passed away on July 19,2025, surrounded by her loving family. Judith was born June 4, 1937, in Salem, Missouri to the late Vernon and Marie (Bryson) Whitaker. On December 26, 1955, she married Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Ed Smith in Salem, Missouri. She was a member of Memorial Baptist Church and served the church in many capacities over her 63 years-plus as a member there. In addition to wonderful wife and mother, she was Librarian at Benton Elementary School for 29 years. Judith enjoyed traveling, especially in Colorado, and after retirement spent winters in Florida for many years. She is survived by her husband, Ed; daughter, Cindy (Steve); brother, Joe (Ruth); five grandchildren, Mallory, Joel, Justin, Kalie, Aaron; seven great grandchildren; and many other extended family members. She is loved and will be missed by many. Judith was preceded in death by her daughter, Christa Schilb. Memorial contributions are suggested to Caring Hearts and Hands, c/o Bach-Yager Funeral Chapel, 1610 N. Garth Ave., Columbia, MO 65202. |

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| **Smith** | **2025** | Myra (Parrish) Smith (80) of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away September 30, 2025. Myra was the wife of Life Member Horace Smith who served as Director of the Soil Survey Division of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 2002. Myra was born on January 24, 1945, to the late Charlie Turner and Helen Mae Parrish. She pursued higher education at Virginia Union University (VUU) in Richmond, Virginia, earning her Artium Baccalaureus in Sociology in 1967. At VUU, she was honored as an Alpha Sweetheart, Ms. Virginia Union Court, and served in the Office of the Dean of Students. In 1965, she was initiated into the Alpha Eta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, beginning a lifelong journey of sisterhood and service. Myra continued her academic journey at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where she met the love of her life, Horace Smith, in 1967 and earned a Master's in Social Work in 1969. They married in 1968 and built a life rooted in love, family, and purpose. Her professional career began in Columbus, Ohio, where she worked in adoption services, helping families grow through love. She later served in clinical settings in West Chester, Pennsylvania, offering end-of-life counseling and bereavement support. In the late 1980s, Myra transitioned to education, serving as a guidance counselor, assistant principal, and principal in Wake County Public Schools, culminating in her retirement from Durham Public Schools in 2006. She was a devoted member of Martin Street Baptist Church. She held roles including Ladies Auxiliar President and Bereavement Ministry Co-Chair. She was a passionate reader and a 30-year member of the Friday Night Women Book Club. Her dedication to uplifting women was evident in her work with The Links, Incorporated (Raleigh Chapter), and as president of Triangle Women in Golf (TWIG). Survivors include her devoted husband of 57 years, Horace Smith of Raleigh; daughters Cherie Smith Gibson (Russell) of Mitchellville, Maryland, and Stacy Joy Smith of Raleigh; son Christopher Horace Smith of Chicago, Illinois; and granddaughter Sarah Parrish Gibson of Mitchellville, Maryland. |
| **Spitz** | **2025** | Senior Conservationist and Life Member James Howard Spitz (94) of Daleville, Virginia, passed away on August 24, 2025. Jim was born in Rochester, New York on May 15, 1931, the son of the late Joseph W. and Ellen J. (Yarker) Spitz. He grew up on a small farm bordering Keuka Lake in New York; was a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio; and was a United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict serving between 1954-1956. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service 36 years, serving in New York State, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Indiana and Washington, DC. A Congressional Fellow in 1983-84, he served the last six years of his career in the Office of the Secretary as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Since retirement in 1989 he has volunteered to Smith Mountain Lake Association as president; to Resurrection Catholic Church in Moneta; to the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission; to the Virginia Lakes and Watershed Association; the Upper Roanoke River Table; and several citizen committees established by the Commonwealth. Jim and Hilde moved to The Glebe (a retirement community in Botetourt County) in 2016. Shortly thereafter, Jim joined the Troutville Volunteer Fire Department. and participated in establishing their first annual Golf Tournament as a fundraising event. Jim is survived by his loving wife, Brunhilde (Hilde); son James Albert of Bedford, Virginia; and daughter Susan Elaine (Spitz) Jamison of Roanoke, Virginia. |
| **Stanek** | **2025** | Michael R. “Mike” Stanek, Wisconsin State Agronomist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), (51) of Caledonia Township, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly on February 5, 2025. Mike obtained a master’s degree from Washington State University in Science and Agriculture. In addition to working for NRCS, he was a Farm Manager for the Dairy Forage Research Center and worked for the Sauk County Land Conservation Department. His many farming talents included raising chickens, beef and pigs, beekeeping, gardening, and taxidermy. It came in handy on their land in the Baraboo Hills that he could fix anything and was a master tinkerer. Others enjoyed that he was an excellent grill master, and his daughter even dressed up as him for “BBQ dad” day during Spirit Week last year. He loved being out-of-doors whether he was camping in his RV, fishing or hunting. His daughter, Emmy, was his pride and joy. He loved spending time taking her for motorcycle rides, riding the 4-wheeler in the woods and going turkey and deer hunting. He was also really good at telling bad dad jokes. Mike is survived by his wife of 27 years, Jenny, his daughter, Emmy, parents, Darrell and Judy Stanek of Hillsboro, Wisconsin, brothers, Aaron (Wanda) Stanek of Necedah, Bryan (Jamie) Stanek of Baraboo, Wisconsin in-laws, Gary and Pat Hudson of Madison, brother-in-law, Kevin (Tara) Hudson of Oregon and many loved nieces, nephews and extended family. A Celebration of Life was held at the Baraboo Arts Banquet Center, 323 Water St., Baraboo, on February 13, 2025. |

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| **Steinhardt** | **2025** | Professor Gary Carl Steinhardt (81) of West Lafayette, Indiana, passed away on December 12, 2025. He was born September 13, 1944, in Lansing, Michigan to Carl Frank Steinhardt and Doris Alzina Steinhardt (Sibley). He grew up on the family farm in Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan. He attended Michigan State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and a master's degree in Soil Science. Gary enrolled in graduate school at Purdue University in 1971. He received his Ph.D. in Agronomy in 1976. During his graduate education, he formed and headed the Purdue Soil Survey Laboratory. Whiteside. While at Michigan State he enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps and with his degree he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers in the United States Army Reserve. He served for two years on active duty from 1968 to 1970 including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He served in the Second Civil Affairs Company assigned to Military Assistance Command Vietnam Advisory Team 98 in Tan Uyen District, Bien Hoa Province. He was assigned to a unit in the United States Army Reserve upon his return to the United States. He completed his service obligation but continued serving in the Army Reserve in a variety of command and staff positions. He served a second period of active duty when he commanded the 480th Military Intelligence Detachment when it was mobilized in 1990 to support Desert Shield/Storm. He retired as a Colonel in 1996 with thirty years of service. Colonel Steinhardt was an Outstanding Graduate of the Associate Studies Program of the Air War College. His decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Defense Meritorious Service Medals. He was inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame in 2019. In 1973, he married Nguyen Thi Thinh at Faith Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette, Indiana. His wife Nguyen passed away earlier this year in May. Gary was a dedicated soil scientist, agronomist, educator, Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Fellow, and conservation leader. Professor Steinhardt devoted his career to advancing soil and water conservation and sustainable agricultural practices. As a long-time member of SWCS, he authored numerous articles published in the Society's journal, served on the Board of Directors for nine years, and was twice elected president. He inspired many with his passion for the land and its stewardship, and his contributions to soil mapping, water conservation, and educating future generations of scientists will continue to impact our communities and the environment for years to come. Dr. Steinhardt enjoyed extensive involvement in veterans' groups including the American Legion Post 38, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1154, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, the Tippecanoe County Veterans Council, Disabled American Veterans Mary T. Klinker Chapter, and the Military Officers Association of America. He was a member of the Military Intelligence Corps Association and received the Knowlton Award in 1999. He has two daughters, Dr. Angela A. Steinhardt, MD (husband: Jonathan Sobieski) of Milton, Massachusetts, and Dr. Sarah Steinhardt Reiger, PharmD, JD, MS (husband: Curtis) of Martinsville, Indiana and four grandchildren, Jolie Aimee Sobieski, Jacqueline Nguyen Sobieski, Jonathan Edward Sobieski Jr, and Joel Steinhardt Sobieski. His complete obituary is at https://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com/.../Gary-Carl. |
| **Swan** | **2025** | Bertha Anne (Vallem) Swan (93) of Spooner, Wisconsin, passed away on February 12, 2025. She was born March 10, 1931, in Hayward, Wisconsin to Arthur and Ruth (Koloen) Vallem. After high school she worked at the Hayward Dairy Company before she met the love of her life Melvin W. Swan. They married March 28th, 1950. In 1957 they bought the farmstead in Spooner from Uncle Edwin and Aunt Sophie Hanson where she and Melvin lived and raised their two sons Dale and DuWayne. She also worked at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service office in Spooner for 28 years, receiving several awards during her employment before she retired. She helped raise chickens, sell eggs, raise beef cattle, and helping with farm work where and whenever needed. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening and canning what they grew. On the evening of June 18th, 2001, an F3 tornado ripped through their farm destroying most of the buildings. By the grace of God they were saved in their house by three large trees that came down on the house. They worked tirelessly to restore their farm. Grateful for all the family, friends and community that helped with that life changing event. Bertha and Melvin celebrated 65 years of marriage before his passing in April 2015. Bertha stayed living on the family farm until 2021 due to failing health, then residing at Shell Lake health care until her passing. Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Melvin. Bertha's surviving family includes sons Dale (Carol) Swan of Spooner, DuWayne Swan (Jeana Jarvis) of Stratford, Wisconsin; grandchildren Danielle (Eric)Larson, Darian Swan; and great grandchildren Nolen, Dominik, MacGregor, and Brielle Larson. |
| **Tackett** | **2025** | **David Leroy Tackett** (72) of Shenandoah, Iowa, passed away on December 23, 2025, at home with his wife and four sons by his side, after a hard fight against cancer and Parkinson's. He was born on September 20, 1953, at Hand Community Hospital, in Shenandoah, Iowa, to David and Arlene (Sugden) Tackett. David spent his life rooted in hard work and dedication. In his early years, he held many jobs, including grain bin construction, working at Eaton Corporation, and farming. Those experiences shaped his strong work ethic and practical approach to life. He later built a long career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, where he worked as a Soil Conservation Technician from 1991 until he retired in 2018. David was a dedicated member of the Page County Chapter of Pheasants Forever, and a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Shenandoah. He is survived by his wife, Denise (Sligar) Tackett of 51 years; their four sons: Nathan (Tekyn) of Grimes, Iowa, Kyle (Katie) of Dillon, Montana, Jordan (Lindsey), of Ames, Iowa, and Seth (Krissy) of Shenandoah, Iowa; and six grandchildren: Sawyer, Garrett, Baker, Eli, Sloan and Mesa. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Shenandoah, Iowa, on December 31, 2025. |

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| **Thornhill** | **2025** | Charles Henry “Chuck” Thornhill, III (72) and Carol Jane Thornhill (67) of Montrose, West Virginia, passed away August 12, 2025 in Elkins, West Virginia as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Chuck was born January 23, 1953, in Elkins, a son of the late Charles Henry Thornhill, Jr and the late Willa Jean Moyer Thornhill. Carol was born June 14, 1958, in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of the late Kermit Edward Thompson and the late Dora Marie Rowan Thompson. Carol and Chuck were married on December 17, 1977, at Montrose. Chuck received an associate in science degree in Agriculture from Potomac State College. He was employed as a Soil Conservation Technician with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) prior to his retirement. He was a lifelong farmer and helped many local farmers through his career at NRCS. He spent his retirement years farming with his son, grandchildren, and nephew and was always happy to help anyone in need. Carol was a graduate of Davis & Elkins College. She was employed at Davis Memorial Hospital and later Davis Medical Center as the Health Information Coordinator prior to her retirement. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting, and making crafts and especially enjoyed working on the family farm and spending time with her grandchildren. Carol and Chuck attended services at the Orlena Global Methodist Church at Gilman, West Virginia. Survivors include two children, Matthew Thornhill (Emily) and children Emma Grace and Matthew Tyrell “Ty” Thornhill, Jr. of Montrose and Amber N. Thornhill (Brendan Rinehimer) of Linthicum Heights, Maryland. |
| **Trissell** | **2025** | William Alvin Trissell (90) of Vinita, Oklahoma, passed away on January 21, 2025, after a lengthy illness. Alvin was born in Cordell, Oklahoma on September 28, 1934, the son of Jessie Earl and Ruby Jewell (Short) Trissell. He began his 46-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a student trainee in Pawhuska, Oklahoma in 1956. Alvin became a Range Conservationist in the Okmulgee, Oklahoma office after graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1958. He married Evelyn D. (Schmitt) Trissell in Stillwater, Oklahoma that same year. He subsequently was assigned to Soil Conservation offices in Okemah, Pryor and Guymon, Oklahoma before moving with his family to Vinita in August 1968. He ended his lengthy career as a District Conservationist with the Vinita Field Service Center in March 2002. Alvin also was active in church and community affairs. The family joined Vinita’s First United Methodist Church after moving from Guymon in 1968. Alvin enjoyed making custom furniture and wooden toys. In 2023, the Vinita Lions Club awarded Trissell the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, recognizing his 57 years of service to the local club’s civic programs. Alvin was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn D. Trissell, in 2023. He also was preceded by his twin brother, Charles Alvie Trissell in 2022, who also worked for SCS. Survivors include his children, Darrell Trissell, Charlotte (Mike) Flock, Nina (Tony) Miller, Kevin (Teresa) Trissell; grandchildren, Cliff (Chrissy) Flock, Tonya (Taylor) Massey, Maggie (Thomas) Schneiter, Neal Miller (fiancée Micaylah Rose), Kevin Trissell, Jeffery (Madeleine) Trissell, Dr. Brian (Dr. Loren) Trissell, and Ashley Trissell. Other survivors include great-grandchildren Normandie Flock, Britain Flock, Nova Massey, Arya Schneiter, Emma Claire Trissell, Aubaine Trissell and Rosamund Trissell. |
| **Ummel** | **2025** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary Life Member Donald Keith Ummel (96) of Des Moines, Iowa, passed away on March 28, 2025, at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines. Don was born March 30, 1928, to Henry and Katherine (Sargent) Ummel and raised on the family farm at Arnold, Ness County, Kansas. He graduated from Kansas State University (K-State) in 1949, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. After discharge from the Army as Sergeant First Class, he married Doris Jackson on November 22, 1952, in Stockton, Kansas. During the summer before his senior year at K-State, he worked as a soil conservation aide at Dighton, Kansas. This launched his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) that would run more than 35 years, interrupted only by the Korean War in 1950. He spent 1951 to 52 in Korea with the United States Army 14th Combat Engineer Battalion. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. His career with SCS took him and Doris from Kansas to Nebraska, Vermont, back to Kansas, and finally to Iowa. He was the State Administrative Officer in Des Moines when he retired in 1985. After retiring from SCS, he worked six tax seasons for H&R Block. He also spent many hours in his workshop building holiday decorations and birdhouses that became gifts for family and friends. In retirement, he enjoyed keeping track of the planting and harvest on land Doris inherited in Kansas. Don was dedicated to his family, his community, and his church. He and Doris were married 64 years. Not long after moving to Des Moines they became charter members of New Hope United Methodist Church. They were actively involved on many church committees and in the Merry Mates couples fellowship club. Don’s survivors include his children, Debbie (Mark) Ediger, Denny (Robyn) Ummel, and Dawn (John) Goodlove; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Marvin; a sister, Eunice; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Doris in 2017. |
| **vonWolffradt** | **2025** | Member Donald Burton vonWolffradt (89) of Overland Park, Kansas, passed away September 17, 2025. Don was born in Sayre, Pennsylvania, on May 27, 1936. Donald grew up in Athens, Pennsylvania on a dairy farm, and attended Pennsylvania State University where he received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. He was drafted into the United States Army Corps of Engineers and served from 1959 to 1961. He was a career federal employee with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1995 as River Basin Program Manager. He had a passion for photography and developing his own prints. He won numerous competitions, with one of his prints selected in National Geographic magazine. Donald was one of the original computer technicians and experts. He worked on the very first computers while in the Army and continued this passion through the first home computers. He had a love for family, travel, camping, hunting and fishing. His card playing was second to none and always won at Canasta. He will be greatly missed by his family. He is survived by his wife, Helen, of 59 years, his two children Timothy vonWolffradt and Greta Ryan, his son-in-law William Ryan, four grandchildren Colin, Alec, Nick and Frank and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by his two nephews, who were more like sons, Thomas Lindsey and Eric Lindsey and his family. |

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| **Wachel** | **2025** | Larry Joe Wachel (73) of Morgan's Point Resort, Texas, passed away on October 31, 2025, in Temple, Texas. He was born on August 1, 1952, to Floyd Paul and Helen (Sypniewski) Wachel. He married Carolyn (Wilganowski) Wachel on April 17, 1977, in Marlin, Texas. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School, Bremond High School, and McLennan Community College, later earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Baylor University. Larry dedicated over 34 years of service to the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service as a civil engineering technician and GIS Specialist. He lived and worked in several Texas communities over the years, including Bremond, Marlin, Waco, Houston, Burleson, and Temple. Larry was also a real estate agent. Larry cherished time spent with his family, loved working in the yard, cooking, and visiting with friends. Above all, he treasured every moment with his beloved granddaughter. Larry is survived by his wife, Carolyn Wachel of Morgan's Point Resort; his children, Lindsey Barton (Ben) and Kevin Wachel (partner Jeremy Walder); his brother, Tim Wachel (Pam); and his granddaughter, Kinsley Rae Barton. |
| **Walter** | **2025** | Elizabeth Jeanne Walter, "Jeanne" (88) of Tucson, Arizona, passed away peacefully, with her best friend and partner John Colvin by her side, on November 4, 2025, at Famiglia Amore Assisted Living. Jeanne was born on July 28, 1937, in San Francisco, California, the daughter of Willard and Amy (Bunselmeier) Sargent. Because of her father's employment with the U.S. Army, Jeanne was raised in California, Washington, South Dakota, New Mexico, Nebraska, Germany, and Belgium. She attended Lassen Jr. College in Susanville, California and Chico State College in Chico, California. Jeanne was employed by the United States Army at Sioux Ordnance Depot, Sidney, Nebraska, Stead Air Force Base, Reno, Nevada and the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Phoenix, Arizona, where she worked as a Personnel Assistant on the Human Resources staff. She retired in December 1987. Jeanne had a lifelong passion for travel, which she pursued full-time in her motor home. In 2003, she purchased an RV lot in Kamiah, Idaho, where she enjoyed spending her summers. While in Kamiah, she volunteered at Loving Hands Thrift and More and frequently attended The Life Center church. Jeanne is preceded in death by her late husband, Robert Walter, who worked for SCS as a Watershed Engineer. Jeanne is survived by 6 nieces and nephews, Christi (Arthur) Wise, Cheryl (Dick) Woodward, Sally (Scott Taylor) Pittsenbarger, Erin (Mark) Ellison, Lawrence (Lisa) Rager, and Michael (Elizabeth) Rager; 9 great nieces and nephews; and 4 great-nephews. |
| **Williams** | **2025** | Robert Earl Williams (60) of Roanoke, Virginia, passed away on July 1, 2025. He was an employee of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was currently serving as the Assistant State Conservationist (Field Operations) in Christiansburg, Virginia Area Office. He was born March 18, 1965, in Merigold, Mississippi, son of the late JB Williams, Sr. and Ollie Mae Williams. He attended Alcorn State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. Robert was a man deeply devoted to his faith. Each morning, he and his beloved wife Tammy faithfully began their day in prayer and Scripture, grounding their lives in spiritual discipline. A sports enthusiast, Robert was a devoted fan of the San Francisco 49ers and the Los Angeles Lakers. He also looked forward to the annual Virginia State Homecomings. Robert is survived by his devoted wife Tammy Miller-Williams; brothers Lawrence (Beverly) Williams, Ronald (Linda) Williams Sr., Venson (Jennifer) Williams Sr. and Bruce Williams Sr.; sisters Beatrice (Eddie) Harris, Mayola McClain, Patricia Williams, Rhonda Williams and Shantele (Calvin) Rose; sisters-in-love Dorothy Spinner, Harriett (George, Sr.) Hurt, Robin (Alvin) Payne and Crystal Miller; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. |
| **Willis** | **2025** | June Gleghorn Willis (94) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away on October 2, 2025. June was the wife of the late Roland Willis, former State Conservationist and Life Member, who passed away in 2021. June was born August 31, 1931, in Mexia, Texas to Commodore Dewey and Elimina (Person) Gleghorn. She attended Conroe Community School and Sam Houston College. June married the love of her life, Roland Willis, in Conroe, Texas on July 2, 1953. A big part of her life was supporting Roland as he worked and traveled with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, including when he was appointed State Conservationist for Oklahoma, a position he held until retiring in 1987. June also worked as a teacher and was a member of the Mulhall Methodist Church. She loved horses and especially enjoyed having coffee with friends. In addition to her husband Roland, June is preceded in death by her daughter Elesa Willis. She is survived by her daughters Nancy Willis and Wanda Willis Clark. |
| **Yeager** | **2025** | Soil Conservationist Johnetta Marie Yeager (51) of Versailles, Missouri, passed away September 22, 2025, because of a senseless act of violence outside her workplace office. She was a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Versailles Field Office. Johnetta Yeager was a devoted mother, daughter, and friend whose warmth touched everyone she met. She poured her heart into raising her daughters, Sydney and Kynzie, always putting their happiness and well-being first. Johnetta's loyalty and kindness were unmatched—she was the first to offer help to those around her, and her smile could brighten anyone's day. Her love for gardening was well known, and her beautiful flowers were a reflection of the care she gave to her family and friends. |
| **Youngquist** | **2025** | Herbert John Youngquist (97) of Wahpeton, North Dakota, passed away on Friday April 25, 2025, at Benedictine St. Catherine's Living Center. Herbert was born March 16, 1928, to Herbert C. and Ann E. (Lehman) Youngquist in Breckenridge, Minnesota. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in April 1946 with the 568th Air Engineering Squadron, 358th Air Service Group overseas at Clark Air Force Base, Republic of the Philippines. He received his honorable discharge on September 17, 1947. Returning to Wahpeton, he attended North Dakota State College of Science. On June 11, 1951, he married the love of his life, Rosemarie Salness, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota at St. John's Church in Wahpeton. Herb was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he continued working until his retirement on March 18, 1983. He continued to reside in Wahpeton after retirement, where he enjoyed being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with fishing, gardening, reading, and all NDSU sports. In 2021, Rose and Herb moved from their family home to Benedictine St. Catherine's. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Hafner-Miller-Ross American Legion Post in Wahpeton, and a proud charter member of the Wahpeton Buffalo Club. He is survived by a son, David (Gloria), of San Benito, Texas; two daughters, Nancy Diederich of Wahpeton, and Connie Vagts of Wahpeton; five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rose Youngquist in 2023. |

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| **Attebury** | **2024** | Gay E. Attebury (67) of Lubbock, Texas, passed away April 8, 2024, in an automobile accident. Gay was the wife of Kelly Atterbury, Resource Soil Scientist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Lubbock. Gay was born May 12, 1956, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to Robert and Patricia (Shaughnessy) Stricklin. She attended Texas Tech University. She married Kelly Attebury, September 15, 1978 in Lubbock. Gay graduated from Texas Tech with a bachelor's in general studies and later a Master's in Hotel and Restaurant Management. She worked at Texas Tech in the School of Nursing, School of Medicine and the catering department for over 20 years. She later earned her second Master's from West Texas A&M in Speech Pathology. After becoming a speech pathologist, she worked for over 15 years in schools, home health and nursing homes. Survivors include her husband, Kelly Attebury of Lubbock, daughter, Robyn Ellis (Jimmy) of Rockville, Maryland, son, Taylor Attebury (Katherine) of Lexington, Kentucky, 3 grandchildren, Harvey and Maev Ellis of Rockville, Maryland and Louise Attebury of Lexington, Kentucky. |
| **Atwill** | **2024** | Joseph Lewis Atwill (101) of Fulton, Kentucky passed away August 9, 2024, at Magnolia Place of Union City, Tennessee. Lewis was born July 24, 1923, in Fulton County, Kentucky to the late Joseph Lewis Atwill Sr. and Edna (Davis) Atwill. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force. Mr. Atwill was retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he worked as a Soil Conservation Technician. He was also a school bus driver and farmer. He was an active member Cayce Baptist Church in Cayce, Kentucky; the Gideons International, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Roberts Lodge #172 in Fulton. He loved being outside and working in his garden. Lewis was preceded in death by his wife Helen Louise Atwill in 2013. He is survived by his son, J.L. "Melanie" Atwill, of Fulton, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Camiel "Mike" Atwill Taylor, of Martin, Tennessee and Jay Atwill, of Brentwood, Tennessee; and two great grandchildren, Emma Taylor and Nick Taylor. |
| **Barner** | **2024** | Stephen "Steve" Lynk Barner (64) of Eufaula, Oklahoma, passed away unexpectedly June 1, 2024, in Cassville, Missouri. Steve was born on September 4, 1959, in Wellington, Kansas, the son of Eldon Lynk Barner and Carroll L. (Walker) Shivers. He played one year of football for Southeastern Oklahoma State University before joining the United States Air Force in 1979. In 1983 Steve returned to Maud, Oklahoma where he met LaDonna Moore. In 1985 the two were married in Bowlegs, Oklahoma and moved to Jonestown, Texas. The family moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1987 where Steve attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science. In 1990 Steve took a job with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service where the family moved from Medford, Oklahoma, then to Sedan, Kansas, and finally settled in Eufaula in 2000. Steve was a dedicated conservationist for 34 years. He improved, redeveloped, and developed thousands of acres of wetlands throughout the state of Oklahoma. Steve loved to travel with his wife Ladonna and fly fish all over the country. When he was home, he would spend his time hunting, trapping, and working outdoors on his mile worth of blackberries and muscadines and sawmill. Survivors include his wife LaDonna Diane Barner; three children, Zachary Lynk Barner, Axel Barner and Tulsa Adams all of Eufaula; daughter- in-law Ashley Barner, and son-in-law Robert Adams; five grandchildren, Dalli Barner, Dixie Barner, Dayci Barner, Stihl Barner, and Nash Adams; and his mother, Carroll L Shivers. |
| **Baskins** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist Thomas Harold Baskins (96) of North Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away March 22, 2021. Thomas was born November 22, 1924. He was United States Army veteran of World War II. He was married to Mildred Elizabeth Baskins who passed away in 2005. Thomas worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, starting off as a Soil Conservationist and finishing his career as a Resource Conservationist in 1987. Thomas was a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Survivors include his children, Dr. Larry Abdullah, Patricia Baskins-Dean, and Thomas Baskins, Jr. Burial was at the Arkansas State Veteran Cemetery, 1501 W. Maryland Avenue, North Little Rock. |
| **Bednarek** | **2024** | ARCSE Life Member Richard James Bednarek, Jr. (63) of Altoona, Iowa, passed away January 25, 2024 from heart complications. He was born April 3, 1960, in North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to his parents, Richard and Gloria (Warner) Bednarek, Sr. Rick earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. He married Elizabeth VanSomeren in 1986. Rick worked for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service as a soil scientist in Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa. He retired in 2019 as the State Soil Scientist of Iowa after 33 years of service. Rick was always athletic and enjoyed many different sports. After playing football at the University of Wisconsin, he became an avid golfer and bicyclist. Rick's greatest joy came from spending time with his children and grandchildren. Rick is survived by his wife of 38 years, Elizabeth; daughters, Hannah (Kurt) Witte and Kelly (Alex) Ager; and grandchildren, Jasmyn and Carter Witte. Services were held February 17, 2024 at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery, in Des Moines, Iowa. |
| **Belcher** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Robert William (Bob) Belcher (97) of Brooksville, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2024. Bob was born October 1, 1926, to the late Vollie William and Sophia Gladys (Felker) Belcher in a log house on the family farm near Mifflin, Indiana. He was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1945 and served for the remainder of World War II. As soon as he returned home, he purchased a 1948 John Deere B tractor. Bob worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician in English, Indiana, for 28 years. He retired, sold his tractor, and moved to Florida in 1981. He could fix nearly anything and genuinely enjoyed helping people, so jobs continued to find him. He worked in facilities management for an apartment complex, a manufacturing company, and in multiple office buildings, first in Orlando, Florida, and then part-time in Cape Coral, Florida, before finally retiring and moving to Brooksville, FL in 2000. Once there, he kept busy helping neighbors and started trading golf carts - much to the delight of visiting family, especially his great-grandchildren. Bob is preceded in death by his beloved wives: Mabel Rose (Newton) Belcher of 45 years, Naomi (Jones) Belcher of 13 years and Anna (Lashbrook) Belcher of 8 years. Left to cherish his memory are his daughters Peggy Maddox (Guy) and Barbara Voglesong (David), his grandchildren Sonia Winfield-Futch (Aaron) and Travis Voglesong (Susan), his great-grandchildren Jack and Margaret Winfield, Brayden, Josslyn, Genevieve and Charlotte Voglesong. Funeral services were held May 11, 2024, at Denbo Funeral Home in English, Indianna, followed by burial at Mifflin Cemetery. |

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| **Black** | **2024** | Mickey Lynn Black (82) of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on October 15, 2024, surrounded by family. Mickey was born on June 23, 1942, and grew up in Bronte, Texas. After transferring from Tarleton State University, he graduated from Texas Tech University in 1964 with a degree in Agricultural Economics. In the summer before his junior year of college, he began working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). While in college, he also participated in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and later served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966. His service took him to Maryland and Oklahoma, before he returned to Texas and continued working for the NRCS. At NRCS, he worked his way up from a Soil Conservationist to Assistant State Conservationist in the High Plains Region. In 2012, he retired after 50 years of service with the NRCS. His commitment, dedication, and hard work were recognized in 2003, when Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources honored him as a distinguished alumnus. Mickey continued managing the family ranch near Bronte throughout his life. He was a fan of rodeos and all Texas Tech athletics. Mickey is survived by his wife Marsha Black; his daughters Debbie Brownlow (Brian) and Kimberley Black; his grandchildren Hayley Wade (Taylor), Mickenzie Stone (Caleb), and Carson Brownlow; and Marsha's children, Traci Beard (Ryan); Grandchildren Ryland and Tessa; Toby Warden and Grandchildren Mallery, Owen and Connor. |
| **Blake** | **2024** | Ronald Charles Blake (74) of Boise, Idaho, passed away from a short illness on Father's Day, June 16, 2024, in Boise. He was born in Twin Falls, Idaho on December 1, 1949, to parents, Rosemary K. and Charles Stewart Blake. Ron graduated from the College of Southern Idaho and went on to earn his degree in Range Management from Utah State University. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service throughout his career both in Twin Falls and Mountain Home, Idaho, where he was the District Conservationist. He retired and moved to Boise in 2008. Ron met his wife, Zena, at a conference in Florida in 1992. In retirement Ron and Zena traveled together in Europe, traversing long distance paths in France and Spain with friends, and in the United Kingdom with the Newport (Wales) Outdoor group. Ron especially enjoyed the trips to Israel and made presentations of them to his church on his return to Idaho. He was a faithful member of Bridgepoint Church in Boise. Ron's survivors include his wife, Zena Cook, his daughter Alyssa (Ryan) Smith, his granddaughters Aria Rose and Kora Iris Smith. |
| **Boeckman** | **2024** | Anthony Paul (Tony) Boeckman (78) of Medford, Oklahoma passed away on January 27, 2024, following a tragic accident. Tony was born in Okeene, Oklahoma, on June 14, 1945, to Anthony Conrad Boeckman and Arlene Luetkemeyer Boeckman. He earned a bachelor's degree in Agronomy from Oklahoma State University. Tony married Jean Shreve on June 1, 1968. Tony worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was the District Conservationist in Medford for many years. He retires after 34 years of service in 2004. He was an expert at anything pertaining to soil. After his retirement, Tony and Jean traveled in their RV for several years. They visited 49 states in their RV and traveled to Europe last summer. Tony led a very active lifestyle. He enjoyed spending time with Jean and their children, gardening, cooking, golfing, reading, attending church, and spending time with his siblings. Tony's survivors include his wife of 55 years, Jean; son, Drew Boeckman of Grand Prairie, Texas; daughter, Laural Boeckman of Austin, Texas. |
| **Boltz** | **2024** | Stanley Christopher Boltz (61) of Huron, South Dakota, passed away on September 18, 2024, at Huron Regional Medical Center. Stan was the Regional Soil Quality Specialist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) serving North Dakota and South Dakota. Stan was born July 29, 1963, in Wheatridge, Colorado to Stanley Eaton Boltz and Dorothy (Ard) Boltz. Stan attended Chadron State College for 2 years, Abilene Christian University for 1 year and then transferred to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in agronomy in 1987. It was in college that Stan met the love of his life, Nancy (Schrantz) Boltz and they were married in May 1988. Stan worked for the NRCS in Elko, Nevada as a Range Management Specialist. He later transferred to Reno, Nevada. They lived in the Reno area for 10 years and this is where they adopted their first child, Zachary, in April 1997. Stan transferred to Rapid City, South Dakota in 1997 where their daughter, Jessica was born in December 1998. They lived in Rapid City for 7 years before he transferred to Huron, South Dakota as State Rangeland Management Specialist in 2005. He became the Regional Soil Quality Specialist in 2016 and remained in that position until his death. Stan was ready and willing to do any ministry in churches wherever they lived. He loved to lead worship with his guitar. Stan had great musical ability. He taught himself how to play the acoustic guitar and bass guitar. He also played the French horn. He was a deacon for many years and a respected leader in the church. Stan's survivors include his wife, Nancy, his children Zachary Boltz and Jessica Boltz, both of Huron and two grandsons, Riley Boltz and Kyrie Howell. |
| **Bricker** | **2024** | Ronald Ray Bricker (74) of Masontown, West Virginia, passed away January 28, 2024, at Morgantown Health and Rehabilitation, with family by his side. Ronald was born at home in Fairchance, Pennsylvania, on July 8, 1949, a son of the late Herbert and Myrtle (Hostutler) Bricker. Ronald is a Vietnam Veteran who proudly served in the United States Army. He retired from the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service after 23 years where he served as the Budget Officer in the West Virginia State Office. Ronald played the keyboard with the Hilltoppers, Conway Twitty, and Lorretta Lynn. He loved his cars and motorcycles. Ronald is survived by his loving wife, Mary Catherine (Radabaugh) Bricker; two daughters, Rhonda Kay Johnson (Lloyd) and Teresa Shelton (Jeremiah); grandchildren, Tamara Johnson, Harley Johnson, Keisha Ponceroff (Zach), and Jacob Nestor and girlfriend Kira Arbogast; and soon to be great-grandchild, Adalyn Ponceroff. Chaplain Keaton Forsythe held the funeral service at the Field Funeral Home in Masontown on February 1, 2024. The Preston County Honor Guard and the West Virginia Army National Guard Honor Guard provided full Military Honors at the graveside ceremony at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. |
| **Bright** | **2024** | Dorothy Cecelia Bright (84) of Portland, Oregon, passed away peacefully with family at her side on August 10, 2024, due to the effects of dementia. She was the wife of ARCSE Member Roy E. Bright, retired State Conservation Engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Portland State Office. Dorothy was born to Jeremiah and Agnes McCarthy in Manchester, New Hampshire on August 29, 1939. She graduated from Keene State College and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. It was in graduate school where she met her husband of 61 years, Roy Bright. Dorothy and Roy moved to Ohio, New Jersey, and Minnesota, before settling in Portland in 1978, residing in the Rock Creek area for over 45 years. Dorothy Was a high school teacher for most of her adult life. She taught home economics and vocational education at Hillsboro and Glencoe High Schools in Hillsboro, Oregon for twenty years. Dorothy was a devoted church volunteer at her parishes in Arizona and Oregon. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Roy, her son David (Linda) of Happy Valley, Oregon and their sons, Devin and Derek of Portland. Dorothy was preceded in death by her son, Brian. |

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| **Brooks** | **2024** | James Euell Brooks (82) of Chatham, Virginia, passed away on July 25, 2024, at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital. James was born February 7, 1942, in Union Hall, Franklin County, Virginia, the son of James Edgar Brooks and Nena Brown Brooks. James grew up and lived on his parents' farm in Union Hall, helping to grow tobacco, grain, and livestock, until his marriage to Barbara Watson. They attended New Bethel Church of the Brethren, at Pullens, Virginia. He was a cancer survivor from 2010. James proudly served in the US Army for two years. James was employed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for 55 years in Franklin, Pittsylvania and Halifax Counties as a Soil Conservation Technician. James was an amateur astronomer and enjoyed building bluebird houses to help bring back bluebirds to Pittsylvania County. He researched his family's history/genealogy and contributed data to Find a Grave and Ancestry.com sites online. He loved his work with NRCS and helping farmers with conservation practices. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Barbara Watson Brooks. |
| **Brown** | **2024** | Lynn Albert Brown (84) of Ellensburg, Washington, passed away on December 2nd, 2024. Lynn was born on April 14, 1940, in Buffalo, Wyoming, the son of Albert 'Buster' and Margaret 'Dorothy' (Waegle) Brown. In 1960, Lynn married his first wife, Phyllis, and together they welcomed four children into the world, Randy, Julie, Kevin and Shane. He earned both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Lynn's professional career began as a Forest Ranger with USDA-Forest Service in Wyoming, where he nurtured his love for the environment and conservation. In 1967, he transitioned to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Lynn was selected to pursue a Master's degree in Public Administration at Harvard University, fully funded by a government scholarship. Upon completing his studies at Harvard, Lynn's career was characterized by a series of relocations, each move marking a step up in his professional journey. Lynn lived in various parts of the country, including Needham, Massachusetts; Vienna, Virginia; Lexington, Kentucky; Raleigh, North Carolina; and Spokane, Washington. In 1979, Lynn achieved a significant milestone in his career when he was appointed as the State Conservationist in Washington. He retired in 1998. The Washington Conservation District (WACD) named the Lynn Brown Plant Materials Center in Bow, Washington, in his honor. In 1984, he married the love of his life, Linda Arentzen, from Sedro-Woolley, Washington. Lynn and Linda spent many, many days at the family cabin in Wyoming, camping, riding horses and other adventures. They lived in Spokane until Lynn retired in 1998 when they moved to Ellensburg, Washington. There he built a 7500 square foot barn with an apartment and shop, followed by their current home. He also spent countless hours hunting and fishing, working on projects, rebuilding antique clocks, working on guns, farming, cowboying in Wyoming rounding up cattle. He was a pilot and took many trips in his Cessna 182. Lynn is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters Julie Brown, Janet Arentzen and Shelly Pallies; son, Shane Brown; grandchildren, Samantha, Tory, Josh, Ana and Jeremy; great grandchildren, Odin and Iris. He was preceded in death by sons, Randall Lynn Brown and Kevin Taylor Brown; and granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Hein. |
| **Brown** | **2024** | ARCSE Life Member Raymond N. Brown Jr. (85) of South Burlington, Vermont passed away March 3, 2024. Ray was born May 27, 1938, in Jacksonville, Florida. Ray led a life of service to his country and community that touched countless lives. He graduated from Alfred University in New York and then earned a Degree in Agriculture from the University of Georgia. He also attended the Naval Officers Training Center and served as a Commissioned Commander in the United States Navy and for 25 years as a Naval Reservist. Ray obtained a Master's of Professional Studies in Agriculture Management from Cornell University which paved the way for his 35 year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service). Ray held numerous positions including Soil Conservationist, District Conservationist, Area Conservationist, Deputy State Conservationist and Assistant Director in New York, New Jersey, Vermont, and was the Associate Director for the Northeast National Technology Center. After retiring he continued to be an active member of his community. He attended Shelburne Methodist Church, sang in the choir, and served as President of Shelburne Rotary and Rotary International. He also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Young Life in Addison and Chittenden Counties, and helped facilitate the yearly Shelburne BBQ. Ray's community involvement and service were extensive, and he even went back to work at Valdez Environmental Consulting firm to keep busy where he continued his passion for agriculture and clean water by working on the restoration efforts of the Everglades at Lake Okeechobee, Florida. Ray loved gardening, classical concerts, bird watching, dinners on the lake, and dancing. Ray was predeceased by his Wife Nan in 2001. He is survived by his wife Roxanne, sons Raymond (Pamela) Brown and Frederick Brown; a daughter Kathy (Mike) Shea; stepchildren Tonya Love and Thomas (Ann) Love as well as numerous grandchildren. |
| **Buie** | **2024** | John L. Buie (85) of Somerset, Kentucky, passed away on September 12, 2024, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. John was born on December 27, 1938, to the late James "J.D." Buie and Mildred Irene Johnson Buie in Beech Creek, Kentucky. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Somerset. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. During his career he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an Engineer. He was the Area Engineer in Somerset when he retired in 1994. John was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Buie, his son, Dwight Buie, and daughter, Amy Susan Buie. Survivors include his son, David Buie (Wendy) of Somerset and grandchildren: Whitney, Emily and Douglas. Services with military honors were held September 17, 2024. The burial was at Mill Springs National Cemetery in Nancy, Kentucky. |

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| **Burch** | **2024** | Martin Wallace "Buck" Burch of Columbia, Missouri, passed away on August 21, 2024, due to complications from Parkinson's. He was born February 22, 1945, the only child of Martin and Lucille Burch. He graduated with honors from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture with a minor in Biology. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for 39 years. He started as a trainee in Fulton, Missouri. He was then selected as District Conservationist in Ozark, Missouri. While in that position he developed a program to seed grass by helicopter. He transferred to Clinton County as District Conservationist in Plattsburg, Missouri which was designated a training location. Later Buck was chosen to be the Resource Conservationist based in St. Joseph, Missouri which included a 12-county area in Northwest Missouri. After several years in that position, he was promoted to Area Conservationist, in 1993 he was selected to National Liaison to Region 7 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Kansas City, Kansas. That position included programs between EPA and NRCS in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. He also served on a team advisory committee that dealt with watersheds near Moscow, Russia and Warsaw, Poland further developing international relationships within Agriculture and Natural Resources. Buck's final assignment was as a National Liaison to the National Pork Producers Council in Des Moines, Iowa. In his spare time, he enjoyed landscaping, designing stained glass and a part time photography business. After he retired, he and his wife Carolyn enjoyed golfing, snow skiing in Colorado, traveling around the world and country with friends as well as entertaining friends and family to dinner parties at their home on Lake Concord, Plattsburg, Missouri. In 2011 Buck and Carolyn settled in Columbia to be closer to their children and grandkids that would attend the University of Missouri and to provide Buck the medical support for Parkinson's. He and Carolyn recently celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary. He is survived by wife Carolyn; two sons, Shawn (Maggie), of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Travis Burch, and grandchildren Whitney and Austin Burch. |
| **Burnett** | **2024** | Leota Ann Burnett (69) of Bluejacket, Oklahoma, passed away August 22, 2024. Leota was born June 16, 1955. She worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a Soil Conservation Technician at the Miami Field Office, retiring in 2015 after 25 years of federal service. While working for NRCS, Leota served part of that time as the South Central Representative on the National Council of the American Indian Alaska Native Employee Association (AIANEA). Her family held a private service in her honor and an obituary was not published. |
| **Campbell** | **2024** | Plater T. Cambell (96) of Laurel, Maryland, passed away May 21, 2024. Plater was born and raised in Washington, DC. He built a 30-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, beginning as a Soil Scientist and progressed through the ranks to become the first Black State Conservationist in the Soil Conservation Service. Plater culminated his career as the Director of Conservation Planning and member of the Senior Executive Service. Plater is survived by his loving wife of 20 years and devoted partner, Faye Campbell; his children - Stephen, Gregory (Darlene), Celeste, Maureen, Christine and Patrick; and five grandchildren, Francis, Marvina, Shanay, Francoise, and Violette. Funeral services were held at Holy Comforter-St Cyprian Catholic Church, 1357 E. Capital Street, SE, Washington, DC. Note: in searching for information on Plater Campbell's life and career, I found an article on him and his family on the Black Enterprise website that you may find interesting: https://www.blackenterprise.com/campbell-family-real-estate-legacy/ |
| **Carter** | **2024** | District Conservationist Philip Scott Carter (57) of Plains, Texas, passed away March 17, 2024. Philip was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Joe and Carolyn (Stone) Carter, on September 25, 1966. He was raised in Ira, Texas, and went to college at Angelo State and Texas Tech University. There he earned his undergraduate degree in Animal Science. Then he later returned to Angelo State to further pursue his love for Range and Wildlife Management and earned his master's degree. After graduation, Philip worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and eventually made his way to Plains, where he was the District Conservationist. Philip went on a blind date with Vee Ann Fitzgerald, and they married on February 26, 2000. They made their home in Plains for 24 years. He served as a deacon at the Denver City Church of Christ and the Hillside Church of Christ for many years. Philip spent his time ranching, fishing, hunting and chasing not only his daughters but all his nieces and nephews in all their numerous activities. Survivors include his wife, Vee Ann, and his daughters: Madison Carter of Lubbock, Texas; Marka Carter of College Station, Texas; and Mikah Carter of San Angelo, Texas. |
| **Castille** | **2024** | Joseph J. Castille (75) of Huntsville, Texas, passed away February 19, 2024, in Willis, Texas. Joe was born August 13, 1948. He was a soil scientist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and worked on several soil surveys in Texas. He retired in 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife Joann Matthews Thomas Castille in 2017. Funeral services were held February 24, 2024, at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He was laid to rest at Brooke Cemetery, in Huntsville. |
| **Castor** | **2024** | Juan Ramos Castor (71) of Belton, Texas, of Belton, Texas, passed away peacefully at his home on September 5, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer of the stomach and liver. Juan was born on November 12, 1952, in Killeen, Texas. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1971, serving valiantly during the Vietnam War era he was machine gunner and a combative boxer while serving. His military service was distinguished, earning him the Good Conduct Medal, Rifle Marksman Badge, Vietnam Service Medal w/1-star, National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device before his release in 1973 as a Lance Corporal. His professional started at the Veterans Administration Hospital, a role he fulfilled for around five years before transferring to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), where he continued until his passing working as a Construction Control Inspector. His work exemplified the same principles he instilled in his family: hard work, integrity, and a commitment to serving others. Juan was an extraordinary family man who lived by the motto "family first." He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Yolanda (Villarreal) Castor, and their five children: Juan Castor II (Nikki) of Temple, Texas, Samantha Gillespey (David) of Troy, Texas, Christina Lange (Michael) of Little River-Academy, Texas, Adrian Marin (Arasely) of Bastrop, Texas, and Stacey Johnson (Chris) of Denison, Texas; thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, whom he cherished deeply. |

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| **Cecil** | **2024** | Loretta June Cecil (74) of Dodge City, Kansas, passed away January 11, 2024, at her home. Loretta was born on June 9, 1949, in Satanta, Kansas, the daughter of John and Doris (Golnick) Meyer. She received an associate degree from Dodge City Community College and then went on to attend Fort Hays State University. She married Jim Cecil on June 13, 1970. Loretta held a few occupations over the years including working at Combs Auto, Sears, Coordinator for the Southwest Kansas Library System, and as an Administrative Assistant in the Dodge City Area Office for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 17 years, retiring in 2017 She was also part owner of Cecil's BBQ for 25 years. Loretta was an animal lover. She also loved tending to her flowers and garden as well as being outdoors and working in the yard. She also enjoyed traveling. She is survived by her loving husband, Jim Cecil; children, Cory Cecil (Caralea) of Minneola, Kansas, Daniel Cecil (Lindsey) of Dodge City, and Brian Lies (Samantha) of Satanta, Kansas; grandchildren, Trent Cecil, Parker Cecil, Lainey Cecil, Claire Cecil, Annie Cecil, and Harper Lies. |
| **Chiglo** | **2024** | Nester Ilot Chiglo (92) of Caledonia, Minnesota, passed away on September 28, 2024, at Claddagh Senior Living in Caledonia. Nester was born at home on July 20, 1932, to Peter Sr. and Myrtle Sveen Chiglo. He was baptized and confirmed at the Whalan Lutheran Church in Whalen, Minnesota. Nester started working at various regional railroad companies until he was 20 years old and was drafted into the United States Army in 1952. He served for two years and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant. On October 17, 1953, Nester married Phyllis Thompson at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lanesboro, Minnesota. Nester began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1958 in Preston, Minnesota. He transferred to the Caledonia office in 1964, where he worked until retirement in 1994. Nester enjoyed working with many farmers and implementing conservation practices on farms around Houston and Fillmore Counties. He was a committed member of the Caledonia American Legion for over 54 years and worked on the Legion Bingo crew for 34 years. Nester is survived by Phyllis, his wife of over 70 years; daughters Pam (Tim) Schieber, Kari (Jerome) Neumann of Caledonia, Minnesota; sons Jan (Laura) Chiglo of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Jay (Kara) Chiglo of Frisco, Texas, and Jon (Sherri) Chiglo of Apple Valley, Minnesota; grandchildren Dawn (Jeremy) Klinski, Audrey (Ryan) Staggemeyer, Andrew Neumann, Alex Chiglo, Mackenzie (Tyler) Leikam, Zach Chiglo, Megan Chiglo, Grace Chiglo, Nick Chiglo, Ethan Chiglo and Kate Chiglo; and great-grandchildren Eli, Owen, Noah, Nora, and Clara Staggemeyer; Savanah, Anna, Ezra, and Nadia Klinski; Theodore, and Philomena Leikam. |
| **Cline** | **2024** | Bobby Joe Cline (71) of Davis, Oklahoma, passed away May 19, 2024, following a long illness. Bobby was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, before it became a state, while his father served in the US Navy. Bobby served with the US Army during the Vietnam War. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in agronomy from Oklahoma State University and began a long career with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service. He retired as the District Conservationist in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Bobby was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved wildlife, nature and searching for arrowheads. Bobby was described by many as a good and generous man with a heart of gold. He formed many strong and lasting friendships over the years. He is survived by his wife Judy Cline. |
| **Coffee** | **2024** | Harold "Hack" Coffee (78) of Canadian, Texas, passed away on April 1, 2024, in Canadian. Hack was born March 14, 1946, in Pampa, Texas to Walter and Irene Coffee. He graduated from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. Soon after graduating college, Hack enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam and was on active duty for three years. Hack also served six years in the Marine Corps Reserves and left the service with the rank of Captain. On June 4, 1966, he married the love of his life, Bobbie Stoebe in Miles City, Montana. They have celebrated almost 58 years of marriage. Hack, Bobbie, and their children moved to Canadian in 1987. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for over 35 years before he retired, most of that time as the District Conservationist in Canadian. Hack was a member of the Methodist Church of Canadian and the American Legion Post 106 in Miami, Texas. Hack was an avid outdoorsman, rancher, hunter, and a heck of a handy man. He also enjoyed metal detecting, scuba diving with his sons, and making trips to Las Vegas (and elsewhere) to gamble. Hack and Bobbie were members of the McLean, Texas Dance Hall where they rarely missed a dance. He was a quiet man but told the best jokes and entertaining stories. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Katy Coffee in 2011, who worked as a District Conservationist for the NRCS in Newcastle, Wyoming. Survivors include his wife, Bobbie; eldest son, Cameron Coffee (Cara) of Portland, Oregon, their children Quinn and Sasha and Jim Coffee (Wendy) of Austin, Texas. |
| **Collins** | **2024** | Ralph Lester Collins (76) of Higginsville, Missouri, passed away on December 15, 2024, at his home. Ralph was born on July 5, 1948, in Mayview, Missouri, the son of John William Collins and Ethel LaVerne (Turner) Collins. After attending two semesters of college, he started a long-standing career as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. He retired in 2008. Ralph was a dedicated and devoted member of Zion A.M.E church in Mayview, where he was named the church Man of the Year 2014-15. Ralph was also very devoted to his family and active in his community where he served as a member of the Jaycee organization for many years, as well as a school board member for the Lafayette Co C-1 school district. His survivors include his wife of 36 years, Linda Collins of the home; children, Ange Collins, LaShawn (Wade) Miller, Dawn (late Andre) Harrison, Iesha (Isaac) James and Cheri (Ricky) McDaniel; grandchildren Destanee, Daitrien, Cierra, Cirron, Paige, Natasha, Shantel; and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Colwell** | **2024** | District Conservationist Nathan Cord Colwell (56) of Pryor, Oklahoma, passed away on September 25, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born on May 22,1968, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Cord attended Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, Oklahoma and Cameron College in Lawton, where he earned his bachelor's degree. In 2003, he married the love of his life, Pam Brown. Cord dedicated many years to working with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, where he served in various capacities, excelling in his role as district conservationist in Nowata, Oklahoma. He remained committed to his work in environmental stewardship, leaving a legacy of commitment and dedication. An enthusiastic outdoorsman, Cord loved to fish and hunt, with particular fondness for elk hunting trips to Colorado alongside his sons. Cord is survived by his wife, Pam Colwell of the home; sons, Jeremy Spencer (Krystal) of Claremore, Oklahoma, Nathan Colwell Sarah of Catoosa, Oklahoma, and Garret Colwell (Tawnie) of Wagoner, Oklahoma; daughters, Tara Brown (Derek) of Pocola, Oklahoma, and Whitney Cornish (Chase) of Adair, Oklahoma; 10 grandchildren, Drayden (Madison), Drextyn, Dauslyn, Drantly, Kade, Kase, Tember, River, Tinsley, and Taylynn; 1 great grandchild, Sagelynn; and mother, Mary Colwell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. |

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| **Conner** | **2024** | Cecil C. Conner (86) of Kinston, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2024, at his home surrounded by his beloved wife and family. Cecil was born August 7, 1938, the son of Rodolph and Lettie C. Conner. He retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he worked as an Engineering Technician, spending much of his career on the watershed projects of Lenoir and Duplin counties in North Carolina. Cecil loved music, particularly the soulful songs of his youth and Carolina Beach Music. He enjoyed dancing, especially when he heard the smooth rhythm of “Brenda” or the great beat of “Love Train”. While quiet by nature, he possessed a quick wit and created many good laughs with his phrases and replies; even in his last days he gifted his family with many smiles, great laughs, and enduring memories. He is survived by his cherished wife of 58 years, Connie Chase Conner; son, Brian A. Conner and significant other, Eileen of Kinston; daughter, Tanya Conner Tyson (Jody) of Snow Hill, North Carolina; granddaughters, Conner C. Harrison (Parker) and Riley Anne Craft. |
| **Cook** | **2024** | Life Affiliate Member Maurice Gayle Cook, Ph.D., (92) of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away June 16, 2024. Maurice was born in Franklin County, Kentucky on December 26, 1931, the youngest of eleven children born to Price and Evelyn Moore Cook. Maurice loved his country. He joined the United States Army in 1957. He retired with the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve after 29 years of service to the United States. He was accepted to Harvard University but chose to stay close to his roots and attend the University of Kentucky. Realizing the family farm was in financial difficulty, he paused his college career in his sophomore year to return home and manage the farm. Five years later he continued his education at the University of Kentucky and earned Bachelor of Science degree and master’s degree in agronomy. He completed his higher education in 1962 by earning a Ph.D. in agronomy from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. Shortly thereafter, he accepted a faculty position at North Carolina State University (NC State). When he retired from N.C. State in 1992 as a full professor, Maurice had taught over 8,000 students, including many who went on to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He advised and mentored hundreds of students majoring in agronomy, soil science, and conservation. His teaching excellence resulted in numerous teaching awards, including the Alumni Distinguished Professor from NC State, and the Ensminger-Interstate Distinguished Teacher Award from the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. He served as the High Chancellor of the Alpha Zeta honorary professional fraternity and in multiple soil conservation societies. He also conducted extension and research activities. He was a staunch advocate for soil and water conservation, both domestically and internationally. He served as President of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and received the Society's highest recognition–the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award. In North Carolina state government, he served as the Director of the North Carolina Division of Soil and Water Conservation. He worked closely with the Association of North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts and was inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame. He was also elected to the Southeast Region Hall of Fame by the National Association of Conservation Districts. After retiring from NC State, he served on the staff of Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. as his state agricultural advisor. He later coordinated the agricultural program of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. Maurice was a devoted Christian and very active member a member of Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. In later years, Maurice and Nancy were involved in multiple short-term mission projects in Poland, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Uruguay, and several other countries. Maurice is survived by his wife Nancy, his son Stephen (Tannen), his granddaughters Ava, Mable, Evelyn, and Rosemary, and beloved nieces and nephews. Maurice was buried in his beloved home soil of Kentucky. |
| **Cook** | **2024** | Orville “Dean” Cook (84) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away June 17, 2024 at his home. Dean was born in Newport, Arkansas, on August 3, 1939, the son of Chester and Lucille Cook. In 1961, only after 2 weeks of being married, he started a career with the United States Army National Guard. He proudly served his country for 22 years and retired from the Army in 1991. Upon retirement, Dean’s title was 1st Sergeant of the 1st Battalion 245th Aviation Special Operations Airborne in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 1985, Dean graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. Dean worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a civil engineer, retiring in 2010 as Project Engineer of the Perry/Stillwater watershed office, after serving 46 years with the agency. Dean helped design and construct flood control dams/watersheds all over the state of Oklahoma. Dean enjoyed spending time with his family, gardening, watching old western shows, farming, taking care of animals, camping, and fishing. He was an active member of the Baptist Church. Dean is survived by his wife of 63 years, Kay Cook; his 4 children, Connie (Richard) Nicholson, JoAnna (Stephen) Mitchell, Carolyn Flynn, and Russell Cook (Nikki); and 10 grandchildren, Andrew Mitchell, Miranda Mitchell, McKayla Cook, Ashlynn Towne, Meagan Nicholson, Corbin Flynn, Aubree Nicholson, Jayda Cook, Alex Mitchell, Rustyn Cook, and Millie Flynn. He is proceeded in death |

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| **Cooper** | **2024** | Member Donald Lee Cooper (90) of Dwight, Kansas (formerly of Manhattan, Kansas), passed away August 26, 2024, in Dwight. Don was born on September 16, 1933, on the family farm in Oshkosh, Garden County, Nebraska, the son of Jesse Floyd and Nellie Fern (Atkinson) Cooper. In August of 1951 he attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. In 1953 he was drafted into the United States Army and served his basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas. He served in the 16th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Armored Division in Baumholder, German, as the Communication Chief. On July 29, 1956, in Osborne, Kansas, at the Osborne United Methodist Church he was united in marriage to Jewell Merriam Britt. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he attended Kansas State University and earned his bachelor's degree in Technical Agronomy in May of 1958. Following his graduation, he accepted a position with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Wichita, Kansas, as a soil conservationist. In 1961 he was assigned to the Anthony, Kansas field office. He was later reassigned to offices in Columbus, Kansas, and again to Anthony, as the Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator in Minneapolis, Kansas. In March 1979 he became the District Conservationist in Geary and Riley County office in Manhattan. He retired on December 31, 1988. Jewell preceded him in death in 1964, while the family was living in Columbus, Kansas. Don was a member of College Avenue United Methodist Church in Manhattan. He was incredibly involved in OCTA (Oregon California Trail Association). On August 23, 1965, in Columbus, he was married to Mary Jane O'Banion Moore at the First United Methodist Church. He adopted Mary Jane's children: Mary Virginia "Ginger," who was seven and Richard Jackson, who was four. Mary Jane passed away in 1986 and his daughter Ginger passed away in 2022. Don is survived by his sons, Brad Cooper (Sonia) of Inman, Kansas, and Richard Cooper (Andrea) of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and his daughter Pam Switzer (Scott) of Dwight, Kansas; his grandchildren: Matthew Wiebe, Adam Wiebe (Andrea), Emily Spittles (Dustin), Crystal Lamb (Keith), Holly Cooper, Sky Cooper, Lane Cooper, Kyla Kane, Kristy Tanner (Brad) and 3 great-grandkids, 1 great-great grandson. |
| **Corson** | **2024** | Larry Corson (88) of Meridian, Idaho, passed away June 12, 2024. Larry was born March 7, 1936. He started work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1968 in Idaho. He was an Information and Education Specialist before being assigned as Area Conservationist in Boise, Idaho. He then transferred in 1980 to northeast Pennsylvania where he worked many years there as an Area Conservationist as well while living in Trout Run, Pennsylvania. After retiring he moved back to Idaho, first to Eagle, Idaho and then Meridian. An obituary was not available. |
| **Coufal** | **2024** | Joe William Coufal (81) of Thalia, Texas, passed away on June 28, 2024, in Vernon, Texas. Joe was born Friday, July 24, 1942, in Thalia, the son of the late Joe Coufal and the late Elizabeth Zacek Coufal. He married Robbie Sandra Scott on January 1, 1964, in Vernon, Texas. Joe was a farmer and a retired technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Crowell, Texas. He was a member of the Quanah Masonic Lodge #689, Quanah Council Chapter #450, Quanah Council #367 of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Vernon Commandry #33, and the West Texas York Rite. He was also a member of the Red Cross of Constantine of Wichita Falls, Holy Royal Arch Knights Temple Templar Tabernacle #9, and the Royal Order of Scotland. Joe was a deacon and member of First Baptist Church in Crowell, Texas. Joe is survived by his wife, Robbie Sandra Coufal of the home; one daughter, Angel Wheeler of Forney, Texas; one son, Charles "Bill" Coufal of Vernon, Texas, and seven grandchildren, Alexis Synatschk, Abbey Dunn, Taryn Adams, Jayden Wheeler, Charlie Coufal, Kaymi Zimmerman, and Halley Wheeler. Joe also leaves behind seven great grandchildren. |
| **Culver** | **2024** | Lorna Gayle Culver (79) of Troutdale Oregon, passed away peacefully after a battle with cancer. Gayle was born in Tremonton, Utah on June 8, 1945, to Conley and Daisy Christensen. After high school she attended Stevens-Henager College of Business. Upon finishing business school, she began working at Thiokol. She soon met the love of her life, David in Logan Utah where he was attending Utah State University. They were married on September 14, 1969. After David’s graduation from Utah State University, he accepted a teaching position in Portland, Oregon. Gayle transferred her employment with the Federal Government to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Portland, Oregon, where she worked for 35 years as a secretary and a technician on the Soils staff of the West National Technology Center. She retired in 2006. During her retirement she had the opportunity to take many trips to see the world, to visit her distant family, and to spend more time with her grandkids. During her retirement she had the opportunity to take many trips to see the world, to visit her distant family, and to spend more time with her grandkids. Gayle loved her family with all her heart. They were the center of her life, and her family loved her. Gayle was an avid crocheter and was known to donate her talented work to local care homes. Gayle is survived by her husband of nearly 55 years, David Culver, her two sons, K.C Culver (Cheryl) and Ben Culver (Mandy), five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Cummings** | **2024** | Johnny Cummings, Jr. (90) of Brownsville, Kentucky, passed away October 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving. Johnny was born on October 2, 1934, to the late Ulva and Johnny Cummings, Sr. He was united in marriage for sixty-two years to his best friend and the love of his life, Marcella Haycraft Cummings. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Western Kentucky University. Johnny devoted his career to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist and district conservationist where he demonstrated his commitment to the land and its preservation. Throughout his life, Johnny served with great devotion as a trustee of Brownsville Cemetery, a trustee and deacon of Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church, and a charter member of the Edmonson County Industrial Authority. His faith was the cornerstone of his existence. Besides his beloved wife, Marcella Haycraft Cummings, he is survived by his three children, Rhonda Meredith (Gary) of Bee Spring, Kentucky, David Cummings (Sheila) of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Donna Martin (Porter) of Smiths Grove, Kentucky; his five cherished grandchildren, Brett Meredith (Heather), Ryan Cummings (Jessica), Krista Stinson (Miles), Maci Davidson (Tanner) and Peyton Martin; eight great-grandchildren, Jackson Bley Meredith, Brooklyn, Camden, and Adam Cummings, Mav and Jax Stinson, and JoJo and Vinny Davidson. |

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| **Daniel** | **2024** | ARCSE Member Marvin A. Daniel (101) of Fredericksburg, Texas, passed away on March 26, 2024. He was born in Florence, Texas on July 28, 1922. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1942 serving as a radio operator during World War II. After his discharge in 1946 he worked as District Clerk in the Florence office of the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). That Fall he started attending Texas A&M and he graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. After graduation he started work with SCS in the Fredericksburg work unit. He worked there for ten years. In 1959 he and family moved to Coleman, Texas. where he worked as District Conservationist until 1962 when he became Land Rights Specialist and moved to Brownwood, Texas. A few years later he became the District Conservationist in the Brownwood Field Office. In 1971 he transferred to Vernon, Texas as Area Conservationist where he worked until moving to Harlingen, Texas as the Area Conservationist there. In 1978 he returned to Fredericksburg as Area Conservationist where he served until his retirement from SCS in 1980. He is survived by his son Wendell M. Daniel (Linda) of Early Texas, grandchildren, Celie Thomson (Lane), Kelly Foltz (Douglas), as well as 7 great grandchildren. A funeral service was held April 1, 2024 at the First Baptist Church in Fredericksburg followed by interment at Greenwood Cemetery. |
| **DeRossitt** | **2024** | Linda Carol DeRossitt (77) of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away May 28, 2024, from an unexpected illness at Baptist Health-Hospice in Lexington. Linda was born on January 22, 1947, in Lexington, Kentucky. She had a fulfilling career, retiring from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service after 40 years of dedicated service on June 1, 2012. She was a Technical Information Specialist on the Soil Survey staff in the Lexington State Office when she retired. She also served as the Director of Admissions at The Red Mile Gaming and Racing facility in Lexington for 25 years. In her free time, Linda enjoyed anything related to Elvis Presley, traveling, cruising, and playing Bunco with her friends. Linda will be deeply missed and remembered by her surviving family members: her daughters Monica Reynolds (Timothy), Melanie Yeiser-Deming (Patrick), son Gary DeRossitt (Nicole), as well as her grandchildren Brooke E. Eversole, Jacob E. Burris, Jadon D. Spencer, Justin D. Eversole, and Jaxon C.E. DeRossitt. She was preceded in death by daughter Melissa A. DeRossitt. |
| **Dietz** | **2024** | Anita M. Dietz (94) of Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2024. Anita was the wife of ARCE Honorary Member Harlan E. Dietz, retired National Range Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Anita was born March 28, 1930, in Pratt, Kansas, the daughter of George and Vera Shultz Morris. She attended Pratt Junior College. Anita married Harland Dietz on June 17, 1951, in Pratt. She worked for the Kansas Forestry Fish and Game Department in Pratt, the Kansas Power and Light in Salina, and Houston General Insurance in Fort Worth, Texas. Anita was a people person and made many lifelong friends through her job, playing bridge, and as an active member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ. Anita is survived by her husband of 73 years, Harland; children, Sheryl Morris of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Brad Dietz (Marlene) of Topeka; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Don Morris. |
| **Dingle** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Charles Harlan Dingle (99) Exeter, New Hampshire, passed away June 14, 2024, after a brief illness. Charles was born on August 31, 1924, in Ottumwa, Iowa the son of Moses and Estella Harlan Dingle. He served 2 1/2 years in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. After the war he graduated from Iowa State University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. He married Beverly Taylor June 8, 1952, in Independence, Iowa where he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Charles worked for SCS for 30 years, first throughout Iowa in the early years and was later transferred from Des Moines, Iowa to Durham, New Hampshire in 1961 where he served as the State Engineer and later Assistant State Conservationist. After retirement in 1980, he did some engineering consulting work and in 1983 was elected to the New Hampshire State Legislature where he served 3 terms on the Resource Recreation and Development Committee. Charles was a member of the Community Church of Durham for many years and took an active part on a number of committees. He also served on the Board of University of New Hampshire Campus Ministry. Charles spent 6 years on the Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment and participated in several other town committees related to long term planning. He also participated in a water testing program in the town of Durham. Charles was a lifelong member of the Mason's Lodge in Ottumwa and a member of the New Hampshire Farm Museum for many years and served on the Board for 8 years - two of which were as president. He enjoyed painting, playing golf, fishing, camping and attending to his yard and flower beds. Charles survived his wife Beverly, who passed away after 69 wonderful years together in 1921. Survivors include daughters Rebecca Brayden (Joe) of South Burlington, Vermont, and Sarah Doyle (Kevin) of Hingham, Massachusetts; grandchildren Grace and George Doyle, Ben Brayden (Kari), Tom Brayden (Jenn) as well as 4 great grandchildren Callie, Holden, Gordon and Everett. |

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| **Dominick** | **2024** | Former USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee Becca Celeste Dominick Lamoreaux (36) of Paragonah, Utah passed away on July 26, 2024 at home. Becca was born on March 23, 1988, in Woodward, Oklahoma to Gwyn and Darrel Dominick. Becca lived in several places as she was growing up due to her father's career with the NRCS. While in high school she received her Business Certificate from Meridian Technology in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Becca then went on to achieve an Associate Degree in Business from Northern Oklahoma College. She attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Langston University. Becca went to work for the NRCS as a Soil Conservationist in New Mexico. She was proud to be a fourth-generation employee with the NRCS. Becca met her future husband and great love Dustin Lamoreaux there. They both loved working in natural resource careers and moved to Tiffin, Ohio for another NRCS position. Heartbreakingly, Becca became very ill while in her twenties. She was a patient of the Cleveland Clinic where they diagnosed severe Gastrointestinal Hypomotility Syndrome and Gastroparesis. This chronic illness disabled her, and she left the work she loved. She strove to increase awareness of chronic illnesses, and often reached out to help others in their own struggles. Becca bravely fought this illness for the rest of her life. On October 31, 2015, she married Dustin Lamoreaux. They moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma in 2016 to be near her parents for their help and support as she fought the chronic illness. In 2021, Dustin had the opportunity to go to work with NRCS in Cedar City, Utah. They moved to Paragonah, Utah, Dustin's hometown, to be near the Lamoreaux family. They purchased a camper trailer and spent many wonderful days in the mountains and exploring around the area. Becca was a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and was baptized in the Catholic Church. Becca's big bright blue eyes and sunny smile were beautiful and will be cherished by all who knew her. She was a woman with a fiery spirit, inner strength, love of helping others, and a big kind heart. Becca's survivors include her husband Dustin, parents Gwyn and Darrel Dominick, of Stillwater, and sister Erin Anderson. Becca did not want any services, and her wishes will be met. If a kind gesture is desired in Becca's name, the family recommends giving to Ronald McDonald House at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Please specify "Cleveland House Program". |
| **DuVal** | **2024** | Julie Kay (Rhoades) DuVal (54) of Logan, Iowa, passed away at her home in Logan on September 24, 2024. Julie was the wife of ARCSE Life Member Dale DuVal, retired District Conservationist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Julie was a lifelong educator, beloved friend and devoted follower of Christ. She was born in Omaha, Nebraska on April 19, 1970, to D.G. and Peggy Rhoades. She attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. At Wartburg, Julie's love for mathematics and education grew and she graduated with majors in mathematics education and mathematics with a minor in coaching. She taught for 31 years in the math departments at Kirn Junior High School, Ellsworth Public Schools, Hartley-Melvin-Sandborn, and Harlan Community High School. Julie and Dale were married on June 25,1994. They shared a love for the outdoors, tinkering on tractors, sports, and playing cards. In August of 2016, Julie was diagnosed with Mantle Cell Lymphoma. Throughout her many years of treatment, Julie was a light to her doctors, nurses, and many who followed along with her story. She frequently thought of others, baking pies for her doctors, or asking questions to her nurses about what was going on in their lives, even when she was facing some of the toughest days of her diagnosis. Those close to her were encouraged daily by her faith and courage throughout her time with this disease. Julie is survived by her husband, Dale DuVal; her daughters, Katie DuVal (Douglas) Mihelich and Jessica (Cameron) McWilliams; parents, Donald "D.G." and Margaret "Peggy" Rhoades; sister, Amy (Dwayne) Brown; stepbrother, James Rhoades; and sister-in-law, Loretta Rhoades. |
| **Ebert** | **2024** | William (Bill) Andrew Ebert (66) of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2024, at home surrounded by family and friends, after a long battle with cancer. Bill was born on April 28, 1958, in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, the son of Paul Ebert and the late Florence (Molter) Ebert. After high school, Bill moved to Madison to attend the University of Wisconsin- Madison and initially lived with his brother Steve. He learned that the traditional classroom was not for him and moved to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to earn a degree in Soils Science and worked at jobs that would fuel his passion for the outdoors. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He taught farmers the ins and outs of land conservation to improve the quality of ground and water that we all share. It was here that he met Chris Ewer who was a farm loan officer in 2001. He was able to retire early from the NRCS in 2010, allowing him and Chris to purchase their dream home on the river. Bill's love of the outdoors stayed with him throughout his life. Some of his favorite sporting activities included fishing – both summer and winter and hunting. Whether on the river in Stevens Point, any lake in Wisconsin or the beaches in the Florida panhandle, you would find Bill with a fishing pole and a smile! He was also an avid gardener and was found in his garden on many summer days relishing in the bounty of home grown produce. Bill is survived by his daughter Rachel (Garett) Chisholm and their daughters Auden Beaudry and Riley Chisholm; devoted companion Chris Ewer and her 3 children, Sara Beth Ewer (Mike Friske) and their children Tully, Gemma, and Wyatt; Steven Ewer and daughter Cassidy Ewer, and Todd Ewer (Allison Birr). He is also survived by his father Paul. |
| **Elder** | **2024** | Brad Duane Elder (74) of Hinton, Oklahoma, passed away February 5, 2024, at his home in Hinton. Brad was born January 10, 1950, in Stillwater, Oklahoma to Vernon Joseph and Violet Marguerite (Jardot) Elder. He earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in 1972. After college Brad worked on road construction, in the oilfield, raised pigs and worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Brad served as the District Conservationist at the office in Hinton and then worked in Anadarko, Oklahoma as a Soil Conservationist until he retired in 2011 with over 40 years of service. Brad didn't stay away long and returned to help the Anadarko Field Office staff until November 2015 when he fully retired. On December 19, 2023, Brad married Connie Miller in their family home. He was a loving father and husband and always made his family feel special. Brad enjoyed sports, University of Oklahoma sports, football, the Kansas City Chiefs, and spending time with family and friends. Brad is survived by his wife, Connie Elder of their home in Hinton; daughter, Michelle (Chris) Brandner of Yukon, Oklahoma; two sons, Bradly Elder of Hinton, and Ty Duane Elder of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and two grandchildren, Braden (Anna) Elder and Natalie Elder. |

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| **Firebaugh** | **2024** | John David Firebaugh (90) of Columbus, Ohio passed away on June 5, 2024. John was born March 27, 1934, to George Marshall and Mary Lillian (Coffman) Firebaugh and grew up on a dairy farm outside Wooster, Ohio. He graduated The Ohio State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He remained in Columbus to work for the USDA in the Soil Conservation Service and Farmers Home Administration. In Columbus he met Francille at the Ohio Hiking Club, and they married in 1970. In 1978 John was appointed by the United States Agency for International Development to work on a two-year drainage project in a remote region of Afghanistan. Francille was able to join him by taking a leave of absence from her administrative position at Ohio State. After one year there, they had to be evacuated to India when the Russian army moved in. They eventually arrived in Nepal where they stayed for six months before returning to the United States. In 1988 John and Francille moved to Ithaca, New York, where Francille accepted a position as Dean of Human Ecology at Cornell University, and John continued his work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They moved back to Columbus in 2008, after they had both fully retired. John is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dr. Francille (Maloch) Firebaugh, and over 20 nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held June 24, 2024 at the First Congregational Church in Columbus (where John was an active long-time member). |
| **Fox** | **2024** | Stanley Raymond Fox (82) of Punta Gordo, Florida, passed away March 22, 2024, surrounded by his family. Stan was born August 22, 1941, in Washington, DC. In 1968 while working as a draftsman for the Post Office Department, he met the love of his life, Karen Koechley. They were married on May 2, 1970. In 1977 they made the brave move to relocate across the country to Oregon where Stan worked as a Snow Hydrologist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The adventures he experienced could easily have been a script for a television show. Stan was allowed remote access to various mountain sites, accessible only by helicopter. Stan even helicoptered into the crater of Mount St Helens to measure the snowpack between eruptions. He was an instructor at the Snow Survival School. He once was in a helicopter crash landing on a dried-out riverbed. Luckily, he was unhurt as he had a very experienced Vietnam Vet pilot. Stan was a consistent contributor to local television, radio and newspapers. Stan retired from NRCS in 2004. In 2005, the sunshine, tropics and most importantly a boat lured Stan and Karen to Punta Gorda, Florida. He named the boat Sno Mon. They enjoyed kayaking, snorkeling, cruising the Caribbean and family outings. In addition to his wife Karen, Stan's survivors include daughters Angela and Kristi. |
| **Frederickson** | **2024** | Robert "Gus" J Fredrickson (93) of Roca, Nebraska (previously of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on August 2, 2024. Gus was born December 22, 1930, to Robert O. and Edna Heller Fredrickson in Lincoln. He joined the United States Army to serve during the Korean War. He was stationed in Yokohama, Japan, where he repaired radar sets. While flying home in 1953, a fellow soldier encouraged him to earn a college degree, and he took to that idea. With the help of the GI Bill and work-study jobs, he first attended Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, and then the University of Nebraska in Lincoln to complete his civil engineering degree. He then spent his entire career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, mostly as a watershed engineer involved in the designing and constructing of earthen flood control dams on many watersheds in Nebraska. At Doane College, he met fellow student Jane Herzog, who was studying to become a teacher, and they were married in Omaha, Nebraska, at Florence Presbyterian Church on June 20, 1959. In addition to being a professional engineer, Gus was also a woodworker who made everything from turned bowls, plates, and lamps to headboards, bedroom sets, side tables, cradles, and benches as well as beautiful black walnut gunstocks. He loved to hunt (especially deer), fish (especially big northern pike), garden (vegetables), watch the weather, and just be outdoors. Gus is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jane Fredrickson, children Linnea Fredrickson and Karl (Lou) Fredrickson, grandchildren Melanie (Jeff) Mueller and Stephanie (Mike) Bradley, and great-grandchildren Logan, Gabby, Kaiden, and Alexis. His church and conservation were important to him, so memorials are suggested to Westminster Presbyterian Church or Wachiska Audubon Society, both in Lincoln. |
| **Fredrickson** | **2024** | John Eric Fredrickson (89) of rural Webb City, Missouri, passed away August 22, 2024. John was born on January 9, 1935, in Webb City, Missouri, to Swedish immigrants Karl ("Charles") Johan Fredrickson and Emma Kristina (Andersson) Fredrickson. John attended a one room rural school through the 8th grade. He was a graduate of Carl Junction High school; and the University of Missouri in 1958, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. During that time, he enjoyed his summer job with the USDA-Forest Service in Oregon. After college, John was drafted into the United States Army and worked in communications in Paris, France, at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers of Europe. While in Paris, he selected and purchased the lace that was to be part of his bride's wedding dress. When he returned from France, he married Shirley Sue (Costley) Fredrickson on August 21, 1960. He worked most of his career as a soil conservation technician for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, where he worked with local landowners to preserve soil, air, water, plants and animals. He loved gardening and was legendary for his cantaloupes and turnips. He often grew unusual garden plants so the kids could try new foods and learn about how things grow; he derived pleasure from keeping cattle for beef to go with the vegetables. As a child, John attended Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. As an adult, John was a long-time active member of New Hope Church, north of Carl Junction, including as a Sunday School teacher. Surviving are John's wife, Sue Fredrickson and children Kristina Fredrickson (Ron Russik), Martha (Jerry) Pope, Timothy Fredrickson, and Stephen (Tami) Fredrickson. He is also survived by seven granddaughters and one grandson, as well as three great-granddaughters. |

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| **Garrett** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member John Joseph Garrett (95) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on January 1, 2024, in Waynesville, North Carolina. John was born on January 17, 1928, in Springfield, Ohio. He was married to his wife of 71 years, the late Mildred Garrison Garrett, whom he met in high school in Sidney, Ohio. After serving in the United States Navy for four years, including duty inside the Artic Circle, John began his family with Mildred in 1950. He graduated from Ohio State University with an Agricultural Engineering Degree on the GI Bill. John went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Ohio, working as local project engineer, area engineer, and statewide watershed programs staffer. He transferred to the Raleigh, North Carolina SCS State Office as the River Basin and Watershed Coordinator in 1971. He retired from federal service after 38 years in 1990; reaching the position of Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources. After retirement, John consistently volunteered for many years with the North Carolina Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation. He reached the status of "Senior Conservationist" as a member of the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees and was a member of the international Soil and Water Conservation Society. John, and Mildred, were longtime members and volunteers at Capital City Church of Christ, which has become part of Lifepointe Church of Cary. He had a lifelong passion for fishing, and fishing rod building and repair. Other hobbies included landscape plant and flower propagation. John is survived by three sons: J. Keenan Garrett of Athens, Ohio; Timothy E. Garrett (Lynne) of Waynesville, North Carolina, and Randall S. Garrett (Ami) of Southport, North Carolina; four grandchildren: Amanda L. Nowell, Timothy M. Garrett, A. Tyler Garrett, and Jessica E. Morris; and eight great-grandchildren. A celebration was held February 3, 2024, at Lifepointe Church in Cary, North Carolina, followed by burial at Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh. |
| **Gaskell** | **2024** | Lorraine Mildred Gaskell (94) of Derby, Kansas (formerly of Chanute, Kansas) passed away September 13, 2024. Lorraine was the wife of Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Luther James “Jim” Gaskell, retired Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Lorraine was born on a farm near Clifton, Kansas, on December 5, 1929, to Gilbert and Mary Piper. After high school she attended Kansas State University for two years. On August 13, 1950, she married Jim at Overbrook Methodist Church. She was a devoted member of Westview Baptist Church, where she spent many years volunteering in the church library and nursery. She was also active in the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. Lorraine is survived by her devoted husband of 74 years, Jim; her two children, Barbara and Dan (Cindy); seven grandchildren: Tony Parker of Kansas, Jason Phillips (Heather) of Minnesota, Brenda Perdue of Kentucky, Candace Showalter (Justin) of Kansas, Kat Phipps of Kansas, Candace Carlson (Kevin) of California, and Chelsea Reiswig (Jason) of Kansas; eight great-grandchildren: Ady and Ainsley Phillips, Alexander and Jack Perdue, Connor and Gavin Showalter, and Brecken and Maddox Reiswig. |
| **Gery** | **2024** | Marsha Gery (76) of Galena, Illinois, passed away November 29, 2024, after a battle with cancer. At her request an obituary was not published. Marsha worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a public affairs specialist in Hawaii and California. She retired in 2003 after her husband, Dave, who also worked for NRCS, passed away. |
| **Gibbens** | **2024** | Robert Ray Gibbens, Jr. (60) of Fredericksburg, Texas (formally of Karnes City, Texas) passed away April 29, 2024, with his family by his side. Robert was born in Uvalde, Texas on July 20, 1963, to Bobby and Laquita Gibbens. He attended Texas A&M University where he earned a degree in Range Management in 1986. He married his favorite dance partner and love of his life, Shelley on July 6, 1991. Soon after graduating he began working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Throughout his career he served in field offices located in Spur, Tahoka, Floresville, Tilden and Kenedy, Texas. Upon his retirement after 33 years of service in 2019, it was noted that the land and water was in better health because of his service, and he received appreciation for his many years of support and partnership with the San Antonio River Authority. Robert was a member of the Karnes City Volunteer Fire Department where he helped countless people in his community. He was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church while living in Karnes City. Upon moving to Fredericksburg, he joined Bethany Lutheran Church and was a man of great faith and integrity. Robert was a friend to all and never met a stranger. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Shelley; daughters Jessie Kate Gibbens of Fredericksburg, Meg Barrett (Regina) of New Braunfels, Texas, Lacey Barrett Clemens (Andrew) of Converse, Texas; and three grandchildren Brynley Bennett, Kolten Bennett, and Kohen Mills. |
| **Glocker** | **2024** | **Member Carl Leonard Glocker** (88) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed away on June 10, 2024. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 21, 1935, to Hans and Rose Glocker. The family moved to Wichita, Kansas, after Carl had completed two years of high school at Loyola University. Carl attended Kansas State University where he majored in Agronomy. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity, Air Force ROTC and Pershing Rifles. After graduation he was inducted into the United States Army March 25, 1958, where he served two years in the Army Chemical Corps working on biological agricultural experiments. After separating from the service in 1960, he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 35 years working as a Soil Scientist. His first duty station was Madison, Wisconsin. His last duty station was at the National Soil Survey Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. While working in Madison he met Elsbeth (Liz) Storch. They were married June 10, 1961. Son, William was born in 1962 and Andrew in 1964. Surviving him are his wife, Elsbeth (Storch) Glocker, sons William P. (Sharon) Glocker, Andrew (Janet) Glocker; grandsons Eric (Samantha); Adam, Kyle and Hans Glocker; granddaughter Ana Thoman (Taylor) and two great Granddaughters Petria and Rosalee. |

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| **Gockowski** | **2024** | Marie (Stifter) Gockowski (98) of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully in her home on March 28, 2024, surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of the late Jerome “Jerry” Gockowski, who retired from the National Office of the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as Director of Cartographic and Remote Sensing in November 1980. They shared 54 years of marriage. Marie was born on May 4, 1925 to the late Eugene and Angela (Fasching) Stifter. She moved to Minneapolis, where she worked as a secretary for several years. Then she moved to Seattle, Washington in her 20s to work at a television station. She returned to Minnesota to marry the love of her life, Jerome, and start a family. Marie and Jerome eventually moved to the Washington, D.C., area where she took on her most fulfilling and challenging job: successfully raising six children. In 1976, Marie rejoined the workforce as an editorial assistant for the USDA. Marie and Jerome built and retired to their lakefront dream home in Gettysburg in 1987. Several years after her husband’s passing, Marie moved to her townhouse near downtown Gettysburg, where she lived independently until her passing. Marie, an active and devoted member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. She is survived by her six children, Carol Rentz of Fairfax, Virginia, James (Suzanne) Gockowski of Gettysburg, Mary Burchette of Coralville, Iowa, Tom (Nancy) Gockowski of Chalfont, Pennsylvania, Nancy (Steve) Putman of Grantsville, Maryland and Jean (Geoff) Dubey of Westchester, New York; two sisters, Sister Corina Stifter and Gladys Hintz; one brother, Gerard Stifter; as well as 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Goertz** | **2024** | Larry Alfred Goertz (75) of Burleson, Texas, passed away unexpectedly on February 20, 2024 at his home. Larry was born on April 17, 1948, in San Antonio, Texas, to Emma and John A. Goertz. He left the farm to attend Texas A&M University on a presidential scholarship and received a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1970. During college summers, Larry interned with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and was hired by them full time after graduation. Later, he returned to school at the University of Texas at Austin to obtain one of the first Masters of Civil Engineering in Hydraulics degrees ever awarded by the school. Larry worked as a hydraulic and hydrology engineer with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He was one of the first hires at the National Design, Construction, and Soil Mechanics Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Before that he had worked with the Watershed Planning staff San Marcos, Texas and at the Texas State Office in Temple, Texas. He was known for his grace and good humor, his professionalism and intellect, and his quiet focus on people and service. He was a great mentor to many. Larry was instrumental in working with the team that brought the Corp of Engineer’s Hydrologic Engineering Center's (CEIWR-HEC) River Analysis System (HEC-RAS) website to NRCS as well as the development and application of SITES as a rainfall-runoff model for hydraulically proportioning the principal spillway and auxiliary spillway of a dam. After retiring from NRCS in 2006 he went to work as a part-time hydraulic engineer for M&E Consultants. |
| **Gossett** | **2024** | Life Member Charles Joseph “Skip” Gossett (91) of Speedway, Indiana, passed away July 26, 2024, in Indianapolis, surrounded by family. Charles was born June 30, 1933, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Joseph and Sally (Moeller) Gossett. Charles began dating his future wife, Patricia Joan Spence, after she started working at the Green Mill restaurant owned by his father. The two went to a movie on their first date Christmas night 1953 in a yellow Buick convertible loaned to Charles by his cousin Art. Charles earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Geology in 1955 at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. The next year, on Feb. 19, 1956, Charles and Patricia were united in marriage at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Norris City, Illinois, marking the beginning of a 68-year loving partnership. The couple first moved to Champaign, Illinois, where Charles earned a Master’s Degree in Geology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Less than four months after his August 1957 graduation, he began his service in the United States Army. The couple eventually relocated to Washington, D.C., where he worked for the Army Map Service. After he served two years in the Army, Charles and Joan moved to Tallahassee, Florida, and later Lexington, Kentucky. In 1965, the family moved to the Speedway neighborhood near Indianapolis where they would spend the next 59 years. Charles spent 34 years working with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, working in every county in Indiana and rising to the role of Assistant State Conservationist. After retirement in 1995, they traveled extensively with friends. Charles was a member of Speedway Christian Church, Masons Lodge #0718 in Norris City, the Geological Society of America, and the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees. Charles is survived by Patricia, daughters Tricia (Tim) Brown and Caroline (Steve) Cork, and grandchildren Chris Brown, Danny Cork, Ben Brown and Abby Cork. |
| **Graham** | **2024** | Anne Claire Moseley Graham (97) of Meansville, Georgia, passed away on December 12, 2024. She was born on November 18, 1927. Anne was the wife of the retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) District Conservationist the late Guy Elton Graham, who passed away in 1996. She attended North Georgia College (University of North Georgia) in Dahlonega, Georgia and the University of Georgia (UGA) in Athens, Georgia. At UGA she met Guy. During Guy’s career with SCS, Guy and Anne lived in Eastman, Broxton, and Thomaston, before making the final move to Meansville. Anne was a devoted homemaker, taking care of Guy and their two daughters, while spending time serving her church and helping neighbors and friends. She was known as “Mama” to many of the youth. She taught Sunday School, Girls in Action and Training Union at Meansville Baptist Church. She was a substitute teacher at Meansville Elementary. In 1960, Anne represented Pike County in the Miss Georgia Contest. She is survived by her daughters, Monica Jacobs and Annice Page, (Burn), grandsons, Lee and Wes Jacobs, Justin and Brandon Page, nephews Wendell and Tony Moseley and five great grandchildren. |
| **Green** | **2024** | Preston Leon Green (86) of Wilburton, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2024, at his home. Preston was born on December 11, 1937, in Wister, Oklahoma. He worked as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 35 years. In his younger years, he and the family spent numerous weekends either on Spring Creek Lake or Long Creek Lake, boating, boarding and water skiing. The number of horseshoe games and tournaments Preston participated in is beyond measure. Preston was known for his love of the great outdoors with his family and passed on his love for these simple pleasures of life to the next generation of his family. Preston found a new passion for building several cabins all down the Compton Hollar railroad tracks. Preston is survived by his Wife: Kay Green, of the home; Daughters, Regina Pope (Wayne) of LeFlore, Oklahoma, and Tina Judkins (Phillip) of Bengal, Oklahoma; 6 Grandchildren: Josh Pope of LeFlore, Oklahoma, Brandi Smith of Prescott, Arizona, Kayla Rees of Bokoshe, Oklahoma, Chance Judkins of Tuskahoma, Oklahoma, Parker Judkins of Bengal, Oklahoma, and Kenzie Pope of LeFlore, Oklahoma; and 15 Great Grandchildren. Funeral services were held October 2, 2024, at the Bengal Community Building in Bengal, Oklahoma. |

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| **Green** | **2024** | Joseph Patton “Pat” Green (70) of Somerset, Kentucky, passed away surrounded by his family on October 18, 2024, in Somerset. Pat was born in Somerset to Samuel Patton and Nota Price Green, on July 9, 1954. He graduated from the University of Kentucky before continuing to the eastern Kentucky coalfields beginning a long and successful career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) ultimately bringing him home to Somerset in 1983 as the Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator. Pat retired from NRCS in 2011. Pat was heavily invested in the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Having attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1971, he spent decades supporting and advancing Chester Kaiser Troop 79 as Assistant Scoutmaster, Advisor and Board Member. He was passionate about history and the preservation of battlefields and spent many years enabling and sustaining the restoration efforts of Mill Springs Battlefield in Nancy, Kentucky. Pat was an avid traveler and spent time in 49 states and 18 different countries across Europe and the Americas. Pat’s survivors include his devoted wife of 46 years, Delane Harney Green; two children; Nadia Lane Green of Somerset, and Amos Patton Green (Kala) of Danville, Kentucky; and granddaughter Adelaide Green. |
| **Haakenstad** | **2024** | Timothy George Haakenstad (64) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away on October 29, 2024, at his home in Lincoln after suffering a stroke. Tim was born on June 8, 1960, in Albion, Nebraska, to Sydney H. Haakenstad and Bonnie M. (Schroeder) Haakenstad. He attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the College of Engineering and Technology. He had a lengthy career that began as a Civil Engineer in 1980 with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for offices in many areas of Nebraska. He later became the Assistant State Conservation Engineer in Lincoln from 1998 to 2007 and was the State Conservation Engineer in Lincoln from 2007 to 2015, when he retired from NRCS. After his retirement, he worked part time in the private sector as a civil engineer. Tim married Kiki Nick on January 12, 1990, in Omaha, Nebraska. Timothy had a passion for classic cars; his first vehicle was a restored 1956 Chevy. He loved attending classic car shows and frequently visited swap meets. He loved to listen to blues music. Additionally, he enjoyed drawing and spending time with his family and friends. Tim’s father Sydney Haakenstad was also an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He is survived by his wife Kiki, daughters Ellana, Alexandra, Victoria and son Sam. |
| **Haberman** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Roger Lee Haberman (90) of Larned, Kansas, passed away December 20, 2024, at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center. Roger was born August 23, 1934, in Larned; the son of Emil August and Hulda Ruth Boese Haberman. He was a Soil Scientist for the USDA-Soil Conversation Service and was in charge of several Kansas soil surveys. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Larned. Roger was a proud Kansas State University graduate and longtime alumni. On December 28, 1957, he married Janice Nicholson at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned. She passed away in 2000. Survivors include five daughters, Terri Torres, Salina, Kansas, Sheri Haberman, Vancouver, Washington, Lori Haldy, Ketchikan, Alaska, Leah (Lee) Gavre, Garrison, Nebraska, and Lisa (Mark) Kimitsuka, Kent, Washington; two brothers, Bob (Elsie) Haberman, Meade and Don Haberman, Lacey, Washington; a sister, Betty (Gary) Hulsey, Larned; seven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren. |
| **Haley** | **2024** | ARCSE Life Member Donald Weldon Haley (81) of Durham, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2024, after a courageous battle with dementia. Don was born on June 13, 1943, in Guilford, Maine to Beth (Davis) and Weldon M. Haley. Don enlisted in the United States Army, where he served as a surveyor in Libya and Iran. Following his military service, he pursued higher education at the University of Maine, Orono, where he earned a degree in agricultural engineering in 1969. It was during his time at the university that he met the love of his life, Debra (Johnson) Haley, with whom he shared over 56 years of marriage. Don built a distinguished career as an engineer with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), serving in Orono, Maine, Batavia, New York, and Amherst, Massachusetts, before concluding his career at the New England Water Resources Planning Staff (NEWRPS) in Durham, New Hampshire, in 2004. His expertise was sought after even in retirement, as he continued to consult on various projects for NRCS in Amherst, Massachusetts. An avid outdoorsman, Don found joy in fishing and woodworking, hobbies he cherished throughout his life. He spent many happy days at the family camp on Whetstone Pond in Blanchard, Maine, and enjoyed traveling to Virginia Beach and Siesta Key, Florida. His greatest joy was found in his role as a devoted grandfather to his three grandchildren. Don is survived by his loving wife, Debra Haley; his daughter Kristen (Alan) Halpern of Goffstown, New Hampshire; his son Kevin (Tina) Haley of Dover, New Hampshire; and three grandchildren Gabby and Toby Halpern of Goffstown, New Hampshire, and Brianna Haley of Dover, New Hampshire. |
| **Hammitt** | **2024** | Larry Claude Hammitt (76) of Minden, Iowa, passed away on August 5, 2024, at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. Larry was born May 4, 1948, in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Claude and Berniece Hammitt of rural Logan, Iowa. Larry married Jill (Frahm) in 1967 and they have spent 57 ½ years together. Larry earned an associate’s degree in the Engineering field at Iowa Western Community College. In 1968, Larry was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in the Vietnam war. He was a proud member of the BIG RED ONE, Charlie Company Swamp Rats. His main duties were to patrol the jungles and villages near the Cambodia border. And he spent lots of time in the swamps as well. Larry's year of serving in Vietnam finally ended, leaving him with about six months left of his two-year commitment. Back state side, he spent those six months with his wife Jill and son Michael at Fort Riley, Kansas pulling guard duty. He spent most of his career working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Civil Engineering Technician inspector. He earned many awards for the hard work and creativity he put into his job. He retired in 2015. Larry was selected to join the Vietnam Honor Flight to Washington DC. His favorite thing of the entire trip was the Vietnam Wall. He felt very fortunate to get to make the trip. Larry was preceded in death by his son Michael and his wife Terry. He is survived by his wife, Jill; daughter, Jennifer (Arlyn) Jensen; grandson, Joe Jensen; granddaughter, Jessica (Grant) Sorrell; and great-grandchildren, Silas and Myla Rose. |

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| **Hancock** | **2024** | Steven D. Hancock (78) of Greenwich, New Jersey, passed away on October 14, 2024, in Dickinson, North Dakota after a brief illness. Steve had recently moved to Napoleon, North Dakota, to be near his son. Steve was born on October 13, 1946, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was raised in Greenwich on his family farm on Bacon's Neck Road. He spent many years working with his father at Hancock's Harbor Marina, which his father started along with the Bait Box Restaurant. He attended George School, a Quaker high school in Pennsylvania. He then served in the United States Navy before going to college in Arizona. After graduation he worked on his brother's farm and then for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician in Vineland, New Jersey, for many years and retired after a long career with the federal government. Steve loved his hometown of Greenwich and spent many years in service with the school board and other local groups to support his community. He loved photography, local history and the local agricultural community all over South Jersey. He is preceded in death by his late wife Elaine Hancock. He is survived by his son, Travis Hancock of Napoleon, North Dakota. |
| **Harris** | **2024** | Betty Shaw Harris (89) of Gallatin, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at home on September 4, 2024, with her family at her side. Betty was the wife of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service employee John T. Harris. Betty was born March 18, 1935, in Gallatin, Tennessee. She married John on July 17, 1965. John's work with the Soil Conservation Service required frequent relocations. Yet, wherever they moved, Betty's wide-ranging skills enabled her to find challenging work. Betty is survived by her husband of 59 years, John T. Harris; daughters, Jackie Bradley Rippey, Marilyn Teresa Scott (Rev. Barry Neal Scott), and Angela Kay Harris (Leah Moyers); grandchildren, Jonathan Scott (Rachel) and Hope Scott Newton (Aaron); great-grandchildren, Amariah, William, Eliza, Michael, and Silas Scott and Braxton and Bentley Newton. |
| **Harryman** | **2024** | Doris Irene (Meservey) Harryman (85) of Bethany, Missouri, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home on December 2, 2024. She was the wife of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service employee Robert L. Harryman. Doris was born September 7, 1939. She graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1961. Doris and Harry married on June 16, 1962. During her lifetime, Doris worked for the University of Missouri Medical Center, Barton County Hospital, Missouri Southern University School of Nursing, Crestview Nursing Home, and the Harrison County Health Department. Doris is survived by her husband Bob of 62 years; children, Tamara May "Tammy" (Tom) Pettijohn, Marsha Lee (Russ) Casebeer, and Robert Warren "Rob" (Melanie) Harryman; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. |
| **Haynes** | **2024** | Jon Douglas "Doug" Haynes (63) of Stockport, Iowa, passed away on November 15, 2024. Doug was born on October 20, 1961, in Laramie, Wyoming, to John Henry Jr. and Carole Jean (Troutman) Haynes. He attended Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, obtaining a degree in natural science. His love for the land and nature led him to a fulfilling career as a Soil Conservation Technician with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, working out of the Keosauqua, Iowa office. He worked there from April 1983 until his retirement in December of 2022. On December 29, 1984, Doug married his soulmate, Tina Amanda Twiss, in a beautiful ceremony at the Bonaparte Baptist Church. Doug's retirement years were spent working as a substitute mail carrier and contributing his time at the Fairfield Recreation Center, he currently was working as a contract employee through MEC Energy. His commitment to the outdoors was evident through his long-standing role as the caretaker at Morris Park outside of Stockport, a position he held since April 1989. Doug enjoyed trains and playing. Survivors include his two sons, Spencer and Bryce Haynes of Stockport; his daughter, Danielle Akron (Stewart) of Muscatine, Iowa; and his seven grandchildren, Allison, Elizabeth, Mollie, Rowan, Riddick, Rilea, and Lilly. Doug was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Tina. |
| **Hedges** | **2024** | Darwin C. Hedges (89) of Seiling, Oklahoma, passed away July 13, 2024. Darwin was born February 4, 1935, Northeast of Seiling, to Faye and Bea Hedges. While in high school, Darwin met the love of his life, Laverne Martin, and on December 24, 1954. Darwin attended Panhandle State University and graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry. While there he lettered in football for 4 years and track 3 years. He also attended Colorado State University doing some undergraduate work in Range Management. Darwin worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service beginning in 1955 in Woodward, Oklahoma and continued in Guymon, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, where he was a range specialist for the southern 1/3 of Oklahoma, and then Little Rock, Arkansas, where he served as the State Range Conservationist. He retired in 1986 after 31 years of dedicated service to farmers and ranchers in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Darwin was very active with civic and church organizations, he volunteered as a "Big Brother", he and Laverne started the Mexico Children's Mission, Inc. after making their first trip to Matehuala, Mexico in 1990. Since that time, they have completed over 50 trips to Mexico helping numerous disadvantaged families there. In 1994, Darwin and Laverne moved back to Seiling, OK. He became an active member of the Seiling First Christian Church where he served as an Elder and was instrumental in starting the Food Pantry. Darwin was preceded in death by his infant son Stuart who died after a few days due to RH blood problem. After nearly 70 years of marriage, Darwin leaves behind his beloved wife and soulmate, Laverne. Other survivors include his sons Steven (Colinda) of Chester, Oklahoma, Scott (Mary) of Nashville, Tennessee, and Stanley (Darbie) of Goshen, Arkansas; 22 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. |
| **Heirman** | **2024** | Alan Leo Heirman (77) of Albany, Texas, passed away January 8, 2024. Alan was born November 5, 1946, in Abilene, Texas to Leo Alphonse Heirman and Lucile Elizabeth Gravens Heirman. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Abilene Christian College and then his Master of Science Degree from Texas Tech University. He earned double majors from both institutions in Animal Science and Range Management. On July 26, 1969, he married the love of his life, Mary Louise Brubaker in Abilene, Texas. Alan worked as a Wildlife Biologist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 36 years. He was a leading pioneer of prescribed burning in the 1970s and later introduced prescribed burning to Shackelford County ranchers where it flourished. At the time of his retirement from NRCS, he had recorded 404 prescribed burns which is the most for the state of Texas and a record that will be hard to break. The Heirman family were active members of the Albany Methodist Church. Alan was very active in community and professional organizations. Alan earned several awards in his life and career including Soil Conservationist of the Year, Outstanding Leader in Fire Ecology, and the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree. Alan is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Heirman of Albany; two daughters, Michelle (Stephen) Kayga of Albany, and Jennifer (Casey) Meador of Abilene; his mother Lucile Heirman of Abilene; and four grandchildren, Blaine Alan Kayga, Brooke Hope Kayga, Aubrey Renae Meador, Shaylee Casey Meador. |

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| **Heller** | **2024** | Edward Henry Heller (87) of LaGrange, Missouri, passed peacefully as he slept on December 13, 2024, in the home of his daughter, Cindy Young in Columbia, Missouri. Ed was born on May 26, 1937, in a Nebraska farming community, and was raised in Clatonia, Nebraska. After graduating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Ed took a position with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service, and moved his family, first to Higginsville, Missouri. He later took a position in LaGrange, Missouri where he invested his life into his family and his community for more than 60 years with his wife Carol and three children. Ed loved sports, especially basketball officiating that he did for over 30 years, including 5,150 official games, 11 state tournaments, and countless regional tournaments. He also served as a Baseball/Softball Umpire. In addition to SCS, he also worked for Bergman's Nurseries, was Head Coach for Culver Stockton Softball; and worked for Terrible's Casinos. He coached Team USA softball (NAIA) in both Europe and Australia, undefeated in Europe and Australia. He was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame by a unanimous vote in 2006, the only inductee ever to enter HOF as an official (referee). Ed is survived by three children, Cindy (Bruce) Young of Columbia, Missouri, Chris (Rose) Heller of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Joe (Jackie) Heller of St. Louis, Missouri; 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in passing by his wife, Carol Heller. |
| **Hempey** | **2024** | Guy Hartley Hempey (87) of Sioux City, Iowa, passed away on September 12, 2024. Guy was born on September 26, 1936. He married his high school sweetheart, Patsy Kenderdine, in 1957, with whom he shared 57 years of marriage until her passing in 2014. At the age of 19, Guy served his country proudly as a Navy Seabee, marking the beginning of a life characterized by hard work and service. He went on to build a distinguished 38-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, as a civil engineering technician, retiring in 1994. He embarked on a second career as the "Mole Man," a nickname that captured his persistent and industrious spirit trapping thousands of moles. Guy was an avid hunter and fisherman, pursuits that led him to become a measurer for the Pope and Young Club for 50 years and the Boone and Crockett Club for 27 years. His love for archery and the outdoors was also evident in his co-founding of the Cha Hee Tah Bowhunter Club in the 1970s. Even in his later years, Guy's inventive mind never rested. At the age of 85, one of his bow-straightening inventions was featured in Traditional Bowhunter magazine, a testament to his lifelong ingenuity and passion for innovation. Guy is survived by his two children, Jo Dee Weltz (Mike) of South Sioux City, Nebraska and Jason Hempey (Christi) of Sioux City, Iowa; and grandchildren, Mike Weltz, Josh Weltz, and Braden Hempey. |
| **Henderson** | **2024** | Lorenzo Henderson (66) of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away April 3, 2024. Lorenzo was born April 3, 1957. A detailed obituary was not available. Lorenzo worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, part of which was worked in West Virginia. He finished his career in the National Office where he worked as a Watershed Rehabilitation Specialist. |
| **Highfill** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Richard Eugene "Gene" Highfill (96) of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away peacefully at his residence on October 20, 2024. Gene was born in Cherokee, Oklahoma on July 26, 1928, to Mattie Goldie (Mitchell) and John Wesley Highfill. After high school Gene served in the Air Force as a radio operator. He was based in Japan and had duties throughout the western Pacific region. He started college in 1949 under the GI Bill. He met Ann Mason during his freshman year. They were married June 1, 1950. Gene graduated in 1953 from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering. He began working for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as an Area Engineer in Erie and Iola, Kansas, in 1953. In 1960 he became watershed planning engineer at Salina, Kansas, and in 1961 he accepted the job of Project Engineer for Watersheds in Atchison and Sedan, Kansas. In 1966 he went to Washington, DC, as a recreation specialist for the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. From that job he accepted the position of Assistant State Engineer with SCS at Champaign, Illinois; from 1970 through 1972 he was Assistant State Conservationist for Watersheds at Champaign. In 1972 he took the job of Watershed Planning Engineer at SCS Headquarters. From 1974 until he retired in 1983, Gene served as National Agricultural Engineer. After retirement, he worked on conservation projects and plans for Lesotho and Zambia in Africa and Saint Kitts in the Leeward Islands. He worked as Business Manager/Treasurer for Baptist Missions in Macau. And, for 26 years, he prepared income tax returns — first for H and R Block and then for AARP as a volunteer. Gene also served in the US Air Force Reserve as a civil engineer; he retired July 31, 1977, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Gene is survived by his wife Ann of the home; children Sharon (John) Farrar, Karen Baker and John (Linda) Highfill. He also leaves behind 12 Grandchildren, 22 Great Grandchildren, and 2 Great-Great Grandchildren. Sadly, he was preceded in passing by his daughter Terry Highfill. |
| **Hill** | **2024** | Jimmy Wayne Hill (85) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away on December 6, 2024. Jimmy was born on January 4, 1939, in Antlers, Oklahoma. He enrolled at Oklahoma State University at the age of 16 where he earned a degree in Civil Engineering and was a member of the Flying Aggies. His first job took him to western Oklahoma where he met his loving wife of 63 years, Jo Ann Peters Hill. He spent over three decades working as an engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service working to improve, protect and conserve natural resources. In retirement he continued with his various land development projects and provided engineering and land survey services to others. He was active in his local church, community, Gideons International, and will be remembered for his faith, integrity, kindness, generosity, and a lifetime of helping others. He is survived by his wife, Jo Anne, children John (Fidela) of Scottsdale, Arizona and Julie (Steve) Raney of Edmond, Oklahoma, grandchildren Allie (Cooper) Nichols of Wichita, Kansas and Dr. Austin Raney of Memphis, Tennessee, great-grandchildren Clark and Raney Nichols, as well as many friends and extended family members who will miss him dearly. Services were held December 20, 2024 at Sunnybrook Christian Church of Stillwater. |

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| **Hillebrand** | **2024** | Francis (Frank) Joseph Hillebrand (72) of Clayton, Kansas, passed away peacefully December 12, 2024, at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, Kansas. Frank was born August 15, 1952, in Norton, Kansas to Joseph L. and Hannah “Olene” (Brooks) Hillebrand. He was drafted into the United States Army on June 5, 1972. He completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was then trained as a 64 C 20 Light Vehicle Driver at Fort Myer, Virginia and assigned to the U.S. Pentagon Motorpool as a staff car driver in Washington D.C. As a staff driver, he drove many high-ranking officers around D.C. for meetings and fact-finding tours. He was most proud to drive the returning Vietnam POWs and hear their very interesting stories. He was honorably discharged June 4, 1975, with the rank Specialist 5. Once he fulfilled his commitment, he returned to the family farm northeast of Clayton. Frank married Susan N. LeBeau on October 16, 1982, in Norton, Kansas. He found great joy in all aspects of farming. In addition to the farm, Frank worked with area farmers and landowners in Norton County. He assisted in the planning and implementation of conservation practices as a Soil Conservation Technician with USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Norton from 1984 to 2011 when he retired to spend more time on the farm and enjoy his family and friends. Frank did enjoy getting cleaned up and going to town to meet friends and take his wife dancing on Saturday nights. Together, they enjoyed dancing to big band music along with country music. They loved doing a waltz, 2-Step, or a swing dance. They led many grand marches for newlywed couples in the area and traveled out of state several times. Frank’s survivors include his loving wife, Susan of the home; daughter, Megan (Matthew) Stevenson of Norton; son, Blake (Beth) Hillebrand of Greeley, Colorado; and grandchildren: Weston, Callie, and Logan Stevenson and Henley and Magnolia Hillebrand. |
| **Hitz** | **2024** | Margaret Ann (Struebing) Hitz (86) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away October 10, 2024. Margaret was born on October 24, 1937. She retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2007 at the National Soil Survey Center after 22 years of service where she was a Secretary on the Soil Classification and Standards Staff. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Gus R Hitz Jr. in 2021. Margaret is survived by her loving children, Gus (Tina) Hitz, Laura (Brian) Runge, Richard (Sandi) Hitz, Trisha (Lloyd) LaFountain, Guy Hitz, her 16 grandchildren, one great-grandson, siblings Donald Struebing, Merle Struebing, and Shirley Mills. Margaret's funeral will be on October 25, 2024 at Mt Olive Lutheran Church. Family requests donations go to Mt Olive Church or Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation. |
| **Holkum** | **2024** | James Edward Holkum (90) of Ada, Oklahoma, passed away on August 26, 2024, surrounded by loved ones in his home. James was born January 30th, 1934, to James “Jim” Holkum and Ruby Stewart Holkum. He grew up near Fitzhugh, Oklahoma. He served 2 tours of duty with the United States Army. After his discharge, he returned to the Fitzhugh area where he married Peggy Davenport on December 14th, 1962. James worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a technician for many years in Wilburton, Oklahoma, eventually moving back to Ada in 1980 and continued in the same line of work until his retirement. He loved Oklahoma State University football, rodeos, crossword and Sudoku puzzles, fishing, western themed books, and softball. His happy place was the pond on his property where he spent many an hour just “piddling.” James is survived by his 3 children: Richard (Rick) Holkum of Wilburton, Vicki Holkum and Tina Holkum, both of Ada and one granddaughter, Delaney Holkum of Ada. James is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Holkum. |
| **Holligan** | **2024** | Jerry Ehlinger Holligan (86) of Burnet, Texas, passed away on May 7, 2024. Jerry was born on February 12, 1938, in Bryan, Texas to Alva Monroe Holligan and Julia (Mathis) Holligan. He married Julia “Judy” Bishop on September 2, 1960. After completing his degree in agricultural engineering at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas in 1963, Jerry and his family ended up in Austin, Texas where he found employment with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as an engineer, and Jerry continued his career with the SCS for thirty years. He developed lasting friendships with his fellow employees and enjoyed spending many days in the field working with the local farmers on engineering projects. After retiring from the SCS, Jerry started a surveying/engineering company with his son Len. In later years, Jerry and Judy built a home on a piece of property in the Oatmeal Community, Texas. Jerry enjoyed working to fix up the land and with the well-fed cows he kept on the property. He and his wife also attended many bluegrass festivals featuring top named bands. Jerry is survived by wife of 63 years, Judy, son Kelly (Karen) and son Len. |
| **Hook** | **2024** | Floyd Winston Hook Jr. (65) of Kingston, Oklahoma passed away on March 9, 2024, at his home. He was born on March 10, 1958, in Madill, Oklahoma to the late Floyd Winston Hook Sr. and Eloice Cleo Cryer Hook. Winston attended all 12 years of school at Kingston, graduating in 1976 and was a member of the Kingston Alumni Association. He lived his entire life in the Willis and Fobb area working on local farms. Winston also worked for Weber Aircraft from 1989 till 1991, Marshall County Conservation District from 1997 to 2014, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service from 1997 to 2014, retiring in 2014 due to medical reasons. He later owned Uncle Winky Lawn Service. Winston always had a smile on his face, a huge heart full of love and would do anything for anyone. He loved planting in the garden, raising watermelons and cantaloupe. The love of his life was named “Blue”. She was so much more than a dog; she was his child, his companion, she was his best friend. |
| **Hornsby** | **2024** | John Roger Hornsby (77) of Franklin, Alabama, passed away on June 3rd, 2024. Roger was born on April 27, 1947, in Tallassee, Alabama to James Huston Hornsby and Marjorie McEune Hornsby. Roger graduated from Macon Academy in 1965 and began working for the USDA as a cotton scout and then full time as a soil conservation technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Tuskegee Field Office until retiring in 2012. He was well known and respected throughout Macon County and all Southeast Alabama through his job with USDA. Roger also farmed row crops. After retirement, he especially loved working with his wife Linda at their nursery, Linda’s Greenhouse Lake Martin. He never met a stranger and had the ability to tell the best stories and make everyone around him smile. His family always said that he missed his true career calling which would have been Meteorology. He loved tracking the weather constantly and watching the Weather Channel. His family even called him Super Doppler. He has left behind his loving wife Linda Galt-Hornsby; son John Hornsby (Kathryn); daughter Rebecca Beckman (Paul); son Joshua Hornsby (Elizabeth); and 9 grandchildren. |

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| **Huffman** | **2024** | Terry Jon (T.J.) Huffman (76) of Shawano, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at home on June 10, 2024, after a long battle with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. Terry was born December 5, 1947, in Richland Center, Wisconsin to the late John and Lucille (Brown) Huffman. He was united in marriage to Dorothy Hall on June 22, 1968. Terry was a 1974 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville School of Agriculture with a Bachelor of Science degree in Soils and Crops Science. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for 35 years, mapping soils throughout Wisconsin and later became District Conservationist. After retiring from NRCS he went into private contracting. Terry loved all aspects of nature including island camping, gun and bow hunting, fishing, fossil hunting, and cross-country skiing. He became a skilled taxidermist. He was always there to help family and friends. Terry had a strong faith. Terry's survivors include his wife Dorothy, son Michael and grandson Mikhail. |
| **Hughes** | **2024** | ARCSE Member Judith Lois Hughes (84) of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania, passed away on January 26, 2024. Judith was born on June 29, 1939, in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania. Judith worked as a personnel clerk in the Harrisburg State Office for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 2006. Judith was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She was an avid animal lover, especially cats, and she and her husband took care of many beloved pets during their life together. She is preceded in death by her husband R. Burton Hughes in 2008. Surviving Judith are her sister in-law, Virginia Dalton; brother in-law, John Hughes; nephew, John Dalton; niece, Lynn Dalton; step-niece, Sheila; step-nephews, Mike and Kirk (Charlotte) Hughes; and great nephews, Shawn, Gavin and Clay. |
| **Jump** | **2024** | Linda Patricia Jump (78) of Dover, Delaware, passed away October 17, 2024 at the Delaware Hospice Center, Milford, Delaware. Linda was born on July 10, 1946, in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, daughter of the late Albert and Leona Salfer Hertling. Linda went back to work after her youngest started school. She was the Wurzburg community Transportation officer's secretary. When she and her husband were posted to Ft. Ben Harrison, Linda worked at the Army Finance Center as a secretary to Chief of Army Retirement services. When they moved to New Jersey, Linda worked as the executive secretary for the New Jersey State conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Her boss once told David that he wasn't sure who worked for whom. While stationed in Europe, they traveled to every country in Western Europe plus Yugoslavia. She thoroughly enjoyed traveling. The highlight for her was when they were fortunate enough to attend one of Pope John Paul's public audiences. They also traveled throughout the United States and the Caribbean. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, David Temple Jump, three children Michael David Jump of Paris, Tennessee; Paul Andrew Jump of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Kimberly Leona Oliver of Hampton, Virginia; and four grandchildren Matthew Thomas Oliver, Sarah Linda Oliver, Kelab Josiah Jump and Noah Alexander Jump. |
| **Kearney** | **2024** | James L. Kearney (87) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away November 8, 2024. Jim was born May 4, 1937 and raised as an only child in Wahoo, Nebraska to James M. and Marie E (Schmidt) Kearney. Jim received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Nebraska. Jim surveyed for JEO Engineering out of Wahoo during the summers. In the early 1960's Jim took a geologist position for the building of the Nebraska State highway system. Jim moved on to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the Lincoln State Office in the Federal building, then the Midwest National Technical Center (MNTC) in Lincoln, Nebraska, serving as geologist. When the MNTC closed, Jim's office moved to North Platte, Nebraska where he worked for a number of years. Jim then launched Geologic Solutions, Inc., a geological consulting firm. Once retired, he continued his consulting and as a contract employee with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to assist with their heavy workload. Geology was his profession and his hobby. He shared his knowledge and love of the earth with his family, teaching his children and grandchildren to appreciate the beauty and wonder of rocks, sand, and millions of years old soil. *Don't forget the groundwater! Jim is survived by his wife, Irene; children, Michelle (Michael) Evans, Patricia (Todd) Korensky, Michael (Jenny) Kearney, and Ryan (Cathy) Kearney; grandchildren, Chase (Miranda), Gage, and Shae Canfield; Colin (Holly), Mason, Addie, Charlie, Peter, Cooper, and Kearney Korensky; James, Joseph Nicholas, Elizabeth, and Hannah Kearney; Willa and Mae Kearney; great granddaughter, Adalynn Korensky and Baby Korensky due March 22, 2025. Jim was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Katie Korensky. |
| **Kellogg** | **2024** | Melissa Ann Kellogg (72) of Bozeman, Montana passed away July 24, 2024. Melissa was born on April 4, 1952, in Denver, Colorado to Lyle C. and Margaret Elizabeth Leonard, along with her twin brother, David Dutton Leonard. On December 4, 1970, she married Glen Dalone Kellogg. Glen and Melissa moved to Dubois, Wyoming, and she worked for the Forest Service from 1975 to 1985. In 1985, they moved to Bozeman, where she worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as the Digital Map Supervisor with the Geological Survey Mapping Team until 2015. She was active in the community, as a softball coach, with her quilting club, and even charity mudwrestling. She had a strong faith and was a member of Grace Bible Church. Melissa enjoyed a multitude of hobbies, including sewing, writing short stories, playing board games, and quilting. She played softball and golf and loved the outdoors, particularly taking long walks and camping. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Kellogg. Survivors include her husband, Glen; son, Bill (AmyLyn) Kellogg, and their daughter, Katherine; and grandsons (Michael's sons), Kyle and Brett Kellogg. |

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| **Kessel** | **2024** | Harold Jesse “Donnie” Kessel (89) of Burlington, West Virginia passed away on June 6, 2024at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg, West Virginia. Donnie was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1934, at Scherr, West Virginia, the son of the late Arthur Emmanuel Kessel and Alice (Wolfe) Kessel. Donnie served in the United States Army from 1954 to1956 and was a member of Petersburg American Legion Post 78. After serving his country, Donnie attended Potomac State College, later graduating from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia with a Bachelor of Science in animal husbandry. Donnie worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he worked throughout West Virginia. He started as a Soil Conservationist and retired in 1992 as Area Conservationist. After retirement, he started HJK Angus Farm, always having a dog at his side while tending to cattle, hay, and horses at his family farm in Williamsport, West Virginia. In addition to farming, he enjoyed hunting, ski trips, and beach vacations to the Outer Banks with his family and grandkids. He also volunteered with Lahmansville Ruritan Club and was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Petersburg, West Virginia. Donnie was preceded in death by two sons, David Edward Kessel and Bernard Emmanuel Kessel. Donnie is survived by his wife of over 67 years, Bernadine (Bergeson) Kessel; six grandchildren. Derek Kessel, Miranda Kessel Vincent (Stephen), Zebulon Kessel (Jackie), Lauren Kessel (Michael), Benjamin Kessel and Jesse Kessel; and one great granddaughter, Delilah Mullens. The funeral service was held June 10, 2024 in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home with Pastor Pat Pittsnogle officiating. Interment was at Green Hill Cemetery, near the Kessel farm in Williamsport, West Virginia with Military Honors by Grant County Veterans Honor Guard and West Virginia Army Honor Guard. |
| **Kiger** | **2024** | Luana Ellen Glidewell Kiger (78) of Boise, Idaho, passed away October 9, 2024, surrounded by her loving family in Idaho. Luana was born September 8, 1946, to her father James Maston Glidewell and her mother Geraldine Price. Luana received a master’s degree in public policy and public administration, and a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, from California State University. She worked most of her career for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in various field, state, and regional positions. She finished her NRCS career as Special Assistant to the State Conservationist in Davis, California. This included a two-year detail to establish a statewide water conservation program for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in conjunction with CALFED (CALFED Bay-Delta Program). At DWR she led the development of the statewide taskforce on use of recycled water and the first statewide taskforce on encouraging the use of desalinated water. She was a founding member of the Environmental Farming Science Advisory Panel. She spent most of her career striving to benefit farming and water conservation in a host of ways. She Retired in 2017. Luana enjoyed reading, enjoying the peace of the outdoors and spending time with her son and his family. She is survived by brother James (Parvina), Sister Linda (James), stepsister Dorothy (the late Danny) son Nathan (Kirshna), her beloved grandson Eli and a host of nieces and nephews. All of whom remember her fondly and will dearly miss her. |
| **Koster** | **2024** | Roger Anthony Koster (96) of Hills, Iowa (formerly of Elkader, Iowa) passed away peacefully on November 5, 2024, at Atrium Village in Hills, Iowa. Roger was born on September 24, 1928, in Breda, Iowa, to William and Matilda (Grabner) Koster. After high school, Roger worked for his dad with plans to be a farmer. But when the Korean War broke out, Roger was drafted into the Army and was stationed with his Division near the demilitarized zone in southern Germany alongside other NATO forces. Roger contracted tuberculosis (TB) near the end of his service and spent over a year recovering in the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, and eventually at home in Breda. Because of damage to Roger’s lungs due to TB, doctors at the VA Hospital advised him to give up his plans to farm. With funding available through the VA, Roger was able to enroll at Iowa State University and graduated with a degree in Agronomy in July 1957. Roger married Darlene Wolterman on June 15, 1955. Throughout his career as a soil conservationist with the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and later as coordinator for Iowa State University Extension’s Big Spring Basin Project, Roger devoted his time and effort to the stewardship of our natural resources and worked tirelessly to address issues related to soil preservation, water quality, and wildlife habitat. Roger also served on various boards including the Clayton County Conservation Board and he was a lifelong member of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Roger’s love of the land was also apparent in the hobbies he enjoyed. He liked hunting turkeys, pheasants, geese and ducks, preferably with one of his faithful dogs by his side. But most of all, Roger was a lifelong fisherman at heart, especially when he was fishing alongside Darlene, his children, and above all his grandchildren. Roger’s faith was the cornerstone of his life. He was a member of St Joseph’s Catholic Church in Elkader. Roger is survived by his children, Stanley of Palo, Iowa, Suzanne (Pat) Hyde of Coralville, Iowa, William (Lisa) of Huntington Beach, California, Nancy (Tom) Healy of Elkader, and Daniel (Kris) of Van Meter, Iowa; nine grandchildren, Ryan (Emily) Hyde, Amanda (Stuart) Kunkel, Tyler Koster, Andrew (Abbey) Healy, Danielle (Mitch) Hankey, Elizabeth Healy, Bryon Koster, Owen Koster and Benjamin Koster; and nine great-grandchildren and one on the way. Roger was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene, in 2014. |
| **Kowalski** | **2024** | William “Bill” L. Kowalski (79) of Peshtigo, Wisconsin passed away on September 26, 2024, at Rennes East after a battle with Bulbar Onset Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. He was born on April 23, 1945, to the late William and Ruth (Mund) Kowalski in lower Michigan. He attended Muskegon Community College where his cross-country team won the 1963 NJCAA National Championship. He then attended Grand Valley State College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He was proud to have lettered in sports in college and to have been inducted into the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame. Bill joined the United States Navy Reserve, serving two years active duty from 1969 to 1971. Following service, he went back to school at Grand Valley State University and earned a degree in Environmental Science, and furthered that with his master’s at Michigan Tech. On April 21, 1979, Bill married Linda Gustafson in Shawano, Wisconsin, while working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist. They moved around Wisconsin until settling in Peshtigo in 1990. He worked as the Marinette County District Conservationist and later became the Marinette County Veterans Service Officer, retiring in May of 2016. He loved the outdoors, hiking, golfing, basketball, running, and presenting at conferences. He was a member of Little River Country Club and won several Senior Tournament events. Bill’s survivors include his wife of 45 years, Linda Kowalski of Peshtigo; and sons, Paul and Byron of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. |

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| **Kral** | **2024** | Robert “Bob” Marden Kral (95) of Corsicana, Texas, passed away at his home in Corsicana on December 6, 2024 from complications of congestive heart failure. His passing was peaceful, and he was surrounded by family. Bob was born June 17, 1929, in Sweetwater, Texas. He attended Texas Tech University where he earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy. At Tech, he was active in the Wesley Foundation and Air Force ROTC. Following graduation from Tech in 1951, he lived on the farm with his father while awaiting his call-up to the Air Force. In 1953, he was activated into the Air Force at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as a First Lieutenant. In 1954, he married Willa Faris. After his discharge from the Air Force in 1955, he joined the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), where he spent most of his career working as an agronomist and soil scientist. He loved his work with the SCS, serving in Littlefield, Crosbyton, Lamesa, and Corsicana, Texas and became friends with many of the farmers and ranchers in his districts. He was very active in the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He was a highly effective advocate for soil conservation and an expert on native plants, making a number of appearances on television broadcasts in the Lubbock area. Bob was a lifelong and dedicated member of the Methodist Church and served in leadership roles in each church the family attended. He was active in Meals on Wheels for many years, until his health made it impossible to continue. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Bob was preceded in death by his son Lee. He is survived by his wife Willa Kral, his daughter Jeanette Gordon, his son Robin Kral (Robert Jr.) and daughter-in-law Rachel Kral, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. |
| **Krauss** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Hans Krauss (94) of Spokane Valley, Washington, passed away on November 23, 2024, in Spokane Valley. He was born in Staten Island, New York in 1930. Hans managed the family dairy farm in upstate New York and received a degree from The State University of New York Delhi in 1950. He volunteered for the draft in 1954 and served as a Staff Sergeant and Jungle Expert in the United States Army 33rd Infantry regiment stationed in Panama. After receiving an honorable discharge, he attended Cornell University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy in 1959. He married Kathryn Howard in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1960. During his college career Hans had been a student trainee with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Northampton, Massachusetts, but when he graduated there were no SCS jobs available. At that point he found employment with Heath Survey Consultants mapping vegetation for gas leakage control at various locations across the country. This job took him to Michigan, then to Denver, and at last to Portland, Oregon. He visited SCS’s regional office there looking for the possibility of getting back into a conservation profession. While there he learned of a soil conservationist vacancy in Ritzville, Washington that he accepted. He was there for two years then was promoted to District Conservationist at Odessa, Washington. He later served as District Conservationist in Odessa and then Warden, Washington. From 1970 until 1974 Hans was RC&D Project Coordinator at Raymond, Washington, for the coastal area of the state. In 1974 he was promoted to State Agronomist at Spokane, Washington, where he served until 1990 when he retired. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; sons, John and Erik; and grandson, Spencer. |
| **Kurtz** | **2024** | Ian Stephen Kurtz (80) of Pomona, Missouri, passed away October 7, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. Ian was born on September 23, 1944, to James Hugh and Avis Mae (Erbe) Kurtz in Osage, Iowa. He attended the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture and Southwest Missouri State University. From 1967 to 1971 he served in the U.S. Army repairing radars. After the military, he worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 34 years, where he was a soil conservationist, district conservationist, area resource conservationist, and a grassland specialist. He also co-owned I&J Kurtz Farms, LLC with his son, Jamie. On August 1, 1970, he married Camille Koslosky and together they raised 3 children. On September 17, 2017, Ian married Patricia (Morris) Gregory. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, woodworking, spending time with his grandchildren, working on the farm, and sharing his passion for livestock and grass with his family. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. Ian was preceded in death by his parents, James and Avis; his first wife, Camille; and one grandchild, Rhett Charles Kurtz. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his children, Eric, Heather (Keith), and James (Michelle); and his grandchildren, Brittney, Aiden, Ian James, Kelby, Hailee, and Aida. He is further survived by his faithful companion, Cocoa. |
| **Lamborn** | **2024** | Life Member Charles F. “Chuck” Lamborn (100) of Mount Gilead, Ohio, passed away March 4, 2024, at JAG Healthcare Galion Pointe, Galion, Ohio. On February 18, 1924, Chuck was born in Columbus, Ohio, a son of the late Raymond E. and Helen (Morningstar) Lamborn. Chuck enlisted in the United States Army on Christmas day in 1942. He proudly served his country during World War II and received his honorable discharge in December 1945. He then furthered his education by receiving his Bachelor’s in Agricultural Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1950. While attending a PTA meeting, Chuck met a young woman who turned out to be the love of his life, Iris Rosetta Jackson. On July 15, 1951, they were married at the Bryn Zion Baptist Church in Mount Gilead and shared over 60 wonderful years together before she preceded him in death on April 6, 2012. Chuck worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an engineer and watershed conservationist. He retired in 1980. Chuck was a member of Christ Covenant Church in Galion. He had a heart for helping and volunteering in many organizations including: Morrow County Historical Society, Meals on Wheels, Kiwanis Club of Morrow County, Morrow County Zoning Committee and assisting as a TWIG at the Morrow County Hospital. Chuck enjoyed traveling and being outdoors camping with his wife and family. He visited numerous state and national parks, with Maine being one of his favorite places to be. He also liked muskie fishing in Michigan, watching deer in his back yard and gardening. His strawberry patch was “a thing of beauty.” In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by daughter-in-law, Dessie L. Lamborn. Survivors include his five children: Charles C. Lamborn of San Jose, California, Mark J. (Kae) Lamborn of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Scott R. Lamborn of Mount Gilead, Tim A. (Beth) Lamborn of Gulf Breeze, Florida, Sara A. (Larry) Palmer of Galion; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. |
| **Lappegaard** | **2024** | Laurel Keith Lappegaard (90) of West St Paul, Minnesota, passed away surrounded by his loving family on November 5, 2024. Laurel was born on December 8, 1933, to Otto and Dena Lappegaard. He enlisted in the United States Army where he attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. He then attended the University of North Dakota, where he received a Bachelor’s degree as a Civil Engineer. He worked as an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1989. He then went on to work an additional 20 years for the City of Oakdale as a Civil Engineer and was a mentor for the Engineering students at the University of Minnesota during the summers. He was lucky to have traveled the world over with his wife LaVonne. But, his favorite place in the world was at the family cabin in Ashby, Minnesota. Laurel is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, LaVonne (Buerth); children Scott (Jenny) Kelsey and Josie, Pam (Burns), Angie and Dan (Emily); great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Jackson, Todd, Mark (Edel), Odin and Olav. |

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| **Leach** | **2024** | Donald Sidney Leach (93) of Portland, Oregon, passed away on December 24, 2024, in Portland. Don was born March 27, 1931, in Portland to Sidney Henry Leach and Mary Ann (Gudge) Leach. He grew up on his parents' small farm, helping milk cows and mowing hay. His early education was in a 2-room schoolhouse on Sunnyside Road near Clackamas, Oregon. Don met his wife, Joanne (Heady) Leach while in college at the Vanport Extension Center by offering to drive her home so she didn't have to wait for the bus. He continued his education at Oregon State University, while Joanne went into nurse's training. They were married on July 20, 1955. Don began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist, beginning in Hermiston Oregon, then transferring to McMinnville Oregon, Clatskanie Oregon, Silverton Oregon, and finally Astoria OR, where he lived for 50 years before moving to Hillsboro. He enjoyed rock hunting, fishing, camping, and gardening. He spent many enjoyable hours cutting, polishing and creating jewelry, belt buckles, book ends, and many more beautiful things from the rocks he collected. After he retired, he continued to use his expertise by helping the local diking district maintain the dike on the Lewis & Clark River near his home. He is survived by Joanne, his wife of 69 years, and his children Donald Leach, Virginia (Leach) Mickelson, and Thomas Leach. |
| **Leeper** | **2024** | Shirley Leeper (79) of Woodland, California, passed away about January 4, 2024. She was born at the Woodland Clinic on November 27, 1944, and lived her early life in Esparto, California. She moved to Woodland with her second husband Preston Leeper where she stayed for the rest of her life. Shirley loved people and always wanted to help those most in need or neglected. She worked as a telephone operator and shoe repairman before she came to work for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, where she worked for the California Area 1 office and the California State Office as a data entry specialist, and computer technical analyst. She was never afraid to learn something new and was willing to put the work into that learning. She suffered polio at age 2 and wore a leg brace for most of her life, but never let that stop her from driving a stick-shift or playing tennis with her sons. She loved to travel and the beach was one of her favorite places to just sit and enjoy God's creation. Her husband Preston passed away in 2019. Shirley is survived by her younger brother Steven Johnson, her older brother Vernon Johnson, and both of her sons Michael (Andrea) Pixton and Randy (Denise) Leeper; and six grandchildren: Natalia Leeper, Brittany Leeper, Kyle Leeper, Cameron Pixton, Joshua Pixton, and Erik Pixton. |
| **Liddell** | **2024** | Richard "Dick' Liddell (87) of Redmond, Oregon, passed away July 9, 2024. Dick was born October 31, 1936. Dick started work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as an engineering technician at the Corvallis, Oregon Field Office. After his wife Janice got her degree at Oregon State University (OSU), he started taking engineering classes at OSU eventually graduating from Portland State University. He was then given an engineering position with the SCS as the Project Engineer at the Hillsboro Area Office. He was then assigned to the Oregon State Office for a while and finally was assigned as the Area Engineer at the Bend Area Office. Dick retired early with a disability. Survivors include his wife, Janice. |
| **Lilly** | **2024** | Michael "Mike" Lilly (73) of Brandon, Missouri, passed away September 22, 2024. Mike was born August 25, 1951, in Pulaski, Illinois to the late Willard and Cozette (Flake) Lilly. After graduating from Shawnee Community College, he continued on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in Plant and Soil Science from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois in 1977. He spent his career working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He started as a soil scientist mapping in the Illinois counties of Pulaski, Calhoun, Jersey, Kankakee, Knox and Pike. He served as Soil Survey Project Leader, Resource Soil Scientist (Northeast areas of Missouri); Assistant State Soil Scientist, and finally advanced to the role of State Soil Scientist in Jackson, Mississippi. He served on the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils. From 2005-2006 he served in dual roles as State Soil Scientist Jackson, MS, and Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations in Pearl, MS. He mentored many soil scientists assisting in the advancement of their careers. After retiring in 2007, he worked a few years in the Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services (ACES) Program out of Pearl, Mississippi. He gave back by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, NRCS, and guest lecturing at Mississippi State University. He was still actively on-call to assist regionally with various soil field assignments and events. This year he co-authored: "The Soils of Mississippi" (World Soils Book Series), and previously had published another soil science book. He was recently honored as a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient from the Central Mississippi Blues Society, Inc. He was a member of the Vicksburg Mississippi Blues Society, Indianola Mississippi Blues Society, and Hit the Road Entertainment. He maintained friendships with many blues artists including Pat Brown, Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker, Dorothy Moore, and Pinetop Perkins; and frequently served as a judge for various blues competitions throughout the state. He enjoyed taking cruises; visiting museums, flea markets, juke joints, blues festivals; father-son deep sea fishing trips; spending time with his grandchildren; and won numerous car show awards as a member of the Alpha Romeo Car Club. His travel adventures took him to incredible places including Ireland, London, Amsterdam, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Croatia, Germany, Switzerland, Austria; China, India, Egypt; Brazil, Chile, Peru; Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Bahamas, Jamaica, Costa Rica. Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and enjoyed planning and taking adventurous road trips throughout the United States. Survivors include his son: Michael (Annie) Lilly of Chicago, Illinois and grandchildren: Emerson Lilly and Lilah Lilly. |
| **Lingle** | **2024** | ARCSE Affiliate Member Erlene Moore Lingle (96) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2024, at Bethany House in Auburn. She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Bryan Lingle in 1988. Bill was the former State Conservationist in Alabama for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Erlene was a long-time resident of Auburn, where she had been active in Auburn United Methodist Church, a founder of Life Long Learning (which later became Olli), Women's Club, Book Club and strong supporter of all Auburn University athletics. She was an avid golfer, loved to travel, a loyal friend and most of all, loved her family and three great-granddaughters. Erlene is survived by her daughter, Deborah Lingle Steindorff (Gilbert) of Montgomery, Alabama and her grandson, Gilbert C Steindorff, IV (Amy) and three great-granddaughters, Margaret Darby, Elizabeth Ann and Mary Benedict Steindorff, all of Birmingham, Alabama. A graveside service was held January 7, 2024, at Auburn Memorial Park. |

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| **Lorenz** | **2024** | ARCSE Member Glenn E. Lorenz (89) of Viroqua, Wisconsin, passed away June 11, 2024 at his home. Glenn was born October 13, 1934 in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to Edward and Hilda (Meyer) Lorenz. He was baptized at Salzer Memorial and confirmed at St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church in La Crosse. He served in the US Navy as a pilot flying touch and goes, with T28's, on aircraft carriers. Glenn graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. On November 9, 1963, he married Carol Haugen at Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church. Glenn worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, as a Civil Engineer, helping farmers and focusing on flood prevention type dams for 30 years (retired in 1989) and operated the family beef farm outside of Viroqua where they lived (his 2nd love) for 58 years. Glenn enjoyed flying, woodworking, hunting, land conservation and planting trees. He was awarded Tree Farmer of the year in 1982. Survivors include his wife Carol of 60 years; sons Aaron (Shannon), Eric and daughter Sarah (Frank) Harless; grandchildren, Molly (Brett) Ward, Ryan, Connor, Anna, Jenna, Abby; and great granddaughter, Laney Ward. |
| **Lowrey** | **2024** | Honorary ARCSE Member John Clarence Lowrey (92) of Sun City West, Arizona, passed away on April 13, 2024. John was born December 25, 1931, the youngest of 6 siblings and was raised in Illinois. John joined the United States Army after World War II in the 5th armored division as a field artillery cannoneer and received an occupation medal during his service in Germany. John later became a proud member of American Legion Post 94 of Sun City West, Arizona. John went on to marry Rose and loved and cherished her through many years. They both worked and retired from the federal government working for the United States Department of Agriculture. John was a graduate of the University of Illinois. His passions included golf and enjoyed playing wherever he and Rose traveled and lived. John was an economist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and worked in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Washington, DC, and Chicago. He retired in 1986. John is survived by his loving wife Rose of almost 32 years, a son Mark Lowrey of Texas, a daughter Jean Zertuche of California, and granddaughters Kristine, Renee' and Katie. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters. |
| **Lucas** | **2024** | Cynthia Marie Lucas (71) of Salina, Kansas, passed away on January 9, 2024 at Salina Regional Health Center. Cynthia was born on May 07, 1952, in Griffin, Georgia to parents Thelma Stroud and Sylvester (Spider) Jackson. She was the first female District Commander of the American Legion Post in Griffin, Georgia, organized the Athletes Hall of Fame for local athletes from Griffin, Georgia. She worked at McDowell Funeral Home, Inc., Griffin, Georgia and then with the Willie A. Watkins Funeral Home, Atlanta, Georgia and finally the USDA-Natural Resources in Salina, Kansas where she worked as an Administrative Assistant for the State Office Engineer, and Easements Teams. Cynthia is survived by her husband James Oscar Lucas; Sons: Anthony Hastings (Jennifer) of Salina, Andre Favors (Bridget) of El Reno, Oklahoma; and Grandchildren: Shameeka Hastings, Lashandre Favors, Quinton Caldwell, Aubreale Favors, Markell Hastings, Zenovia Favors, Makelti Hastings, Makaen Hastings, Makambri Hastings; and 7 Great Grandchildren. |
| **Luttrul** | **2024** | Gary Lynn Luttrull (71) of Walnut Shade, Missouri, peacefully passed away on September 28, 2024. Gary Luttrull was born on October 19, 1952, in Sparta, Missouri. Education mattered tremendously to Gary. He worked nights at Fasco to put himself through college at Southwest Missouri State, the first in his family to graduate college. He worked as a District Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in both Henry and Benton Counties for 37 years where he regaled his coworkers with amusing anecdotes and colloquialisms. His love and appreciation of nature extended to all areas of his life, and some of his most treasured moments were spent with family and friends during hunting season. He taught all four grandkids to drive the John Deere Gator, awarding Gator driving licenses to them when they mastered the task. He wandered his favorite home property on Bull Creek on cool days where the cows followed him like a pack of puppies and where Gary could name the call of every bird in the region. He tended to his garden faithfully, experimenting with predictable and unexpected vegetables, always cultivating more than enough to share. Gary is survived by his loving wife Bonnie, children Danyel (Aaron) and Michael (Elaine), and grandchildren, Izzy, Carter, Ivy, and Owen. |
| **Lytton** | **2024** | Life Member Warren Allen "Jim" Lytton Sr., (92) of Herriman, Utah, passed away peacefully on December 23, 2024. Jim was born on November 13, 1932, in Coaldale, West Virginia, to Otie Alan and Ruby Parker Lytton and was raised on a dairy farm. At the age of 17, he met Christine Widener, the love of his life. Together, they were happily married for 54 years. At the age of 32 he earned a degree in agriculture from West Virginia University. He then went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an economist. His work took him across the country, including Madison, Wisconsin; Salt Lake City, Utah; and ultimately Washington, D.C., where he transitioned into human resources. In 1988, after 31 years of dedicated service to the federal government, Jim retired. Jim loved the outdoors and spent most of his time outside, stating that "being in nature was his place of worship." Once he retired, he and Christine split their time between Yuma, Arizona and South Jordan, Utah for almost 30 years. In Yuma, not only was he an avid cyclist, he enjoyed horseshoes, water volleyball and being a cherished member of their community. In South Jordan, he enjoyed gardening and woodworking, both he excelled at. Jim is preceded in death by his wife, Christine Adair Widener Lytton; and son, Warren. He is survived by his daughters Pam (Charles) Laishley, Susan (Shane) Rushton; sister Joyce (Frank) Mash; 8 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. |

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| **Maples** | **2024** | ARCSE Life Member Robert Charles Maples (92) 0f Ada, Oklahoma, passed away May 16, 2024, in Ada. Robert was born on March 27, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois, to John M. and Eveleen Maples. After high school, he went on to study at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. Robert took leave during his studies at Midwestern to serve in the United States Navy. He served our country for 4 years and was a veteran of the Korean War. Robert married Charlene Hartley on May 7th, 1955, at Waurika Baptist Church. After his service in the Navy, Robert went back to Midwestern, graduating with honors in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy and received a minor in animal husbandry. Robert worked in the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, retiring as District Conservationist in Lincoln County in 1988. He was awarded the Outstanding Spirit Award in the Department of Agriculture. Robert and Charlene recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. Robert and Charlene moved to Chandler, Oklahoma in 1974 and attended Chandler Southern Baptist Church for over 40 years, where they were both very active. Robert's volunteerism extended to the Konawa Fire Department, Konawa, Oklahoma, prior to moving to Chandler. He was also a member of Konawa Lion's Club where he served as president. When Robert wasn't working or volunteering, he enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family, especially with his grandchildren. Robert was a devout Christian and a very good man. Robert's survivors include his wife, Charlene Maples, of the Ada home; sons, Bob Maples (Donna) of Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Mark Maples (Jan) of Bearden, Oklahoma and Jim Maples (Dawn) of Ada; grandchildren Amanda Maples of Santa Fe, New Mexico; J.P. Maples (Jamie) of Latta, Oklahoma; Robbie Maples (Sara) of Lawrence, Kansas; Tyler Roy, of Stonewall, Oklahoma; and Josh Maples (Maggie) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and great grandchildren Daxon and Maizey Maples. Funeral services were held May 23, 2024, at Chandler Southern Baptist Church, Chandler, Oklahoma. Interment was in Fort Sill National Cemetery, Lawton, Oklahoma. |
| **Martin** | **2024** | Honorary ARCSE Member Robert C. Martin (96) of Wabash, Indiana, passed away November 21, 2024, at Wellbrooke of Wabash. Bob was born on November 4, 1928, in Wabash, to George L. and Rosa (Brosnan) Martin. Bob received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Purdue University in 1951, where he was a founding member of the Purdue Chapter of FarmHouse fraternity. He was a United States Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. Bob married his beloved Mary Ella "Ellie" Teusch at the St. Bernard Catholic Church on March 26, 1951. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conversation Service for over 30 years. He was the District Conservationist for Kosciusko, St. Joseph and then Jennings Counties and later became the coordinator for the Historic Hoosier Hills Resource Conservation and Development office, where he worked until he retired in 1985. In retirement, he worked at the Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center. Bob was a member of the St. Bernard Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Wabash American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cattle shows, horse sales, and just generally being outdoors. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Ellie Martin of Wabash; four sons, Robert Andrew "Andy" (DeAnn) Martin of Georgetown, Indiana, Mike (Karen) Martin of Saint Charles, Missouri, Matt (Jena) Martin of Minnetonka, Minnesota, and Tim (Mari) Martin of Fort Wayne, Indiana; six grandchildren, Kathryn (Tony Patullo) Martin of St. Peters, Missouri, Zoe (Chris Morris) Martin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dori (Markelle) Moore of St. Peters, Missouri, Amelia (Zach Venturella) Martin of Weldon Spring, Missouri, Ruby Martin and Lia Martin, both of Minnetonka, Minnesota; and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Kelsey Lynn Martin. |
| **Maxim** | **2024** | Daniel "Danny" B. Maxim (86) of Sacramento, California, passed away May 30, 2024. Danny was born July 29, 1937, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Danny worked as a Surveyor for the United States Army Corps of Engineers before joining the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1963. His first position with the (SCS) was as an Engineering Technician in Morrilton, Arkansas. Danny then took a position with SCS in New York, in 1967 as an Engineering Technician. Danny was noted for the excellent work he did in both states. Danny came to California from New York as an Engineering technician in 1978 on a temporary basis to assist California SCS on Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program work after major storms resulted in significant major damage to flood control facilities in Southern California. He quickly developed a reputation for getting things done and also one of an "engaging personality". He was ultimately offered and accepted a position with California's State Administrative staff to assist in Contract administration work. Later Danny took a position on the California Engineering Staff as a Contract Specialist who did a little bit of everything related to management of contracts and agreements. Danny was a team player and worked exceptionally well with all California staff in whatever he was asked to do. Danny retired from his position on the California Engineering staff in about 1992. An obituary was not published, but because Danny's fellow California retirees had plenty of good memories of their times with him, both on and off the job, California ARCSE State Representative Bill Ward was able to compile a lot of information about his life and career. Danny is survived by his daughter, Danielle D. Maxim-Hughes (Goes by Dani) and older Brother Larry Maxim. |
| **McCachren** | **2024** | Clifford "Tip" Mitchell McCachren (90) of Powhatan, Virginia (formerly of Salisbury, North Carolina) passed away November 21, 2024, at Anchored in Peace Living Home in Powhatan. Tip was born on April 15, 1934, in Harrisburg, North Carolina to the late Bernice Nash McCachren and Hoyt McKee McCachren. He was a graduate of North Carolina State University majoring in Agriculture. Tip worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist. He worked out of the Salisbury Area Office for most of his career. Tip was a member of Evergreen Community Presbyterian Church of Powhatan and First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury. He was also a member of the Civitan Club, Kiwanis, Lions Club, and a Boy Scout Leader. He had earned his Eagle Scout. Tip was a tour guide for the Historical Salisbury Foundation and volunteered with the Transportation Museum of Spencer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Mae McCachren who passed away April 4, 2021. Surviving is his son, Shane McCachren (Stephanie) of Powhatan and three grandchildren. |

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| **McCain** | **2024** | Patrick E McCain (77) of Helena, Montana, passed away September 23, 2024 surrounded by family. Pat was born in Great Falls, Montana on January 27,1947, the son of Pat and Vivian McCain. In 1965 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was a decorated US Marine Corps Veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam. Upon discharge, he joined the Montana Army Guard and became a commissioned officer. Pat served on various committees of the Montana Military Museum and was also instrumental in the passage of House Bill 255 which recognized Vietnam veterans and established every March 29 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day". He was a long-term member of Lewis and Clark American Legion Post in Helena. Pat graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula and became a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, mapping the soils in Lewis & Clark County and various locations in Montana. He was fondly referred to as the "mayor of Elk Park" as Pat could talk to anybody and was able to map private land that had been previously inaccessible. While in Missoula he met and married his wife, Kathy. Pat is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Kathy, children Rob (Bettina), Corrina (Garry) and Dan; and grandchildren Gabe, Levi and Alexa Yadon. |
| **McCandless** | **2024** | Shirley Faye McCandless (89) of State College, Pennsylvania (formerly of West Sunbury, Pennsylvania) passed away on October 20, 2024. Shirley was the wife of ARCSE Member Donald E. McCandless, Jr., retired Water Management Engineer at the Northeast National Technology Center with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and former State Engineer. Shirley was the daughter of Lee and Edith Hilgar of Euclid, Pennsylvania, born in Clay Township, Butler County on August 1, 1935. On June 6, 1953, she married Donald McCandless Jr. of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. Shirley was a homemaker most of her life. She worked at Allencrest Tea Room in 1953 and Danks ladies clothing store in 1954 in State College. In 1968, she went to beautician school and became a licensed beautician in Champaign, Illinois. She loved to sing in the church choir her entire life. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, playing cards with her friends and grandchildren, camping, and watching the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her family. She is survived by her husband, Donald; her three children Sherri Schalk (Mark) of Charlotte, North Carolina, Joan Tillett of Apple Valley, California, and Donald L. McCandless (Jane) of State College; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Katherine Schalk. |
| **McCarthy** | **2024** | John Robert McCarthy (90) of Columbia, Missouri, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2024. John was born October 8, 1934, to John H. and Anna (Miller) McCarthy. John met the love of his life, Carol Ann Hall, in high school in Peoria, Illinois and they were united in marriage on January 25, 1958. The couple moved to Tucson, Arizona so John could complete his Master's degree. The family returned to Peoria in 1960, where John worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 13 years and then in Missouri for another 23 years. He retired in 1996 as the State Agronomist in Missouri. John and Carol loved to travel and always spent two weeks in the northern states every summer and two weeks in the southern states every winter. John especially enjoyed fly fishing, a good German beer and quizzing his grandchildren with math and science problems. Survivors include daughter Kathy Bailey; grandchildren Andrew Bailey, Angie Bailey, Brandon Bailey and Brittany Lawler; as well as a great-grandchild, Matthew Bailey and a great- great-grandchild, Matthias Bailey. John was preceded in death his beloved wife Carol in 2020. The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on November 21, 2024, followed by inurnment at Memorial Park Cemetery. |
| **McNiff** | **2024** | Howard Hugh McNiff (84) of Cook, Nebraska, passed away January 30, 2024, at his home. He was born on the family farm near Riverton, Nebraska on September 21, 1939, to Thomas and Eva (Bach) McNiff. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) in 1965 with a Bachelor's Degree in Geology. While he was at UNL, Howard was the commander of the Rifle Team from 1959–1961 and led the Nebraska Rifle Team to a National Championship in 1961. He was united in marriage to Bridget (Gross) McNiff in 1965. Howard served his country in the U.S. Army from his enlistment March 4, 1966, until his honorable discharge May 3, 1968. He was proud of his service in Vietnam as an officer in the 299th Combat Engineer Unit. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Army Commendation Medals. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1978 and achieved the rank of Major. Howard was a member of the Cook American Legion and Tecumseh VFW Posts. He was instrumental in getting Cook named "The Best Small Town In America." After college, he worked for the Nebraska Department of Roads as a geologist. He went back to school and attained his engineering degree in 1973. He then began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an engineer. He also worked for the Five Rivers Resource Conservation and Development area. He was preceded in death by his son Patrick McNiff. He is survived his loving wife Bridget, sons Sean McNiff (Wendy) and children Seamus and Evan, Matthew McNiff (Brenda) and sons Jackson and Benjamin, and Mark McNiff (Jamee). |
| **Meetze** | **2024** | Life Member John Calvin Meetze (84) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away November 2, 2024. John was born in Chapin, South Carolina on May 7, 1940, to Azilee Younginer Meetze and Herbert Samuel Meetze. John graduated from Irmo High School in the top twenty-five -- there were only twenty-five students in the class, and from Clemson College (now Clemson University) in 1963 with a degree in Agronomy. John joined the Army before entering his freshman year of college and continued to serve in the Army Reserves for eleven years. John started his career as a Soil Scientist in South Carolina with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service which later became the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He moved to Alabama in 1980 as the State Soil Scientist and later served there as the State Resource Conservationist. He retired in January 2003 from NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) with 40 years' Federal service. John loved people, and often burst into song no matter where he was. He believed in doing things for others. He also loved sports, especially football and baseball at both Clemson and Auburn. After retiring, he and Vicki traveled extensively. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Vicki Gray Meetze, and children Heather Meetze James (Mark) and Kevin Reed Meetze (Kathye), grandchildren Jessi James, Haley, Jordan, Nick and Ali Meetze. John was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn for 44 years. A celebration of life was held at Trinity on Saturday, November 9th, 2024. |

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| **Mickelson** | **2024** | Charles Owen Mickelson (88) of San Angelo, Texas, passed away December 12, 2024. He was born in Clifton, Texas on February 21, 1936, to Otis and Margaret Mickelson. He graduated high school in 1954 and enrolled in college at Texas A&M. As a freshman, he "walked on" and made the freshman Baseball team. He graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Range Management. Upon graduation he was employed as a Range Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He served in this position at San Saba and Big Spring. He later served as a Work Unit Conservationist in charge of the office at Big Spring from 1962 to 1964. He then served as a District Conservationist at Seminole from 1964 to 1972, then in Brownwood from 1972 to 1974 prior to being transferred to San Angelo as Area Conservationist where he retired in 1994. He was a longtime member of the Sierra Vista Methodist Church in San Angelo. Charles is survived by his wife, the love of his life, Annagene. He is also survived by his son Chris (Elizabeth) along with granddaughter Sarah and grandson Levi, of Soldotna, Alaska; and son Kerry (Mitzi), of Richardson, Texas. |
| **Miller** | **2024** | Former USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee Dorothy “Dottie” Lynn Miller (71) of Meridian, Idaho, passed away June 8, 2024. Dottie was born May 3, 1953. She worked for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service on the Information Technology staff in the Idaho State Office as a Computer Specialist - An obituary was not available. |
| **Mills** | **2024** | Joyce "Mimi" Mills (93) of Ardmore, Oklahoma, passed away September 17, 2024, surrounded by her family in her home of 45 years. Joyce was born July 27, 1931, to the late Henry and Vivian Vaughan Michael, at home in Loves Valley in Love County, Oklahoma. She was a graduate of Marietta High School. She worked for Selective Service in Marietta, Oklahoma for most of her younger years then for the Arbuckle Conservation District and USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Clerk until she retired at 85 years of age. She married Charles Wayne Mills on December 29, 1979, in Ardmore and he preceded her death in 2014. Survivors include her son Mike Fox; granddaughter Dr. Nikki Fox (Shane Hayes); her sister LaVonne Vinson and her brother Jim Michael. |
| **Mister** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE member Hagner R. Mister (90) of Prince Frederick, Maryland, passed away at home on December 26, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Hagner was born on December 20, 1934, the oldest of eight children born to Norman and Margaret Horsmon Mister. After high school graduation, Hagner began work with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service. He assisted farmers with erosion control and particularly enjoyed designing farm ponds. After retirement from the federal government in 1986, Hagner was elected to the Board of County Commissioners for two terms. He was then appointed Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture in 1998, and he served as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture from 2001 to 2003. He joined the Maryland National Guard in 1952 and later served in the Army Reserves. He served on the Calvert County Board of Education from 1973 to 1982, the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee from 2006 to 2022, the Prince Frederick Methodist Cemetery Corporation for 52 years, the Calvert County Historical Society, the Calvert County Land Preservation Board, Calvert County Farmland Trust, the Board of Directors of Asbury Solomons retirement community, and the Board of Directors of the Calvert Nursing Center. He was an active, lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, first joining Asbury Methodist Church as a boy and transferring to Trinity United Methodist Church when it opened in 1955. Hagner is survived by his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 69 years, Helen Ann; his children, Carolyn Hobbs (William), Sherri Kennedy (James, deceased), Mark Mister (Dawn); six grandchildren, Matthew Hobbs (Susan), Katie Wingate (Jeremy), Jason DeLizio, Julie Kennedy, Jordan Mister and Cody Mister; and nine great-grandchildren. |
| **Mollenhauer** | **2024** | Jude Mollenhauer (84) of Vienna, Virginia and Columbus, Ohio, passed away January 19, 2024. Jude was the wife of Senior Conservationist and Life ARCSE Member Richard (Rich) L. Duesterhaus. Jude and Rich reconnected at their 50th high-school reunion in 2008 and were married a few years later in 2011. Jude was born on December 16, 1939, in Quincy, Illinois, the daughter of George Lewis Mollenhauer and Jessie Margret Siepker. She received a Bachelor of Music from Curtis Institute of Music, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1962 and a Master of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania in 1969. Jude was a skilled musician and served as the Principal Harpist for the Columbus Symphony for many years. She was on the faculty of Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio since 2001 and the faculty of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio since 2004. Jude is survived by two daughters, Jude Webster Guterl of Bloomfield, New Jersey, and Jennifer Webster Schickram of Delaware, Ohio; her husband of 13 years, Rich Duesterhaus of Vienna, Virginia.; sons-in-law Fred Guterl of Bloomfield and Hanno Schickram of Delaware; grandchildren Sophie Guterl of Minneapolis, Minnesota., Benjamin Guterl of Brooklyn, New York, and Nik Schickram of Columbus, Ohio. |
| **Moreland** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Ronald G. Moreland (89) of Tucson, Arizona, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2024, at his home where his family was in constant attendance. Ron was born August 10, 1934, to Lyle and LaVena Moreland. While in high school, in addition to being a scholar and athlete, Ron obtained his pilot’s license. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in vocational agriculture. Ron began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a soil scientist in Colorado and then moved to Reno, Nevada as Snow Survey Supervisor. Ron was promoted to Deputy State Conservationist for Colorado in 1987 and served some time as Acting State Conservationist. Ron concluded his successful career as State Conservationist for Nebraska from 1990 to 1996. Ron and Barbara loved hiking, golfing, fly fishing, birding and snow skiing. They traveled the world on their own - no cruises. The trips included scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef, helicopter hiking the glaciers of New Zealand, exploring all parts of Croatia and Slovenia, a thrilling bus ride with locals over the Andes, hiking twice to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and hiking every trail in Glacier National Park. Ron especially enjoyed the 18 years he and Barbara spent at their second home in Montana, sharing magical days with their grandchildren. Ron is survived by his wife, Barbara, his two children, Tracy and Tim, and two grandchildren, Madison and Reed. |

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| **Moser** | **2024** | Gregory H. “Greg” Moser (77) of Richmond, Virginia, passed away on November 16, 2024. Greg was born in Washington, D.C., in 1947 and grew up in Arlington, Virginia. He enjoyed summers at his grandfather's farm in Crozet, Virginia, where he learned to appreciate the country and all natural things. He was a proud graduate of Virginia Tech, earning a bachelor's degree in wildlife management in 1969 and later a Master's degree in biology. In 1980, Greg married Catharine Moser in Richmond, Virginia. He dedicated his professional life to serving as a federal employee with USDA- Soil Conservation Service, and then Natural Resources Conservation Service in Virginia, where he served as State Biologist. Beyond his career, Greg was deeply committed to conservation, purchasing and protecting land in Virginia and Maine to ensure that its beauty and biodiversity endured for generations. He found joy in hiking, backpacking, fly fishing, and birding. Greg is survived by his wife, Catharine Moser; his beloved daughter, Sarah Moser (Daniel Nash) and their daughter, Lewella Nash, all of Boston, Massachusetts. |
| **Muckel** | **2024** | Nancy Mae Muckel (76) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away April 3, 2024. She was the wife of ARCSE Life Member Gary Bruce Muckel who is a retired Soil Scientist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Nancy was born April 28, 1947, in Reno, Nevada to LaRoy Grant and Alpha Naomi Parsons (Lehman) of Fallon and Hazen, Nevada. She married Gary on June 10, 1967 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Reno. Gary’s led to several job transfers. She moved with husband Gary from Reno to Burley, Idaho, then Twin Falls, Idaho then Bismarck, North Dakota and Albuquerque, New Mexico, Tigard, Oregon, and finally Lincoln. Nebraska in 1992. Each move she continued to serve her community in Jaycettes and many other community activities. She battled breast cancer on and off for nearly 20 years, but it did not slow her down from her many activities and gatherings with friends. Nancy is survived by husband Gary, sister Joan Austin of Sparks, Nevada, daughter Tamera Kay Muckel of Sparks, Nevada, son William Dean Muckel (Holly) of Lincoln, grandchildren Kira Isabel Muckel and Shane Muckel of Lincoln and nieces and nephews in Reno, Sparks and Winnemucca. |
| **Mullin** | **2024** | Life Member Wayne C Mullin (87) of LaFayette, Indiana, passed away on October 30, 2024, at his residence. Wayne was born in Logansport, Indiana, to the late Estal T. Mullin and Mabel E. (Benner) Mullin. He was married to Eileen Ruth Yoder on October 1, 1960, in Mount Ayr, Indiana. Eileen proceeded him in death on April 16, 2001. Wayne attended Purdue University and then served in the United States Army Reserve in the Communication Center and Warehouse Operations. Obtaining the rank of Buck Sergeant, Wayne was honorably discharged from the Army Reserves at the end of his contract. Wayne spent the next 37 years working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Construction Surveyor and Inspector until his retirement in 1996. He worked out of the Lafayette (Tippecanoe Co.), Indiana office and the Green Castle, Indiana office. Some of the projects he worked on included Jordan Creek, Batchelor Run, and Wea Creek. After retirement he enjoyed traveling with his wife until she passed in 2001. He worked on the family farm throughout his life and was a true Chicago Cubs fan. He was so excited when the "Cubbies" won the World Series. He was also a Purdue sports and Indianapolis Colts fan. He never lost his love of driving. He enjoyed visiting family, taking long drives through the countryside, checking on his old work projects and checking on his farm in Carroll County. He is survived by his 3 children, Cheryl (Jim) Mills of Lafayette, Doug (Cheryl) Mullin of Rossville, Indiana, and Mitchell (Gayla) Mullin of Port St. Lucie, Florida; 5 grandchildren, Stacey (James) Nelson, Ashley (Peter) Dalpe, Tyler Mullin, Hunter Mullin, and Taylor Mullin; 2 great-grandchildren, Jay Riley and Sarah Nelson. Along with his wife Eileen, he was also preceded in death by his daughter, Bethany L. Mullin. |
| **Neisler** | **2024** | Marion Auddie Neisler, Jr. (77) of Brookston, Texas, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2024, surrounded by his family. Auddie was born on April 22, 1947, in Paris, Texas, the oldest child of Marion and Lucille (Boaz) Neisler. He grew up on a family farm in the Maxey Community, where he developed a lifelong passion from a variety of hobbies; tractor pulls, antique tractors and collecting coins. Auddie attended Texas A&M University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. Auddie married Vicki Basinger, with whom he shared 50 wonderful years. Along with farming, he later devoted himself to a 22-year career as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. After retirement he focused his efforts on his passion as a coin dealer. Auddie was a long-time member at Lamar Avenue Church of Christ. He was actively involved with the Red River Valley Antique Tractor Club and the North Star of Texas Coin Club. Auddie’s memory lives on through his children, Andy (Molly) of Honey Grove, Texas, and Jesse (Stephanie) of Wichita, Kansas; and grandchildren, Shelby, Jonah, Kellen, Skye, and Case. |

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| **Noe** | **2024** | Harley Randolph Noe (78) of Boise, Idaho, passed away September 29, 2024, after a battle with Myelodysplastic Anemia. Harley was born in Caldwell, Idaho on September 8, 1946, to Dwight and Ethel Noe. He and his family moved from Caldwell to Parma, Idaho, when he was in the 6th grade. Growing up, Harley loved spending time at his grandpa and grandma Shields' farm in Wilder, Idaho. He loved helping his grandpa, playing with their dog and learning to drive a tractor. Harley went to Parma High School, where he was student body president, and graduated in 1964. He went on to study Soil Science at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho where he graduated in 1969. Harley met his wife, Terri, while she was attending Boise State College. They married in Pocatello on May 1st, 1971. After graduation, he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), first working in the Payette, Idaho, field office and then the Rigby, Idaho, office. During the Teton Dam collapse he was the soil survey party leader at the Rexburg field office and then became a party leader at the SCS office in Mountain Home, Idaho. He worked at the SCS state office in Boise until he retired in 2002. After Harley retired from the SCS, he went to work with several former coworkers doing ground water monitoring and soil analysis. Several years later he and his friend, Mark Johnson, started their own consulting business, Natural Resource Solutions. When Mark passed away, Harley continued the business on his own and later partnered with his brother-in-law, Mike Raymond. He and Mike were in business together until 2023, when Harley's health no longer allowed him to work. Mike continued to do field work, while Harley managed the administrative side of the business. He and Mike both decided to retire at the end of 2023. In 1970 he joined the National Guard unit in Emmett. He attended basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and in Fort Knox, Kentucky. His early days in the guard he served as a vehicle wheel mechanic. In his later years, he and his friend Richard began running the unit's mess section and won several awards for their excellent cooking. Harley retired from the guard after 22 years. After retiring from the guard, he and Richard used their talents to start Anytime Anyplace Catering, which operated for several years. In addition to all his work and guard duties, Harley loved racing cars. He drag-raced for many years throughout much of the Western United States. He was a favorite at the tracks and knew more about repairing and racing cars than most anyone he encountered. In 2019 he was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Anemia. He was in treatment for several years, but the medications and procedures he received were not successful. He spent much of his last two years in and out of the hospital and fought until he could not fight any longer. Harley is survived by Terri, his wife of 53 years; his daughters Vicki and Stephanie; grandsons Remington and Jeremiah; sister Lorna Cottier and many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends who all loved him very much. |
| **Noel** | **2024** | Gary Michael Noel (72) of New London, Missouri, passed away August 17, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. Gary was born on May 26, 1952, in Alexandria, Virginia, the son of Frank and Gladys (Howell) Noel. Gary served his country in the United States Air Force. Afterwards, Gary attended Southwest Missouri State University where he found friendships that lasted his lifetime and discovered a passion for the earth beneath his feet. He met the love of his life, Natalie, in college. They were married on November 27, 1982, in Martinsburg, Missouri, and have been married happily for 42 years. After college, Gary worked for 33 years for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist. He ended his career as the District Conservationist for the Pike County/Ralls County Field Office Service Area. Just this summer he attained the certification as a Master Naturalist. Gary was active in the Episcopal church, giving sermons, reading scripture, and gathering others for bible study and prayer. He was non-judgmental, giving folks the benefit of the doubt. He was forgiving, never speaking badly about anyone (unless they truly deserved it). Survivors include wife Natalie; and daughters, Carrie Noel of Alameda, California and Mandy Noel (Will Bolinger) of Ashland, Oregon. He was anxiously awaiting the birth of his first grandchild. A memorial service was held August 21, 2024, at Trinity Episcopal Church with full military honors provided by the Emmette J. Shields American Legion Post 55 at the church following the service. |
| **Northey** | **2024** | William "Bill" Northey (64) of Urbandale, Iowa, passed away suddenly on February 5, 2024. Bill was born on May 27, 1959, to Margaret and Wayne Northey of Spirit Lake, Iowa. He studied Agricultural Business at Iowa State University, graduating in 1981. He was a member of the FarmHouse Fraternity and served as its president during his senior year. In 2004, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Southwest Minnesota State University. In 1979, Bill met his wife, Cindy, in Ames, Iowa. They married in 1983. Bill served as president of the Iowa Corn Growers Association and later the National Corn Growers Association. He also served in many other roles, including on the Iowa USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee, on the Ag Ventures Alliance board, as a Dickinson County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner, and as president and committee chairman of the Dickinson County Farm Bureau. He co-founded and served as president of Innovative Growers, LLC. In 2006, he was elected Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Iowa, a role he proudly held for eleven years. His leadership had a tremendous impact on issues including soil conservation, water quality, renewable energy, foreign animal disease preparedness, and agricultural trade in the state of Iowa and beyond. In 2018, he became the nation's first undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, serving until 2021. Most recently, Bill was the CEO of the Agribusiness Association of Iowa. His contributions as a farmer, public servant, and leader positively impacted countless individuals and communities worldwide. Survivors include his wife, Cindy; his mother, Margaret Northey; daughters Jessica (Thomas) Meierotto, Emily (Eric) Brown, and Katie (Eric) Mattson; and six grandchildren: Margaret, Paul, and Eleanor Meierotto, Ava and Jack Brown, and Zoe Mattson. |
| **Ortgies** | **2024** | Karolyn Lo Ortgies (83) of Massena, Iowa, peacefully passed away on April 7, 2024, at Exira Care Center after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. Karolyn was the wife of Duane Ortgies, retired Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Karolyn was born on January 11, 1941, in Atlantic, Iowa, to Arnold and Erma (Petersen) Westphalen and grew up on a farm west of Elk Horn, Iowa. Following graduation from Elk Horn schools, she attended beauty school. Karolyn met Duane Ortgies while singing at a friend's wedding where he was a groomsman, and they were married on May 31, 1964. She and Duane established The Travelling Companion bed and breakfast and tearoom in their beautiful home. She later opened The Tinder Box gift shop in downtown Elk Horn. Karolyn is survived by her husband, Duane Ortgies; son Tony (Sally) Ortgies of West Des Moines, Iowa; granddaughter, Clara Ortgies, and her fiancé, Matthew Schmitz of Urbandale, Iowa. |

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| **Paulsgrove** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Glenn Harold Paulsgrove (98) Knoxville, Illinois, passed away on April 12, 2024, at the Knox County Nursing Home. He was born January 27, 1926, east of Abingdon, Illinois, the son of James R. and Alta Hatch Paulsgrove. Glenn served in the United States Navy during World War II on a Landing Ship Tank (LST) in the Pacific Theater, which participated in the Leyte invasion of the Philippines. Glenn was honorably discharged from the service in May 1946 and enrolled at Knox College in the fall. In 1947, he transferred to the University of Illinois, starting at the Galesburg branch, and then moving to the Champaign-Urbana Campus. Glenn graduated in June 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. Glenn began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in the summer of 1949. He served in several locations in Illinois, retiring in 1986 from the Area Conservationist position in Northern Illinois. Glenn married Bettelou Flory of Monmouth in 1950. They had three children; Steven, Teresa (Teri), and Robin. Glenn later married Fern Lucille (Lucy) Camper of Galesburg, Illinois in 1971.Glenn was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #285, Veterans of Foreign Wars #2257, and State Associations of LST Navy Veterans, SCS Retirees Association, and the Elks Lodge 894. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Galesburg. Glenn was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Glenn and Lucy enjoyed traveling and took many trips and cruises after retirement. They spent winters in Arizona enjoying bowling and playing shuffleboard. Glenn is survived by his children: Steven (Christy) Paulsgrove of Goliad, Texas; Teresa (Randell) Crump of Cleveland, Tennessee; and Robin (Ray) Paulsgrove of Dallas, Texas; four grandchildren: Casey (Cara) Horny, Jamison Horny, Zachary (Dayna) Paulsgrove, and Lindsay Weeks; and five great grandchildren: Carsyn, Breslynn, and Evelyn Govednik; Jude Mendez, and Maeve Paulsgrove. Glenn also leaves two stepchildren: Larry (Mary Jo) Camper and Kathleen Wolny; five step-grandchildren: Jason (Allyson) Camper, Sarah Camper, Stephanie (Nick) Roske, Jessica (Joel) Snape, and Nicholas Wolny; and five step-great grandchildren. Glenn was preceded in death by his wife, and the mother of his children. |
| **Payne** | **2024** | Rosolyn Jane Payne (83) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away on May 8, 2024. Rosolyn was the wife of Victor W. E. Payne, retired engineer with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. She was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on September 6, 1940 to Robert V. Williams and Rachel Crowder Williams. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Texas, Austin in 1961. She and Victor married in 1962. They came to Auburn when he was assigned to teach Air Force ROTC at Auburn University in 1968 and stayed. Rosolyn taught fourth grade, first at Scott Academy and then at Lee-Scott Academy, for more than 25 years. Rosolyn is survived by her husband, Victor: her two wonderful daughters: Robin Broome (Maxwell) and Heather Judkins (James); six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. |
| **Peterson** | **2024** | Jermane “Jerri” Kathryn Peterson (85) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, passed away January 18, 2024 at Country House in Council Bluffs. She was the wife of the late Lyle C. Peterson who served as the District Conservationist in Council Bluffs for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service before retiring in 1998. Jerri was born on May 7, 1938, to Elmer and Eleanor (Clausen) Bakken in Northwood, Iowa. Jerri married Floyd Field in 1957. He passed away in 1961. They were blessed by the birth of three children, Rhonda, Brian and Kimberley. Jerri then met Lyle Peterson and they were married on May 31, 1963, at the First Lutheran Church in Northwood, Iowa. Lyle passed away in 2009. Jerri was an Interior Decorator for 25 years, helping to transform people’s houses into a home. |
| **Pewthers** | **2024** | Lt. Col. John O. Pewthers (87) of Waurika, Oklahoma passed away peacefully in his home on March 1, 2024 with his 3 daughters at his side. John was born on December 22, 1936, at home in Mountain View, Oklahoma to Keith and Margie Pewthers. He graduated in 1959 from Oklahoma State University (OSU) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy Field Crops with Range Management Option. While at OSU, he did 4 years of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was in the US Air Force for 36 years, 3 of which were active duty as a Photo-Radar Intelligence Officer and an Air Police Officer. He retired from the Air Force Reserve as a Lt. Col. in 1996. He received his pilot's license in 1963. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 34 years as a range and district conservationist. John married the love of his life, Phyllis Joy Roles on September 25, 1955. He was an active member in his community and was involved in the Civil Air Patrol, Society for Range Management, Lions Club, American Legion and many others over the years. He accepted Christ at the age of 9 at the First Baptist Church in Mountain View, Oklahoma. He was an energetic member of The First Baptist Church of Waurika, Oklahoma for over 40 years. John is preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Joy. He is survived by his 3 daughters, Janice Joy Mackiewicz (Jake) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Johnna Kim Duell (Doug) of Burlington, Colorado, and Terri Dian Moore (David) of Amarillo, Texas, 6 grandchildren: Erica Hunt (Andrew) of Grove, Oklahoma, Barrett Duell (BreeAnn) of Goodland, Kansas, Amber Torres (Joe) of Amarillo, Texas, Tyrel Duell (Sarah) of Sterling, Colorado, Courtney Mayo (Adam) of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jamie Moore (David) of Amarillo, Texas, and 15 great grandchildren. |
| **Phillippi** | **2024** | Dennis Richard Phillippi (80) of Bozeman, Montana, passed away at Spring Creek Inn Memory Care Community on May 17, 2024. Dennis was born in Casper, Wyoming, on August 24, 1943. Dennis pursued his education at Casper College and the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming, graduating in 1968 with a degree in Range Science & Conservation. This knowledge fueled his passion for the next 49 years, during which he made significant contributions to the field. Dennis dedicated his career to public service, working for the Bureau of Land Management, and the Wyoming State Land Board before joining the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), where he served until 1994 when he retired as the State Range Conservationist in the Bozeman State Office. During his tenure with the SCS, Dennis’ expertise extended across borders, as he provided technical assistance to agricultural producers in 12 countries. In 1979, Dennis relocated to Bozeman, where he continued his impactful work. Following his retirement from the SCS, Dennis founded Natural Resource Options (NRO), a consulting firm that became a family business; both his sons, Matt and Mark, and wife worked alongside him. NRO played a vital role in assisting landowners and ranchers in developing, conserving, and managing rangeland resources. Dennis retired from NRO in 2017 due to health reasons. In Casper, Dennis found his lifelong partner, Ruth Mackey Phillippi, and they shared a beautiful journey together. Their union, celebrated on June 12, 1964, was a testament to love and commitment. This June would have marked their 60th wedding anniversary. Dennis is survived by three adoring children, Tamira Phillippi of Bozeman, Matthew Phillippi (Jill Nofziger) of Tooele, UT, and Mark Phillippi (Klondy Heberling) of Bozeman; and grandchildren, Blake, Dylan, Addy, and Lily Phillippi. |

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| **Pietzsch** | **2024** | Jerome Wayne Pietzsch (88) of Hamilton, Texas, passed away March 26, 2024. Jerome was born May 1, 1935, in Hamilton to Gustave and Emma Eilers Pietzsch. He joined the United States Army in 1957. He went through basic training at Fort Chaffe in Arkansas and continued training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. He was honorably discharged May 31, 1963. He went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1962. He retired from the SCS on April 1, 1994, after 32 years of service. Throughout his life he called Pottsville home where he farmed the family land and custom farmed in his time off from the SCS up until his 80th birthday when he retired from custom farming. In 1971 he married the “Love of his life” Alice Ann Ash in Cranfills Gap, Texas. He joined St. John Lutheran Church in 1970 were he led an active role in the church serving as an Elder. He is survived by his wife, Alice. His daughter Patricia (Lynn) Diepenbrock of Davis, Oklahoma, Deborah (Brad) Benne of Round Rock, Texas, Becky (Chris) Andrews of Hamilton, Texas. Son Wayne Pietzsch (Renee) of Georgetown, Texas; his nine grandchildren Tiffany (Jeremy) Mitchell, Ethan Benne, Braden Andrews, Cody Diepenbrock, M’kayla Benne, Christy (Jordan) Rickets, Camden Andrews and fiance Dylan Childress, Breely Pietzsch, and Taryn Pietzsch; and one great grandson Sutton Rickets. |
| **Piper** | **2024** | James Lee Piper (74) of Warsaw, Ohio, passed away August 1, 2024, at Genesis Hospital in Zanesville, Ohio. Jim was born September 9, 1949, to the late Lloyd and Mary (Davis) Piper in Conneaut, Ohio. On July 30, 1983, he married Gail Littler Piper, his wife of 41 years. He started college at Kent State University, transferred to The Ohio State University, and graduated as a proud Buckeye in 1971 with a bachelor’s degree in agronomy. After college, Jim was hired by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (which later became Natural Resources Conservation Service) and worked as a Soil Conservationist in Ironton, Ohio and then Van Wert, Ohio, where he became a District Conservationist. In 1978, Jim moved to Coshocton, Ohio to become the Area Conservationist for Area 3. He later was chosen as an Assistant State Conservationist in Florida, covering the lower half of the state, and retired in 2004 as the Assistant State Conservationist for Operations in West Virginia, completing a career that spanned over 33 years. Jim was a very giving and patient man with a great sense of humor and a curious nature. He was involved in several churches, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, 4-H, Jaycees. A member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, he received a SWCS Commendation Award in 1997 at the international conference in Toronto Canada. Jim is survived by his wife, Gail, and three children, Tammi (Bounthavy Soungpradith) Rogers of Coshocton, Pete (Kellie) Rogers of Lexington, Ohio, and Carmen (Hector Munoz) Rogers of Queens, New York; grandchildren Jett Soungpradith of Ft. Hood, Texas, and Simon and Phoebe Munoz of Queens, New York. |
| **Plumb** | **2024** | Marion K. Plumb (87) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, passed away October 13, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Marion was born December 5, 1936, in Oakland, Iowa to the late Ray and Opal (Potter) Plumb. He graduated from Oakland High School in 1956. Marion married Constance "Connie" Weston on June 6, 1959, in Griswold, Iowa. Marion retired in 1993 from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service after 35 years of service, where he worked as a Civil Engineering Technician. He served in the Iowa National Guard and was a member St. Patrick Catholic Church. Marion loved woodworking, motorcycling and dancing. In addition to his parents, Marion was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Lynn Bertelsen, and brother Darrell Plumb. Marion is survived by his wife of 65 years, Connie Plumb of Council Bluffs; daughters, Leslie (Steve) Root of Lawrence, Kansas, Trisha (Nick) McGrain of Lenexa, Kansas, Sheila (Gary Bales) Bertelsen of Des Moines, Iowa, Rhonda (Robert) Casson of McClelland, Iowa; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; sister, Karen Dobernecker of Pella, IA; nieces and nephews. |
| **Podoll** | **2024** | Erling ‘Punch’ Bernhardt Podoll (99) of Fargo, North Dakota (formerly of Aberdeen, South Dakota), passed away June 16, 2024, at the Fargo Elim Healthcare Center. Erling was born in rural Westport, South Dakota on February 24, 1925, to Ferdinand and Anna (Buntrock) Podoll. He attended Northern State College in Aberdeen for one year – then went on to receive the United States Navy V-12 Officer Training Program in Minot, North Dakota. In July of 1944, Punch reported to Northwestern University Midshipman’s School, Chicago, Illinois. He was commissioned as an Ensign on November 22, 1944. Punch became the Officer in Charge (OIC) of LCT (Landing Craft Tank) 354 in April of 1945. He served in the Northern Mariana Islands, stationed on Tinian. He was honorably discharged on May 15, 1946. Punch was always in awe that a farm boy from the prairie was put in charge of a landing craft in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. In the fall of 1946, Punch enrolled at South Dakota State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in “Wildlife Techniques and Conservation” in 1948. On June 18, 1948, Punch married Constance Mae Keeler at St. John’s Lutheran Church, in Columbia, South Dakota. Punch worked for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks from 1948 to1957. From 1957 to 1959 he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Steven’s Point, Wisconsin. He then worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Bismarck, North Dakota State Office from 1959 to1984 as the State Biologist. He received the American Motors Conservation Award, the North Dakota Award – Outstanding Contribution to the Profession of Wildlife Management, and the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year Award. In 1984 Punch and Connie moved back to rural South Dakota, living near the Willow Reservoir north of Aberdeen, allowing him to spend time with his brothers and other relatives and friends in the area. They moved to Aberdeen in 2000. Punch was an avid outdoorsman. He was a charter member of the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society. He was a charter member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Bismarck and its first church president. Punch ran twice for State Representative in South Dakota. Punch is survived by his children Clint (Pat) Podoll and Rachel (Michael) Croatt; grandchildren Julie Podoll, Jason (Carrie) Odenbach; Matthew (Danielle) Odenbach; Jessica (Jason) Niemi, Jeremy (Morgan) Croatt and Jordan (Alicia) Croatt;and 13 great-grandchildren. Punch was preceded in death by his wife, Connie in 2019 and his daughter, Marcia Odenbach in 1993. |

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| **Posey** | **2024** | Clifford Conrad Posey (74) of Temple, Texas, passed away on December 1, 2024. He was born on July 1, 1950, in Eagle Pass, Texas, to Lilbon Ray Posey and Lillian Elsie Wilhelmina Posey. Cliff served his country as part of the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal among other honors. His service was a source of great pride, and he carried that sense of duty into all aspects of his life. A skilled drafter, Cliff worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, where he earned the respect of his colleagues for his expertise and dedication. Outside of work, he had numerous passions. He loved sports, especially football, basketball, NASCAR, and golf. He once made a hole-in-one, a moment he was incredibly proud of. Cliff was an avid nature lover with a special interest in birding, bees, and photography. He was also fond of classic cars, particularly '57 Chevys, and had a deep appreciation for good music, including The Grateful Dead, Cream, and Bob Dylan. He especially enjoyed traveling to National Parks with his childhood friend, Andrew Sturgess. Cliff is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Cindy Zirkelbach Posey; daughter Sarah Elizabeth (Allen) Easterwood and son Andrew Thomas (Rachael) Posey; five grandchildren Elle Elizabeth Easterwood, Everett Rolf Easterwood, Aria Drew Posey, Aiden Conrad Posey, and Elliott James Easterwood. Services will be held on December 27, 2024, at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple, Texas. Graveside services with military honors will follow Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas. |
| **Pullen** | **2024** | Jerry Paul Pullen (90) of Davis, Oklahoma, passed away November 15, 2024, in Davis. Jerry was born August 19, 1934, in Davis, to the late Walker Lynn and Minnie Lucille (Hager) Pullen. He joined the United States Air Force on August 19, 1953, and was honorably discharged on August 18, 1957. He married Leta Joyce Bridges on July 5, 1954, in Gainesville, Texas. He spent his working years as a Civil Engineer Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and was Construction Inspector in the Davis and Pauls Valley construction offices. He was an instructor for training courses on concrete towers, etc. throughout the United States. In addition to his full-time job with the government, he worked on boat motors for C.L Risner at Arbuckle Sports Center. He retired from NRCS several years ago but still worked as an Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services (ACES) Program employee, mostly working with rehabilitating watershed structures. He had the heart of a servant and was always looking out for the needs of others. His love and devotion to the Lord, his country, his family, and his friends were at all times unwavering. He was preceded in death by his wife Leta Joyce in 1995. He is survived by his daughter, Kelly Owens (Kel) of Davis; grandchildren, Julie Pullen Bartee of Durant, Oklahoma, Nathan Pullen (Lanissa) of Davis, Luke Pullen (Marcy) of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, Brandi Harris (Matt) of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Trey Owens (Lori) of Davis and Olivia Sager (Jarrod) of Davis; as well as 19 great-grandchildren. |
| **Pyle** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist Kenneth S. Pyle (99) of Danville, Indiana, passed away on May 21, 2024. Ken was born in Marshall, Indiana on May 2, 1925, to Clarence and Gladys Pyle. He married Julie Smith Pyle on July 20th, 1952, and loved her faithfully until her death on April 2, 2022. Ken graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering and worked as a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Carol County, Indiana in 1950. Later he was a district Conservationist and He was an inspiration and mentor to many SCS employees. Besides his "day" job, Ken also ran a working family farm. He retired from the SCS in 1980. He then started his own business, Land Inc., as a land use consultant. He fully retired at the age of 80. He served on the Hoosier Heartland RC&D's urban committee. He helped with contractor and realtor workshops, turf grass field days and retention/detention pond design and maintenance workshops. He helped author the Indiana Urban Erosion and Sediment Control Manual that was used across the state and the Midwest region. He also helped to train and mentor many conservation partnership employees during his career and in retirement. Note from Dan McCain: "Ken Pyle was an inspiration to me as a kid. I passed the newspaper to his office in my hometown of Delphi, IN at age 10. I was fascinated with the array of aerial photographs and drawings. Soon I became a "cooperator" on our small farm. My father was not a farmer but a shopkeeper downtown. I took over farming at the age of 15, and Ken wrote my farm plan, which I am still following at the age of 84. Later, when I joined SCS and worked as the district conservationist in Fort Wayne, IN, Ken was my Area Conservationist Supervisor." A favorite memory is Ken coming into the office and saying "Hey Becky, I've got an idea!" And he would always say "see you later alligator" when he left. Ken enjoyed being active and loved spending time with his family. He sang in the church choir, loved to read, especially the Sunday comics, and could be heard laughing out loud. Survivors include his children Michael (Nancy) Pyle, Larry (Pam)Pyle, Linda (Mike) Hulse, Julia Diane (Brett dec.) Cost; 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. |
| **Quals** | **2024** | Donald Ray Qualls (89) of Shawnee, Oklahoma, passed away on October 2, 2024, surrounded by family. Don was born on October 24, 1934 in Idabel, Oklahoma to Millard and Ethel Qualls. Don was drafted into the U.S. Army from 1959-1961, where he served as a medic and was stationed in Germany. Don then met the love of his life, Peggy Lambert and they were married on April 22, 1961. In 1969, they moved to Shawnee to raise their family. He was a loyal employee to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he worked as a technician and as a watershed inspector on the Okmulgee Watershed. He retired April 1, 1994. Don was an avid hunter, fisherman, and archer. He won many hunting awards through the years. Don is preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Peggy Ann Qualls, son Ricky Lynn, and his son-in-law, David Combs. He is survived by his daughters, Bevery Qualls of the home, Nancy Newton and husband Ronnie Newton of McLoud, Oklahoma, and Karen Combs of the home; his grandchildren, Jessica (James) Spain of McLoud, Tabitha (Jordan) Montgomery of Shawnee, Phillip Searcy (Candance) of Healdton, Oklahoma, Bailey (Tajhler) Phillips of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Alan Brewer of the home, Brayden (Slater) Robbins of Shawnee, and Dedra (Dalton) Meeks of Seminole, Oklahoma; great-grandchildren, Addy Young, Parker Barnard, Lily, Claire, and Olen Steward, Carly Montgomery, Kash and Karoline Phillips, Axel, Aydan, Aariah, and Asher Searcy, Roman and Dempsey Robbins, and Myla and Willo Meeks. |

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| **Quisenberry** | **2024** | Life Member Dwight Leon Quisenberry (89) of Okemos, Michigan, passed away after a short period of illness on January 12, 2024, at home. Dwight was born July 9, 1934, in Sheridan township, Mecosta County Michigan. He was the son of John Justin and Bertha Marie (Daniels) Quisenberry. Dwight graduated Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture Extension in June of 1957. He was drafted into the army in April 1958 and was honorably discharged in 1964, serving 2 years in Germany. He started working for the USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service in 1960. He married Life Member Norma Jean Anderson on January 27, 1962, in Alpena, Michigan. He started working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1962 serving in Kent, Mecosta, Alpena, Lenawee, Antrim and Lapeer counties before moving into the State Office at Michigan State University, taking a position as the State Conservation Agronomist from 1974-1990, when he retired. Dwight loved taking care of his property holdings, Christmas tree farm, gardening, coin collecting, photography, hunting, fishing, antiquing, and researching family genealogy back to 1290. He helped numerous landowners manage their properties, woodlots and ponds after retirement as well as running an antiquing business with his wife. Dwight is survived by his children: David Dwight Quisenberry of Birmingham, Michigan; Luke Anderson and Laura (VanderVeen) Quisenberry of Climax, Michigan; Carrie Jean Quisenberry of Central Lake, Michigan; and Thomas James and Lasha (Heise) Quisenberry of Webberville, Michigan. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren: Katie Quisenberry, Kyle Quisenberry, Sean (Kayla) Quisenberry, Sarah Quisenberry, Christine Quisenberry, Cassie Quisenberry, Jessica Quisenberry, Joshua Quisenberry, Aaricha (Jerry) Flowers, Ryan VandenAkker, Justin VandenAkker, Aaron Foster, Lexie Yates and one great grandchild Aria Foster. He is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Norma Jean (Anderson) Quisenberry. |
| **Ramsey** | **2024** | James Floyd (Chipper) Ramsey (78) and Betty Faye Ramsey (75) of Greenback, Tennessee, passed away unexpectedly on March 31, 2024, at their cherished home, the victims of a double homicide. Chip and Betty were high school sweethearts and were married for almost 58 years. Chip worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which led him across the Southeastern United States. He finished his professional journey in the Washington D.C. National Office where he worked in the Conservation Planning Division. Betty and Chipper devoted countless hours to encouraging and supporting Al and their grandchildren in their various activities. Whether it was pageants, cheerleading, golf tournaments, BBQ cooking, soccer, basketball, or football games, they could often be found in the audience or stands, proudly cheering on Al, Taylor, Creed, and Averi as their most enthusiastic fans. Their unwavering support served as a constant source of inspiration and motivation for their loved ones, embodying the true essence of family bonds and love. They are survived by their son Allen (Tiffany), their beloved grandchildren Taylor Brooke Ramsey (Evan Wise), Sr. Airman Allen "Creed" Ramsey USAF, Averi Maddox Ramsey (Dalyn), and great-granddaughter Stevie Brooks Wise, all of Knoxville, Tennessee. |
| **Reed** | **2024** | Bobbie Lee Reed (94) of Alva, Oklahoma, passed away February 20, 2024, at his home. Bobbie was born October 27, 1929, in Alva to the late Ray Jesse Reed and Christie Virginia Ritchie-Reed. Bobbie joined the National Guard, where he served in the Korean War. On August 24, 1952, he married Nadine Joy Reed at her parents' home in Dacoma, Oklahoma. Bob worked many jobs over the years. From a cook in the National Guard that helped cultivate his love of cooking (garlic smoked cheese was his specialty) to what most people remember him for, his work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and farming. He worked 32 years for the SCS before retiring and continued farming well after retirement. During this time, he built the majority of the ponds in Woods County. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Nadine in 2013. He is survived by his two sons, Allyn Lee Reed of Alva and Leland Don Reed of Dacoma, Oklahoma; one daughter, Gayla Marie Schubert (Jon) of Lyons, Kansas; seven grandchildren, Amy Seck (Keith) of Sterling, Kansas, Lezlee Reed of Norman, Oklahoma, Melissa Reed of Enid, Oklahoma, Alicia Reed of Alva, Audrey Widman (Mike) of Manhattan, Kansas, Dustin Schubert (Christy) of Lyons, Kansas, and Tara Morasch (Mason), of Kansas City, Missouri; 20 great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends. |
| **Reinke** | **2024** | Barbara A. Reinke (80) of Victoria, Texas, passed away March 26, 2024, a day shy of her birthday. Barbara was the wife of Stan Reinke who worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Range Management Specialist from 1997 to 2004. Barbara was born March 27, 1943, in Refugio, Texas to William H. and Anna Marie Crawford. She was a member of Faith Family Church in Victoria. She is survived by her loving husband, Stan; daughter, Kim Stary (Chad); son, Tim Reinke; grandchildren, Emmitt Reinke, Melyn Yaklin (Jacob), Emily Bohac (Matthew), Isabella Najus, and Reilly Reinke; great-grandchildren, Bryant and Weston Bohac. |

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| **Richards** | **2024** | Life Member William J. “Bill” Richards (93) of Circleville, Ohio, passed away peacefully in his home on November 12, 2024. He will always be remembered as an innovator and pioneer in conservation farming. He believed that every producer has the duty to use the best available technology to protect soil, water, and other natural resources, and that society has the obligation to base its environmental decisions on good science. Bill was born on October 19, 1931, to Elmon Eben Richards and Mabel Haynes Richards. After earning a degree in agricultural economics from the Ohio State University, Bill set to work to grow a successful, diversified family farming operation, together with his wife and three sons. He was selected as U.S. Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer of America in 1967. He also was one of the founders of Premium Agricultural Commodities, a purchasing and marketing co-op that became a model in the industry for sharing ideas and providing technology for farmers and business leaders. Bill became a progressive, dynamic manager in agribusiness and government over the course of his illustrious career. As an active member in agriculture, Bill was a past president or participant in many farm organizations, including: National Outstanding Farmers of America, Farm Foundation Bennett Roundtable, Top Farmers of Ohio, National Association of Conservation Districts, National Corn Growers Association, American and Ohio Soybean Association, American Farm Bureau, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Alpha Gamma Rho, and Premium Agricultural Commodities. Locally, he was a lifelong member of Circleville Rotary and the Circleville Presbyterian Church. While his sons tended the farm, Bill served as the Chief of the USDA- Soil Conservation Service from 1990 to 1993, during which he guided the agency under the environmental requirements of the 1985 and 1990 farm legislation, in areas of soil erosion control, wetlands protection, and water management. He led cooperative efforts to bring the agricultural industry, government, and the farm media together for a common purpose.<br>After his time at the USDA, Bill enjoyed teaching others about conservation agriculture as a visiting lecturer and spokesperson. Bill spoke to a wide range of audiences: farm, university, commodity, agrifinance, chemical and machinery industries, environmental organizations, and federal and state agencies. He was a contributing writer to Farm Journal, Top Producer, and monthly articles in Agrifinance, and he mentored foreign students in an Ohio State University exchange program. He participated in numerous short courses and seminars at Ohio State and Purdue and attended Harvard University’s agri-business executive education seminars. His contribution to agriculture lives on in the seeds of knowledge and curiosity that he sowed for farmers across the country. With all the honors and accomplishments of his storied life, the best thing Bill ever did was marry Grace Stevenson Richards. In her, he found a true partner and best friend, and together, they were always listening and learning. They traveled extensively to visit farms and agriculture leaders in all fifty states, England, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, and Mexico. In turn, they were also gracious hosts on their family farm, welcoming massive parties, late-night drinks with friends, and everything in between. Bill was keenly observant and sharp, even into his final days. He reaped the harvest of pursuing what he loved for 93 years. Bill is survived by his sons: Bruce S. Richards (Betsy), and Elmon S. Richards (Connie); daughter-in-law Loribeth Kowalski; his grandchildren: Ashley Richards (Geoffrey Robicheaux), Brock Richards (Siobhan), Mason Richards (Katherine), Maria Roberts (Frank), and Julie Foy (Patrick); step-grandchildren Jason (Kristi) Carithers and Lisa Salyers; several great-grandchildren; and special friend Grace Moore. Bill is preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Grace Stevenson Richards, in 2015 and his son, William Stevenson Richards, in 2013. |
| **Robbins** | **2024** | ARCSE Member Lt. Col. John Martin Robbins Jr. (86) of Scottsburg, Indiana, passed away on July 23, 2024, at Baptist Health Floyd in New Albany, Indiana. John was born on October 9, 1937, to the late John Martin Robbins, Sr., and the late Goldie (Comer) Robbins. He graduated from Purdue University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. John was a Soil Scientist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 2002 as Assistant State Soil Scientist. In 1955, John joined the Indiana Army National Guard and after 23 years of service, served for over 11 years in the Army Reserves, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. He will forever be remembered as a quiet man, easy going, strong willed and who was an amazing dad that loved his family dearly. John loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, camping and especially his dogs. John started and ran the Leota Christmas Tree Farm, complete with live Alaskan Reindeer. John loved to watch sports and was a huge Purdue fan and also enjoyed western movies, with John Wayne being among his favorites. John was a cancer survivor and was extremely blessed and grateful for the years that God gave him. John’s survivors include his two daughters, Jennifer Sue Donnell of Scottsburg, Indiana and Lea Ann Callico (Edward) of Nabb, Indiana; three grandchildren, Dejiah Callico, John Callico and Halie Callico; and three great grandchildren, Angelina Callico, Mateo Callico Lopez and Alessio Sabino Callico. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Sharon (Koerner) Robbins. |
| **Roberts** | **2024** | Alfred “Al” Roberts (76) of Haymarket, Virginia, passed away July 8, 2024, at the Inova Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, VA. Al was born in Brooker, Florida on January 5, 1948, to the late Albert and Ardella Roberts. He attended Florida A&M University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Soil Science and Agronomy degree. He also completed the Graduate Studies Program in Soil Science at Texas A&M University. He was also very proud to be a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Army Security Agency in support of the Vietnam and Korean Wars. He received the National Defense Service Medal and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. After his military service he went on to have a distinguished career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. He began his career as a Soil Scientist and later in his career transitioned to the civil rights field serving as a Civil Rights Manager and Branch Chief. He retired after 39 years of federal employment. In his retirement, he loved spending time with his family, gaming, and spoiling the grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, Haymarket; two sons Stephen (Katie) Roberts, of Putnam, Connecticut and Derek (Jennifer) Roberts, of Colchester, Connecticut; one daughter, Tonya Hart; 4 grandchildren; Jordan Labossiere, Wethersfield, Connecticut; Kaylee and Brayden Roberts, Putnam, Connecticut; and Amanda Stephens, Miami, Oklahoma. |

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| **Rogers** | **2024** | John H. Rogers (94) of Davis, California, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2024. John was born on September 22, 1930, in Ventura, California to Josephine and Burton Rogers. He attended the University of California-Davis for a year before transferring to Oregon State University where he met his future wife, Phyllis, and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. After graduating, John served in the United States Army's 2nd Infantry Division, 38th Infantry Regiment, for two years during the Korean War as a Staff Sergeant. After being discharged in September of 1954, John went on to marry Phyllis Goossen of Auburn on February 5, 1955, in Colfax, California. John worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) conducting and leading soil surveys for Placer, El Dorado and Amador Counties in California. In 1976 where John took on the assignment of State interpreter of Soils at the SCS State Office in Davis. After retirement John worked as a consultant, assisting landowners as a soil interpretation expert witness at hearings with Tahoe's Regional Planning Board. John was active in the Placerville Elks Lodge, Placerville Little League President, and volunteer assisting with the construction of the UC Davis baseball field. John is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Phyllis, two children, Steven and Lisa; daughter-in-law, Kristina; and grandchildren, Derek and Sean. A memorial will be held at 11:30 a.m. on March 7th at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Meals on Wheels Yolo County. |
| **Rolewicz** | **2024** | Deanna "Dee" Marie Rolewicz (62) of Woodland, California, passed away on March 12, 2024. Deanna was born October 27, 1962. She worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 31 years. Most of her time she worked at the Davis, California State Office in Soils, Financial Management and Programs. She retired in October 2018 as a Program Management Specialist. Dee loved life, she loved her family and friends but most of all she loved her grandkids more than anything in this world. |
| **Root** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Gerald William Root (90) of Bumpass, Virginia, passed away November 25, 2024, from congestive heart failure. Gerald was born on October 18, 1934. He was married to Marilyn for 66 years. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 37 years, starting as a Soil Conservationist in Pennsylvania, then in Wisconsin where he became an Assistant State Conservationist and ended his career in National Headquarters where he was the Deputy Director for the Conservation Planning Division. An obituary was not available, but I was able to find his name on several studies and papers on conservation policy and nonpoint pollution. |
| **Rose** | **2024** | Kenneth Herman Rose (90) of Hutchinson, Kansas, passed away February 22, 2024, at Welsey Towers in Hutchinson. Ken was born June 17, 1933, on the family farm near Bloomfield in Knox County, Nebraska, to Herman Philip and Emma (Hinzmann) Rose. He served in the United States Army in Korea, having volunteered for the draft to earn the GI Bill, and then learned that was a hazardous way to fund an education. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in agronomy and joined the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He worked for SCS for the next 37 years in several northeast Nebraska locations before transferring to Rochester, Minnesota, and eventually Hutchinson, Kansas where he served as the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations. He was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, the American Legion Lyle Rishel Post #68, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and the National Rifle Association. On December 22, 1955, he made what he felt was the best decision of his life and married his Bloomfield High School sweetheart Vivian Boland. Their oldest child Douglas Kenneth Rose was born in 1959 and succumbed to a glioblastoma brain cancer in 2010. In addition to Vivian, Kenneth is survived by daughter, Kellye Jean Rose (Brent Gregoire) of Burnsville, Minnesota, daughter-in-law, Erica Bergsland of Edina, Minnesota, grand-children Emily Rose Nghiem (Huy) of Denver Colorado, Henry Douglas Rose of Venice, California, Matthew Boland Gregoire (Emilie) of Saint Louis Par, Minnesota), Benjamin Ryan Gregoire of Burnsville, Minnesota and great-grandson Tye Douglas Nghiem |
| **Rowe** | **2024** | Russell Keith Rowe (84) of Cincinnati, Ohio (formerly of Bremen, Ohio), passed away after a short illness on October 18, 2024, at The Glen in Cincinnati. Keith was born on March 30, 1940 in Mole Hill, West Virginia. He was a graduate of Pennsboro High School (1958), attended West Virginia University, Potomac State College, and was a graduate of West Virginia University in 1963. Keith worked as a Civil Engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 42 years, retiring in 2006. He was proud of his numerous professional accomplishments, including the positive impact to his community in Bremen with the construction of the Rush Creek Lake and Dam. Keith enjoyed spending time in his garden, golfing, and fishing trips with his family. Keith was a fixer of all things and was especially proud of the home he built that his family lived in for more than 30 years. Keith was generous with his time and resources to anyone in need, which was a testament to his strong Christian faith. Keith lived at The Glen in Cincinnati Senior Living Community for the final three years of his life. The family would like to express their gratitude for the wonderful care and love Keith received during his time there. Keith is survived by his loving wife of 39 years Karla Renee Mericle Rowe. Other survivors include his children, James Rowe (Diana), Carl Joseph Rowe, Christopher Jourdan (Lindsay), and Charles Rowe (Rebecca); grandchildren Lauren, Haley, Sadie, Wesley, and William; and great-granddaughter Lilliana. |
| **Rucker** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and longtime ARCSE Member Harry Sidney Rucker, Jr. (95) of Heber Springs, Arkansas, passed away January 3, 2024, in Heber Springs. Harry was born August 30, 1928, to Harry Rucker, Sr. and Virgie Hazzard Rucker. He grew up in Comyn, Texas. Harry was a graduate of Tarleton State College, and The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (Texas A&M). He served in the United States Army in Europe in from 1945 to 1947. Harry began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1953 in Robert Lee, Texas. He served as District Conservationist in Sweetwater, Texas from 1955 to 1966 and then served as District Conservationist in Canyon, Texas from 1966 to 1968. In 1968, Harry was promoted to Area Conservationist in Amarillo, Texas, serving from 1968 to 1973. In 1973, Harry and his family moved to Alexandria, Louisiana where he served as Assistant-, Deputy- and finally State Conservationist for Louisiana. Harry retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1985. Upon Retirement, Harry and Dorothy declared Louisiana too hot to live in during the summertime and spent the summers at their cabin in Colorado. Harry was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana. In 2021. Harry moved to Heber Springs, Arkansas to be closer to his son, Roger. Harry Rucker is preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Dorothy Jean Rucker, and his daughter Karen Rucker Garner. He is survived by his sons Cliff (Judith) Rucker of Lufkin, Texas and Roger (Linda) Rucker of Edgemont, Arkansas, and his son-in-law Steve Garner of Weatherford, Texas. Harry is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Sampson** | **2024** | ARCSE Member Robert “Rob” Wayne Sampson (62) of Boise, Idaho, passed away August 16, 2024. Rob was born on December 7, 1961. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Idaho and a Master of Science degree in Watershed Science from Colorado State University. He worked as an engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), retiring in 2017 as the National Water Management Engineer in Washington, DC. He previously worked in Idaho, Colorado and Alaska. After retiring from NRCS he formed his own consulting firm: Sampson H3 Engineering. An obituary was not available for this newsletter, but it is known that survivors include his wife, Dianna. |
| **Sando** | **2024** | Ronald Duane Sando (83) of Bismarck, North Dakota, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2024, with his family at his residence in Laguna Woods, California. Ron was born in Grafton, North Dakota, on July 5, 1940. He attended Denver University, University of Colorado, and University of North Dakota where he graduated in January1965 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. On March 29, 1961, Ron married the love of his life Karen Sue Knutson. Ron was the Design Engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the Bismarck State Office for many years before he became the State Conservation Engineer. He retired as the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs in North Dakota. Ron designed and supervised hundreds of projects. He received multiple awards for his work and was most proud when his peers recognized him with the prestigious North Dakota Water Users Hall of Fame. Upon retiring from government service, Ron continued to participate in his water resource consulting and his work for the Bismarck Parks and Recreation Department. Ron is survived by his wife Karen of 63 years, two sons, Todd (Lunette) and Bradley (Terri), and grandsons Bradley, Nicholas, and Derek. |
| **Schrock** | **2024** | Linda Kay Schrock (77) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away on July 30, 2024. She was born on February 26, 1947, in Holdrege, Nebraska, to her parents, Wallace and Mildred Moline (Melroy). Linda graduated from Lincoln School of Commerce with a business degree and spent most of her career working for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service at the Nebraska State Office and National Technology Center in Lincoln, at least part of that time as a Budget and Financial Analyst. Linda’s survivors include her husband, Van Schrock of Lincoln; children, Jason Schrock of Lincoln and Marta Schrock of Bennington, Nebraska; and grandson, Liam Schrock. |
| **Schwille** | **2024** | Edward Martin Schwille, Sr. (89) of Groesbeck, Texas, passed away on July 6, 2024. Ed, or sometimes called "Mr. Ed", was born Nov. 12, 1934, in Oak Cliff, Dallas County, Texas, and was the son of Martin Bartram Schwille and Sue Kirby Schwille. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management with a minor in Education from Texas A&M. He spent 30 years having an impact on soils, plants, small watersheds, and fish-wildlife habitat conservation with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a biologist. Ed, notably, was a State Biologist in Colorado and was the National Poultry Water Quality Consortium manager, headquartered in Tennessee. Upon retirement from federal service, he continued working with farmers, ranchers and individuals as a District Technician for 25 years with Limestone-Falls Soil and Water Conservation District in Groesbeck, Texas. Mr. Ed had always dreamed of living on a lake and upon retirement, moved his family to Lake Limestone. Being a people person, in his time, he had belonged to four Volunteer Fire Departments, was active with the SCS-NRCS Retirees Association, and enjoyed helping local food pantries and "jawing" with neighbors. Ed will be missed by his family and friends. Ed is survived by his wife Ruth and children, Ed M. Jr. (Carla) of Conroe, Texas, Leslie L. Moravic (John) of Arlington, Texas, Susan E. Lowe of Wichita Falls, Texas, Marty W. Byouk (Althea) of Lavon, Texas, Libby J. Fabian of Flanders, New Jersey and Kristina D. Dean (Alvin) of Tyler, Texas. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. |
| **Shriner** | **2024** | William “Bill” Lewis Shriner (87) of Junction City, Ohio passed away April 27, 2024, at his home. Bill was born August 9, 1936 in New Salem, Ohio the son of Kenneth Roosevelt and Wilma V. (Beyer) Shriner. Bill attended Ohio State University for one year. He was a veteran of the US Air Force. Bill was a farmer through and through but worked his necessary income job for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service working mainly in Perry County. After retirement he worked for Fairfield and Hocking County Soil & Water Conservation District. He served on the Perry County Farm Service Agency County Committee. He was a 4-H advisor for 25 years and he and Nancy assisted in getting the Perry County Fair reestablished after the depression. He was a lifetime member of the FFA and a member of Salem Chapel United Brethren Church, Junction City. Bill is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy (Anderson) Shriner, whom he married December 7, 1958; sons, Bradley William (Julie), Guy Fredrick (Windie) and Robert Andrew (Elizabeth) Shriner; 7 grandchildren; Brandie (Dustin) Shriner, Dustin (Kendra) Shriner, Tyffanie (Drew) Fields, Jaycob Shriner, Christian (Matt) Munsey, Natasha (Blake) Cottrill and Johnna (Josh) Wheeler; and 19 great-grandchildren. |
| **Snyder** | **2024** | Alfred Amos Snyder (92) of Pine Grove, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on December 9, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Alfred was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania on May 5, 1932, to the late Andrew J. Sr. and Dillie Savilla Snyder. After growing up on the family farm, he joined the United States Army and proudly served his country as an Encryption Specialist where he earned the Army of Occupation Medal Germany and the National Defense Service Medal. Following his military service, he attended Pennsylvania State University earning his Civil Engineering degree. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service designing dikes and dams. His job carried him to North Carolina, but he later returned to the farm homestead to enjoy the place he loved the most. He was honored to receive a Century Farm certificate on behalf of the family homestead. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Duane Hayes, and great grandson, Chase Solomon. He is survived by his loving wife of sixty-six years, Shirley Miller Snyder of the home; daughters Ginny Hayes (Mike) of Clarkton, North Carolina, Barbara Quinn (Tim) of Zebulon, North Carolina, Linda Markham (Doyle) of Vass, North Carolina, and son David Snyder (Yalonda) of Deland, Florida; and many precious grandchildren and great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. |

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| **Sommer** | **2024** | Thomas Charles Sommer (79) of Sarasota, Florida, passed away in his home, April 22, 2024, from cardiac arrest, just five days shy of his 80th birthday. Tom was born in Celina, Ohio on April 27, 1944. Upon graduation from The Ohio State University in 1966 with a degree in Agronomy, he served three years in the United States Army. He spent part of his service in the Chemical Corps achieving the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Following the Army, he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) which later became the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Tom worked as a Soil Conservationist in Warren County, Ohio, a District Conservationist in Knox and Hancock Counties, Ohio, an Area Conservationist first in Dayton and then in Findlay, Ohio, an Assistant State Conservationist in the Columbus State Office, and lastly as a staffer in Headquarters in Washington D.C., retiring in 2010. He later moved to Sarasota, Florida, in 2013 with his wife, Pat, where he spent the remainder of his life. Survivors include his wife Patricia Sommer, son Aaron Sommer (Jennifer), daughter Julie Guirguis, and his grandchildren Charlotte Sommer, Calvin Sommer, and Katie Guirguis. |
| **Spencer** | **2024** | Joe Tidwell Spencer (100) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away on July 14, 2024, at his home. Joe was born on May 11, 1924, in Burns, Tennessee, to Edgar and Blanche Spencer. He was in the U.S. Air Corps (U.S. Air Force) for three years as a Bombardier on a B-24, flying 10 combat missions in the Pacific during World War II. Joe graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1948, with a degree in Agriculture. Joe married Margaret Blanche Pyle on Jan. 22, 1949, and had three children, Linda Spencer Harris, Nan Spencer Snyder and Danny Spencer. Margaret died on July 10, 1962. He married JoAnn Campbell on May 4, 1974, and had two stepchildren, Steve Campbell and Karen Campbell Brown. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 31 years including many years as the District Conservationist in Chattanooga. He retired in February 1982 and was inducted into the Hamilton County Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1997. Joe attended Signal Mountain church of Christ for 65 years, teaching Bible School classes for over 40 years and served as an elder for 15 years. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Spencer, Chattanooga, children Linda Harris, of League City, Texas, Steve Campbell, of Hixson, Tennessee, Nan Snyder, of Alpharetta, Georgia, Karen Brown, of Hixson, and Danny Spencer, of Maryville, Tennessee; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. He was a huge Tennessee Volunteer and Atlanta Braves fan. |
| **Spitzer** | **2024** | John Charles (J.C.) Spitzer (91) of Sayre, Oklahoma, passed away on January 18, 2024, surrounded by family and friends. J.C. was born to Dan and Goldie (York) Spitzer on August 24, 1932, at the homesteaded family farm near Berlin, Oklahoma. He served in the United States Air Force for 4 years. After his discharge, he returned to Sayre and attended Sayre Junior College. It was during this time that he met Shirley Welch, and sparks flew! They were married on May 24, 1960, and relocated soon after to Guymon, Oklahoma, where he attended Panhandle State University. They made their way to Stillwater, where he graduated from Oklahoma State University. J.C. began his long career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Several Job moves to locations in Oklahoma occurred. The family relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where J.C. served as the State Agronomist. He retired in 1988. After retirement they returned to Sayre. J.C. raised cattle and was an avid gardener. He always seemed to be building or fixing something. He was an active member of the Sayre Church of Christ where he served as a deacon and food pantry coordinator for many years. Preceding him in death was granddaughter, Jordyne Salinas Doyal. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Shirley; daughters, Suzie Salinas (Joe) of Cherokee, Oklahoma, Belinda Hall of Austin, Texas, and Joan Spitzer, of Sayre; son, John Spitzer of Enid, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Kyle Hall, Paige Hall, Trey Salinas, Chase Hall, and Kyle Doyal; and great grandchildren, Kori, Kodi, and Gabriel. |
| **Steinkamp** | **2024** | Marjorie V. Steinkamp (89) of Quincy, Illinois, passed away March 25, 2024, in Blessing Hospital in Quincy. She was the wife of Life and Honorary ARCSE Member James F. “Jim” Steinkamp, who passed away in 2022. She was born on January 20, 1935, in Quincy, IL, the daughter of John and Marie (Winking) Kuhn. She married Jim on November 20, 1954 in St. John's Catholic Church. Margie worked as a telephone operator for Illinois Bell Telephone and General Telephone. She later worked at Blessing Hospital in the Communications Department from 1988 until her retirement in 2005. Margie was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. She enjoyed water exercise classes at the YMCA. In her younger years, she was a lifeguard. In her early 50's Margie showed her wild side by proudly owning and riding her Yamaha 350 motorcycle. Margie enjoyed cooking, canning and sewing. |
| **Stephens** | **2024** | Larry Stephens (85) of Elbow Lake, Minnesota, passed away on September 15, 2024, at Centra Care Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Larry was born in Elbow Lake, Minnesota on September 3, 1939, to Louis and Pearl (Olson) Stephens. A graduate of Elbow Lake High School, Larry competed in various sports, and in 1961 married Gail Margaret Folken. Throughout his life, he worked diligently at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Elbow Lake, taking soil samples before transferring to the Twin Cities until retirement. Minnesota ARCSE State Representative John Brach says Larry was their drill rig operator and soil testing lab technician and well respected for his hard work. Larry and Gail returned to Elbow Lake after retirement, living their dream life on Pomme de Terre Lake. Larry was a dedicated member of the Elbow Lake community, involved in organizations such as the American Legion, The Wendell Lions, and serving on the Board of the Soil and Water Conservation District. An avid outdoorsman, Larry found joy in hunting, fishing, and traveling to Florida with Gail during the winter months. Their love for Florida eventually led them to purchase a home in Gulfport, where they created lasting memories together. Larry’s survivors include his wife, Gail Stephens of Elbow Lake; his daughters, Lynn (Cory) Stephens-Benson of Burnsville, Minnesota and Missy Stephens of Farmington, Minnesota; his grandchildren, Melissa, Samantha, Kristina, and Jacob; and his seven great-grandchildren. |
| **Stidham** | **2024** | Walter Dale Stidham (80) of Sharon, Oklahoma, passed away on July 15, 2024, surrounded by family. Dale was born on October 19, 1943 in Clinton, Oklahoma to Walter Carl and Ethel Mae (Hunnicutt) Stidham. He grew up in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School. He earned his Bachelors in Agronomy from Oklahoma State University and was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. Dale was inducted into the United States Army Reserves in 1961 and honorably served his country until being honorably discharged in 1969. He was united in marriage to Dianna Halley on May 11, 1968 at the Sharon Baptist Church in Sharon, Oklahoma. Dale was the District Conservationist of Jefferson County, Oklahoma for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. After retiring from government, he spent the rest of his life ranching. He loved helping his friends and neighbors by sharing his knowledge of grasses and hay. Dale also enjoyed snow skiing, snowmobiling and he loved watching his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife Dianna Stidham of the home; two sons: Dan Stidham (Danika) of Enid, Oklahoma, Don Stidham (Miranda) of Mooreland, Oklahoma; three grandchildren: Jake Adair, Danae Stidham and Ally Stidham. |

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| **Switzner** | **2024** | Doug S. Switzner (91) of Smithville, Missouri, passed away on August 19, 2024. He was born June 7, 1933. Doug started his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1962 at New Madrid, Missouri, as a Soil Conservationist for 6 months. He then went to Charleston, Missouri as a Soil Conservationist for 18 months. He became the first District Conservationist at Hartville, Missouri, from 1964-1968, then the District Conservationist at West Plains, Missouri, from 1968-1971. In 1971 he became the Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator for the Top of the Ozarks RC&D for 14 years at Houston, Missouri. He retired from NRCS as the District Conservationist at St Charles, Missouri in 1986. He and his wife Dana moved to Cassville where they lived for 25 years before moving to Smithville. The suckers trembled when they heard Doug's voice during gigging season, and the trout at Roaring River State Park trembled at the mention of his name. He loved his career and especially the people and friends he had in the SCS. Doug finished life doing what he loved. Two weeks prior to his death, he had been fishing, won a domino game, and been at a family fish fry. He died from a head injury from a fall that led to a stroke. His wife, Dana preceded Doug in death in 2021. |
| **Terpstra** | **2024** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Earl A. Terpstra (90) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, passed away March 11, 2024. Earl was born May 13, 1933 on a farm near Moline Michigan. He graduated from Michigan State University in Agricultural Engineering. Later graduate work enabled him to become a Registered Civil Engineer. He served in Europe with Army Special Troops. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Following military service he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). His first job with SCS was as an engineer on the Prairie Creek Watershed in Washington. Indiana. While there he met his future wife, Judy. They married in 1959. Earl held positions with SCS in Rensselaer, Indiana, where their son was born and Indianapolis, Indiana. Later assignments were in Michigan, Minnesota and lastly in Washington, D.C. Earl's 20 years in the National Office included being a Congressional Fellow on the staff of a member of Congress and working in the Executive Office of the President. His last few years were spent as Program Leader for the western states. Following retirement Earl and Judy bought a small farm in Southern Indiana and Earl started helping larger farmers driving trucks and tractors. He also collected farm tractors, farm toys and farm memorabilia. In 2013 he was inducted into the National Farm Toy Hall of Fame. Earl is survived by his wife Judy and son Earl Jr. (Terp) and daughter-in-law Alicia, sister Diane Koster, brother Duane (JoAnne) Terpstra, stepbrother Bob (Barbara) Deal and stepsister Vicki (Leo) Pagett. Fredrick and Son-Gill Funeral Home was entrusted with Mr. Terpstra's private services. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery. |
| **Ujke** | **2024** | John Francis Ujke (69) of McFarland, Wisconsin, passed away surrounded by family on November 27, 2024, at Agrace HospiceCare. John was born on January 13, 1955, in Ashland, Wisconsin, to Stanley and Margaret (Cadotte) Ujke. He earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. In 1981, he moved to Madison to start his career working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a cartographer and later as an IT specialist, where he worked for 35 years until he retired in 2016. In 1984, he married Kim Wachsmuth, his wife of over 40 years. He participated in many sports throughout his adult life such as baseball, bowling, tennis, and softball. In his free time, he enjoyed reading, watching movies, playing cards, and cooking. John is survived by his wife, Kim; son, Joshua Ujke; and daughter, Jennifer Ujke. |
| **Vanderwork** | **2024** | Leslie Scott "Scotty" Vanderwork (61) 0f Taloga, Oklahoma, passed away on May 23, 2024, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Born on November 16, 1962, in Mooreland, Oklahoma, to Leslie Marvin Vanderwork and Maudine (Plew) Vanderwork, Scotty spent his entire life in Taloga, Oklahoma, where he made an indelible mark on his community and loved ones. His academic journey led him to Oklahoma State University until 1984, after which he transferred to Southwestern Oklahoma State University, earning a Bachelor of Mechanical Drafting Degree in 1987. On June 3, 1984, Scotty married his soulmate, Cindy Gay Squires, at the Taloga Christian Church. Professionally, Scotty dedicated ten years to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service where he worked as a Soil Conservation Technician from 1992 to 2002. He also worked closely with his father-in-law and brothers-in-law in drilling water wells and cultivating crops, including alfalfa, peanuts, and cotton. Alongside Cindy, Marylu, and Richie, Scotty ventured into ranching registered Herefords, continuing a family tradition that brought him immense pride and joy. Scotty leaves behind his lovely wife, Cindy Vanderwork of Taloga; his son, Austin Vanderwork (Katelyn) of Woodward, Oklahoma; his daughter, Jordan Blevins (Derek) of Hobart, Oklahoma; his cherished grandchildren, Everett Scott "Rett" Vanderwork, Samuel David Vanderwork, and Drew Taylor Blevins. |
| **VanderZanden** | **2024** | Life Member Eldena C. VanderZanden (73) of Forest Grove, Oregon, passed away on November 17, 2024, at her home. Eldena was born February 27, 1951, in Galveston, Texas, the daughter of the late Elden Hamilton and Mary Oslin (Carr) Hamilton. Eldena attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she received a bachelor's degree in math and economics. She was united in marriage to Kerry W. VanderZanden on May 20, 1987, in Forest Grove. They celebrated their 37th Wedding Anniversary this past May. Following their marriage, they resided in Forest Grove on the family farm. Eldena worked as an economist for the United States Corps of Engineers in Galveston, Texas and shortly in Auburn. When she moved to Oregon in 1985, she began work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Oregon, until she retired in 1994. While working at the West National Technology Center in Portland, Oregon, Eldena assisted with rolling out the use of computers within the agency. Eldena was an active member of St. Bede's Episcopal Church and long- term member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was also a huge supporter, advocate, and fundraiser for Relay for Life since 2000. Her fundraiser goal exceeded over $16,000 in 2019 when she was re-diagnosed with breast cancer. Among many of her interests and hobbies she collected Siamese cats, Gone with the Wind memorabilia, she loved all Disney, Flamingos, and the color purple. The thing she loved in life more than life itself was her family and spending time with grandkids/nieces and nephews as they grew older. She was always planning vacations with family and friends, nonstop gatherings, she was the life of the party everywhere she went! Survivors include her husband, Kerry VanderZanden; her son, James (Tiffany) VanderZanden, of Eugene, Oregon; her daughter Erika (Mitch) Myrick, of Forest Grove; and two grandchildren, Chase and Kayla Myrick. A Funeral Service was held on November 24, 2024, at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 1609 Elm Street in Forest Grove with The Rev. Marlene Metchler, Vicar, officiating. |

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| **Vrem** | **2024** | Marcoe Durand Vrem (89) of Belle Fouche, South Dakota (formerly of Dickinson North Dakota) passed away on November 20, 2024, at the Spearfish Hospital in Spearfish, South Dakota. He was born January 11, 1935. Marc's career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service took the family to Bottineau, Westhope, Hettinger, Williston, and finally to Dickinson, North Dakota where he retired in 1990 as Area Conservationist. He is survived by his son, Loren and wife Laurie, a grandson Caleb, granddaughters Caitlin, Amanda, Amber (Tim) Parsons and a brother. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann, his son Jerry and his parents and a brother. |
| **Wallace** | **2024** | Bobbie Jean Wallace (89) of Salina, Kansas, passed away on December 23, 2024. Bobbie was the wife of ARCSE Life Member Jimmy R. Wallace, retired State Engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. She was born on November 21, 1935, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, the daughter of P.D. and Dora (Coker) Tarr. On October 18, 1958, Bobbie married the love of her life, Jimmy. Education played an important role in Bobbie's early life, as she was actively involved in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, a group that promoted leadership and community service among young women. She later pursued a fulfilling career as a secretary and administrative assistant, working for various organizations,<br>including the Gulf Oil Company, Soil Conservation Service, and Saline County Expo Center. Her dedication to her work and attention to detail made her a valued member of every team she was part of. She served as a Cub Scout Den Mother, sharing her love for the outdoors and guiding young boys through their formative years. An artist at heart, Bobbie found joy in painting with oils and watercolors, expressing her creativity and vision through her artwork. Her contributions to the community were further exemplified by her leadership as the past president of St. John's Hospital Auxiliary. Bobbie was a member of Salina's First United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy; and her sons, Michael and Kevin. |
| **Wallace** | **2024** | Berneaze Jones Wallace (94) of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away peacefully February 28, 2024 at the Willows of Hamburg under the care of Bluegrass Care Navigators. Berneaze was the wife of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) District Conservationist Harold R Wallace. Berneaze was born January 11, 1930, at Insko, Kentucky to the late Walter D Jones and Elizabeth Frances Prater Jones. Berneaze and Harold were married on December 30, 1952. Berneaze was a homemaker and caregiver to many relatives and friends. She also was employed by the offices of Dr. Alec Spencer and Dr. Ralph Gullett. Berneaze was a member of the Brushy Fork Baptist Church in Caney, Kentucky. Harold’s employment with the United States Soil Conservation Service allowed them to reside in several locations across Kentucky and the opportunity to develop long and lasting friendships with many along the way including friends in Madisonville, Prestonsburg, Manchester, Louisville and Lexington. Berneaze is survived by her loving husband of 71 years, Harold. |
| **Ward** | **2024** | Bobby Joe Ward (76) of Arlington, Texas, passed away September 30, 2024, at the Medical Center of Arlington. Bobby was born on January 4, 1948, to the late Frankie Lee and Dossie Mae Frazier Ward in Emerson, Arkansas. Bobby attended Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College (now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff), where he majored in Agronomy. During his time on "the Yard," Bobby was affiliated with the Royal Knights Society. He also became a proud member of the Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., joining the Spring 1969 line as “3 Bandinos” alongside his brothers, Frank Haynes and John Harris. In 1970, without knowing it at the time, he met his future wife and college sweetheart, Brenda Ann Russell. That same spring, Bobby earned his bachelor’s degree. For over four decades, Bobby applied his passion for soil science as a Soil Scientist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. His career took him across the United States and beyond, allowing him to contribute to significant soil research projects not only at home but also in places like the United Kingdom and Africa. His expertise led to the publication of a book on soil usage, focusing on sandy loam soils and septic tank use. He served as the State Soil Scientist of Indiana and retired in 2007 while working at the National Technology Center in Fort Worth, Texas. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication and knowledge. Bobby was a man of deep faith, humility, and strength. He is preceded in death by his grandson Daniel ‘Danny’ Jackson. Survivors include his devoted wife of 52 years, Brenda Ann Russell Ward of Arlington, TX; his son, Tranardo De’Andre Ward, Sr. of Arlington, TX; his niece, Blair Bell of Arlington, TX, whom he lovingly raised as his daughter; his grandchildren, Cameron Hughes Ward, Chloe Powell, An’Helina Ward, Isaiah Byrnes, Tranardo Deandre Ward, II., Talia Ann Ward, Kane Selders and Kai Richardson; and a great grandson Reign Purcell. |
| **Watson** | **2024** | Life Member Gordon Watson (85) 0f Bozeman, Montana, passed away November 5, 2024, in Bozeman. Gordon was born in Fort Benton, Montana on June 20, 1939, and started life on a family farm outside Virgelle, Montana. where he began working with his siblings at the ripe old age of eleven. Gordon graduated from Montana State College (now University) in 1962 with a degree in agriculture (civil) engineering. He was a life-long Bobcat fan, a season ticket holder for football and basketball for several years and we often attended games as a family. Gordon was drafted into the Army after college during the Vietnam War and served by making maps for the war efforts in Germany. He eventually returned to Montana and went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He married his wife Joann in Miles City, Montana in 1967 and together they raised their family throughout the state of Montana including Miles City, Shelby, Great Falls, and Bozeman. Gordon worked for 30 years for SCS, finally retiring as an Assistant State Conservationist in 1995. He loved working and assisting farmers across the state to sustain natural resources while maximizing agriculture production. Gordon was overtly friendly, and always had a smile on his face for everyone including the curmudgeons who frequented the coffee clutch at the Kagy Korner store every week. After retiring, Gordon spent his time in service to his community volunteering for Meals on Wheels and served for many years as a local Civil Air Patrol Volunteer. One of his most significant local contributions was the design and building of the Bozeman Pond Park as part of the Bozeman Breakfast Optimist group. One of Gordon’s favorite hobbies was building houses; he designed and built four family houses during his vacation time in the summers. Gordon is preceded in death by granddaughter Sarah Jo Watson. Survivors his wife, Joann; daughter, Sheree Watson; and son, Robert and his family, Heidi, River, and Izzy Watson. |

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| **Webb** | **2024** | Herbert "Herb" E. Webb (64) of Polson, Montana, passed away on January 6, 2024, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Montana. He was born October 22, 1959, in Yreka, California to James and Mary Coralee (Dumond) Webb. He attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University and completed his master's degree in Range Management from North Dakota State University. On May 27, 1989, Herb married Vickey Skelton in Chinook Montana. Herb worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, finishing his career as the Tribal Conservationist for the Pablo Field Office. He retired on December 31, 2022, after 39 years, having worked in Choteau, Chinook, and Ronan/Pablo, Montana. Herb was active in the Facebook group, the Cardiac Athletes and was a member of the American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS and Society of American Indian Government Employees. Herb was very artistic and created shadow boxes and awards for AIANEA and SAIGE. He did custom framing and matting and created art in many different mediums including pen and ink, beads, watercolors, and many others. Herb also worked with taxidermy and was proficient in carpentry and woodworking. Herb enjoyed fishing Flathead Lake with his brothers-in-law, playing poker with friends and attending mountain man rendezvous. He had a great sense of humor and loved pulling a fast one on friends and family. Herb's survivors include his wife of 34 years, Vickey, his father Jim Webb, brother, John Webb, mother-in-law, Renie Skelton, sisters-in-law, Margi Salisbury, Sharon (Mark) Bosch, Andi (Tom) Pindell, several nieces and nephews and many aunts and uncles. He will be greatly missed by his dogs, Ofi and Zen. |
| **Webb** | **2024** | Earl Wesley Webb (71) of Perkins, Oklahoma, passed away September 17, 2024, in Edmond, Oklahoma. Earl was born June 21, 1953, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas to Glen Richard and Ellen (Alkire) Webb. He graduated from Muskogee High School in 1971. He attended Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma for 2 years. Earl married Linda Corley in 1976. He worked for the Oklahoma turnpike, HR Hill, and Kinder Dozer, before going to work as a "dam inspector" (Civil Engineering Technician) for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) out of Perry, Oklahoma. After 18 years of service, he retired from the NRCS in 2006. He loved working and tinkering around on tractors (especially John Deeres), diesels, and anything where he could get his hands dirty. He took time to teach his kids how to fix things with the greasiest of hands. Giving them each a love for cars and the tools to work on them! Earl was a member of Agra First Baptist Church in Agra, Oklahoma. He is survived by his children, Ted Webb of Norman, Oklahoma; Jeanette (Brad) Shropshire, of Perkins; Amanda (Rob) Vandervoort of Conroe, Texas; and Adam (Charene) Webb of Ripley, Oklahoma; Grandchildren, Luke Webb, Landon Webb, Lynlee Webb, Bailey (Spud) Shropshire, Moriah Shropshire, Dominic Shropshire, Bobby Vandervoort, Troy (T-Roy) Vandervoort, Taylor Knight, and Ivan Webb. |
| **White** | **2024** | Cecil Irving White (73) of Des Moines, Iowa, passed away March 29, 2024. Cecil was born on September 4, 1950, to Cecil G and Stella (Stadeker) White. He attended Dowling Catholic School, Des Moines Public Schools, and graduated from Tech High School. Cecil was a former member of St. John's Parish, where he was an altar boy. As a youth, Cecil enjoyed riding his "English" bike and playing basketball. Cecil was a long-suffering Chicago Bears, White Sox and Bulls fan. He considered Chicago a 2nd hometown. Cecil retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Budget Analyst in 2002. He was also a credentialed photographer, who was published by The Iowa Bystander, the Des Moines Register and Ebony and Essence Magazine. He enjoyed a long retirement which included time spent with friends and loved ones. Cecil was well known as a bass player and later a percussionist in the Des Moines area. He enjoyed playing many instruments. Cecil enjoyed playing alongside many bands, including Split Decision Band, Goodcat, Bittersweet, Nation Band, SP3, Its Complicated, Des Funk, Beewitched Belly Dance, Des Moines Drum Circles and a host of others. Cecil loved jazz and was a DJ with KUCB and KFMG radio. Cecil became popular in later years as a Facebook Sage. He shared his wise and humorous personality with all who would engage. Cecil recently posted that "He is an old man, and Facebook is his porch". Survivors include his children, Kali Newsome, Shane (Tricia) White and Jazzy Blues; his stepdaughter, Samita (Joe) Kaufmann, and his longtime partner Christine Anania. |
| **Wolf** | **2024** | Robert Orland Wolf (88) of Mesa, Arizona passed away on September 19, 2024. He was born on May 22, 1936, in Chicago, Illinois to Irvin and Ruth Wolf at Presbyterian Hospital, and grew up on a farm in Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. While attending college he served in the United States Army Reserves for 8 years. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 25 Years and was a longtime District Conservationist at the Palmyra, Missouri field office. He loved working outdoors and traveling in his RV. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club which participated in service projects along with the Jaycees where he helped plan Flower City Park in Palmyra, Missouri. After retiring in 1987, he went back to farming with his parents for 15 years, and then moved to Mesa, Arizona. He was actively involved in church volunteering as a greeter and other duties. He loved playing softball and tennis. He volunteered in sports activities including developing a softball complex, which he was most proud of. He is survived by his wife Betty and children Steve, Carl, Janet, and Sharon; 10 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren whom he loved dearly. |
| **Wycoff** | **2024** | Ramon "Ray" Jules Wycoff (94) of Manchester, Iowa, passed away on August 18, 2024, at the Hallmark Care Center in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Ray was born on March 31, 1930, in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Oscar and Fern (Menz) Wycoff. In 1950, Ray joined the United States Navy and served honorably until his discharge in 1954. On October 19, 1957, Ray was united in marriage to Marilyn Knapp in Sioux City. Ray worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service his entire career as a soil conservation technician. In 1966 the family moved to Manchester. Ray retired in 1988. Ray and Marilyn were married for 64 years until her death in 2021. Ray was a longtime member of the Manchester United Methodist Church. Ray was a 54-year member of the Masons. He volunteered for 40 years with the Boy Scouts as a Scout Master, Troop Master, served on the district committee for 30 years, was the activity chairman for 8 years, and earned the Silver Beaver Award. Ray served as a member of the Oakland Cemetery Board and was a past member of the Delaware County Fair Board. Survivors include his three children, Barbara (Dennis) Schnieders of Lexington, Kentucky, Kevin (Jennifer) Wycoff of Lexington, Kentucky, and Michael (Carmen) Wycoff of Mt. Vernon; seven grandchildren, Rachael (Stanton) Fodness of Culpepper, Virginia, Stephanie (Art) Hubbard of Paris, Kentucky, Tyler (Courtney) Schnieders of Nicholasville, Kentucky, Samuel (Chinni) Wycoff of St. Louis, Missouri, Nicholas Wycoff of Lexington, Kentucky, Lyndsey Wycoff of Des Moines, and Kaitlyn Wycoff of Mt. Vernon; and six great-grandchildren. |

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| **Yolton** | **2024** | Elva Mae Yolton (85) of Canastota, New York, passed away on August 5, 2024, in the Oneida Health Hospital. Elva was the wife of ARCSE Life Member William P. Yolton who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Civil Engineering Technician and later as a Physical Science Technician until his retirement in 1996. Elva was born in Madrid, New York, on September 22, 1938, the daughter of Earl and Elva Moulton. She and William married on August 17, 1957. Prior to her retirement, Elva was employed with GNC Stores in Syracuse, New York as a manager and had previously been employed by General Electric. Surviving besides her husband William are her two daughters, Cheryl (Joel Regis) Sgarlata of Canastota and Felna (Joe) Sweet of Syracuse, New York; her two grandchildren, Ty Smith and Jason (Kaitlyn) Sgarlata; her three great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Smith, John Sgarlata and Will Sgarlata. She was predeceased by a granddaughter, Amberlee Sgarlata in 2023. |
| **Zwank** | **2024** | Douglas (Doug) Charles Zwank (77) of Middleton, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024. The timing feels fitting, as Doug was always someone who gave thanks for the many blessings and good fortunes in his life. Doug was born November 9, 1947, to June and Bob Zwank grew up on the west side of Madison, Wisconsin. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam and this difficult experience deeply shaped the person he was. Doug had several interesting jobs in his career including special investigator for the State of Wisconsin, private eye (Wisconsin Detective Agency), IT Group Manager for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and mayor of Middleton. He passionately loved running, reading and keeping up with world affairs. He never shied away from writing his opinion to the local newspapers. Doug was a devout Catholic but appreciated the value of other world religions. He was devoted to his children and cherished his grandchildren. He is survived by many he loved including his dear wife Kathy, his sons Mike, Pat and Ben, his grandchildren Finn, Bodie, Joey and Sami, his daughters-in-law Nienke, Taija and Maddi, his sister Karen Wagner (Chris) and so many other family members, friends, and neighbors. |
| **Anderson** | **2023** | Dellas Neal Anderson (91) of Chickasha, Oklahoma, passed away on September 15, 2023, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dellas was born on February 2, 1932, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Dupree Coffman Anderson and Bessie Mae (Watson) Anderson. After high school, he joined the United States Army and served his country for two years at Fort Chaffee Army Base. After being honorably discharged from the Army he attended Oklahoma State University for his undergraduate degree, then went on to get his master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Oklahoma. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, where he retired in 1994 after working on the Chickasha watershed planning staff. He married the love of his life Pat Blackerby in Martha, Oklahoma on August 18, 1957. Dellas was very devoted to his faith, which he did as a Sunday school teacher and an active Gideon. Dellas is survived by his wife, Pat Anderson of Chickasha, son, Greg Anderson of Frisco, Texas; daughter, Cindy Avers of Frisco Texas; and grandsons, Parker and Ethan Avers. |
| **Ausan** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist Joseph "Joe" F. Ausan (94) of Ankeny Iowa, formerly of Baltic, South Dakota, passed away on May 5, 2023, surrounded by his family. Joe was born April 23, 1929, to Joseph and Clara (Solbak) Ausan at the family farm near Baltic, South Dakota. Joe enjoyed growing up on the farm and farming with his dad and his brother. He attended South Dakota State University where he was an avid member of the track team. Joe married Sharon Junker of Howard, South Dakota on March 3, 1961. Joe worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an Economist on the Watershed and River Basin Planning Staff in Des Moines, Iowa prior to his retirement. Joe is survived by his wife, Sharon Ausan; his children, Joel Ausan, Julie (Terry) Ware, Lori (Kyle) Ellingson, and Lisa (Tim) Moose; and grandchildren, Amanda Cohoon, Allison (Kory) Gioffredi, Abbigail Ware, Emily Ellingson, Austin Ellingson, Caleb Ausan, Ella Ausan, and Cameron Moose; and great granddaughter, Mylee Davis. There was a funeral service at West Nidaros in Crooks, South Dakota, on May 11, 2023 followed by burial at Pioneer Cemetery in Renner, South Dakota. |
| **Baumann** | **2023** | Mary K. Baumann (69) of Ashley, North Dakota, passed away August 9, 2023, at the Ashley Medical Center. Mary Kathryn Eisenbeis, daughter of Annie (Becker) and Wesley Eisenbeis, was born at Jamestown, North Dakota on February 5, 1954. She grew up on a farm 5 miles west of Streeter, North Dakota. She attended North Dakota State University, graduating with a degree in agriculture and a minor in animal science. Beginning in Killdeer, ND she started her 30+ year career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and becoming the first woman in the state of North Dakota to hold the title of District Conservationist. She finished her career in Ashley in 2009. She went on to work for the Ashley Tribune for several years part time, but the rest of her time would be filled with things that were important to her; photography, traveling, reading, gardening, and jigsaw puzzles. Nothing compares though to the time she got to spend with her grandkids. Mary is survived by two sons, David Baumann and Jeffery Baumann of Ashley; two daughters, Arika (Jim) Elliott of Fargo, North Dakota, and Amy Miller of Ashley; and three grandchildren, Emerson, Wyatt and Mason. Mary's family prefers memorials to the North Dakota Veterans Home, PO Box 673, Lisbon, ND 58054. |
| **Beck** | **2023** | Former ARCSE Member Leonard Richard Beck (86) of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, formerly of Havertown, Pennsylvania, passed away on January 21, 2023. He was the son of the late Leonard K. and Ethel V. (nee Obold) Beck. Leonard was a graduate of Drexel University. He started at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a Drexel civil engineering cooperative student, advancing to the role of Section Chief during many years of employment. Leonard met his future wife Mary Frances Lotz, when she too worked at SCS as a Drexel engineering cooperative student; they were married for over 61 years. He retired in 1996. While employed at SCS and later at private engineering firms, Leonard's work took him throughout the northeastern areas of the country where he met many professionals who became life-long friends, many sharing his interests in railroads and Temple University sports. In early retirement Leonard worked as a sexton at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Havertown, the church he and his wife attended for 40 years until it closed. Later they attended St. James United Church of Christ in Havertown where Mr. Beck helped with the foodbank. Leonard volunteered for many years, starting with track work and locomotive repair, at the Wilmington & Western Railroad, and later received certification as a trainman. During retirement he and Mary made frequent trips, often by train, visiting relatives in Chicago, Houston, California, and Europe. He is survived by his wife: Mary Frances Beck; his sons Richard A. (Robert B. Sher) Beck, James M. Beck, and Robert D. Beck; grandchildren: Megan C. Beck, Emma C. Beck, Connor R. Beck, and Wyatt O. Beck. |

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| **Birdwell** | **2023** | Bobby Thomas Birdwell (90) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away October 19, 2023, at his home. He was surrounded by his wife, Billie and their children. Bobby was born on June 11, 1933, on Flynns Creek in Gainsboro, Tennessee to Doxie and Lillie Birdwell. Bobby met his wife and lifelong partner, Billie, at Oddie's Drive Inn in Cookeville, Tennessee in 1951 and they married on November 5, 1952. Bobby voluntarily enlisted in the United States Army in 1952 and served his country as a Master Drill Sergeant at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He was honorably discharged in 1954. Bobby graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a degree in Agriculture. He would continue his education throughout his career and earned his PhD from Oklahoma State University in 1982. After leaving military duty, Bobby began work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. His career would take him to live and work in Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. He began as an Assistant Soil Surveyor and rose to be the National Leader and Director of the USDA Soil Survey Division. Bobby served as the State Soil Scientist in Oklahoma from 1976 to 1982. He then moved back to Tennessee and then to Washington DC. where he stayed until his retirement in 1988. He traveled to several countries as a representative for the USDA and was in Tehran, Iran just days before the US Embassy was taken and held hostage by the Iranian government. Bobby retired in 1988 after a long and successful career. Bobby and Billie returned to Stillwater that same year to live closer to their children. Bobby is survived by his wife, Billie, of 71 years, his daughter, Susie McCord (Larry) of Plano, Texas. His son, Richard (Suzanne) of Stillwater and his youngest daughter, Beth Borland (Jeff) of Plano, Texas; 5 granddaughters, Tracy, Cassie, Sara, Rebecca and Macey and one grandson, Garrett; and 6 great grandchildren, Colby, Ryder, Owen, Nevaeh, Caden and River. Funeral services were held October 23, 2023 at the Stillwater Church of Christ, with burial following at Sunset Memorial Gardens. |
| **Blakley** | **2023** | ARCSE Life Member Earl Ray Blakley (88) of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away July 31, 2023, doing what he liked to do - working outside in his yard. Earl spent his career working as a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1995. He is preceded in death by his wife Delores, and survived by his daughter, Lori Blakley. He was a loving person, with a servant's heart. All who knew him were impacted in a positive way. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Habitat for Humanity or Live Thankfully. |
| **Blohm** | **2023** | Catherine Diane Abbott Blohm (75) of West Sacramento, California, passed away on August 25, 2023. An obituary was not available. Diane, as she was known by coworkers, was born April 28, 1948. She worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in the California State Office as an Administrative Assistant for the State Resource Conservationist and the Resource Technology staff for many years. Survivors include her son Walter “Josh” Blohm of West Sacramento. |
| **Bluhm** | **2023** | George Charles Bluhm (82) of Kelso, Washington, passed away in mid-December 2023. George was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota to Howard and Hattie Bluhm. His family moved to Tacoma, Washington when he was just 4 years old. George attended Washington State University (WSU) where he graduated with a degree in Agriculture Engineering in 1963 and was co-awarded as the top Agriculture Engineer in his graduating class. He finished top of his class and received many accolades while attending WSU, including president of Farmhouse Fraternity, Alpha Zeta (an honor agriculture fraternity), ASAE (American Society of Agriculture Engineers) Sigma Tau (National Engineering Honor), ROTC, and Crimson Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa. Shortly after graduation, George married his first love, Karen Keil. They moved to Pennsylvania to further George’s education, where he attended Pennsylvania State University and received a master’s degree in meteorology. George and Karen went on to spend their next 4 years in Ramstein, Germany where he was a captain in the Air Force. Upon returning to the United States, George worked on his PhD at the University of Washington while working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). George wrote part of the Farmers Act in Washington DC for the SCS. He also worked on the National Air Quality Workshop and was part of SCS for 30 years. George continued in the Air Force and in the Air National Guard Reserves where he was part of the 113th regiment and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. George retired as the Director at the West National Technology Center, in Portland, Oregon. In 1985, George was fortunate to find love again in marriage to Patricia Damery. George’s love for farming and people led him and Patty to open Polar Farms together. They believed in the farm to table philosophy for dining. They grew, sold, and delivered fruit and vegetables to many respected restaurants in the surrounding area. George is survived by his two daughters, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. |
| **Bourlier** | **2023** | Loretta Jayne Jones Ashurst Bourlier (88) of Norman, Oklahoma, passed away January 19, 2023. Lorretta was the wife of retired soil scientist Bob Gene Bourlier who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Lorretta was born May 18, 1934, to Evelyn Dora Jones and Winfrey Ashley Jones in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. She married Bob on February 14, 2000. She was employed by the Osage County Assessors’ office, the former Wrights’s dress shop and other businesses. Besides her husband, Bob Bourlier, she is survived by daughter, Vickie Epperson (Mike) of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, son, Steve Ashurst of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, stepdaughters, Marilyn McAuliffe (Tom) of Norman, Gina Harmon of Norman and Lora Bourlier (Richard) of Moore, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren and other relatives |

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| **Brown** | **2023** | John Robert Brown (93) of Hawesville, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2023, with his family at his side at the Heartford House residential facility of Hospice of Western Kentucky in Owensboro, Kentucky. He was born on April 27, 1929, to John Robert and Georgia Jane Jump Brown in Hardin County, Kentucky. At age 18, he moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky to attend Western Kentucky University where he studied agriculture. After finishing college John was drafted into the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany from 1951-1953 as an Army Medic with the 43rd division. At the end of his first enlistment, he was given the option to re-enlist and was commissioned an officer in the Army Reserves from 1953 until 1981. He retired in 1981 as a Lieutenant Colonel having served proudly for 30 years. In 1961, he met and fell in love with his future wife Betty Leasor in Henderson, Kentucky. John and Betty married on January 6, 1962. They went immediately to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas where John had been called up to active duty because of the Cuban missile crisis. During their assignment to Arkansas, John and Betty made life-long friends and traveled the country in their VW “bug”. In 1965, John was assigned to Hancock County as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Over the next 30 years, John assisted local farmers with all farming issues and designed and sited many of the lakes and ponds in Hancock County. He was a member of and actively involved at Immaculate Conception Church. He served on the Hawesville Water Board for many years. If you have bought a famous Lion’s Club corn dog at the Hancock County Fair, it is likely that John made it. John retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1988. He went on to work for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce as the Executive Director for ten years. He was responsible for beginning the Annual Farm City Dinner that many people still enjoy today. When retirement came, John and Betty started spending their winters in Florida and began traveling extensively. John treasured his time in Florida and made wonderful friends. He detested cold weather and loved to call home telling how warm it was in Florida. He never forgot that he was a Kentuckian through and through and loved following the University of Kentucky Wildcats basketball. John was preceded in death by his wife Betty in 2020 and infant daughter Beverly. Survivors include his daughter, Brenda Brown; his son, Bradley Brown and his daughter, Beth Harshman (Scott); and his grandchildren, Emma Harshman, David Harshman, Kaliff Brown, and Mariah Brown. A Mass of Christian burial was held February 13, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hawesville, followed by burial with full military honors in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. |
| **Brown** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Robert Calvin Brown (93) of Temple, Texas passed away March 8. 2023. Robert was born January 18, 1930 in Desdemona, Texas to R.A. Brown and Polly Williams Brown. Robert grew up and attended school in Desdemona, Texas. He attended Tarleton Academy, Tarleton Jr. College, and earned his Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1951. Robert married Ima Nell Martin May 22, 1954 in Greenville, Texas. His first assignment with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) was in Terrell, Texas. From Terrell, he was transferred to Greenville, Texas then to Gainesville, Texas as area engineer. While in Gainesville, he also worked for Launer Studio as a professional photographer, which was his hobby. He was transferred to Temple, Texas on the River Basin Staff, and retired from the SCS in 1985. Following retirement, Robert and Ima operated and maintained a second home in Desdemona, Texas on the Brown Ranch. They raised cattle and operated a deer lease. They were active members of First Methodist Church while in Gainesville, Texas and First Methodist Church in Temple, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ima Nell Martin Brown of Temple, Texas; son Robert Alton Brown (Jana) of Ft. Worth, Texas; daughter Sarah F. Senger (David) of Hamilton, Texas; grandchildren: Lindsay N. Dain (Dan) of Little Elm, Texas; Christie Brawner (Kyle) of Granbury, Texas; Leslie Jackson (Chris) of Kingman, Arizona; Preston Brown (Valerie) of Bridgeport, Texas; Julie Brown of Ft. Worth, Texas, Michele McKrell (Jeff) of Ft. Worth, Texas and 8 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to: Methodist Children’s Home, 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas 76708-9903 |
| **Brubacher** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist John Irwin Brubacher (97) of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away on November 22, 2023. John was born in Alamosa, Colorado on February 12, 1926. The middle son of three brothers, he grew up in the San Luis Valley on the family potato farm. He lived there until graduating from high school where he was valedictorian and star track and basketball athlete. He was then drafted into the Army Air Force, where he served during World War II. His duty was as a ball turret belly gunner on a B-17 bomber, last stationed in England until his honorable discharge and return to the States. He was quite proud of his service. He married the love of his life, Leona Turman, on June 15, 1951. He used the G-I bill to go to college, first attending Adams State College for two years followed by two more years at Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University), where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. John, being in the study of soils and geology, is famous for stating numerous times to his family, "I hope there is a video in heaven that I can watch to see how all of this great earth was formed!" He spent his career working as a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring as State Soil Scientist in 1986. John is survived by his children Rod (Pam) Brubacher, Karen (John) Sprengle, Debra (Michael) Flynn, Bob (Karen) Brubacher; 10 grandchildren and soon to be 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Leona in 2020. |

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| **Burt** | **2023** | ARCSE Member John Patrick Burt (80) of Temple, Texas, passed away peacefully in Temple surrounded by family on December 5, 2023. John was born in Neshoba County, Philadelphia, Mississippi on January 20, 1943, to John L. Burt and Ida Francis (Kilpatrick) Burt. He graduated from East Central Junior College in 1963 and Mississippi State University in 1965 with a degree in Civil Engineering. John met his wife, Betty Lea Douglass in Jackson, Mississippi and the two were married on March 17, 1973. He was employed in 1965 with the United States Army Traffic Ability Research Section of the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The primary mission was to develop tools to predict and improve the mobility of military equipment in Vietnam. Mr. Burt joined the U.S. Army in 1966. He received an officer commission as 2nd Lieutenant and entered the Medical Service Corps, United States Army in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. His first military duty assignment was in the Military District of Washington, Washington, D.C. The next assignment was Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal for Meritorious Achievement in ground operations against hostile forces, primarily controlling Bubonic Plague during the 1968 Vietnam Tet Offensive. Other medals received include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (3 Campaign Stars), Vietnam Campaign Medal, and 2 Overseas Bars. John completed military service as a Captain in 1969 at the 3rd Army, Environmental Health Laboratory, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, GA. Upon leaving the Army in 1969, John was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Jackson, Mississippi. as an Environmental Engineer. He was the first Environmental Engineer hired by the Soil Conservation Service. In 1976, Mr. Burt was promoted to the South National Technical Service Center in Fort Worth, Texas. This position provided technical assistance to Soil Conservation staff in 12 Southern states. In 1989 John was promoted to the National Headquarters of Soil Conservation Service in Washington. D.C. He was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service of the United States of America and served in different leadership capacities. In 1997, John returned to Texas as State Conservationist. He retired from this position in 2002 after 31 years of service. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, and spending time with family. He was a member of First Methodist Church of Temple and Sons of the American Revolution Texas Society. John is survived by his wife Betty Burt, son Brian Patrick Burt of Round Rock, Texas, son James Michael Douglass (Ruth Anne) of Clifton, Texas, and daughter Stacey Lea (Ronnie) Boiles and husband of Crowley, Texas; four grandchildren, Lauren Douglass, Jordan Hainsfurther, Trevor Boiles and Juliann Boiles along with one great granddaughter, Annabelle Hainsfurther. A funeral service was held December 9, 2023, at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple, Texas. Buriel was at Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth, Texas. |
| **Burton** | **2023** | Loretta Mae Burton (86) of Alex, Oklahoma, passed away September 14, 2023, at her home in Alex surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service Soil Conservation Technician Durl Ray Burton. Loretta was born November 17, 1936, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, to Everett and Xelpho Cox. Loretta was raised on a farm Northeast of Alex. She attended Alex Public Schools until she married Durl Ray Burton at age 16. They were married on July 18, 1953, and were married for 70 wonderful years. She worked at Grady Memorial Hospital for many years. She then worked for the highway department where she retired. |
| **Carlson** | **2023** | Donald D. Carlson (86) of Spencer, Iowa, passed away October 26, 2023, at the Spencer Hospital. Donald was born on January 26, 1937, at home in Laurens, Iowa. He was the son of Eric (Pete) and Fern (Waldron) Carlson. After high school he enlisted and served in the Air National Guard in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 32 years as a Soil Conservation Technician in northwest Iowa, retiring in 1994. He then surveyed for Luft & Sons for 16 years. Post-retirement, he worked for Rural Community Insurance Agency as a hail adjuster. Don was a member of the United Methodist Church in Pocahontas, Iowa, and Grace United Methodist Church in Spencer. Don's survivors include his daughter, Kristi (Jim) Shimon, son Kevin (Tanya) Carlson, daughter, Kelley Nedved, stepson, Chris (Michelle) Stimson, stepdaughter, Kelly (Brad) Johnson, grandchildren, Zach Carlson, Zevin Carlson, Haley Shimon, Karter Shimon, Allena Shimon, Kellen Shimon, Jack Nedved, Allie Nedved, Henry Nedved, step-grandchildren, Bailey Stimson, Hannah Stimson, step great granddaughter Harlow; and friend Pat Carlson. |
| **Casabona** | **2023** | Gary Casabona (63) of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, passed away June 18, 2023, at Bayberry Commons, Pascoag, Rhode Island. Gary was born in Clifton, New Jersey, the son of the late Anthony and Dorothy (Donnelly) Casabona. He had a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences from Rutgers University and a master's degree in Wildlife Biology from Virginia Tech. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 14 years in New Jersey, much of that time as a Geographic Information Systems Specialist. He moved to Rhode Island in 2011 to be the State Biologist there. His most recent work involved habitat projects for New England cottontail, native pollinators, shrub land nesting birds, wetland restoration, fish passage and oyster restoration. He had recently retired. He is survived by a sister, Donna Dobkowski (Ron) and their son Daniel, of Tucson, Arizona. He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas Casabona. |
| **Chaney** | **2023** | J. Cecil Chaney (98) of Kaufman, Texas, passed away April 8, 2023, surrounded by family. Cecil was born March 17, 1925, to Thomas Monroe and Dovie Bailey Chaney five miles northeast of Canton, Texas. After graduating high school in 1943, he volunteered for the United States Navy. He spent his time at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station where he worked on planes until his discharge in 1946. With the help of the GI Bill, Cecil entered Texas A&M University in 1946 and received a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education in 1950. Cecil's first job teaching was Veteran's Ag for one semester in Wills Point, Texas. He married Onetta Gilmer in Canton on December 23, 1950. They moved to Winters in West Texas where he taught vocational ag that spring semester. Cecil then accepted employment with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and served as a District Conservation in Mabank, Texas. From Mabank, the job took them to Hubbard, Saint Jo, Muenster and finally in 1969 to Kaufman, Texas. Cecil retired after 30 years of service for the Soil Conservation Service in 1981. At that time, he received his real estate license. He also serviced cars at Eagle Lube two or three days a week. Also, during this time, he served as a part-time secretary/bookkeeper and did lake dam maintenance for the Soil Conservation District. Cecil was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kaufman. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Onetta; two children, Judy Reznicek (Randy) and Steve (Charlotte); 5 grandchildren Brian Reznicek (Krystal), Brad Reznicek, Jennifer Perry (Dallas), Michael Chaney (Candy), Allison Cocchi (Michael); 8 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. |

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| **Childress** | **2023** | Charles Eugene "Gene" Childress (88) of Hope, Arkansas passed away May 17, 2023. Gene was born in Mineral Springs, Arkansas, on February 20, 1935. He was a graduate of the University of Arkansas. He spent 38 years with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Arkansas, starting as an engineer and retiring as an area conservationist in the 1990s. He was a member and deacon of Garrett Memorial Baptist Church. Throughout his life, he organized and served in numerous community and church programs. Gene was a man of gratitude, optimism, faith, and always thankful for his blessings. Nothing pleased him more than to be surrounded by family, friends, animals, and cheering on the Razorbacks. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Barbara Childress; three children: Laurel McCarter (Mike), Randy Childress (Kate) who is the current Assistant State Conservationist (Easements) in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Gary Childress (Patti); seven grandchildren: Miranda, Walt, Megan, Wade, Seth, Anna Kate, and Olivia; and nine great-grandchildren: Zane, Mayleigh, Weston, Gabriel, Michael, Everett, Isaac, Nathaniel, and Parker. |
| **Chlanda** | **2023** | Rudolph “Rudy” Chlanda (73) of Amherst, Massachusetts, passed away June 20, 2023, after an illness. He was born March 13, 1950. He received a degree in geology from The State University of New York – Cortland. He worked as a Geologist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service stationed in Amherst, retiring in the late 2000s. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Chlanda and sons Trevor S. Chlanda of Healdsburg, California, and Tory J. Chlanda (Lauren) of Hadley, Massachusetts. |
| **Clark** | **2023** | John Calvin “Jack” Clark, III (70) of Danville, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on November 17, 2023, at his home. Jack was born on April 8, 1953, in Danville, the son of the late John C. and Louise Durlin Clark. He attended Keystone College and graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1977 with a degree in Agriculture Business Management. Jack was employed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a soil conservationist, working in multiple counties throughout his career, retiring as District Conservationist in Snyder County in 2010. He was a member of St. John’s “Vought’s” Lutheran Church Danville, where he served as Treasurer for the Church Council for many years. His other memberships included fire companies in the Danville area and the American Legion Post #40. He was also a member of Danville Moose #1133. He is survived by his children: daughter, Leslie Jo Warriner (Adam) of Millheim, Pennsylvania, and their children: Emily Louise, Elizabeth Joan, Katherine Helena, William John, and Adam Robert; daughter, Jessica Clark of New York City, New York, and son, Aaron Clark (Katelyn) and their son Parker John of Danville. |
| **Clayton** | **2023** | Michael D. Clayton (63) of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away April 11, 2023, at his home. Mike was born on December 23, 1959, in Madisonville, Kentucky to the late Raymond and Katherine Teague Clayton. Mike dedicated nearly 40 years to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service including serving as the District Conservationist in Princeton and serving on a detail to Afghanistan. Mike adored his grandkids and was intentional to build and do fun things with them from tractor and gator rides, Legos, to swing sets. Mike was known as a prankster and an avid runner. He loved watching movies while eating ice cream, cultivating beautiful flowers on his farm, and hosting an annual family fall fest. Above all, Mike was always on the move, never taking time for granted. Mike is survived by his wife of 41 years, Karen Hayes Clayton; four daughters, Cassie Clayton of Dallas, Texas, Katie (Joshua) Shirley of Carrollton, Virginia, Anna (Andrew) Clayton-McCarron of Nashville, Tennessee, Mary Beth (Jonathan) Becker of Jackson, Mississippi; one son, Ben (Brittany) Clayton of Williamsburg, Kentucky; and seven grandchildren, Benaiah Clayton, Berek Clayton, Brooke Clayton, Jocelyn Shirley, Abigail Shirley, Aiden Shirley and Adeline Becker. |
| **Cobb** | **2023** | Charles "Chuck" Relius Cobb (87) of Verona, Wisconsin, passed away on April 12, 2023, at his home. Chuck was born on September 22, 1935, in Jemison Alabama, the middle son of Lonnie and Rubye Cobb. He met the love of his life while a student at Auburn University, Mary Janice "Jan" Kennedy, and married her on August 30, 1962, in Birmingham, Alabama. Chuck was a United States Army veteran and graduated from the Army Language School, in Monterey, California, speaking Korean. He served most of his service as an interpreter/translator for the Army Security Agency in Korea. He was a member of American Legion Post 113 in Mount Horeb. He received a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Auburn University. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho (ΑΓΡ) fraternity. He was a registered professional engineer in New Jersey and Alabama. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alabama, South Carolina, New Jersey, North Carolina, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Most of his career was in flood prevention projects. When he retired, he was the Deputy State Conservationist in Wisconsin. After retirement Chuck enjoyed traveling with Jan. Together, they visited 28 countries. Chuck is survived by his wife, Jan, of 60 years; one daughter, Carolee (John) Hampton, Stoughton, Wisconsin; and three sons, Ken (Sally), Steve (Krista) and David; six grandchildren, Aaron Cobb, Sam Cobb, Kelsey Cobb, Jackson Hampton, Aidan Hampton, Caitlyn Cobb, and special “granddaughter,” Jenna Leonhardt. |
| **Cosby** | **2023** | Hal Cosby (74) of Cypress, Texas, passed away July 25, 2023. Hal was born on July 19, 1949, in Enid, Mississippi to the late George Willie and Gertrude Cosby. Hal graduated from Alcorn State University in May 1971 with a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Education. Hal married his childhood sweetheart Pearlene Johnson on May 3, 1975. Hal had a long career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (Natural Resources Conservation Service). He started as an intern in 1968 in Montana and then as an employee after college in 1971. He was a Soil Conservationist in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and later held the District Conservationist role in Clear Lake, South Dakota and Boone, Iowa. He was promoted to Area Conservationist in Fort Dodge, Iowa and served as a Liaison in the Soil Tilth Laboratory at Iowa State University. He retired after 36 years from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2007. In the same year, he and his wife relocated to Cypress, Texas. Hal dedicated 19 years to being an amazing caregiver to his wife, Pearlene, after her massive stroke in 2004. He loved playing golf, playing the piano, watching westerns, and learning about the stock market. He was a devoted 16-year member of The Church Without Walls in Houston, Texas, where he served as an usher, a member of the Momentum Men’s Ministry and the SALT Ministry. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Pearlene Cosby; his daughter Tanisha Harrell and son in love Jamon Harrell, his daughter Taneeka Cosby; and his four grandchildren Elijah Cosby, Lincoln Harrell, Kendall Harrell and Amyna Cofield. He is also survived by his brother Terry Cosby, Chief of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. |

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| **Dalzell** | **2023** | Life and Honorary ARCSE Member David Wayne “Dub” Dalzell (92) of Champaign, Illinois, passed away on June 21, 2023, at Country Healthcare and Rehab in Gifford, Illinois. David was born on August 22, 1930, in Broadlands, Illinois, the son of William Wayne and Helen David Dalzell. He married Peggy Bolton in July 1951 in Broadlands. David was a United States Air Force veteran. He worked as a budget officer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the Champaign State Office. He retired in 1989. David was a member of First United Methodist Church, Champaign. He was a member of the American Legion, Champaign. David was also a long-time youth baseball coach and was the coach for the American Legion team. He was also an avid bowler for over 60 years. David was a lifelong Cubs fan and University of Illinois sports fan. Survivors include his wife Peggy, two sons Mark (Jacque) Dalzell of Savoy, Illinois, and Scott (Ruthann) Dalzell of Crystal Lake, Illinois and one daughter Lori (Rich) Wells of Bradenton, Florida; and six grandchildren Ian, Connor, Zach, Emma, Nathan and Luke. |
| **Darnell** | **2023** | David Allen Darnell (70) of Beckley, West Virginia, passed away on January 2, 2023. He was born December 14, 1952, to the late Herbert Allen and Margaret Kelley Gainer Darnell in Vienna, West Virginia. He was an avid West Virginia University fan and a proud graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Agriculture. David worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He was the District Conservationist in the Beckley field Office when he retired after 38 years. He enjoyed the outdoors where he spent time hunting, fishing, and exploring on his side-by-side. David also enjoyed spending time on his farm, and he loved being surrounded by his family and many friends, especially his daughter and granddaughter who were the light of his life. Those who are left to cherish his memory include his daughter Elizabeth Kelley Darnell and her husband Eric Arrington, his granddaughter Nicole Johnson, his stepsisters; Sue Jackson and her husband Mike, and Cheri Bush, his stepbrother Jeff Foster and his wife Kristi. |
| **Davidson** | **2023** | James Scott Davidson (64) of Stanton, Nebraska, passed away September 14, 2023 at his home. James Scott was born March 11, 1959 in Norfolk, Nebraska to John Vernon ”Jim” and Georgia June (Petersen) Davidson. He graduated from Stanton High School in 1977. Following graduation, he attended Northeast Community College and the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He returned to the family farm. Also, Scott worked as a technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 34 years. On August 20, 1999, Scott married Jeanette Houdek in Lake Tahoe, California. Over the years, Scott served on the Stanton County Fair Board and the Pheasants Forever Chapter. Additionally, he held a variety of positions as a member of the New England United Church of Christ in Stanton. In 1984, Scott received awards for his heroism from the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association and VFW Auxiliary 3602 for saving his father from a grain bin accident. Survivors include his wife Jeanette, sons Gunnar and Gatlin; father Jim of Stanton. |
| **Davis** | **2023** | Mark Rowland Davis (76) of Appomattox, Virginia, passed away on September 12, 2023. Mark was born on September 7, 1947, in Front Royal, Virginia, the son of the late William and Cora Jane Reid Davis. Mark was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with degrees in Forestry and Wildlife Management. Mark worked for the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He was a District Conservationist for the Rustburg Service Area and took great pride in helping local farmers install conservation practices on their land. Landowners spoke highly of Mark well after his retirement. Mark was a kind man who was devoted to his family. He had a sharp intellect and many interests including reading, hunting, and fishing (especially with his brother and nephew), walking the woods, checking timber sites, and tending to his many collections. He cherished his many pet dogs through the years. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Yun Hui; his daughters, Gina Kelley (Tim) of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Elizabeth Amacher (Mike) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and his grandson, Dylan Kelley. A memorial mass and celebration of life service was held at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Appomattox on September 16, 2023. |
| **Davis** | **2023** | John (Johnny) Daniel Davis (87) of Meeker, Oklahoma passed away April 4, 2023, at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Shawnee, Oklahoma from a sudden illness. Johnny was born January 15, 1936, in Lincoln County, Oklahoma, to Grady Lee Davis and Amy Jannie (Smith) Davis. He married his high school sweetheart Billie Deanna Cloud on July 10, 1954, at the First Christian Church in Meeker, Oklahoma. Johnny was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Technician from July 13, 1959, until his retirement on January 6, 1995, with 36 years of government service. If you had a pond built during these years, Johnny likely surveyed it and staked the pond. For many years, Johnny would take a vacation day to transport livestock to the state fair for the FFA students. Johnny loved his cows and his tractors. At the time of his passing, he was living independently at home, maintaining his daily routine, and driving. Johnny is survived by daughters, Kathy Becher (Dave) of Norman, Oklahoma; Ann Baskin (Mike), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; son John Davis, also of Oklahoma City; adopted son David Davis, of Edmond, Oklahoma; grandsons, Aaron Ketter, Chris Becher, Jackson Davis; granddaughters, Melissa Kaplan, Rebekah Higganbotham, Jenni Sumski, Sarah Baskin, Monica Schornick, Leigha Horner, Alaina Davis and 12 great-grandchildren. |
| **Day** | **2023** | Dwayne Albert Day (61) of Tuscola, Texas passed away November 4, 2023 in Paducah, Texas. Dwayne was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on February 14, 1962. He married Nina Sue Pavlicek on May 15, 1982, after working for her dad in the rice field for 5 years. He received his master’s in agriculture from Texas A&M University in 1984. He spent 20 years working for the USDA- Natural Resource Conservation Service. And then he worked as a drilling consultant in the oil field for 12 years before he retired. After retiring from the oil field, he devoted a large amount of his time helping his daughter Rita Anne build and run her new veterinary clinic. He wholeheartedly lived by the Aggie motto "Never lie, cheat or steal and don't tolerate those that do". Dwayne always thoroughly loved the outdoors. He enjoyed adventures with his motorboat 60 miles offshore fishing, hunting mountain lions in and flying his own plane to go scout for elk. He is survived by his wife, Nina Sue Day and his three children Rita Anne Ikeler (Eric), Savanna Lee Delgado (Jeremy) who have and his son Conrad Levon Day; grandchildren Via Lee, Von Edward, Joslyn Nicole, Delia Mae and Bronson Nicholas. He is also survived by his mother, Alice Anne Day, and 3 siblings. |

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| **Deberry** | **2023** | Tommy “Tom” Joe Deberry (78) of Memphis, Missouri, passed away January 17, 2023, at Landmark Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. Tom was born on March 21, 1944, in Springfield, Missouri, the son of William Frances and Cleo Irene Laquay Deberry. He graduated from Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, Missouri. He later moved to Memphis, Missouri and began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (later called Natural Resources Conservation Service) in cooperation with the. Scotland County Soil and Water Conservation. He served as District Conservationist and later was the Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator. On August 6, 1983, Tom married Sherry Casady. Tom loved to hunt. Tom served on the board of several local clubs including Scotland County Rec Plex, Community Bank Board, Scotland County Nursing Home, and Scotland County Tiger Trail, and he was also a member of the Scotland County Rotary Club. Tom is survived by his wife, Sherry Deberry of Memphis, Missouri; mother-in-law and father-in-law Maxine and Phil Struble of Memphis, Missouri and many other cousins, nephews, and nieces. |
| **Denneler** | **2023** | Daniel Ross Denneler (97) of Colby, Kansas, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2023. Dan was born on July 27, 1925, in Winchester, Kansas, to Carmelita Virginia Barnes Denneler and Alexander Hamilton Denneler. He graduated from Jefferson County High School and received a farm deferment for World War II so that he was not entered into the draft. Dan went to Kansas State University majoring in Civil Engineering. While in college, he joined the Army ROTC program in 1952. Once Dan graduated from Kansas State, he attended Advanced ROTC training at Fort Bliss, Texas in Anti-Aircraft Artillery. Dan was sent to Korea, making several brief stops for the aircraft to refuel – one memorable place was Anchorage, Alaska. Once Dan was in Korea, he lived in a dugout and was on the front lines, shooting from one hill to the other, not being able to see the enemy. Dan shared a story about how lucky he was to be alive. At the end of his tour of duty, Dan's replacement took the same route, but the replacement and Jeep driver were hit by artillery shells and both were killed. Dan was discharged in 1958 as a 1st Lieutenant. Dan began his federal career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in eastern Kansas, working for 34 years for that agency and serving nine counties in western Kansas as a civil engineer. He was on Engineering Staff in the Kansas State Office in Salina, Kansas when he retired in 1988. Dan met the love of his life Margaret Ellen Suther in 1960 at a Catholic Valentine's dance in Topeka, Kansas. They were married in Frankfort, Kansas on November 26, 1960. Dan volunteered at Sacred Heart Catholic Church as caretaker of the cemetery, in the Knights of Columbus, and as an usher. Dan is survived by his wife Margaret; daughters, Anne Pettit (Terry) of Fort Collins, Colorado and Brenda Drei (Andrew) of Dallas, Texas; sons, Charles Denneler (Laura) of Lawrence, Kansas, David Denneler (Jaton) of Colby, Kansas and Eric Denneler (Sandra) of Wichita, Kansas; 12 grandchildren: Ashley, Casey, Alyssa, Girard, Mason, Katherine, Emma, Sean, Ryan, Sammy, Gus, and Bea; and six great grandchildren. |
| **DePue** | **2023** | Julie Chalfant DePue (55) of Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away November 23, 2023, at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring following a stroke after a heroic battle against lung cancer. Julie was born in Suffolk, New York on May 7, 1968, to Wanda Sutherland Chalfant and Richard Chalfant. She was a natural storyteller and pursued education in writing and filmmaking. Julie had the talent to make a reader feel transported to whatever destination she wrote. Her first attempt to work on a film behind the camera, however, ended with her in front of the camera in The Arrowtooth Waltz (aka Arizona Dream). She was a natural beauty and a star. Julie's love for the arts filled her life. Ballet, Jazz, Piano, and chorus informed hours with loved ones listening to music and critiquing movies. In 2008 she began work with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a data manager at National Headquarters. She is survived by her husband Dean Anthony DePue, and brothers David Chalfant and Mark Chalfant, and stepsons Jody, Zach, and Jeremy. |
| **Doran** | **2023** | Timothy Charles Doran (74) of Winterset, Iowa passed January 26, 2023, at MercyOne Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa with his wife and two daughters by his side. Tim was born on April 19, 1948, to Justin and Patricia (Scheerer) Doran. He grew up in Beaver, Iowa on his parents’ farm. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University. On May 28, 1971 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Estherville, Iowa, Tim wed his love, Susan Linster. Tim was self-employed as a farmer in Mt. Ayr, Iowa prior to working as a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Tim worked in this capacity in Winterset, Greenfield and Osceola, Iowa, retiring in 2008. Tim was disciplined, hardworking, and quick to help others. He was involved with the Madison County Conservation Board and was a member of the Winterset Jaycees. Tim loved road trips around the Midwest with his wife, collecting antiques along the way. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed time spent outdoors, especially his fishing trips. He grew two gardens every year and gave most of his bounty away to others. Tim is survived by his wife of 51 years, Susan; two daughters, Elizabeth (Edward) Disbrow and Rebecca (Jacob) Mullinax; and four grandchildren, Isla, Aden, Ava and Mabel. |
| **Duncan** | **2023** | Richard “Dick” Noel Duncan (83) of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania passed away on May 12, 2023. Dick was born on December 18, 1939, in Fort Fairfield, Maine, to the late W. Stuart Duncan and L. Louise (Atwater) Duncan. Dick graduated from the University of Maine Orono and was a veteran of the United States Air Force Reserve. He married his wife, Margaret, on October 20, 1979, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Boonville, New York. He retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service after 32 years of service working as a conservationist. He was the State Conservationist of Pennsylvania from the late 1980’s to mid-1990’s. Dick enjoyed anything aircraft related and even started his own business, “Wings ‘N Things”, located at Capital City Airport, where he maintained and repaired aircraft. Dick’s survivors include his wife of 43 years, Margaret (Law) Duncan; his three daughters: Lori Schnedler (Randal) of Spring Branch, Texas; Lynne Duncan of Irving, Texas; and Stephanie Duncan of Arlington, Texas. Contributions in celebration of Dick’s life can be made to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110, www.hospiceofcentralpa.org/giving-and-donations; or Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 122, Capital City Airport (CXY), Hangar 2 HQ, 204 Airport Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070, https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa122. |

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| **Durrett** | **2023** | Joseph Stephen “Steve” Durrett (68) of Campbellsville, Kentucky, passed away May 11, 2023 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Steve was the son of the late Rev. Ancil "Bug" Durrett and Wilma Hall Durrett, born on June 29, 1954 in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a retired Conservation Technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was a farmer. He sang bass and played guitar for the Gospel Singing Durrett Family and loved to hunt and fish. He was a deacon and member of the Oak Forest Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Tammy Larimore Durrett on June 20, 2000, having united in marriage on April 2, 1983. He later united in marriage on December 27, 2008, and is survived by his wife Stella Curry Durrett. Other survivors include his daughter Andrea (Ashley) Shuffett of Greensburg, Kentucky; a son Stephen (Whitney) Durrett of Hodgenville, Kentucky; step-children Cecile and Kyle Bloyd of Greensburg; and Josh Wright and fiancé, Deidra of Elizabethtown; seven grandchildren: Corbin Shuffett, Mollie Shuffett, Edison Durrett, Ren Durrett, Kynslee Bloyd, Kree Bloyd, and Kaden Bloyd. |
| **Dykstra** | **2023** | Richard (Dick) Dykstra (88) of Hague, New York, passed away February 16, 2023 at his home under the care of High Peaks Hospice with his wife of 66 years at his side. Dick was born January 24, 1935, in Wyckoff, New Jersey. He married Rena Visser in 1956 and worked alongside his father as a carpenter before his 35-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an Engineering Technician in the Area 4 Chestertown area of New York. Dick and Rena operated the Coldwater Canyon Christmas Tree Farm up in the mountain near Hague for 43 years enjoying a simple, independent and full life. Dick's favorite activities including spending time with family and friends, hunting (especially deer hunting), forest management, sharing his faith, watching wildlife, and enjoying his many animals and pets throughout his life. In addition to his wife, Rena, Dick is survived by three children, four grandsons, two step-grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, any many special friends, and neighbors. |
| **Eddleman** | **2023** | Patricia (Pat) Mary French Eddleman (86) of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away in early June of 2023. Pat was the wife of ARCSE Life Member Robert (Bob) Eddleman. She was born on January 9, 1937, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Thomas and Mary Lyons. She was later adopted by her aunt and uncle, John and Amelia French. She attended Western Reserve University and graduated from Purdue University in 1960 with a degree in Home Economics Education. She met Bob, the love of her life, at a Cooperative House President’s Council meeting when she served as president of Shoemaker Cooperative House, and he served as president of Circle Pines Cooperative House. Bob and Pat moved numerous times with his career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Pat taught home economics, kindergarten, substitute taught in numerous grades, and served in additional education roles. While Pat served as a 4-H club leader for nearly 50 years, her most significant 4-H work began in 1983 when she became the Wayne Township 4-H Director. Pat is survived by her husband, Bob, and their daughters Mary Beth Brown (Nicholas), Susan Gregory (Kevin), Julie Eddleman (Diane), and Donna Sweeney (Paul) and by her grandchildren Geoffrey Brown, Katie Brown Spurgeon (Cody), Matt and Annie Gregory, Sydney and Logan Keil, and Lizzie and Eli Sweeney. |
| **Edwards** | **2023** | Life Member Darlene Esther Edwards (85) of Columbia, Missouri, passed away on August 25, 2023, in Columbia. Darlene was born in Hermann, Missouri, on October 24, 1937, to Richard and Lorene (Biermann) Grannemann. She went to Ledo’s School of Hairstyling to become a licensed cosmetologist. She began her 27-year career with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service in 1974. She retired as a personnel management specialist, a job she enjoyed, in July of 2000. She maintained close ties with her USDA co-workers and formed a breakfast group called “The Old Farts Club” for retirees to socialize. She was united in marriage to Moss Edwards on June 7, 1975. They had many happy years together until he preceded her in death on March 7, 2009. Darlene is survived by her three children: Charles “Chuck” Brown of Columbia, Missouri; Eric Brown of Blue Springs, Missouri; Sheila (Alan) Owens of Columbia, Missouri; and as well as a brother: Calvin Grannemann of Herman, Missouri; and one sister: Katherine Felger of Omaha, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister: Eylane Thompson. A funeral service was held at Memorial Funeral Home on August 31, 2023. Interment was at Memorial Park Cemetery in Columbia. |
| **Elder** | **2023** | Roberta Elene (Schimmels) Elder (88) of Arapaho, Oklahoma, passed away on April 17, 2023, in Owosso, Oklahoma. She was the wife of retired watershed construction inspector John Lee Elder for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Roberta was born August 2, 1934, near Arapaho, to Claude Sherman and Ina Ruth (Smith) Schimmels. On June 5, 1954, she married John. Roberta was a long-time elementary school teacher in Arapaho after teaching two years at Clinton Sherman Air Force Base. She loved her students and worked hard to provide enrichment in her classes, especially in science. After retirement she traveled with her John and often with additional family members. Roberta is survived by her husband, John Lee Elder; her children, Peggy (Geoffrey) Alexander, Kathy (Fred) Laurents, Doyle (Jo Lynn) Elder, Lee Elder; five granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren. |
| **Emmert** | **2023** | Clifford Wayne Emmert (91) of Alexandria, Minnesota, passed away April 14, 2023. Cliff was born on March 22, 1932, to Clifford C. and Nota (Shanholtzer) Emmert at home in Grant County, South Dakota. After high school he worked with a local farmer until being drafted into the United States Army in February 1953 serving during the Korean Conflict at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was trained as an Artillery Survey Specialist beginning a career in surveying. Cliff married Alice Maydole on August 7, 1953, in El Paso, Texas and served in the military until his honorable discharge in 1955. They moved to Breckenridge, Minnesota to help his father-in-law’s farm until being employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a soil conservation technician in 1955. He first assisted the Wilkin County Soil and Water Conservation District and then in 1957, the family moved to Alexandria where he assisted the Douglas County Soil and Water District. His love of farming and nature led to encouraging local farmers in tree planting windbreaks, early crop no-till procedures. Cliff and Alice were longtime members of the United Methodist Church where he was active on building committees. In their retirement years, they enjoyed traveling with their camper and wintering in Florida for nine years. Alice passed away in 2020 and Cliff remained in his home with help until November 2022 when he joined the Nelson Gables living community, making new friends and enjoying two o’clock coffee, bingo, and move night. In addition to his wife, Cliff was preceded in death by his grandson, Jeffrey. Survivors include his five children, Gaye (Keith) of Garfield, Minnesota, Cliff (Jeanne) of Katy, Texas, Clinton of Champlin, Minnesota, Curtis of Alexandria, and Craig (Kelly) of Thornton, Colorado; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren with four future additions. |

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| **Estepp** | **2023** | Ronald Estepp (79) of Old Fields, West Virginia, passed away October 1, 2023, at his home. Ron was born on December 27, 1943, in North Matewan, West Virginia, the son of the late Alfred Herman Estepp and Zola Cook Estepp. Ron was a 1967 graduate of Berea College before earning a master's degree in Agronomy from West Virginia University in 1969. Ron worked as a soil scientist for the USDA-National Resources Conservation Service from 1969 until he retired in 2000. During his service as a soil scientist Ron oversaw the mapping and investigation of soils throughout the eight counties in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. Ron loved living in Hardy County so much that he turned down opportunities for advancement several times because that would have required him to move away from the beauty of the South Branch Valley. As a man of many interests and talents, Ron made several muzzle loaders, fly fishing rods, bookcases, cabinets, desks, sewing desk and cutting table, a pool table, a chest of drawers, and a dining table. He was a member of the Moorefield Church of Christ for almost 53 years where he performed any task needed done from cleaning the baptistery to leading singing. Surviving is his loving wife of 56 years, Majorie "Vivian" Russell Estepp; a son, Jody Bret Estepp of Melrose, Florida; and daughter, Amanda Estepp of Little River, South Carolina. |
| **Evans** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member William R. "Bill" Evans (88) of Lewiston, Idaho, passed away peacefully at home on July 7, 2023, with his wife and family by his side. Bill was born on August 18, 1934, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to parents Robert James Evans and Ruth Etta Martin Evans. Bill married the love of his life, Jeanne Dickerson, on June 5, 1954. The two of them had just celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary the month prior to his passing. Bill graduated from Texas Agriculture and Mechanical College, now known as Texas A&M University, in 1956, with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Bill was very proud of his time at A&M where he learned to greet everyone he met with a resounding "Howdy," and played tuba in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band for the four years he attended A&M. After graduation Bill went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) with time out to satisfy his military obligation at Fort Eustis, Virginia., for six months, then returned to the SCS at Spearman, Texas, with stints in San Angelo, Texas; Boise; Davis, California.; Portland, Oregon.; Denver, Colorado., and returned to finish out his career with the SCS in Portland and retired in 1990, as the Head of the Engineering Staff at West National Technical Staff serving 13 western states. In 1993, Bill and Jeanne moved to the country outside of Kooskia, Idaho, to a small acreage where they raised miniature horses and enjoyed the serenity of living on Clear Creek. Also, during this time Bill worked as an Enumerator for the USDA-Statistical Service collecting agricultural data for Northern Idaho. He was a long-time member of the Lions Club and served as District Governor from 1997-1998 and received the Lions Club's Melvin Jones Award. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Bill's survivors include his wife, Jeanne, at their home in Lewiston; three children: Kyra Baerlocher (Bruce), Moses Lake, Washington; Kyle Evans (Gayle), Brush Prairie, Washington; and Keith Evans (Kristi), Lewiston; Grandchildren: Alan Baerlocher, Natalie Baerlocher, Marsha Baerlocher, Kendra Evans, Kayla Lantgios, Kelsie Kriebel, Connor Evans, and Amelia Evans; and six great-grandchildren. |
| **Evans** | **2023** | Bruce C. Evans (69) of Roca, Nebraska, passed away March 11, 2023. Bruce was born March 2, 1954, to Howard and AnnaMarie Evans. After high school in 1972, Bruce joined the United States Air Force, served four years, and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He then earned an Associate of Science degree from Northwestern Junior College in Powell, Wyoming and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Montana State University in Bozeman Montana. After graduation, Bruce held a variety of agricultural and soils-related jobs and subsequently accepted a soil scientist position on the Cherry County Nebraska soil survey. It was while attending a University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's basketball game that Bruce met the love of his life: Kelli Hahn. In 1987, while dating Kelli, Bruce accepted a Soil Scientist position with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Montana. He enjoyed working on the team that completed the original Soil Survey for Toole County Montana. On July 1, 1989, he, and Kelli (who also worked for NRCS) were married and they lived in Shelby Montana. They then moved to Havre MT where Bruce worked with other Soil Scientists on the Hill County Soil Survey. They transferred to Hiawatha Kansas where he continued as an NRCS Soil Scientist. In 1992, they relocated to Lawrence Kansas where Bruce worked full-time while also obtaining a Master of Arts degree in Geography from Kansas University. He was promoted to Project Leader of the Major Land Resource Areas (MLRA) covering part of eastern Kansas and Nebraska. After living in Lawrence KS for 16 years, the family transferred to Lincoln Nebraska where Bruce continued as the MLRA Project Leader until he retired, in 2019, after 32 years with NRCS. Bruce thoroughly enjoyed outdoor activities such as gardening, bicycling, and fishing. Survivors include his wife Kelli, and daughters Sam and Skylar. |
| **Farrar** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist Ruby Mai Farrar (98) of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away on November 21, 2023, in Nashville. Ruby was born on May 11, 1925, to Myrtle and Carroll Blanton in Bedford County, Tennessee. She was a 1943 graduate of Community High School in Unionville, Tennessee. After high school, she attended Nashville Business College. She worked at the Tennessee School for the Blind, and lived there with her aunt and uncle, Marye and Richard Blanton. There she met her future husband, William Parks Farrar, whose parents also worked and lived at the school. She joined McKendree United Methodist Church in Nashville, just prior to her wedding there on March 17, 1945, to William Parks Farrar. They were married for 51 years until Parks' death in 1996. She worked as a secretary for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service state office in Nashville until her retirement in 1990. In her retirement, she enjoyed many travels around the US with her dear friend, Marie Craighead, and other seniors from the Middle Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church. She was very active at McKendree, serving in the United Methodist Women, the Jubilate Senior Choir, and as a church office volunteer. She also enjoyed her hobbies of knitting and being an avid reader. Survivors include her son-in-law, Floyd Elliott, Jr; her 6 grandchildren: Gary Mitchell, Carolee Meredith, Justin and Brian Elliott, and Jake and Stacy Farrar; and her 9 great-grandchildren: Farrah and Matthew Meredith, Connor and Owen Mitchell, Parks and Marin Ruby Elliott, Charles Kades, and Shapard and Collins Farrar. |

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| **Firor** | **2023** | Edna B. Firor (92) of Athens, Georgia passed away on August 1, 2023. Edna's first husband was Charles Waymon Bartlett, former State Conservationist of North Carolina, and later Georgia for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Charles, a United States Army Veteran of World War II, passed away at age 49 in 1975 after an illness while serving as State Conservationist in Georgia. Edna was born on September 12, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Luther C. Bridges and Lucile Hall Bridges of Vienna, Georgia. Edna loved cooking and gardening but most of all loved her family. She was a homemaker and always made sure everyone was cared for. She was very active in the community and enjoyed volunteering. In addition to her first husband, Charles, Edna was preceded in death by her second husband, David Firor; daughter, Linda Claire Bartlett Cohen and son-in-law, Stephen McKim. Survivors include, her children, Charles Walton Bartlett (Paula), Susan Marie Bartlett McKim; grandchildren Aram Cohen (Dyana), Jennifer Barros (Jeff), Jonathan Bartlett (Miriam), Rachel Cruz (Andrew), Julia Collins (Bill), Alyssa McKim; ten great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild. |
| **Fischgrabe** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Otto Dale Fischgrabe (90) of Moody, Texas passed away April 3, 2023. Dale was born on April 9, 1932, in Bell County, Texas. He attended Moody High School and later Texas A&M University. Dale served in the United States Army. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service starting as a Soil Conservationist and retiring as the Deputy State Conservationist in 1989. worked in Agronomy. He lived in several places including Moody, College Station, Texas, Fort Benning, Georgia, Fort Hood, Texas, Ashland, Missouri, Rogers, Arkansas, Beulah, Michigan, and Waubay, South Dakota. Dale is survived by his daughter Debra Kay Long, his sons Steven Dale Fischgrabe, Otto Duane Fischgrabe, Dennis Layne Fischgrabe, and Dru Fischgrabe. He is preceded in death by his wife Bobbie Jean Phillips. A celebration of life was held at the Moody-Leon United Methodist Church on April 15, 2023. He was laid to rest at the Moody Cemetery immediately after. |
| **Fisher** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Charles S. Fisher Jr. (95) of Decatur, Michigan, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2023, in Decatur, Illinois. Charles (Chuck), the oldest child of Charles S. Fisher and Mildred R. (Speck) Fisher, was born in Vinton, Iowa. After high school, Chuck attended South Dakota State College in a one-year Army Reserve Specialized Training program. Called to active duty in 1946 as part of a military government company and he served in Korea. Chuck was discharged from the Army in June 1947, before hostilities broke out on the Korean peninsula. Thanks to the benefits of the GI Bill, he attended Iowa State College (now University) through the spring of 1950, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. Chuck put his education to good use as a soil classifier for the Bureau of Reclamation, and later the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), in South Dakota. Near tragedy altered the direction of Chuck's life in 1954. His father suffered a heart attack and Chuck returned to Garrison, Iowa to tend farm while his father recuperated. While home, Chuck's sister, Mardene, set him up on a date with her friend Phyllis. In the spring of 1955, with his father sufficiently recovered, Chuck returned to a job with the SCS in Storm Lake, Iowa, a bit closer to his parents and Phyllis, who "coincidentally" found a teaching job in nearby Fonda. Chuck and Phyllis were married in Storm Lake on December 3, 1955. They remained married, and very much in love, for over 60 years. Advancement brought Chuck and family to Ames, Iowa in November of 1962. The family enjoyed Ames High football games on crisp fall evenings, Iowa State basketball and wrestling in the old Armory, and of course the annual Veishea parades. They frequented the abundant Ames parks and explored nearby Ledges State Park. Promotions took Chuck and his family to Ankeny, Iowa in 1971 and then Okemos, Michigan in 1977. Chuck retired as the SCS State Soil Scientist for Michigan in April 1985. He was a member of the Professional Soil Classifiers of Iowa. In retirement, Chuck maintained the house, gardened, fished, and most of all golfed. He also served on the board of the Ames First United Methodist Church. In later years, Chuck and Phyllis became founding members of the Windsor Oaks Senior Living Community in Ames. Living in Windsor Oaks made it easier for them to be "snowbirds", spending parts of several winters in Texas, Southern California, Florida, and Arizona. Chuck served on the Windsor Oaks board for many years, his presence prized for his calm, reasonable attitude. A few years after Phyllis's passing, a final move took Chuck to Decatur, Illinois, where son Dennis could watch over him. Chuck is survived by his sons David (Kristine) and Dennis (Peggy), beloved granddaughters Erin and Lauren, and many cherished nieces, nephews, and extended family. |
| **Fleming** | **2023** | USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee Shawn David Fleming (51) of Tecumseh, Oklahoma passed away May 13, 2023. Shawn was born August 17, 1971, to David and Judy (Capehart) Fleming in Shawnee, Oklahoma at Mission Hill Hospital. He earned his associate degree in 1992 from Connors State College and in 1994 he earned his Bachelor's in Agricultural Education from Oklahoma State University. He married Shelley Grantham on May 11, 1996, in Bethany, Oklahoma. Shawn worked for the NRCS for almost 30 years. After college he worked in Muskogee and Chandler before moving back to Tecumseh in 1998, where he has lived ever since. He was a Resource Conservationist in Shawnee at the time of his death. He was very active in the local community. He served as President of the Tecumseh School Board and was a member for 20 years, Beef Superintendent for Pottawatomie County Livestock Show and the Pottawatomie County Free Fair and volunteered for many years in any way needed for Tecumseh Future Farmers of America. He loved hunting and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Shelley Fleming; daughter, Katelyn Fleming; son Kyle (Isabella Brooks) of Earlsboro, Oklahoma; grandson, Kayce Fleming; and his parents, David and Judy Fleming of Tecumseh. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to Tecumseh FFA, 901 N. 13th Street, Tecumseh, OK 74873 or Pottawatomie County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 234, Tecumseh, OK 74873. |
| **Flournoy** | **2023** | Silas Flournoy (86) of Crosbyton, Texas, passed away February 21, 2023. He grew up on a farm near Fluvanna, Texas and graduated from Texas Tech. Silas was the District C0nservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the Crosbyton Field Office from 1969 through 1994. Before that, Silas served at Dell City, Stanton and Plainview field offices in Texas. In 2017 the Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce honored Silas for that year's "Citizen Through the Years" award for his work in making Crosbyton a better community. Silas is survived by his wife, Frances; his two children, Stacy (Tom) Mann of Wolfforth, Texas, and Stephen Flournoy of Fort Worth, Texas; four grandchildren: Justin Parrish, Emily (Kevin) Guerra, Destiny (Robert) English, and Mandy (Kristin) Neff; and three great-grandchildren. |

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| **Floyd** | **2023** | Bennie Lee Floyd (82) of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on August 15, 2023. Bennie was born on July 30, 1941, in Sunflower County, Mississippi, in what's referred to as the "Delta". His parents were Purvie and Mary (White) Floyd. His father worked for the Illinois Central Railroad and wanting to leave the south's" Jim Crow" environment, readily volunteered for railroad work in the north laying track. In the summer of1945 he, along with other workers, were loaded into crude company box cars making stops in various cities like Memphis, Tennessee; Springfield and Chicago, Illinois; Fulton and St. Louis, Missouri; and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The last city stopped at was Council Bluffs, Iowa, so Purvie decided to make this the place to work and make a home for his growing family. Bennie graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1959. He worked as a Civil Engineering Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Council Bluffs beginning in 1971 and retiring in 2004. Bennie dedicated his life to Jehovah God on Nov 25th, 1967, and faithfully served his Heavenly Father until his death. He is survived by: Daughter Zillah (Jim) Ingles; grandsons Beau and Benjamin Ingles; stepdaughter Joyce Dillahunt (Tim); and stepson Richard Giondomenico (Cara. |
| **Ford** | **2023** | Donald "Don" L. Ford (77) of Tomball, Texas, passed away November 21, 2023, in Tomball. Don was born February 1, 1946, in Paris, Texas to Byron and Joan (Caton) Ford. He married Betty Taylor, the love of his life, on August 31, 1968. Don attended Texas Tech and graduated in 1975 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. He worked one year at Fort Hood then went to work as an engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, from which he retired from in 2010 in San Angelo, Texas. Don and Betty moved to Tomball, TX in 2017 to be near their children. While in Tomball, he formed his own engineering business and contracted work for other companies. Don worked for the Harris County Flood Control District from June 2019 to August 2023. He loved working and retired only when he could not work anymore. Don loved soccer and tennis. He coached soccer for both boys and girls for many years in San Angelo. Don was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Kyle. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty Taylor Ford, son Kevin (Allie), and son Jason (Julia) and 3 grandchildren, Lawson, Brooks, and Stella. |
| **Franzen** | **2023** | Robert “Bob” W. Franzen (82) of Corning, New York, passed away December 15, 2023, at Guthrie Corning Hospital. Bob was born March 10, 1941, in Corning. He worked as a wildlife Biologist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service beginning in the 1970s, including working as the Regional Biologist at the Northeast National Technology Center in Chester, Pennsylvania. He was a devoted professional and a dedicated employee. A day in the woods with Bob, and you would begin to understand the important relationships that occur in nature. Bob and his family always hoped to return to their birthplace in upstate New York someday. Upon retirement, their dream came true, and they returned to Corning to live out their lives. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, and any activity close to nature; this is where he was most comfortable. ARCSE member Frank Resides reports that Bob had been in declining health the last few years after having a series of strokes and having a pacemaker installed. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia Franzen in 2009 and their son Martin Franzen in 2001. He is survived by his siblings David (Margaret), Gerald (Laura), Jon, and Ellen. |
| **Gains** | **2023** | Bob Gains (83) of Henryetta, Oklahoma, passed away April 15, 2023. Bob was born January 28, 1940. He was a retired employee of the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He started in watershed surveying, then transferred to the Okmulgee, Oklahoma field office as a Soil Conservation Technician and from there he was promoted to the Civil Engineering Technician position in the McAlester, Oklahoma Area Office. An obituary for Bob was not published. |
| **Garner** | **2023** | ARCSE Member Karen (Rucker) Garner (63) of Weatherford, Texas, passed away May 15, 2023. She was the wife of ARCSE Member Steven Garner. Karen was born in Sweetwater, Texas on August 20, 1959. Karen began her USDA-Soil Conservation Service career as an Administrative Trainee in Texas and worked as a Human Resources Specialist in Missouri and California before going to work for the Veterans Administration in Louisiana. After getting married to Steven Garner she left the United States to accompany him on an assignment to Italy, and there she went to work for the United States Department of Defense as a Human Resources Officer. Their new family then returned to the west coast of the United States for Karen to work once again for the Soil Conservation Service in California as a Human Resources Officer. Her next position was as the Budget Officer in Louisiana and then when the agency changed its name to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, she moved over to the Human Resources Officer position. The next move was to Colorado, and she worked there as the NRCS State Administrative Officer. From there it was back to Louisiana as the State Administrative Officer, and then then finally back to where her career started in Texas as the Administrative Officer for the NRCS National Centers Servicing Unit in Fort Worth, Texas. She retired in 2015 after a thirty-three-year career to spend more time with family and support her children’s education. She was also a member of Southcliff Baptist Church. Karen is survived by her father Senior Conservationist Harry S. Rucker, Jr. of Heber Springs, Arkansas; brother Cliff (Judith) Rucker of Lufkin, Texas; brother Roger (Linda) Rucker of Edgemont, Arkansas; husband, Steven Garner of Weatherford, Texas; son, Nathan of Fort Worth, Texas; son Luke of Galax, Virginia, and daughter Sarah Beth of Weatherford, Texas. Funeral services were held at Southcliff Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and a private internment will take place at a later date. |
| **Garrett** | **2023** | Barbara Ann Stegall Garrett (86) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on August 16, 2023, just 15 days after her husband Coy Arthur Garrett, had passed away (Coy was a Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member). Barbara was born on December 3, 1936, in Shallowater, Texas. She graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a Degree in Home Economics. She worked as a School Teacher in Northern Virginia, while Coy served in the United States Army. After the birth of her children, she stayed at home as a mother and Home Maker. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, painting, and restoring furniture. She also enjoyed spending time in Nags Head, North Carolina, beside the ocean. After her illustrious time as a High School Basketball Player, she carried her passion for the sport to become an avid ACC College Basketball Fan. She is preceded in death by her husband, Coy Arthur Garrett; her son, Jim Sealy Garrett. She is survived by her son, Jay Garrett (Julie). |

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| **Garrett** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Coy Arthur Garrett (87) of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away August 1, 2023. He was born on January 13, 1936, in San Angelo, Texas where he grew up. He graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. At Texas Tech he met Barbara Stegall who was from Lubbock, Texas, and they were married on August 16, 1957.He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He started as a Student Trainee in Plainview, Texas. After graduating from Texas Tech in 1958 with a degree in Agricultural Education, Coy served as Soil Conservationist in Lubbock, Texas, until he entered the US Army in February 1959. Upon completion of his training, Coy was transferred to Fort Lee, Virginia, where he worked for the Commanding General, Alfred Denniston. Prior to his discharge, he received a direct commission as Second Lieutenant and served in the Texas National Guard for several years. After his discharge from the Army in February 1961, Coy went to Muleshoe, Texas, as a Soil Conservationist. In 1962 he was transferred to Cuba, New Mexico, as GS-9 District Conservationist. Coy was transferred to Santa Fe, New Mexico, as GS-11 District Conservationist in 1964. From 1967-1970 Coy was assigned to the Office Inspector General in the Kansas City Midwest Region. In 1970 Coy became the Assistant Area Conservationist in Manhattan, Kansas. From there he went to Dodge City, Kansas, in 1972 as Area Conservationist. Then in 1975 he accepted a job in the national headquarters (NHQ) as Management Analyst in the Management Division. In 1979 Coy was selected as the State Conservationist for Vermont and worked there for two years. From 1981-1985 Coy served as State Conservationist for North Carolina. This was the first of two stops in North Carolina as State Conservationist. In 1985 Coy was selected as the State conservationist for Texas. His sons liked North Carolina so well that they did not move to Texas. Two years later he moved to National Headquarters as the Assistant Chief for South. In 1992 he returned to North Carolina as State Conservationist until his retirement April 1, 1994. He enjoyed spending time at their beach cottage in Nags Head with Barbara, hunting (squirrels), fishing, boating, gardening, spending time with friends, family, and his dog. Coy was preceded in death by his son Jim Garrett, who was killed in an automobile accident in Raleigh in 1991. At the time of his death, Coy was survived by his wife Barbara Ann Garrett. She passed away 15 days later, on their 66th wedding anniversary. Coy is survived by son Jay (Julie) Garrett. Funeral services were held August 7, 2023, at Mitchell Funeral Home in Raleigh. |
| **Gaster** | **2023** | Dennis Leland Gaster (78) of Arlington, Texas, passed away on January 22, 2023. He was born in Medford, Oregon on February 28, 1944. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources. He was married to Kathleen Gaster on June 14, 1969, a marriage spanning 53 years. Dennis worked as a cartographer for the USDA-National Resources Conservation Service for nearly 40 years. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 68, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). and Saint Matthew United Methodist Church, and had a passion for working with the Boy Scout Troop 68 for over 30 years, all things motorsports, and never missing one of his grandchildren's sporting events. He is survived by his wife Kathleen, son Donald (Kellie), grandson Jake, and granddaughters Alexandria, Samantha, and Liberty. |
| **Gibson** | **2023** | Ellen Gibson (91) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away January 10, 2023. Ellen was the wife of Gerald (Hoot) Gibson, long time engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, who passed away in 2021. Ellen was born on May 15, 1931, in Storm Lake, Iowa to Everett and Phyllis (McGill) Martin. She grew up in Grand Island. She married Gerald Gibson and they moved to Lincoln where she worked as a dental assistant to Dr James Weesner for many years. Ellen is survived by her daughter Leah (Joe) Schenck and grandson Tim (Cody Anne) Schenck and great-grandchildren Quinnley and Harley. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Gerald and seven brothers and sisters. |
| **Goddard** | **2023** | ARCSE Member William David Goddard (84) of Fillmore, Utah, passed away December 8, 2023, at Utah Valley Hospital. Bill was born July 5, 1939, in Fillmore to Roy Kenneth and Elaine Melville Goddard. He married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Ashman, on July 1, 1959, in the Manti, Utah Temple. Bill served his country in the Army National Guard for 9 years. After completing his associate degree in civil engineering from what is now Southern Utah University, he went on to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and from there became a professional civil engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). During his career with the SCS, there were numerous transfers with promotions. After a long career, Bill ultimately retired as the State Soil Conservationist of Nevada and later returned to Fillmore. There he was able to build his dream shop where he spent many hours making beautiful creations for his children and grandchildren. He loved spending time with his sons and sometimes his daughters working on cars and doing home repairs and could fix just about anything. He also had a love of travel and really loved his trips to Hawaii along with fishing at Kent's Lake and Otter Creek. Bill was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as Bishop of the Morgantown, West Virginia ward for five years among many other callings. He enjoyed working in the Reno, Nevada and Manti Utah temples with his loving sweetheart. Together they served two missions: one in Tennessee as well as Sparks, Nevada. Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of almost 65 years who continues to live in Fillmore, son Bret (Randi) Goddard of Gladstone, Missouri, daughter Robin (John) Eberle of Connoquenessing, Pennsylvania, son Bart (Deborah) Goddard of Fillmore, Utah, son Travis (Kristina) Goddard of Reno, Nevada, son Tyler (Kaylene) Goddard of Cedar City, Utah, daughter Penny (Kelly) Gillins of Fillmore, Utah., 29 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. |
| **Gray** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary Member Ralph Earl Gray (98) of Willoughby, Ohio (formerly of Troy, Ohio), passed away November 11, 2023. Ralph was born in Warren, Ohio on November 12, 1924. He met the love of his life, Betty in Cortland, Ohio. He attended The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, majoring in agriculture but his education was broken up by World War II. He served in the United States Navy stationed at the Panama Canal. He worked his entire career for the USDA-Soil Conservation Agency in Findlay, Kenton, and Troy, Ohio, where he was the District Conservationist. He retired in 1985. Ralph was a lifelong volunteer at the First Methodist Church, Sertoma, and the hospital during his working years in Troy and for the past 14 years in Cleveland, Ohio. Most notably he volunteered in many capacities at Breckenridge Village (BV) where he and Betty resided, spending his Tuesday afternoons with his friend Dick working on the BV model railroad layout and sharing it with visitors. He spent many years as a volunteer for the Cuyahoga rail system. In 2019 he earned the honor of Volunteer of the Year, amassing over 5000 volunteer hours. Ralph leaves behind his beloved wife of 76 years Betty, his three children Marvin Gray (Joy), Linda West (Claude), and Ann Hesselbacher (Robert); grandchildren Daniel Gray (Sarah) and Matthew Gray (Rachel); and great grandchildren Lottie, Hattie, Jack, and Jasper Gray and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by granddaughters Eleanor Anne and Rebecca Diane Hesselbacher. |

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| **Guthrie** | **2023** | Richard Lafayette Guthrie (81) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away January 23, 2023. He died in his sleep after a brief illness, surrounded by family and friends. Richard was born May 29, 1941, to Nellie Rebecca Beecham and John Wesley Guthrie, Jr., in Union Springs, Alabama, and grew up on a dairy farm in Bullock County. After graduating from high school, Richard went on to play football and run track for Auburn University and graduated from Auburn with a bachelor's degree in agronomy and soils in 1962. While an undergraduate, Richard was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. In 1965, he earned a master's degree at Auburn and moved his new family to Ithaca, New York, where he received a Ph.D. from Cornell University. Following that, Richard worked as a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 20 years, concluding this first career in 1983 as National Leader for Soil Taxonomy in Washington, D.C. In 1983, Richard returned to his alma mater to serve as the head of Auburn University's department of agronomy and soils. He later served as acting dean of Auburn's College of Agriculture, associate dean of the international agricultural program, and, finally, as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station from 2005 to 2010. Among his many honors and awards are the Alabama Farmers Federation's Service to Agriculture Award, induction into the Southeast Region of the National Association of Conservation Districts' Hall of Fame, and the 1996 Walter Gilbert Award, which is given annually to an individual who was a student athlete at Auburn and who has distinguished himself or herself through career and life achievements post-graduation. After retirement, Richard remained active in the agricultural and forestry community, serving on the Alabama Forestry County and the Alabama Natural Resources County and, for more than 10 years, as Chairman of the Bullock County Soil and Water Conservation District. He was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church, serving in numerous capacities. He was also a member of the Auburn Lettermen's Club and the Lee County Alabama Sunrise Rotary Club and served as genealogist and registrar for the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Among his survivors are his wife of 60 years, Kay Couvrette Guthrie; three children, Kathy Guthrie Padgett, Ann Rebecca Guthrie, and Luci Guthrie Davis (Rob); and three grandchildren, Anna Kathryn Padgett, William "Will" Richard Davis, and Reese James Davis. |
| **Haggard** | **2023** | Mary Janice (Vance) Haggard (76) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away December 12, 2023. She was the wife of David W. Haggard, retired Construction Engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Janice was born January 15, 1947, in Henryetta, Oklahoma to the late Everett W. and Helen (Martin) Vance. Janice and David Haggard met at a basketball game in Morris, Oklahoma at the age of sixteen. They married August 21, 1965, two years later in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Their first child was born while David was serving his country in Vietnam. Janice was active in the church choir, played the accordion, and later in life became talented in calligraphy. Janice loved genealogy, reading, and spending time with her family. She possessed a great love for all animals, but particularly dogs, and had many that she adored over the years. Her self-proclaimed 'major hobby' was her grandchildren. Survivors include her husband, David; son Chris Haggard, daughters, Kellie (Ryan) Ebert and Laura Little (Brett) Price; and grandchildren, Tyler Ebert, Jake Ebert, Cole Ebert, Gentry Ebert, Ashlynn Price, Collier Little and Malone Price. |
| **Hale** | **2023** | Dwight Dean Hale (83) of Huron, South Dakota, passed away September 2, 2023, in an auto accident near Madison, South Dakota. Dwight was born January 19, 1940, to Clarence Willard and Roberta (McCoy) Hale in Bethany, Missouri. He received a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia. This led him to a 42-year career with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service and included several years as the State Conservation Engineer in the South Dakota state office in Huron. After retiring, he did some consulting work. His favorite hobby was gardening. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sherri Timperley; and his wife, Elaine Hale. Survivors include his daughter, Cindi (Terry) Ivestal of Custer, South Dakota; and four grandchildren, Uriah Herding, Tyler Herding, April (Jim) Wingle and Amber (Zach) Gronewold. |
| **Hamer** | **2023** | Thomas "Tom" H. Hamer (84) of Tecumseh, Nebraska, passed away August 15, 2023. He was born August 11, 1939, to Lewis K. and Josephine K. (Shackleton) Hamer in Pawnee City, Nebraska. He received his degree in Agricultural Engineering, with a focus on Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. On September 9, 1962, Tom and Karen Glenn were married in Pawnee City. Tom served as a project engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Hebron and Tecumseh, Nebraska. He advanced to Assistant State Conservation Engineer and then State Conservation Engineer for Nebraska. After retiring, Tom continued to serve the state for many years, volunteering with the Five Rivers Resource Conservation and Development office and the Nebraska Environmental Trust Advisory Committee. Survivors include his wife, Karen, of Tecumseh, sons, Matt (Adrienne) Hamer of Miami Beach, Florida and Jake Hamer (Jenny Wallner) and children Louisa and Nicholas, Dallas, Texas. |
| **Hamilton** | **2023** | Paul Wayne Hamilton (77) of McAlester, Oklahoma, passed away May 3, 2023, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Paul was born to Forrest Columbus and Juanita Thelma (Green) Hamilton on November 26, 1945, in Decatur, Illinois. Paul attended Eastern Oklahoma State College and Oklahoma State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in agriculture education in 1968. He remained a lifelong Oklahoma State fan. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He married Nancy May Brown on March 17, 1973. After military service, Paul went to work for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. He retired as an area conservationist after 25 years. He then became a full-time cattle rancher and loved to check his cattle. Paul was a lifelong member of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife: Nancy Hamilton of the home; son: Jerry Hamilton of Indianola, Oklahoma; daughter: Jamie Duncan (Brad) of Chickasha, Oklahoma; and grandchildren: Clara Duncan, Ellie Duncan, Carter Duncan, and Norah Duncan. |
| **Hansen** | **2023** | Verella Jean Hansen (82) of Napoleon, North Dakota, passed away November 2, 2023, at the Wentz Living Center in Napolean. Jean was the wife of Chris A. Hansen, retired Napoleon District Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Jean was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota on December 20, 1940, to Christoph and Martha (Frigen) Biederstedt. Jean met Chris on a double-blind date in 1967. They married on August 31, 1968. Jean loved making quilts. She helped the Golden Age ladies make quilts and made many Baptismal quilts for church over the years. She enjoyed making shirts and clothes for her children and husband. Later in life, she created many clothes and quilts for her grandchildren, too. She was preceded in death by foster son Keith Vaulters. Survivors include her husband, Chris; children, Kurt (Tonja) Hansen and Kirsten (Darin) Schadler; and grandchildren, Alexandra (William Deane) Hansen, Robert Hansen, Andrew Schadler, and Alyssa Schadler. |

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| **Harrell** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist Thomas Stanton Harrell (85) of Yeopim Road, Edenton, North Carolina, passed away February 6, 2023, in Carolina-East Medical Center, New Bern, North Carolina. Thomas was born in Chowan County North Carolina on April 8, 1937, the son of the late Thomas O. and Thelma Stanton Harrell. Thomas worked as a Conservation Technician with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1994. He will also be remembered for his Draftsman work in rendering house plans for many in the area. He was a member of Yeopim Baptist Church. Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Faye Twiddy Harrell, and by his daughter, Teresa Harrell Ward. Surviving are his children, Amby Harrell Parrish (Frankie) and Ben Harrell (Nancy); and his sister, Carolyn H. Winslow, all of Edenton. Also surviving is his loving companion of 23 years, Elaine Bridgman of New Bern; four grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. |
| **Harris** | **2023** | Samuel (Sammy) Kowyan Harris (81) of Guntersville, Alabama, passed away on July 18, 2023. He was born in Crossville, Alabama, on April 11, 1942. After graduating from high school in 1960 he honorably served in the United States Army as an aircraft engine mechanic until 1963. He married Pam L. Guest of Geraldine, Alabama in 1962, and following his military service, they moved to Auburn, Alabama. Sammy received his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural education from Auburn University in 1967, and received his Masters degree in education in 1971. Sammy taught vocational agriculture at Dadeville High School from 1967 until 1970, and was then employed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 1995 as the District Conservationist for Madison County. Following his retirement, he worked for the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District until 2006. Sammy and Pam recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December of 2022. He was a resident of Guntersville, Alabama, for 44 years and enjoyed lake living, bird watching, gardening, and deer hunting. His love and devotion to the Lord and to his family were the driving forces in his life. He is known for his big smile, hearty laugh, and ability to make all who knew him feel special and loved. Sammy is survived by his loving wife Pam and their two daughters Amy Sauls (Josh) and Jessica Mitchell (Tim), as well as their four grandchildren Lydia Brewster (Grady), Jacob Sauls, Jenna Mitchell, and Harris Mitchell. |
| **Henning** | **2023** | Malcolm Leon Henning (77) of Denmark, Tennessee, passed away July 9, 2023. Malcolm was born on February 17, 1946, in Denmark. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring as the National Program Manager for the Conservation Reserve Program at National Headquarters in Washington, DC. Interment was at the Denmark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery in Denmark, Tennessee. |
| **Hildebrandt** | **2023** | Jerome Garfield Hildebrandt (86) of Stewartville, Minnesota, passed away December 14, 2023, at Cottagewood Senior Community in Rochester, Minnesota, where he had been a resident since 2020. Jerome was born February 14, 1937, in Faribault, Minnesota, to Jerome Sr. and Clara (Gunderson) Hildebrandt. He attended the University of Minnesota earning a bachelor's degree in Soil Science and a minor in Economics, graduating in 1959. Jerome was married to the love of his life, Ferrolyn McCusker on June 27, 1959, at Vasa Lutheran Church in Vasa, Minnesota. Jerome was employed with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Olmsted County, Minnesota as the District Conservationist for 30 years and with Dean Witter in Rochester as a financial advisor for a few years. He was employed as a feedlot compliance inspector with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the County of Winona and enjoyed getting to know many area farmers for 10 years. After his final retirement he drove a shuttle van for Luther Motors and Rochester Ford. Jerome was a longtime active member of the Stewartville United Methodist Church and Stewartville Lions Club. He and Ferrolyn helped establish the Interstate Hi-Flyers 4-H Club. He enjoyed fishing, farming, singing in the church choir, traveling, playing games and cards with friends and family. Jerome is survived by his wife Ferrolyn; daughters Cathy (Mike) Podein of Stewartville and Chris (Mitch) Scrabeck of Dayton, Minnesota; sons Doug (Jill) Hildebrandt of Stewartville and David (Denise) Hildebrandt of rural Stewartville; 9 grandchildren Joy (Josh) Harris, Josh (Kayla) Podein, Andrew Scrabeck, Bridget (Dan) Anderson, Jesanna (Danny) Fisher, Kyle (Blair) Hildebrandt, Kaylyn Hildebrandt, Corrie Hildebrandt, and Carlie Hildebrandt; and 10 great grandchildren Britney, Emily, Landon, Brooks, Parker, Gannon, Brecken, Lane, Finley and Harper. |
| **Hoag** | **2023** | Rosa Valdez Hoag (78) of Troy, Texas, passed away on February 2, 2023, at a Temple, Texas hospital surrounded by her family. Rosa was born on August 26, 1944, in Ben Arnold, Texas to Jesse and Dolores (Aranda) Valdez. She worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Texas State Office Temple for 27 years. She was a member of Saint Luke Catholic Church. She married Eric P. Hoag on January 8, 1993, in Temple, Texas. She is preceded in death by an infant great-grandson John Marcus Vargas. She is survived by her husband, Eric Hoag; 8 children, George Vargas (Denise) of Temple, Texas; Ricky Vargas (Josie) of Lockhart, Texas; Victor Vargas (Imelda) of Austin, Texas; Delores Vargas of Killeen, Texas; John Vargas (and partner Michael) of Houston, Texas; Steven Vargas (Nate)of Madison, Wisconsin; Joey Lujan (Cassie) of Loraine, Texas; Stephanie Vargas (Ray) of West Point, Mississippi; Stepdaughter Danielle Liscomb (Blake) of Hoxie, Arkansas; 23 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. |
| **Hobson** | **2023** | Howard L. Hobson (83) of Clinton, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2023. Howard was born on April 30, 1940, in Raeford, North Carolina. He was the first member of his family to attend college, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in soil science from North Carolina State University. Howard proudly served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1962. Howard was employed as a District Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) serving the farming community for thirty years. After retiring from the SCS, he was employed for ten years as Senior Technical Specialist with Carroll's Foods. Howard served as president of the Clinton Rotary Club and was an active member of First Methodist Church in Clinton. An avid nature lover, Howard enjoyed boating and fishing, especially along the Pungo River. He also loved attending North Carolina State football and basketball games with family and friends. Howard was predeceased by an infant daughter, Kathryn. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helen Langdon Hobson, his son, David Howard Hobson (Jana) of Clinton; and by his beloved granddaughters, Emma Langdon Hobson, and Kate Norris Hobson. |

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| **Honeyfield** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Harold Rex Honeyfield (92) of Davis, California, passed away November 24, 2023, at Sutter Hospital in Sacramento, California. He was born December 28, 1930, in the same house that his father was, on Johnson Mesa, 19 miles east of Raton, New Mexico, the son of Ed and Elizabeth (Black) Honeyfield. After graduating from high school in 1948, Harold served 3 1/2 years in the United States Navy being promoted to Yeoman 3rd Class, then he served 2 years as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from New Mexico State University in Agricultural Engineering in 1956 and a Master of Science degree from Purdue University. He was employed by the USDA, Soil Conservation Service (SCS) from January 1958 to September 30, 1989, with positions as Head Design Section in Albuquerque for 18 years, then to Afghanistan for 2 years, and then to Portland, Oregon as a Design Engineer at the West Regional Office of SCS, then to Davis, California as Assistant State Engineer for the SCS. for 11 years. After retiring from Federal Service, he became a Consultant with Harza Engineering in Pakistan. He was a Registered Engineer in the State of New Mexico. and a Registered Civil Engineer in the State of California. He enjoyed working as a design engineer as one could exercise the creativity of one's own ideas, and to teach younger engineers the thought process of evaluating the pros and cons of a design that conforms to the goals of the project s purpose. He was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity being inducted at Alpha Lambda Chapter at NMSU. During his time in Davis, he was the Chapter House Advisor for the local Phi Chapter of the Fraternity, He was a devoted genealogist, having published 7 books of genealogy information, 5 of which were devoted to his family, and 2 were for Pioneer Families of Colfax County New Mexico, and Saline Co. Nebraska. In 1997 he hosted a family reunion of the Honeyfield s, in Raton, New Mexico and in 2015 traveled to New Zealand to attend a reunion of the Honeyfield s living there. He was a prostate cancer survivor, and a charter member of the Yolo Prostate Cancer Support Group, to which he was an active supporter. He is survived by his wife, Valma (nee Thompson) of the home, and by three sons: Holin (Rose) of Spokane, Washington, Keith (Joann) of Davis, California and Jason of Phoenix, Arizona. Memorials may be made to the Yolo Prostate Cancer Support Group, (in care of Mr. Gil Walker, 800 Donner Way, Woodland, CA 95695 or to the Alpha Lambda Chapter of AGR Fraternity, 2545 So. Espina, Las Cruces NM 88001. |
| **Hoopes** | **2023** | Francis Sherman Hoopes (90) of Anthony, Kansas passed away April 23, 2023, at the Hospice House in Hutchinson, Kansas. Francis was born June 19, 1932, on the family farm near Anthony, son of Rollie and Flossie (Helmbold) Hoopes. Francis enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1952 after attending two years at Kansas State University School of Engineering. He spent four years in the air force security service as a radio operator serving in England and Germany. After his discharge in 1956, he re-enrolled at Kansas State in the School of Engineering. He graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture engineering. On June 2, 1957, Francis was united in marriage with Pauline Frances Gerberding at the First Baptist Church in Anthony. They lived in Scott City, Kansas for a short time before settling in Garden City, Kansas where they lived for 19 years. During this time Francis worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a licensed professional engineer until being transferred to the State office in Salina, Kansas as the SCS Water Management Specialist for Kansas. After he retired in 1988, they moved back to a farm near Anthony. Francis was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Pauline, in 2022. He is survived by his children: Debbie Hilst (Kent), and Roger Hoopes (Katrina); grandchildren: Keaton Hilst (Brooke), and their daughters, Bella, and Annie, who will be arriving soon, Kinsley Riggs (Cody), and their children, Kalloway and Kaffrey, and Kalen Hilst and companion, Meg. Graveside services were held April 29, 2023, at Forest Park Cemetery in Anthony with Pastor Warren Stanton officiating. |
| **House** | **2023** | Kelly Dezane House (63) of Tulia, Texas passed away August 24, 2023. He fought the good fight and finished the race at his home on the family farm. Kelly House was born in Marshall, Texas on February 25, 1960, to A.G. and Ellouise House. After high school he moved to Abilene, Texas to attend McMurry University where he graduated with a major in Psychology and a minor in Religion. Kelly made and sold unique and creative pottery to pay for the majority of his college. Kelly married the love of his life, Nancy deLorraine House, on November 13, 1982. They moved to Tulia and Kelly pursued his dream of farming with his dad. He began working for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service in 1985 as a civil engineer and worked diligently for 35 years before retiring in 2020. Kelly served the community for many years through the hospital board, Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary, organizing the annual town parades, developing Market Square for vendors, and putting flags out for national holidays, among other things. Kelly attended the Methodist church most of his life. He was baptized in Peralta, New Mexico when he was eleven years old. Kelly was preceded in death by his mother, Ellouise House. Kelly is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy; his father, A.G. House; children Kylee Smith (Cheyenne) of Roscoe, Texas, Britney McCullough (Morgan) of Bennett, Colorado, son, Brett House of Tulia; and grandchildren Ferron, Finley, Forrest, Zora and Brigan. |
| **Howard** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE member Paul M. Howard (97) of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on May 20, 2023. Paul grew up on a family dairy farm in Sale Creek, Tennessee, before joining the United States Army. Upon his honorable discharge, Paul attended and graduated from the University of Tennessee. Paul started his career as a high school teacher in French Lick, Indiana. There he met and married Betty Clark. This past December they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. After teaching for five years, Paul went to work for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service, from which he retired in 1986 as Deputy Chief for Technology Development and Application. He was instrumental in development of the original 1985 Farm Bill. Before working at National Headquarters Paul was the State Conservationist in Tennessee. Upon retirement, Paul and Betty moved to Sarasota, Florida, where they lived for thirty years. At the time of his death, Paul was survived by his wife, Betty, his two sons, Jeff (Susan Albert) and Don (Jean) Howard, four grandsons, Jacob (Rachel Howard), Zack (Emily Schnur), Ryan Howard, and Jeff Howard, and four great grandchildren, Mia, Marlow, Samuel, and Ivy. His wife Betty passed away a month after Paul's death. |

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| **Howard** | **2023** | Betty Irene Clark Howard (89) passed away on June 22, 2023, and is now with her soulmate, Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Paul M. Howard. Her husband Paul had served as Deputy Chief for Technology Development and Application for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1986. Betty grew up in French Lick, Indiana, where she met and married Paul. They were together for over 70 years. Besides living in French Lick, Muncie, and Vincennes, Indiana, they lived in Iowa, Maine, Tennessee, and Washington D.C. After Paul retired, they moved to Sarasota, Florida and lived there for 30 years. Betty is survived by her two sons, Jeff (Susan Albert) and Don (Jean) Howard, four grandsons, Jacob (Rachel Howard), Zack (Emily Schnur), Ryan Howard, and Jeff Howard, and four great grandchildren, Mia, Marlow, Samuel, and Ivy. She lived for her family. She and Paul were “one in life” and now they are “one in death.” There will be a private service with the family for both at the National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia. |
| **Howell** | **2023** | Paul S. Howell (90) of Salvisa, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home February 22, 2023. Paul was born November 6, 1932. He was a direct descendant of longhunter Henry Skaggs who accompanied Daniel Boone on expeditions into the Cumberland in 1764. Paul was a graduate of St. Joseph's Prep in Bardstown, Kentucky, and Berea College. He did graduate studies at the University of Kentucky and completed his military service at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. A longtime resident of Lexington, where he raised his children, he worked for several decades with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as the State Geologist in Kentucky. Passionate about his work, he loved his coworkers as a second family and refused to retire until the age of 85. With unmatched energy, Paul continued to be consulted about his knowledge in the field until the time of his death. He was a lifelong gardener, fisherman, hiker, and outdoor enthusiast. He craved adventure and rarely sat still. He is survived by his college sweetheart, Vida Lee (née Green), his children, Samuel M. Howell (Carlos) of Manhattan, New York, Joseph Whitney Howell (Kathy Marie) of Lexington, and Sidney L. Newsom (Rob) of Richland, Washington; grandchildren Elijah Sublett (Sarah), Levi and Naomi Howell, Sadie and Zachary Newsom, and great-grandchildren Jacob, Izzy, and Auggie. |
| **Hutchins** | **2023** | Life Member Richard G. Hutchins (89) of Marlton, New Jersey, formerly of Charlestown, Rhode Island, passed away on August 13, 2023, at Artis Senior Living, in Marlton, surrounded by his loving family. Richard was born on May 29, 1934, in Foster, Rhode Island, to the late Vernon and Emma Hutchins. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) degree in 1957. He worked as a soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for over 38 years. He was Head of the Information Resource Management staff when he retired in 1995. Richard enjoyed gardening, ornithology, woodworking, and baking bread. Richard was a former member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Charlestown, Rhode Island, where he served in the Men's Group and sang in the church choir. Richard was also a longstanding contributor to the Friends of the Quonochontaug Grange, a local grassroots group dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of this historic community resource and meeting place for which the community room is dedicated in his family's honor. Richard is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Glenda Hutchins, nee Hall; his children, Marianne Torosian (James), David Hutchins, and Suzanne Hauswald (Richard); his grandchildren, Alyssa Mattinson, Jacob White (Crystal), and Timothy White (Judy); and his great-grandchildren, Greyson Mattinson, Micah White, and Ember White. |
| **Jennings** | **2023** | ARCSE Member Helen Marie Jennings (87) of Kilmarnock, Virginia, passed away on January 25, 2023, after a short battle with cancer. Helen was born in Crossville, Tennessee, on August 4, 1935, the 10th of 12 children. She met her future husband Robert “Bob” L. Jennings at her sister’s wedding, when Helen was 15 and Bob was 16. They got married in 1955 and lived in Washington, D.C., Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia. Helen was an administrative assistant for the Department of Agriculture and served as the Secretary to the Chief when she retired in 1993. She loved her family, her church family, gardening, going boating and she was an avid basketball and football fan. Helen’s survivors include her husband, Robert L. Jennings, her daughter, Cathy Jennings Ortiz, son in law Pierre J. Ortiz, Jr., her grandson, Peter J. Ortiz (Sharon), her granddaughter, Jennifer O. Duffy (O’Bun), and great grandchildren, Kayden, Lucas, James, Malia and Kailani. A memorial service was held at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church in Kilmarnock on February 11, 2023. |
| **Kapalka** | **2023** | Donald Edward Kapalka, II (77) of Arlington, Texas, passed away on July 2, 2023, at Vitas Hospice in Carrollton, Texas. Don was born in Fort Worth, Texas on July 14, 1945, to parents, Donald Edward and Virginia Wynn Kapalka. After high school, Don chose to follow his dream and joined the United States Navy in 1963. He served his country for the next 12 Years. He retired from the Navy as a Petty Officer First Class. He met his wife Marsha Blackwell (Bobbi) during his Naval service, and they were married in 1967 in California. He spent several years at Navy Schools learning to be a Nuclear Mechanic and served on several nuclear-powered ships. In 1988, Don and Marsha were blessed with a long hoped-for child, son Zachary, born in Dallas Texas. After his Naval Service, Don graduated from the University of Texas, Arlington with a degree in Computer Programing. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 2007, as a Computer Mapping Supervisor. In 2009, Don was diagnosed with lung disease, traced back to his Naval Service. He underwent a successful double lung transplant in 2013. It gave him 10 more years of life and allowed him to see his son graduate from college and marry Anna Latsha in 2014 and welcome 4 wonderful grandchildren into his life. Don is survived by his wife, of 57 years, Marsha Kapalka, his son Zachary W Kapalka (Anna Latsha Kapalka); (four grandchildren, Maxim, Wynn, Gideon and Jove). |

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| **Knudson** | **2023** | Dennis L. Knudson (85) of Woodland, California, passed away on October 24, 2023. Dennis was born May 14, 1938, to Ervind and Amanda (Nelson) Knudson of Devils Lake, North Dakota. Dennis enrolled at North Dakota School of Forestry in Bottineau, North Dakota where in 1958 he graduated with an associate degree in Horticulture and then attended North Dakota State University for 2 years. Dennis worked on the family farm until he was drafted into the United States Army. During his 2 years of service, he served at Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Riley, Kansas, West Germany, and West Berlin before being discharged in 1963. In January 1966, he accepted a position in Woodland, California with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. In his role as Conservation Technician, Dennis served the Yolo County farming community for over 28 years working with farmers, evaluating different cropping systems, designing sprinkler systems and pipelines and other engineering tasks until his retirement in 1994. He married Marlyn on December 31, 1971, and began raising a blended family. One of Dennis' lifelong hobbies was his garden and fruit trees. He enjoyed growing all types of fruits and vegetables throughout the different seasons. Dennis was a member of St Paul's Lutheran Church, American Legion, VFW Woodland, and past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Dennis is survived by his wife Marlyn of 51 years, daughters Denise (Tim) Prigge, Brenda Hawley (Scott Stewart), and Janene (Shawn) Scoonover of Woodland, son Michael Hawley of Sparks, Nevada. Grandchildren Elena (Christopher) Gorsett of Sparks, Nevada, Stephanie (Corey) Shepherd, of Fair Oaks, California, Holly Subia, of Portland, Oregon., Sara Scoonover, Woodland, Justin Scoonover, Santa Rosa, California, Joshua and Tyler Prigge, Woodland; and great grandchildren Izabelle Gorsett, Valen and Ivy Shepherd. |
| **Koenig** | **2023** | Richard Wesley Koenig (85) of Harrisburg, Missouri, passed away suddenly at his home on February 26, 2023. Richard was born July 18, 1937, in Bismarck, Missouri to the late Peter and Viola (Thurman) Koenig. Richard attended the University of Missouri earning a bachelor's degree in Ag Engineering. He entered the Army in October 1961 and was stationed at Fort Hood Texas. He served his Country during the Cuban Missile Crisis and was honorably discharged in Oct. of 1963. On May 2, 1966, Richard married the love of his life, Marjorie Puckett, in Miami, Oklahoma. The couple have enjoyed over 56 years of marriage and share six children under their union. Richard worked as an engineer throughout the entirety of his professional career. He was a Design Engineer Supervisor for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. He helped design dams for 43 years, retiring on January 3, 2003. Richard was an avid gardener and was known for having the best tomatoes around. Over the course of his life, Richard donated 100's of pounds of produce to the Fayette and Columbia Food Pantries. He was a devout Catholic, serving on the parish council and education boards for St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayette. Survivors include his wife Marjorie Koenig; five children, Jeff Koenig of Harrisburg, Peter (LeAnn) Koenig of Moberly, Missouri, David Koenig of Prairie Home, Missouri, Richard "Chris" (Christi) Koenig of Columbia, Missouri and Eadie (Kelly) Gardiner of Harrisburg; nine grandchildren, Wesley, Kevin, Jonathan, Zachary, Lindsey, Lauren, Daniel, Jessica and Travis; four great-grandchildren, Ashley, Millie, Easton, Collins and a great-grandbaby on the way. Richard was preceded in death by his son, Larry Koenig and a great-granddaughter, Sara Koenig, three brothers, Walter, Peter and Mathew, and three sisters, Roberta, Madeline and Sara. |
| **Lamb** | **2023** | Donna Lamb (99) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away August 10, 2023, surrounded by the love and support of her family. Donna was the widow of Robert "Bob" N Lamb who worked as a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and passed away in 2004. Donna was born June 21, 1924, at home on the family farm near Rosalie, Nebraska. After high school she moved to Lincoln to attend Lincoln School of Commerce. It was while she was in school in Lincoln that she met a University ROTC student named Bob Lamb. While Bob fought in World War II in Europe, Donna went to work in New York City and then Atlanta working on pay for officers. Following the German surrender, Bob returned home for leave before being redeployed to the Pacific. A wedding was put together in a few days and she and Bob were married August 9, 1945. Japan surrendered while they were on their honeymoon and Bob was discharged from the Army thereafter. They returned to Nebraska and lived in several cities for Bob's career with the Soil Conservation Service. Donna worked in various positions ultimately retiring as an Assistant School Secretary in Red Cloud, Nebraska. In addition to her husband Bob, she was preceded in death by her daughter Sherry Lamb Schirmer. She is survived by her son Tom (Diane) Lamb; grandsons Cortney (Kelly) Lamb, Kyle Lamb and Jeffrey Lamb, great-grandsons Tyler Lamb and Magnus Lamb, and son-in-law Steve Schirmer. |
| **Lammert** | **2023** | Raymond "Ray" H. Lammert, Jr. (88) of San Antonio, Texas, passed away on February 26, 2023, in San Antonio. Ray was born on July 29, 1934, to Raymond and Nelda Mueller Lammert near Clifton, Texas. Ray was very active in the FFA at Clifton High School showing hogs in livestock shows across Texas and received the FFA Lone Star Farmer Award. He received a degree in Range and Forestry from Texas A&M University. After graduation, he attended Naval Officer Training School in Newport, Rhode Island, and became an officer in the United States Navy serving as a navigator on planes including four years in Guam. He continued in the Navy Reserves for twenty years, receiving the rank of Captain. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Range Conservationist. While working in Eden, Texas, he met a ranch owner's daughter, Lucille Royal in Menard, Texas. They were married on February 21, 1960, in Menard. As opportunities arose, Ray began working with the Equitable Life Insurance Company and then in banking and real estate. While living in Boerne, Ray served on the School Board and other volunteer activities in the community. He presently was a member of First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio and of the Aggie Club. Ray enjoyed working with the Soil Conservation Service to practice the correct way to manage a ranch. They had a ranch near Menard where he spent many hours in maintenance of the pastures and providing a deer lease to many. Ray is survived by his wife of sixty-three years, Lucille Lammert, and his three sons: Dean Lammert (Christi) of Horseshoe Bay, Texas, John Lammert (Susan) of San Antonio, and Scott Lammert (Christine) of Dallas, Texas; and grandchildren Chris, Connor, Clark, Lauren, Maddie, Megan, and Travis. |

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| **Langford** | **2023** | Jackie David Langford (80) of St. Joseph, Missouri, passed away March 30, 2023. Jack was born in Long Beach, California, to David and Reva (Coffey) Langford. He married Mary Jane Pierschbacher in Lucas County Iowa in 1965 at the Christian Union Church. He served in the United States Marines. He started his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. After getting his Civil Engineering degree at Iowa State University, he worked as an engineer in southern Iowa and later as an engineer on the Iowa state office staff. Jack was also a preacher for many years at Christ's Church in Saint Joseph. He enjoyed cooking, woodworking, doing remodeling projects, and church rallies. Jack was a graduate of Midwestern School of Evangelism in Ottumwa, Iowa. Survivors include his wife Mary Jane; children: Darrin (Lisa) Langford of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Sue Personett (Fiancé Steve Cleary) of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Nathan (Mandy) Langford of Pleasantville, Iowa; grandchildren: Krista, Jessica (Daniel), Collin (Starr), Theo, Bianca, Monique, Briquelle, Brock, Layla, Anthony (Dusti), Brooke (Zach), Katelynn (Mark), Kolbie, Makaela, Dillon, Maverick, and Jaxon; and great grandchildren: Allea, Penelope, Brantley, Ember and Aspen. Jack was preceded in death by his son, Todd Langford. A graveside service was held on May 27, 2023 at Zion Cemetery near Williamson, Iowa. |
| **Larson** | **2023** | Wisconsin State Conservationist Tyrone "Ty" Larson (50) of Madison, Wisconsin, passed away on October 8, 2023. Ty was born and raised on Lake Waubesa in Madison, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Reclamation. After graduation, he started as a temporary employee with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and then climbed the ladder, becoming a Soil Conservationist, a District Conservationist, Area Conservationist, and then Assistant State Conservationist, working across Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Ty became the State Conservationist of Wisconsin in the summer of 2023. He had a career of service to conservation and rural America. Ty's hobbies included fishing, hunting, following many sports, traveling with family, and indulging in his favorite music. He often did these with family and friends, and loved introducing people to his favorite activities. Ty also loved bringing these experiences to those who had never done them, as well as the youth. He was involved with many different conservation and wildlife organizations. Ty earned his two-gallon pin from the Red Cross for blood donation. He was involved in so many organizations, too many to list, but gave his all to each and every one. Ty is survived by his wife, Laura; son, Alex; mother, Kathy Larson; father, Richard Larson; sister, Amanda Larson; and aunts, uncles, cousins, and nieces and nephews. A celebration of life was held at Gunderson Oregon Funeral and Cremation Care, 1150 Park St., Oregon, Wisconsin on October 17, 2023. The family requests donations be made to Groundswell Conservancy. |
| **Logan** | **2023** | Glen Harold Logan (91) of Boise, Idaho, passed away September 22, 2023. Glen was born May 17, 1932, in Smith Center, Kansas to Sam and Barbara Logan. Arriving 2 years into the Great Depression, followed by 7 years of the Dust Bowl, created an upbringing of determination and hard work. Glen spent 1 year at Estherville Jr. College, and 4 years at Iowa State University, graduating in 1953 at the age of 21 with a degree in soil science. While in College, he completed the requirements for ROTC and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He was proud of the fact that he worked his way through all 5 years of college. In April of 1954, he began his active service, 1st year in Denver in photo radar intelligence at Lowry Air Force Base, and his 2nd year as a targets officer in Osani South Korea. After his honorable discharge, Glen worked 9 months at Albert Dickenson Seed Company as a seed analyst, and in 1957 took a position as a soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. That same year he met and eventually married Florence Holmes Howard, a widow with a young son, John Edmund (Pete) Howard. Glen became an immediate father. The family grew to 3 with the birth of Nancy and Linda. Glen's career took him to Emmett, Idaho, then Nampa, Burley and finally Boise, Idaho. In 1991, they lost son Pete to a heart attack. During his tenure as a soil scientist, Glen taught at Boise State University. Upon retirement, he became an appraiser and an independent soils analyst for property development. Florence passed away in October of 2015, having battled dementia for some time. Glen had an unwavering dedication to caring for her at the entire time. He is survived by his daughters, Nancy (Steve) Osborne and Linda Borup (Burke), grandchildren, Audrey (Rutger) Vanderlaan, Alex Borup, Laurel Osborne (fiancé, Henry), Olivia Osborne and Carly Osborne; and great grandson Thorne. |
| **Long** | **2023** | Former USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service employee John Earl Long (52) of Horseheads, New York passed away on October 17, 2023. John was born on November 12, 1970, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, son of the late Earl and Rosemary Rohaley Long. He grew up on a family farm in Patton, Pennsylvania and used that experience to shape a 30-year career as an agricultural economist where he worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington DC, Maryland, and Maine. For the past 10 years he ran his own consulting business Long Watershed Planning and Economics, where he supported conservation projects across numerous states. He was a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, where he met the love of his life and future wife, Stacey. He also completed masters-level coursework at both the University of Maryland and University of Maine. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Stacey Carman Long; children, Sydney, Benjamin and Kathryn Long and other relatives. |
| **Luedke** | **2023** | Lyle Lee Luedke (89) of Primghar, Iowa, passed away March 8, 2023, at Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. Lyle was born at home in Hartley, Iowa on December 10, 1933, to parents, Julius Henry Luedke and Mabel (Gosch) Luedke. He had been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hartley since 1947. After high school, he farmed with his father for several years and then attended Iowa State College to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. Following college graduation in 1962, he began work with the USDA as a commodity food grader, inspecting seasonal crops such as oranges, peanut butter, cherries, sweet corn, and dates and traveled to all parts of the United States. In a snowstorm on December 27, 1969, he married Kathlynn Raye "Kathy" Adam at the Methodist Church in Farnhamville, Iowa. He returned to O'Brien County to take over the farming from his dad and also began work with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a conservation technician. This later became a full-time position from which he retired on January 3, 2005. Many terrace structures and waterways that were designed by him throughout the county during this time and remained a source of pride. Lyle served as President of the O'Brien County Farm Bureau, President of the O'Brien County Extension Council, President of St. Paul's Congregation and as an elder. He enjoyed reading from his extensive book collection, acquired computer skills in his later years, looked forward to watching college sports especially the Cyclones, and learned many things from YouTube. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; sisters-in-law: June Luedke, Diane Adam, Cynthia Peterson; and 13 nephews and nieces. |

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| **Lull** | **2023** | ARCSE Life Member Deanne K. (Nagel) Lull (83) of Salina, Kansas, passed away September 9, 2023. Deanne was born on July 4, 1940, in Orchard, Nebraska to Dr. Henry A. and Blanche F. (Schultze) Nagel. She grew up in Washington, Kansas, and graduated from Washington High School. Deanne received an associate's degree from Brown Mackie College in 1959. While there, she met her husband, Ronald Lull. They were married for 63 years. Deanne spent 49 years with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service working in clerical roles. She continued to serve through the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association and the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE). Deanne had served as the ARCSE Kansas State Representative for the past 13 years and had recently received a Distinguished Service Award for her volunteer work for ARCSE. Deanne was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church. Her faith was very important to her. Within the church, she was active in the Crusaders Sunday School Class, and the First United Methodist Women of Faith, Ruth Circle. She volunteered for many years in the church office and prepared meals for shut ins. In later years, she enjoyed doing Christ Centered Yoga. Deanne loved watching sports, especially football and the Kansas City Chiefs. She enjoyed playing bingo and going to plays at the community theatre. She collected nativity scenes and horse themed memorabilia. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Lull; son, Steven Lull (Janelle); daughter, Judi Waliczek (John); brother, Randy Nagel (Mary Hillman); two grandchildren, Samantha Metcalfe (Tyler) and Bryan Lull. A Celebration of Life was held September 18 at the First United Methodist Church in Salina. |
| **Lund** | **2023** | Robert Glen Lund Jr. (74) of Townsend, Montana, passed away November 13, 2023, after a battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Glen was the first of 12 kids born to Robert Glen Lund Sr. and Mary Elisabeth Duchanie on December 28, 1948. After high school Glen was drafted and began enlistment in the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed as a Field Wireman & Radio Operator in Vietnam and actively served in Dongha, Cameron Bay and Quantree until he was wounded and received his Purple Heart. He then returned to Portland, Oregon and worked as a surveyor in Port Orford, Cottage Grove, and McDonald Pass in Helena, Montana. It was around this time he would soon meet his lifelong wife, Judy. From 1971 until 1976 Glen and Judy lived in Portland, Oregon and had three children, one daughter and twin sons. During their time in Oregon, Glen worked as a Cartographic Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service or NRCS) and retired in 2007. After two brief years of retirement, he returned to his job with NRCS on a part time basis. He permanently retired in 2009. Glen enlisted with the Air National Guard and served three years in Portland before his job transferred to Bozeman, Montana in April of 1976 where Glen enlisted in the Montana Army National Guard. Glen served over 30 years in the military, retiring in 2006. After retirement, he became a member and president of Big Sky Toastmasters (Bozeman) and served as Board President of Rae Water & Sewer subdivision for 9 years (Bozeman). He also served as a member and historian of American Legion Post 42 (Townsend). Glen is survived by his wife Judy of 52 years; their 3 children, Jenny (Michael) and twins Patrick (Kate) and Travis (Karen); 3 Grandchildren, Katelyn (Aukeyla), Kyle and Emma; 3 step-grandchildren Ethan, Emma, and Colin. |
| **MacLauchlan** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Robert "Bob" Scott MacLauchlan (96) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away September 30, 2023. Bob was born in Edmunds, Maine June 19, 1927, to Neil S. and Eleanor 'Nellie' Walker MacLauchlan. He served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II, Asiatic Theater. Bob graduated from the University of Maine and had additional graduate studies at Oregon State University, University of Nebraska, and Oklahoma State Universities. Bob married Doris Ruth Henderson in Pleasanton, California, on September 25, 1950. Bob was briefly employed by Agricultural Extension Service in Maine and then worked 37 years with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (S.C.S.) with positions in Pleasanton, California; Bellingham, Washington; Harrisburg, Hillsboro and Corvallis, Oregon. In Corvallis he was headquartered on the Oregon State University campus with a cooperator appointment to the faculty and served SCS field offices in Oregon and Washington in plant materials. He transferred back to California serving the state and western Nevada field offices in plant materials. He was promoted to the regional office in Lincoln, Nebraska serving the 12 mid-western states in plant materials for three years. Then he was promoted and served twelve years as Chief Plant Materials Specialist in the SCS National office, Washington, D.C. providing technical guidance and coordination to the SCS's 26 multi-state cooperative Plant Materials Centers, while living in Annandale, Virginia. He traveled repeatedly to all fifty states, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands providing national leadership and coordination to the SCS cooperative plant materials research. He participated in technical exchange assignments to Algeria, Mexico, Peoples Republic of China, and the former Soviet Union. He and Ruth moved back to Lincoln, Nebraska following retirement in 1985. He was a member of First Plymouth Congregational Church: member and past president Cornhusker Kiwanis Club; member and past president Chapter 199 National Association of retired Federal Employees; member American Legion, Post No. 3; member and past president of the SCS retirees Club; member Izack Walton League; early member Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; volunteer Tabitha Meals on Wheels for 18 years; an Admiral, and active in several other organizations. Survivors include daughters Debra (John) Horner, Omaha, Nebraska; Nancy (George) Bess, Crete, Nebraska; Pam Henning, Beatrice, Nebraska; son Neil (Robin) MacLauchlan, Seneca, South Carolina; grandchildren: Jonnie Ruth Horner Robinson (Zac); Jordan Horner Sochor (Joal); David Henning (Rosanna); Steven Henning; Mac Henning (Shaina); Andrea Bess Bridgmon (Nick); Spencer Bess; Garrett and Katie MacLauchlan; great-grandchildren: Zane, Leo and Ruthie Robinson; Uriah and Amaurice Henning; Josiah, Joah, Jagur and Joalie Sochor; Nettle Henning; Georgia and Ryker Bridgmon. He was preceded in death by beloved wife of 51 years, Ruth and grandson Zachary MacLauchlan. |
| **Magnuson** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist Harold Frank Magnuson (98) of Harrisburg, Illinois, passed away December 15, 2023, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Marion, Illinois. Harold was born on November 6, 1925, in Peoria, Illinois to the late John and Esther Magnuson. On March 22, 1952, he married Barbara Nelson, and she preceded him in death on June 7, 2016. He proudly served his country in the United States Army in Korea where he received a Purple Heart. Harold worked as a Conservation Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1986. He was also a cattle farmer. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars where he served for 30 years on the Honor Guard. Harold was a member of the Saline Association Retarded Citizens. He sang with The Barbershoppers for several years. In addition to his wife, Barbara, Harold was preceded in death by his daughter, Janet Magnuson. Graveside services for Harold Frank Magnuson were held at Spring Valley Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by the United States Army, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Sons of the American Legion. |

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| **Mank** | **2023** | John J. Mank (85) of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully April 11, 2023, at Oak Hill Village, Middletown, Pennsylvania. He was born December 8, 1937, to John and Elizabeth (Wilhelm) Mank in Weehawken, New Jersey. He was a graduate of the Universities of Delaware and Maryland. He retired from the USDA-Soil Conversation Service (SCS) as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation. While with SCS he worked as an engineer in Maryland and Pennsylvania and then as an assistant state conservationist in Pennsylvania, retiring in 1986. He took great pleasure in his more than 60-year tradition of fishing at Reservoir Decelles, Canada and Henderson Harbor, New York. He was preceded in death by grandson Joey Pavlakovich and son-in-law Jim Bailey. He is survived by his wife Ellen; son Joe (Sharon) of Halifax, Pennsylvania; daughter Patty (Bill) Myers, of Mechanicsburg; daughter Amy Bailey, of Dauphin, Pennsylvania, and daughter Christy Pavlakovich of Mechanicsburg; grandchildren JC, Carly and Catie Mank; Abby Williams, Sarah, and Jonathan Myers; Michael Hoffecker and Christopher Bailey; Emily Stein and Hope Pavlakovich; and three great grandchildren, Blake Allen, Beckett Solimeo and Addisyn Williams. |
| **Martin** | **2023** | Cheryle (Henneman) Martin (75) of Ankeny, Iowa, formerly of Clarinda, Iowa, passed away October 23, 2023, at her home. Cheryle was born August 6, 1948, in Clarinda, Iowa to Lee Henneman and Violette (Jensen) Henneman. She was married to retired Civil Engineering Technician Rodney L. Martin who retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1994. Cheryle and Rodney were united in marriage March 12, 1971. Cheryle became an administrator of nursing homes. Later she worked at the Farm Bureau. When they moved to Des Moines she worked for the State of Iowa. Survivors include her husband, Rodney Martin of Ankeny; children, Lisa Overgaard (Kevin) of Des Moines and Lori Barnett (Billy) of Texas; grandchildren, Joey Burt (Michelle) of Omaha, Nebraska, Sarah Burt of Des Moines; great grandchildren, Jared Bean, Riley Bean, Conan Rinderman, Bailynn Martin, and Brandon Martin. |
| **McClure** | **2023** | Jeffrey Dean McClure (67) of Lost Creek, West Virginia, passed away peacefully at home from pancreatic cancer with Nancy and Allison by his side on April 3, 2023. Jeff was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 29, 1956 to John and Ida Mae (Schaener) McClure. He grew up mostly in the Patterson Creek, West Virginia area where he learned to become the nature lover and outdoorsman that he was. Jeff and Nancy were married on August 12, 1978. Jeff went to West Virginia University where he earned dual degrees in geology and biology, using both degrees in his career as a geologist, which began in the oil and gas industry. He then worked for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. After that he worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for many years, retiring on January 31, 2021, as Regional Geologist. Jeff spent the majority of his NRCS career working on dam and dam rehabilitation projects and assisting with geology related conservation practice implementation throughout the Mid-Atlantic states. Jeff loved being out in nature flyfishing, walking, gardening, bird watching, making maple syrup and a variety of other activities. He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Allison, and his beloved dog, Miss Muffet, and many other relatives. |
| **McCullough** | **2023** | James (Jim) Marvin McCullough (81) of Decatur, Alabama, passed away December 10, 2023, at his home in Decatur. Jim was born June 10, 1942, in Birmingham, Alabama, son of the late Marvin McCullough and the late Irene Doty McCullough. Jim was a 1965 graduate of Auburn University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for over 30 years where he retired as Area Conservationist in 2001. He also served in the Army Reserve where he retired as a Sergeant after serving over 30 years. Jim enjoyed his life in Decatur and loved time spent on the Tennessee River, whether boating with friends and family, or overlooking it from his home. Jim was active in the Fraternal Order of the Eagle. Jim also enjoyed spending time attending Auburn University Football games with friends and family. Jim was preceded in death by wife Judy B McCullough. Survivors include his wife, Charlo McCullough; Daughter, Amy (David) Mitchell; Son, Jason (Lisa) McCullough; Son, David (Melinda) McCullough; Stepson, Bo Harris; Stepson, Kelly Harris; Stepdaughter Paige Blankenship; Grandchildren, Tristen Mitchell, McKenzie Mitchell, Pate (Adi) McCullough, Parker McCullough, Sam McCullough, Bo Tyler Harris, Eli Harris, Tab Harris, Thad Harris, and Naomi Blankenship. |
| **McDanie** | **2023** | Jerry Carroll McDaniel (86) of Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of Bedford, Virginia, passed away October 23, 2023, at home surrounded by family. Jerry was born May 12, 1937, in Gainesville, Texas. He was a graduate of Texas A&M. He served in the United States Navy from 1961 until 1964. He was a Soil Scientist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service until he retired in 1997. Jerry worked on soil surveys in the following counties in Virginia - Campbell, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Bedford, Henry, and Franklin. Jerry was a member of Bedford Baptist Church where he served on several committees, was a deacon and a Sunday School teacher. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Carla Jo; daughter, Julie McDaniel Wu (David) of Lexington, Kentucky; two grandsons, Micah McDaniel Wu (Angie Willcutt) of Cincinnati, Ohio and Joshua David Wu of Lexington, Kentucky. |
| **McGee** | **2023** | Yvonne Frances McGee (99) of Salem, Oregon, passed away June 5, 2023. She was the wife of Senior Conservationist Dale A. McGee who passed away in 2008. Her husband Dale was a Resource Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Oregon. Yvonne was born March 2, 1924, into a French community in White Bluffs, Washington. Dale and Yvonne loved to boat and RV throughout their lives. She is survived by her daughter, Jan Casey Bertrand, son Dean McGee (Julie Rose), and youngest son Wayne McGee (Lisa Hedlund); grandchildren Caroline (Taylor Simmons), Cameron Casey, Miranda (Alex Porter), Heather McGee, Spencer (Sarah) and Kooper McGee; and four great grandchildren: Henry, Tatum, Brooks and Pierce. |
| **Mehlhoff** | **2023** | Donavon Wade Mehlhoff (63) of St. Helens, Oregon, passed away at his home on September 1, 2023. Don was born May 4, 1960, in Minot, North Dakota and raised on a family farm. He married Tracy Slavens on October 5, 1985. Don was educated at North Dakota State University-Bottineau and University of Idaho. Don was employed as a District Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for nearly 38 years. He retired in January 2021. Don was a man of deep faith. He loved the Lord, and his ministry was music. In his youth, he and his closest friends formed a Christian band, Journey's End. Over the years he enjoyed serving on the worship team at the churches he attended with his family in Minot, North Dakota, Colfax, Washington, Lewiston, Idaho, and Columbia River Foursquare in St. Helens, Oregon. Don's survivors include his wife, Tracy; daughters, Sarah (Andrew) Woodall, Hillsboro, Oregon, Alexis (Daniel) Cole, St. Helens, Oregon, and Emily Mehlhoff, St. Helens, Oregon; grandchildren, Eloise and Norah Cole and Sawyer Woodall, a foster grandchild. He was preceded in death by grandson Iaen Cole. |

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| **Melven** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member William Joseph (Bill) Melven (89) of Columbia, South Carolina, passed away April 4, 2023. Bill was born in Kennett, Missouri, on October 29, 1933 to the late Lowell H. Melven and Ina Jenkins Melven of Carrier Mills, Illinois. Bill had a deep love for wildlife and the outdoors and pursued that love in studies at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 1955. In 1956, he was drafted into the United States Army and served honorably until 1958. Also in 1956, Bill married Shirley Barnett Melven who remained the love of his life for sixty-seven years. Following discharge from military service, Bill continued his pursuit of a career in wildlife biology, eventually joining the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service) where he served in various capacities in Illinois, West Virginia, Tennessee, and South Carolina, eventually retiring in 1986. In 1990 he went to work for the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District and served as district manager until retiring again in 2014 at the age of eighty. During his long career, Bill earned many awards including SC Conservation District Employee Association President's Award, NACD Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame Award, SC Soil & Water Conservation Society Conservation Technical Award, and the National Conservation District Employee of the Year. In December of 2022, Bill received his highest honor when the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District permanently renamed the District Conservationist of the Year Award to The Bill Melven Conservationist of the Year Award. However, Bill has always maintained the greatest reward in his career in conservation, and in his life, was the true friendships developed with the many fine people he came to know and love. Bill was a member of Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, South Carolina for forty-seven years. He was a lifelong avid fisherman, hunter, and outdoorsman. Bill is survived by his wife Shirley Barnett Melven, his son William Chad Melven (Jane), and three grandchildren, Meredith Melven, William Melven (Abigail), and Reese Melven. |
| **Middlecamp** | **2023** | Robert Andrew "Bob" Middlecamp (84) of San Luis Obispo, California, passed away March 25, 2023. Bob was born, along with his twin brother Richard (Dick), in 1938 in Colusa, California. Two years of devastating floods sent his parents, Lionel and Betty, back to San Luis Obispo. Bob played guitar and sang songs by the Kingston Trio or Roger Miller, often in harmony with his twin brother Dick and college friends at nearby Avila Beach. He met his wife, Kathleen Noël Hill, in San Luis Obispo and they married at the Mission Santa Barbara, a union of over 62 years. He gave up his motorcycle after barely surviving a collision in the era when helmets were the exception. Bob graduated from California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) San Luis Obispo in 1962 with an Agriculture Engineering degree and immediately went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Much of his work was project management for construction of flood control structures throughout the western United States. He worked in California, Colorado, Washington, D.C., New Mexico and Oregon. He retired from overseeing western SCS construction projects at the Western National Technical Center (WNTC) in Portland in 1995. (His children also remember the many houses he lived in that have concrete patios he framed and poured.) After retiring Bob also spent a summer in Alaska consulting on a flood control project. In retirement he was active golfing, farming, and selling olive oil and fruit at Farmers' Market. Bob is survived by his wife Noël, son David (Linda) MIddlecamp, daughter Audrey (Tod) Berlinger, daughter Heidi Henson (Larry) Pachtman, Grandchildren Ezra (Jaki), Scott, Sienna, and Quinn, and great grandchildren Jack and Julian. |
| **Miller** | **2023** | Carol Diane Miller (74) of Moore, Oklahoma, passed away on March 6, 2023, in Troy, Illinois. She was the widow of Glen Burrow Miller who worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 2009 as the State Geologist in Oklahoma. Glen preceded her in death in 2017. Carol was born on March 1, 1949, in Amarillo, Texas to Millard and Dollie (Johnson) Currie. She married Glen on June 22, 1973, at the First Baptist Church in Tulia, Texas. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at West Texas A&M University. She worked as a kindergarten teacher until her retirement in 1977. After her retirement she had her own in-home daycare. She is survived by daughters Brittany Miller of Troy, Illinois and Trevi Holland of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and her grandsons – Asher, Beau, and Timmy Holland. |
| **Miranda** | **2023** | Deborah Sue Borden Miranda (67) of Concordia, Kansas, passed away March 13, 2023, at the Mayo Clinic, St. Mary's Campus, in Rochester, Minnesota. Deborah was born on February 18, 1956, to J.P. and Carolyn (Tew) Borden in Patuxent River, Maryland. She was the wife of Apolonio R. Miranda, who retired in 2020 as the District Conservationist in Concordia, Kansas for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Deborah received her Bachelor of Science in psychology & sociology from Texas College of Arts and Industries in 1978. She was a stay-at-home mom when their kids were younger and later worked for Concordia Elementary School as a para/technology teacher for eight years. She later worked as a sales associate at Wal-Mart for 17 years until her retirement in 2019. Deborah is survived by her husband, Apolonio; daughters, Jennifer Bauer (Bradley), of Concordia and Reba Koster (Jordan), of Wamego, Kansas., and son, Luke Miranda (Angelina), Concordia; and grandchildren, Mya and Katelyn Bauerand Brantley Koster. |
| **Mornhinweg** | **2023** | Steven Pierson Mornhinweg (73) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away on July 14, 2023, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after a short illness. Steve was born at home in Red Rock, Oklahoma on November 22, 1949, to O.V. and Willene Mornhinweg. He attended Northern Oklahoma College and Oklahoma State University, graduating with a Wildlife Management degree in 1972. He began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist in 1973. His career spanned over 30 years, serving in Kingfisher, Antlers, Talihina and finally Ada, Oklahoma, where he was the District Conservationist. In 1975 he married the love of his life, Claudia Beth Jones from Jones, Oklahoma. He was a lifelong member of Ceres Christian Church, Ceres, Oklahoma, and an honorary member of the First United Methodist Church, Ada, Oklahoma, and Highland Park United Methodist Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, Claudia of the home; sons Jeff (Rebecca) of Stillwater, Paul (Kendall) of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Gary (Jennifer) of Ada, Oklahoma; and nine grandchildren, Cora, Sylvie, Cecily and Margo Mornhinweg, Hailey Cantrell and Maddie May, Brayden, Bailey, and Brooklyn Mornhinweg, |

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| **Myers** | **2023** | David Louis Myers (82) of Vienna, Texas (southeast of Halletsville, Texas) passed away peacefully June 17, surrounded by family at home. He was born to David A. and Cecile Myers, May 3, 1941, at Fort Sam Houston United States Army Post near San Antonio, Texas. He grew up on several army posts, including in Alaska, until 1952, when he came to live in Vienna, Texas with his grandparents, Lee and Elenora Cheney. David attended Vienna country school, where students walked to school with shotguns and fishing poles so they could try to provide dinner on the way home. In fifth grade, he noticed Patricia (Pat) Roth at school and – finding a resemblance to Doris Day. David accepted an athletic scholarship to Texas A&M where he played football for two years and wound up working on the college farm. He married Pat in 1962, at First Baptist Church in Hallettsville, then graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy. He was commissioned into the army as a second lieutenant being posted to Ft. Hood, Texas, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and Ft. Bliss Texas. In 1966 he transitioned into the Army Reserves and the National Guard until retiring in 2001 as a Lieutenant Colonel. After active duty, David accepted a variety of positions with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service, in Taylor, Alice, Bartlett and Houston before retiring in 1996, as the Harris County district conservationist. David pioneered several innovations in Harris County that are now standard conservation practices: using flood-prone areas for parkland, improving concrete-lined drainage channels by adding vegetation to slow runoff and encouraging developers to control runoff and prevent flooding by installing aesthetically pleasing detention ponds to hold excess water. In 1997, he retired to his beloved ranch in Vienna that has been in the family for 192 years. For the next 26 years, they both kept busy with family, traveling and helping out in the community, leaving it better than when they came. David is survived by: wife of 61 years, Patricia “Pat” Myers; sons, Mark (Fonda) Myers of Hallettsville and Kevin (Natasha) Myers of Austin, Texas; daughter Julie (Reagon Clamon) of Castroville, Texas; grandchildren, Erika Myers, Caroline Clary, Kristen Valdivia, Jacob Myers, Raetsch Myers, Luke Clamon, Molly Clamon, Emory Myers and twins Lera and Sasha Nikashova; great-grandchildren, Layla Bossie, Abigail and Brianna Myers, Cameron King, Landon and Olivia Clary, and twins Aaron and Aidan Valdivia. David was preceded in death by daughter-in-law, Karen Myers. |
| **Neaderhiser** | **2023** | Wilbur F. Neaderhiser (99) of Lyons, Kansas, passed away June 4, 2023, at the Sterling Village, Sterling, Kansas. He was born October 1, 1923, near Niles, Kansas to Fred and Nellie Blachford Neaderhiser. Wilbur was raised on a farm in Ottawa County, Kansas. He served in the United States Army from October 21, 1944, to December 2, 1946, stationed in the Philippines, both on the front lines and the military police force as a corporal. On June 12, 1949, he married Twila Irene Luthi at the First Christian Church in Hutchinson, Kansas. In 1947, Wilbur went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. Wilbur worked 17 years in Hutchinson, Kansas for Reno County and transferred to Lyons, Kansas in 1962. He worked 17 years in Rice County before taking early retirement. He then started the Neaderhiser Seed Farm business with wife, Twila, raising exceptional certified seed wheat. The business also included performing custom seed cleaning for Kansas farmers. Wilbur came from a family of great music ability, playing in a dance band with his dad, sister and two brothers. He had natural ability, playing music by ear, both violin and saxophone in the Neaderhiser Band of Ottawa County, Kansas. He was a member of the Soil & Water Conservation Society (Arkansas Valley Division), the Kansas Crop Improvement Association, the American Legion Post 0129, as well as the First Christian Church, Lyons, Kansas. Survivors include: three daughters, Barbara McAllaster, McKinney, Texas; Janet Vann, Denton, Texas; Robin Carlson (Max), Sterling, Kansas; six grandchildren, Chad McAllaster, Amy McAllaster; Jennifer Akers, Brigette Billups; Lora Carlson Ryan Carlson; and eight great-grandchildren, Evan McAllaster; Hunter and Tanner Schmitz; Annelise, Ivey Rose and Oliver Akers; and Beckett and Brady Billups. Wilbur was preceded in death by his wife, Twila Neaderhiser in 2009. |
| **Nechero** | **2023** | James Steven “Steve” Nechero (62) of Benbrook, Texas passed away September 24, 2023, with family and close friends by his side. Steve was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that he fought for over 10 years, well beyond the expectations of his medical team. Steve was born September 19, 1961. He attended the University of New Mexico where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Geography in 1986 and a Master of Arts in Geography/Geospatial Science in 1988. He started work with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in 1989 as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist in the Salina, Kansas State office. In 1993 he went to the NRCS National Cartography Center in Fort Worth, Texas as a Supervisory Cartographer. He served as the Technology Applications Team Leader from 2005 to 2010, and in 2010 became the Geospatial Data Management Branch Chief. In 2020 his position was transitioned to the USDA-Farm Production and Conservation agency where he served as Geospatial Science Map & Data Leader. Steve was a pioneer in elevation data, passionate about GIS, a mentor to so many, but perhaps more importantly a friend to anyone who let him. Survivors include his wife Shelly and children Rhiannon and Drake. |
| **Noblitt** | **2023** | ARCSE Life Member Lyle Noblitt (82) of Carrollton, Missouri, passed away peacefully in his home on March 21, 2023, on his farm, surrounded by his loving wife and family. Lyle was born on February 15, 1941, at his family home to Delbert and Rachel (Inglis) Noblitt of Polk, Missouri. He attended Junior College at the School of the Ozarks, where he proudly played basketball in addition to his studies. He transferred to Southwest Missouri State University and graduated with a degree in Agriculture. While there, he worked as a janitor in the campus admin building and was a Delta Tau Alpha member. In 1962, Lyle accepted a position with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), working in Dexter, Bethany, New Madrid, and finally, Chillicothe, Missourias a soil conservationist and district conservationist. During his thirty-five years with SCS, he trained the first female District Conservationist in the State of Missouri. He retired from Livingston County USDA office in 1997 as the longest-serving District Conservationist in the state. On May 14, 1987, Lyle married Mary Miller Brown, and the two of them enjoyed thirty-five years of love, laughter, and adventure. The marriage combined two wonderful families with seven children. After his retirement, he enjoyed farming and gardening and was possibly the best fence builder in Missouri. He loved God, family, and golf. Lyle has about a half dozen senior championships to his name, not to mention the nickname “The Old Champeen” from his golf gang. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary, and faithful dog Lily Bell of the home. He is also survived by his children, Steve Noblitt (Marcella), Chris and Aimee Brown, Tim and Devin Brown, Terry Brown (Kayce), Shari and Bryan Fastenau, Angela and Frank Peterson, Amy Gibson (Bryan). |

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| **Nolte** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Byron H. Nolte (88) of Upper Arlington, OH, passed away February 12, 2023. Byron was born December 8, 1934, in Higginsville, Missouri, the son of August and Esther (Knollenberg) Nolte. He was the 7th of 11 children. An agricultural engineer, he received his Bachelor of Science degree, a commission in the United States Air Force (1956), and a Master of Science degree (1993) at the University of Missouri. He received his PhD from The Ohio State University. He served as an officer and pilot in the Air Force. He was an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He moved his family to Ohio in 1966 to join the faculty of The Ohio State University where he served as professor and extension agricultural engineer for 22 years. In retirement he loved to ride his bike and volunteered for the American Cancer Society, I Know I Can, and Upper Arlington Libraries. Byron was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ardith in 2020. He is survived by his children Ann (Mark) Albers of The Villages, Florida, and Jan (Pete) Ruma of Maumee, Ohio; and grandchildren Chris (Michelle) and Nick (Jenna) Albers, and Nick and Monica Ruma. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Nolte Scholarship Fund (645215), OSU Foundation PO Box 710811, Columbus, OH 43210. |
| **Noss** | **2023** | NRCS employee William “Bill” Mark Noss (59) of Myerstown, Pennsylvania, passed away unexpectedly February 6, 2023. Bill was born on February 5, 1964, to Thomas Abraham Noss Sr and Betty Marie Noss nee Stitt. Bill had worked as a soil conservation technician with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 34 years. Bill was a lover of all things outdoors, hunting, fishing, trapping, and, most of all, quiet time in nature spent with his camera. Being surrounded by the woods of Juniata County was his favorite place to be when not surrounded by family. Bill is preceded in death by his loving first wife of 30 years, Tracie Lynn Noss nee Zombro. He will be deeply missed by his second wife and best friend, Audrey, his daughter, Jackie, and his son, Eric, his stepdaughter, Stephanie, and stepson, Rick, his grandchildren, Hailee, Aryn, Jakhi, Jamarcus, Maia, Emilio, and Milo |
| **Oelman** | **2023** | Douglas Bernard Oelmann (76) of Altoona, Iowa, passed away on December 15, 2023. Doug was born on August 25, 1947, in Eldora, Iowa to Bernard and Elma (Abbas) Oelmann. Doug graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Agronomy. He was a Soil Scientist and Assistant State Soil Scientist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 40 years. He enjoyed working on his soil site evaluation business which he had for several years. Doug enjoyed working on his acreage, gardening, fishing, camping, watching Iowa State football, and spending time with family. Doug is survived by his wife of 37 years, Cheri; their sons Jason Oelmann (Andrew Greenberg) of Des Moines, Iowa, and Matthew Oelmann (Francisca Rivas) of Mitchellville, Iowa. He is also survived by his three children from his previous marriage, Jeff (Leigh) Oelmann of Auburn, Alabama, and their daughters, Janie (Garret) Barr, Anna Oelmann, and Allie Oelmann; Jean Oelmann of St. Paul, Minnesota, and her daughter Hannah Fischer; Jennifer Beckett (Travis Accord) of What Cheer, Iowa, and her children Brad Beckett, Brady Beckett, Bryce Beckett (his daughter Cecelia and his fiancé Shyanna Chenet), and Jazmine Beckett. |
| **Ohland** | **2023** | Paul Ohland (90) of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away November 20, 2023. From his hometown of Malcom, Iowa, he went to Ames where he attended and graduated from Iowa State University in 1955. An ARCSE Life Member, Paul began his SCS/NRCS career in June 1955 as a Soil Scientist in Marion and then Hampton, Iowa. He continued his conservation work throughout the state, based in Sigorney, Winterset, Osage, Northwood, and finally as District Conservationist at Algona. In 1985 the agency chose Paul to bring his conservation program and technical expertise to one of the four positions of the original Field Office Support Staff (FOSS) at Ft. Collins to design and develop the first integrated software and database system (CAMPS/FOCS) for field offices. As FOCS was being deployed nationally Paul retired in April 1994, passing the torch to the next generation to build on what had been created. He and his wife Marguerite remained in Ft. Collins and could be seen regularly at Colorado State University sporting events. Paul and Marguerite are survived by two daughters. Paul's interests were many, including photography, Haviland china, theatre, and Bev Doolittle art works. |
| **Olynyk** | **2023** | Max Olynyk (73) of Monroe Township, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2023. Max was born April 24, 1950, to Ukrainian immigrants, Nina and Micola Olynyk. He was raised on the Lower East Side of New York City before moving to Brooklyn. The son of an avid geologist, Max worked on the tunnel project in New York City before coming to work as a geologist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Max and his wife Valerie shared wonderful times together traveling around the world and enjoying concerts and the theatre. As devoted Ranger fans, Valerie and Max attended many games and cheered both the Yankees and Mets. Max had a passion for cars, motorcycles, scuba diving, and sky diving. Upon retiring, Max enjoyed time golfing, playing ping pong, and reading mystery novels. He will be missed by his beloved wife Valerie of 37 years, his brother, Henry, sister, Ina, and brother-in-law, Michael Gerber; brother-in-law, Robert, and sister-in-law, Theresa Bruno; many nephews and nieces, great nephews and nieces and numerous friends. |
| **Otter** | **2023** | Augustine "Auggie" J. Otter (86) of Waupaca, Wisconsin, passed away on July 8, 2023, at Cherry Meadows Hospice Center in Appleton, Wisconsin. Auggie was born in Dodgeville, Wisconsin on April 3, 1937, to the late Louis and Loretta (Wiedenfelar) Otter. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving for 26 years. He was also a retired soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He worked on several Wisconsin soil surveys during his career and later was Area Resource Soil Scientist in the Appleton Area Office. He will be sadly missed by his wife: Donna; children: Marcella (Heidi) Otter, Melissa (Scott) Henderson, Melinda Otter Giese; step children: Jackie (Jim Kasper) Kuse, Mike (Kim) Witthuhn, Scott (Patti) Witthuhn, Brad (Culleen) Witthuhn, grandchildren: Alex, Max, Katarina, Karianna, Kiegan, Kadan, Jana (Ryan), Shaun, Tyler (Niki), Megan, Paul, Taylor, Colby; great grandchildren, Sophie, Carter, Lillian, Aubrey, Hailey, Tia, Jake, Charlie, Emmeline; Sophia; Kaitlyn, Cayne, Lauren (TJ), Camille and Brynley; and great-great grandson, Ricky. He was preceded in death by his son, Peter. A Memorial Mass was held July 14, 2023, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The burial was at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. |

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| **Pehling** | **2023** | Willard “Will” Raymond Pehling (79) of Walker, Minnesota passed away April 7, 2023. Will was born on August 9, 1943, in Mankato, Minnesota, the son of Elmer and Eleanor (Wills) Pehling. Will grew up on a dairy farm where he gained his strong work ethic and love for family. After high school he enlisted in the United States Army. Will served for ten years in the Army Reserve. During this time, he worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a soil conservation technician. On April 2, 1966, he married the love of his life, Darlene Kollmann. The two lived in Morris, Minnesota before moving to Walker in 1975. He retired from the NRCS in 1999 and they focused their attention on the Country Memories frame shop they established at their home. Will was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping. Will was preceded in death by grandson, Christian Michaelson. Survivors include his bride of 57 years; Darlene; daughters Beverly (Randy) Swenson, Ronda (Dale) Colby, Jennifer (Brian) Michaelson; one son Jeffrey (Anita) Pehling; and 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. |
| **Petersen** | **2023** | Ronald Lee Petersen (75) of Harlan, Iowa, passed away May 31, 2023, at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Iowa. Ron was born on November 21, 1947 to Raymond and Annabelle (Maxwell) Petersen in Harlan. He grew up on the family farm near Jacksonville, Iowa. He went to Iowa State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering. Following his college graduation, he worked in various engineering roles in central and southwest Iowa for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. In 2007, Ron retired from professional engineering. Ron purchased the family home in 2008. He enjoyed raising cattle and more recently wild turkeys and peacocks. He took great pride in fixing up the land, making sure he left it better than when he acquired it. He is survived by his sisters: Beverly Petersen and Marlene Wahl and their children; many great-nieces and great-nephews. Ron never married or had children of his own, but his nephews and niece held a very special place in his heart. |
| **Pieschl** | **2023** | Nancy Louise Kruckenberg Pieschl (79) of Minneapolis, Kansas, passed away March 10, 2023. Nancy was born on November 28, 1943, to Hugh and Elaine (McPherson) Armstrong and raised in Kansas. Nancy was the wife of the late Marlin Dale Kruckenberg. Marlin was working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an Engineering Technician on the Watershed Planning staff in the Kansas State Office in Salina, Kansas, when he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s disease. He took disability retirement in July 1986 and passed away at the very young age of 47 on June 19, 1990. Nancy and Marlin were married on December 10, 1961. They had three daughters together: Tanya Rader, Marla McElderry, and Shana Reed. |
| **Porter** | **2023** | Dexter Porter (78) of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly on November 22, 2023. Dexter was born on May 19, 1945, to the late Sylvester and Kathryn (Peterman) Porter. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He married Jean Bursack on August 28, 1976, at Peace Lutheran Church in Wautoma, Wisconsin. He was a United States Army veteran. Dexter retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service after serving many years as a District Conservationist. He continued working on conservation projects after retirement. Dexter was an active church member and participated in various church activities. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, painting, birding, wood working, fly tying, gardening, pistol/rifle shooting. But most importantly Dexter loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Survivors include his loving wife, Jean Porter; children Matthew (Nikki) Porter and Melissa (Jon) Witkowski; and four grandchildren Peyton, Hunter, Sawyer, and Lincoln. |
| **Porter** | **2023** | Richard Lewis Porter (96) of Longmont, Colorado, passed away at the TRU Hospice Care Center in Longmont on March 31, 2023. Richard was born January 3, 1927, in Lewis, Colorado to Charles and Sonora (Lewis) Porter. Eager to become a part of the military effort in World War II, Rich was accepted in an Army Reserve program available to select high school grads. At age 17 he entered college at Brookings, South Dakota. for an intensive two years of training in specialized communications. As he finished and was ready to be assigned for active duty, the war ended and there was no need for all his training. However, his service time did provide him with the benefit of the GI bill for which he was forever grateful. He first attended Fort Lewis College, then following his love of agriculture he finished with a degree in Science with special emphasis on Agronomy at the University of California, Berkeley. While attending school he married the love of his life, Betty Lou Downen, also of Lewis, Colorado. Betty was not only his love but his support through college. They became the parents of two daughters, Jana and Lori. Immediately after graduation Richard found employment with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and that became his profession for the next 31 years. He served with a state survey team, then as an Area Conservationist. He then served as an Assistant State Conservationist in Spokane, Washington. Then his appointment as the State Conservationist resulted in his move to Durham, New Hampshire, moving from one coast to the other. After six years in New Hampshire, he and Betty decided it was time to retire and move back to their beloved state of Colorado. But he never retired. After trying several enterprises, he ended up as the highly acclaimed volunteer landscaper for the flower beds at the complex where they lived, and the golf course where they played in Longmont. After losing Betty in 2014 following 63 years of marriage, Rich managed independent living with the assistance of Sammy, his 3-legged cat. Sammy was his boss and his constant companion. He is survived by his two daughters, Jana Stolz of Loveland, Colorado, and Lori Bradford (Bill) of Estes Park, Colorado; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Rich is predeceased by his wife and son-in-law Bob Stolz. As a summary of his long and productive life, in his own words, Rich said: "I would like to be known as a steward of all natural resources, particularly soil and water." All who knew and loved Richard, with his kind and gentle nature, know that he truly lived this motto. |

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| **Prate** | **2023** | Harry Lee Prater of Hollister, California, passed away at home on April 6, 2023, surrounded by loved ones, one day short of his 100th birthday. Harry was born on April 7, 1923, to Walter Lee Prater and Hazel (Morelini) Prater. He spent all his life in San Benito County, California apart from 10 years that he spent in Loveland, Colorado and three in Sagle, Idaho. He attended San Benito High and San Benito Junior College. He worked in the shipyards in Richmond, California, building liberty ships in four days and others in seven days. He was drafted into the United States Army in February of 1943, where he served in the South Pacific during World War II as a truck driver with the 473rd Truck Regiment and 3744 QM Truck Company and was discharged in June of 1946. Harry married Peggy Jean Hager in 1947. They raised one son, William (Gene) Prater. Peggy passed away in 1986 and his son Gene passed away in 1997. Harry loved and held many jobs throughout his life. He was a school bus driver in his senior year of high school and his first year of junior college. He was a dairyman and hay farmer on a 40-acre ranch. He was a mechanic for Doris Motor Company, Jones Chevrolet, and Ferry Morris Seed Company. The last job he held was with the USDA-Soil Conservation Services as an Engineering Technician. In 1978, he was forced to retire due to macular degeneration. He joined the Golden Years Travel Club and met Mary Borges on one of their trips in 1991. Harry and Mary were married in 1994 at the Mount Madonna State Park in the beautiful redwoods with a Native American ceremony. The two moved to Loveland, Colorado for 10 years where Harry loved to hike the Rocky Mountains and marvel at the change of seasons. In 2004, the couple moved back to Hollister to enjoy all their family. He was an awesome stepfather to Mary's five children and a loving, caring step grandfather to all their children. In 2020, he and Mary relocated to Sagle, Idaho. Although his eyesight had deteriorated, he could still smell the freshness of the woods that surrounded them, and he loved that Mary had a beautiful garden to tinker in during the spring, summer, and fall. Harry is survived by his wife, Mary Borges-Prater. |
| **Quandt** | **2023** | Loyal Arthur Quandt (91) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away August 13, 2023. Born on October 6, 1931, in Grand Island, Nebraska to Walter and Laura (Scherzberg) Quandt. Loyal joined the United States Army in 1952 and served overseas in the Korean War until November 1954. Afterwards, he attended the University of Nebraska where he graduated with both a bachelor's and a master's degree from the Department of Agronomy. Loyal devoted his professional career to agronomy and was employed for forty years as a Soil Scientist by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Loyal also owned and ran a farm north of Grand Island for fifty years. Loyal married Lorene Mader on January 25, 1958. During their married life, they lived in Lincoln and Seward, Nebraska; Little Rock, Arkansas; West Chester, Pennsylvania; and then returned to Lincoln, Nebraska, in their later years. During all that time, Loyal and Lorene were active in Lutheran congregations, and Loyal served as Vice President, Chairman of the Board of Elders and Personnel Committee, and taught bible classes. Loyal's family was very important to him. He is survived by his wife Lorene and two daughters Sonya (Jerry) Honea, and Kim (Peter) Tummino; grandchildren Lauren Howe (Beau), Lindsay Cole (Elliott), Rachel Tummino, and Matthew Tummino, and great-grandchildren Hannah and John Howe, and Adam, James and Audrey Cole. Loyal and Lorene's son Marty Quandt passed away in 2008. |
| **Quilliam** | **2023** | Maxine H. Quilliam (91) of Newark, Ohio (formerly of Lakeport, Florida), passed away on February 16, 2023, at SharonBrooke Assisted Living in Newark. Maxine was the wife of Senior Conservationist Robert E. Quilliam, who served as State Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in both West Virginia and Ohio, retiring in 1979. Maxine was born on June 1, 1931, in Washington, Indiana to the late Herbert and Viola Hunter. She was a retired librarian for Pickerington (Ohio) School District. A resident of Lakeport, she was a member of Lakeport Christian Church and attended Millersport United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, puzzles, solitaire, and theater productions. Maxine also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Maxine is survived by her daughter, Karen Taylor of Newark; son, Randy (Tanya) of Millersport, Ohio; two grandsons, Josh (Maria) Quilliam and Jeff (Kayla) Quilliam; five great grandchildren, Hunter, Noah, Tripp, Faithann and Kaylyn; four step grandchildren, Andy Hite, Heather Evans, Ami Boch and Dodi Brinkman; and several step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Robert E. Quilliam in 2015. |
| **Raasch** | **2023** | Wayne Leo Raasch (94) of Harlan, Iowa, passed away July 12, 2023, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan. Wayne was the son of Arthur George and Gladys Margaret (Ryan) Raasch, and was born on April 15, 1929, in Massena Township, Cass County, Iowa. After graduating from high school in 1946, Wayne enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served his country for three years, being stationed on Guam from August of 1947 until May of 1949. After his Honorable Discharge, he worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 30 years, retiring in 1984. Following his retirement, Wayne became a valued member of the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home staff, where he worked as a part-time funeral assistant for many years. On June 5, 1967, he was united in marriage to Vera Ruth (Buck) Heilig in Nashua, Iowa, and the couple made their home in Harlan. Wayne was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan where he served on the church board for many years. He also served on the Harlan Community Library Board and was a member of Harlan Odd Fellows Lodge from 1963 until it closed. Wayne had a special interest in traveling and visiting historical sites and museums. An avid reader, he also enjoyed golf and fishing, as well as watching old movies. Wayne was preceded in death by stepson, Terry Heilig. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Vera Raasch of Harlan, Iowa; one stepson, Dan (Ruth) Heilig of Elk Horn, Iowa; four grandchildren, Amy (Jim) Adamson of Adel, Iowa, Chris (Jessica) Heilig of Flower Mound, Texas, Carrie Heilig of Fremont, Nebraska, and Brian (Nicole) Heilig of Buffalo Grove, Illinois; four great-grandchildren, Molly (Nick) Howell, Michael Adamson, Cole Heilig, and Reed Heilig. |

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| **Ralston** | **2023** | Margaret Speer Ralston (93) of Fairfax, Virginia, passed away peacefully on September 2, 2023. She was the widow of Senior Conservationist David C. Ralston, who served as the National Design Engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. David retired in 1990 and passed away in 2020. Margie, as she was referred to, was born in Kingman, Kansas on January 22, 1930. She was the daughter of William Scott and Genevieve Martin Speer. After graduating from Kansas State University, Margie worked in the Chicago test kitchens of Swift and Co. Over the years she involved herself as a homemaker followed by working in the kitchen of the Fairfax County school system for about 10 years. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, was skilled at textiles and fiber work including weaving, knitting, basketry, and many other crafts. She was an active member of the Fairfax Presbyterian Church for more than 45 years, including serving in leadership positions. She enjoyed staying on top of the news of day, reading, and learning something new every day. She was a positive force in her community, much loved and touching many lives. She married David C. Ralston in 1956 and has four surviving children, Roger (Elisa Nappa), Peter, Barbara, and Andrew (Shannon Walton), and one grandchild, Grace Nappa-Ralston. |
| **Restad** | **2023** | Jason Henry Restad (68) of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away on November 19, 2023, peacefully at Pathways Hospice with his wife Karen by his side and surrounded by family and friends. His long courageous fight with prostate cancer was emblematic of his tenacity for life. Jason was born in Duluth, Minnesota on September 2, 1955, to Carol and Sigmund Restad and grew up in Palmer, Alaska. Jason obtained a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1978 from the University of Alaska. His enduring curiosity and drive for knowledge fueled his passion for computers and paved the way for a successful 33 years as a Computer Scientist including serving as the Lead Application Architect for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Jason was instrumental in conceiving and driving the development of the NRCS application system architecture that produced the Customer Service Toolkit, PLANTS.usda, Web Soil Survey, Resource Data Gateway, Performance Results System, and many other agency software tools. His early work with web services helped provide the foundation for the on-line presence the agency and USDA have today. Jason and Karen met at the Fairbanks Choir of the North. In their 42 years of marriage and sharing lives, music was a lasting bond. Jason is predeceased by his mother, Carol Restad. He is survived by his wife, Karen, four children, Joshua, Evar, Phaedra, and Jacobi, and two grandchildren, Ethan and Rowan. He is also survived by his father Sigmund and siblings, Mary, Lori, Eric, Joyce, and Mark. |
| **Reybold** | **2023** | Life Member William Umstead Reybold III "Bill" (90) of Easton, Maryland, passed away unexpectedly on March 9, 2023. Bill was born April 8, 1932, to William U. and Rosalie (nee Steel) Reybold of Newark Delaware. graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy from the University of Delaware. He was a superb Blue Hen athlete on both the track and swim teams, receiving the Outstanding Athlete Award of 1954. In 2007 he was inducted into the University of Delaware Sports Hall of Fame. Bill also graduated with a commission as Army 2nd Lieutenant, serving 2 years as an artillery officer with the 5th Infantry Division and 11th Airborne Division in Munich, Germany and Fort Ord, California. After active service, he remained in the Army Reserve as a recruiter for West Point. He retired as a Colonel in 1992. He went on from college to become a prominent soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service with his career beginning in Talbot County, Maryland. He spent the bulk of his career in Washington DC, trailblazing the digitization of soil surveys across the nation in the 1970's. As National Leader for Soil Geography, he travelled globally, sharing his extensive knowledge of soil mapping systems. He was Associate Editor of Soil Survey Horizons for 12 years. Upon retiring in 1989, Bill and Nancy returned to Talbot County where they happily spent the last years of their lives. During these years, Bill served on the Boards of the Waterfowl Festival, Pickering Creek Audubon Center and Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage. Other volunteer work included The Nature Conservancy, the Eastern Shore Conservancy and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. He was a member of the Tidewater Farm Club and served as secretary of the Easton Ruritan Club for 12 years. He enjoyed helping his artist wife hang shows in the local galleries and sailing competitively at the "Wednesday Night Races" in Annapolis. He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 57 years Nancy South Reybold in 2016. Survivors include six children: Will (Julie) Reybold, Larry (Katie) Reybold, Nathan Reybold, Tom (Mary) Reybold, Jack Reybold (Mary Ann Sorra), and Abe Reybold (Ernie) Nolan; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. |
| **Rich** | **2023** | "Bill" William Jack Frankie Rich (83) of Protection, Kansas, passed away due to complications with lung cancer in St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, Kansas on Easter morning, April 9, 2023, at the age of 83. He was born on September 22, 1939, in Ashland, Kansas to Lloyd and Agidia (Wasinger) Rich. He received his bachelor's degree in vocational/Agricultural Education from Kansas State University, where he also played football and ran hurdles for the track team. Bill met the love of his life, Peggy (Rogers), when both were high school teachers at Inman, Kansas, and they were married in 1962. Bill and Peggy celebrated 56 years of marriage before her passing in 2018. Bill was an avid outdoorsman who loved being active, hunting, and helping guide others on hunting adventures. He particularly enjoyed fishing, a passion he passed on to all of his children. He spent 18 years serving Clark County and surrounding areas working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservation technician, until he retired in 2005. Bill was also actively involved in his community, serving on various boards and committees, including the Ashland School Board, Protection Library Board, and as a former deacon at the Protection First Baptist Church. Bill was preceded in death by his wife Peggy Alice Rich. He is survived by his children Ashley Rich and Mel Baier of Garden City Kansas, Michael (Kelly) Rich of Queen Creek Arizona, Douglas (Holly) Rich of Mesa Arizona, and Leslie Rich of Tirana, Albania; his foster son Rick (Kody) Rogers of Scott City, Kansas; seven surviving grandchildren Jacob and Joshua (Michael), Eric, Reilly and Jack (Douglas), and Mikahael and Darrie (Rick). |

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| **Riddell** | **2023** | Robert Michael (Mike) Riddell (77) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away on February 23, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a lifetime Lexingtonian. Mike grew up on a dairy and tobacco farm in Fayette County as the oldest of 11 children. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a civil engineering degree. After graduation, he went on to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and was a well-respected design engineer and was on the Lexington state office watershed staff when he retired. He was also a realtor specializing in Horse Farms. Mike used his extensive knowledge of Kentucky soils to become the first to identify and color code the optimum horse soils in Central Kentucky, decades before it would become a real estate industry standard. This research was instrumental in the development of the most successful thoroughbred and standardbred farms in Central Kentucky. Mike married his wife Fran in 1987. Mike is survived by his loving wife Fran and his three children Tyler Radin, Justin Riddell, Nataly (Tyler) Gomez and 5 grandchildren, Hadlee Radin, Sutton Radin, Evelyn Gomez, Sebastian Gomez and Melody Gomez; his 10 siblings: Pat (Donna) Riddell, Joe Riddell, Tim Riddell, Dan (Martha) Riddell, David (Ada) Riddell, Julie (Bill) Hostetler, Charles (Marsha) Riddell, Susan (Greg) Mason, Mary (Dave) Tyler, Anne (Keller) Norton; 60 nieces and nephews, and 42 great nieces and nephews. |
| **Risinger** | **2023** | William “Mike” Michael Risinger (78) of Belton, Texas, passed away unexpectedly on December 31, 2023, in Temple, Texas. He was born on November 26, 1945, in Wellington, Texas. He graduated from Bula High School in 1964 as Valedictorian and continued his education at West Texas State University and South Plains Junior College before ultimately obtaining both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree from Texas Tech University. It was through mutual friends that he encountered Susan McDonald, and with determination and persistence, they were married on June 2, 1990. The world has lost a remarkable individual whose life was dedicated to his family, career, and passions. Mike had an illustrious career as a Soil Scientist for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service. After forty-two years of remarkable service, he retired in June of 2008. Not content with simply enjoying his well-deserved retirement, Mike started his own consulting company called Risinger Soil Survey in Bell County. His expertise and dedication were renowned throughout the industry. Outside of his professional pursuits, Mike found solace in a variety of hobbies and interests. He was an avid angler, golfer, hunter and fisherman. He worked on cars and excelled in the art of knife making. Survivors include his wife, Susan Risinger of Belton, four cherished grandchildren, his daughter in law, Amber Risinger of Temple, numerous family members, and friends. Mike is preceded in death by his son, Dennis Michael Risinger, his daughter, Sara Ruth Minan and her husband, Jose. |
| **Roy** | **2023** | Clifford Roy (96) of Fort Kent, Maine, peacefully passed away at home on December 30, 2023, with family by his side, after a brief period of declining health. Clifford was born on October 20, 1927, in Fort Kent, Maine, a son of George and Leona (Daigle) Roy. He was a veteran of World War II and served in Italy. Clifford graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Economics and started his career teaching Vocational Agriculture and Sciences at Patten Academy. In 1955 he married Annette LaFrance and they shared a happily married life of 68 years. In 1956 he pursued his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He was District Conservationist from 1956 to1991 in the Fort Kent, Maine Field Office. He was awarded the "Superior Service Silver Medal", the highest award presented in USDA. He was well respected by coworkers for his sharp wit and sense of humor. He retired in 1991 after 35 years of service. Clifford was a communicant of St. Louis parish, made his Cursillo and was a Eucharistic minister for 24 years, along with his wife. He was a 4th degree honorary member of Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Fort Kent Senior Citizens Club. Cliff was predeceased by his son-in-law, Timothy McCue. Surviving Cliff are his beloved wife Annette of 68 years, daughter Janice McCue, son David Roy (Debbie), son John Roy (Karen), and daughter Sharon Saucier (Dean); grandchildren Ryan Roy and fiancé Lauren with children Ashlynn and Rias, Daniel McCue (Barbara) with children Burns and Briar, Zachary Roy, Jeremy Saucier and fiancé Ashley Williams, Ryan Olberding (Kristen) and children Madison and Brendan, and Natalie Olberding. |
| **Ryder** | **2023** | Robert Ernest Ryder (73) of Brookline, Missouri, passed away January 26, 2023. He was born April 26, 1949, to William and Betty Ryder in Santa Cruz, California. Robert had 3 Purple Hearts and other awards from his service in the Vietnam War. He was shot up badly and suffered the effects of Agent Orange throughout the rest of his life. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, including time as District Conservationist in Marshfield, Missouri. He took an early medical retirement, in the 1980's. After retiring, Robert was an officer of The American Clan Lockhart Society, a non-profit organization for people with interest in Scottish history and culture. Among his survivors is his wife, Catherine. Services will be held at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in April 2023. |
| **Schafer** | **2023** | Former ARCSE member Richard L. Schafer (78) of Plainfield, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family members on May 24, 2023, after living with Myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) for six years. He was born in Clay County, Indiana on October 21, 1944, to the late Carl and Mary Louise Schafer. Richard was a Purdue University graduate where he was a member of the Purdue All American Marching Band. He was also an Indiana Army National Guard veteran. Richard worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1997 as a Resource Conservationist after 30 years of service. He then worked for Co-Alliance after retirement for 10 years. Richard was a member of the First Baptist Church in Plainfield for 48 years, where he served in various roles. He enjoyed woodworking, boating, bicycling, playing card games, and traveling in his free time. Richard and his wife Margaret camped throughout the United States and Canada. They enjoyed many great adventures traveling the world together during their retirement. Richard loved spending time with family and friends. Funeral services were held May 31, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Plainfield followed by burial with military honors at Maple Hill Cemetery. Survivors include his loving wife, Margaret Schafer; daughter, Beth (Jim) Malone; son, Brian (Sonna) Schafer; sister, Judy German; grandchildren, Brian (Annie), Austin (Kasey), Ashlyn, Tyler and Carter; and great grandchild, Kora Louise. |

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| **Schmude** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Keith Orville Schmude (92) of Fairfax, Virginia, passed away on March 26, 2023. Keith, the son of Harold and Lucille Schmude, was born in Omro, Wisconsin on November 26, 1930. He grew up on a dairy farm with five siblings. Keith was drafted into the U.S. Army, as an Infantry Solider, where he served on the front lines during the Korean War. After the war, he attended the University of Wisconsin, studied soil science, and met and married his loving wife of 67 years, Barbara Lou Wilson. Keith earned his PhD in Soil Science while raising seven children with Barbara during a 30-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. His career started by working on soil surveys in Wisconsin. From there he went to the state office in West Virginia, and he finished his career in the National Office in Washington, DC. He wrote several papers on the loss of important farmlands in the United States. Keith was the faith leader in his family, a hero to his five sons, the protector of his wife and two daughters and the greatest Grandpa to fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was an active member of the American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax, VA. In addition, he enjoyed being outdoors, woodworking, and working on his laptop. Never one to pass an opportunity to tell a story, Keith befriended everyone he met and was always available to help a neighbor in need. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, daughters Nancy (Joseph) Yancey and Debra Nicholson and sons Steven (Kimberly), Mark, Brian (Alicia), Dale (Dina) and Dean (Denise). |
| **Schnoor** | **2023** | Jane Schnoor (88) of Mount Ayr, Iowa, passed away peacefully on August 1, 2023, in her home, surrounded by her family. She was the wife of Roger Schnoor, retired Civil Engineer on the Watershed Planning Staff in Des Moines, for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Jane was born in Dwight, Illinois on June 28, 1935, to Clifford Clement Steichen and Margaret Irene (Bannon) Steichen. Her She attended St. Mary School of Nursing and she and her sister Gretchen graduated together as registered nurses and started the practice of nursing serving veterans at the Veterans Administration hospital in Dwight. Jane married Roger on October 6, 1961, in Dwight. While Roger worked for SCS, Jane served the sick and supported her colleagues as a registered nurse at Ringgold County Hospital and Ringgold County Public Health. Supporting young families and bringing new babies into the Mount Ayr community was one of the highlights of her career. Jane was a longstanding parishioner of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mount Ayr. |
| **Schwagler** | **2023** | Robert "Bob" Schwagler (86) of New Salem, North Dakota, passed away April 1, 2023 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Bob worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in New Salem for 36 years as a Civil Engineering Technician. After his 36 years of putting conservation practices on the land, he went on to work as a Park Ranger for eight years for Cross Ranch State Park. His volunteer service included 35 years for the New Salem Volunteer Fire Department (15 years as Fire Chief), life-time member of North Dakota Fireman's Association, New Salem's Ambulance Service, Central Morton Sportsmen's Club, American Legion Post 91 Honor Guard, a North Dakota Game and Fish Hunter Education volunteer instructor for 30 years, and an active member in his church serving 20 years as Sunday School superintendent. He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting, and enjoyed his children and grandchildren's sporting events. He officiated Boys High School basketball for many years. Bob is survived by his three children, Kristie (Rick) Baldridge, Rocky Schwagler, and Todd (Sharon) Schwagler, seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and six brothers and sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Ardella. |
| **Sherman** | **2023** | Meredith Sherman (87) of Plymouth, New Hampshire, passed away on November 8, 2023, with her family by her side at Forestview Manor in Meredith, New Hampshire. Meredith was the wife of ARCSE Life Member Dean F. Sherman, retired Engineering Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Meredith was born April 17, 1936, in Lancaster, New Hampshire to Herbert and Christine Lewis. Meredith married Dean on June 29, 1957, and they moved to Plymouth, New Hampshire in 1964. She went to Nursing School at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, New Hampshire. After graduating Nursing School, she worked at Weeks Memorial Hospital in Lancaster, Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth, and then at Plymouth State College Infirmary until her retirement. She was an active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plymouth, New Hampshire. Meredith was a Girl Scout leader for many years in Plymouth, New Hampshire. In addition to her husband Dean, Meredith is survived by daughters Andrea Samaha (Louis) and Christine Weden (Scott) both of Plymouth; Son, Craig Sherman (Tina) of Sunapee, New Hampshire; and 9 grandchildren. |
| **Shields** | **2023** | ARCSE Life Member Lee B. Shields (86) of Greenbelt, Maryland, passed away December 7, 2023. An obituary is not available. Lee was the Assistant Director of Information for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service when he retired at the end of 1986. Lee and his wife Bonnie Shields were fixtures of ARCSE luncheons and other functions in the Capitol Area before COVID-19 restrictions came along. Lee and Bonnie were very active in community activities and Greenbelt city government. They were proud of living in their starter home in Greenbelt for over 50 years as is shown in this video: https://vimeo.com/46113466. If an obituary becomes available, we will have more information in a future newsletter. Lee is survived by his wife Bonnie but information on other survivors is not currently available. |
| **Shirley** | **2023** | Charles Edgar Shirley (85) of Mingo, Iowa, passed away peacefully on June 29, 2023, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Iowa. Charles was born on November 08, 1937, at home near Munterville, Iowa, in Wapello County to Paul and Isabell (Owens) Shirley. Charles attended Iowa State University, graduating with his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy in 1959. Shortly after graduating, Charles married Barbara DeLong in Lytton, Iowa. Over the next 10 years they had three children. His career began as a farmer with his father and brother, John. This was followed by 30 years with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). In 1979 Charles and his family were invited to Washington, DC where he received a national USDA award for excellence in soil conservation. His federal career culminated in the State Office in Des Moines, during which time he met Trudy Lewis. They married in 1989. Post-NRCS, Charles became a licensed real estate appraiser, having his own company, CES-LTD. Throughout both careers Charles farmed on the side. Survivors include two former wives (Barbara, Trudy), three children – Lori (Lee) of Ames, Iowa, Jolene (David) of Johnstown, Colorado, and Sam (Brinda) of Walnut, Iowa; and four grandchildren (Brandi, Dan, Skylar, Luke). |

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| **Siler** | **2023** | Donald Lee Siler (82) of Baldwin, Wisconsin passed away peacefully on July 15, 2023, surrounded by his family at Hammond Health Services in Hammond, Wisconsin. Don was born on April 9, 1941, in Menomonie, Wisconsin, the son of Lavern and Myrtle Siler. Don joined the United States Army in 1964, served in the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1966. On January 30, 1965 he was united in marriage to Karen Gifford at the First Evangelical Church in Manhattan, Kansas. Don worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for over 30 years. While working full-time, Don attended school at UW-River Falls part-time and earned his bachelor's degree in 1981. During his career worked in several locations throughout Wisconsin. He retired as a District Conservationist in 2001. Upon retirement, Don and Karen spent their winters in Sarasota, Florida. Don was fortunate to find love again after Karen's passing in 2010. Don and Sandy Ferg were married on March 14, 2014. During their time together they enjoyed vacationing in Florida, looking after their grandchildren, going for long drives, dining out at Culver's and Texas Roadhouse, and cheering on the Green Bay Packers. Don is survived by his wife Sandy Siler of Baldwin; daughter Mindy (Brian) Jacobson of San Antonio, Texas, and son Ron (Angela) Siler of Roberts, Wisconsin, grandchildren Noel Gawrysiak, Taylor (Lily) Jacobson, Dalton (Samantha) Jacobson, Dallas (Brianna) Jacobson, Morgan (Sam) Brock, Gabe Siler and Aaron Siler, great grandchildren Harper Gawrysiak and Elliot Jacobson, stepchildren Brian (Jessica) Ferg, Brad (Beth) Ferg and Brenda (German) Luna, step-grandchildren Lauren Ferg, Avery Ferg, Camryn Ferg, Marley Luna, Jacob Luna and Grace Luna. |
| **Simmons** | **2023** | Donna Lee Simmons (89) of Fairfield, Iowa, passed away on May 20, 2023. Donna was the wife of Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Stanley R. Simmons, retired District Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Donna was born on May 7, 1934, in Ottumwa, Iowa to Elmer and Helen Stater Myers. She met Stanley in 1953, on a blind date. At the time she was working as a telephone switchboard operator in Fairfield, Iowa. They were married on Dec 18, 1954. Ironically, they shared the exact same birthday. Donna volunteered for over 17 years to a hospice as well as at the Jefferson County Hospital as a greeter. She was also very active with her church's women's group at Pleasant Plain Friend's Church in Pleasant Plain, Iowa, before moving into Fairfield, Iowa, where they were currently members at the Fairfield Friend's Church. Donna and Stan were married 68 years and could often be seen out together on their daily drives counting deer and enjoying nature. Donna is survived by her husband, Stanley, and their four children: Mark Simmons (Rodney Stonehouse), Phil (Jeannine) Simmons, Susan (Mark) Stanley, Bill (Michelle) Simmons. Five grandsons: Nate Stanley (partner Gui de Almeida), Josh Simmons (fiancé Audrey Wagner), Nicholas Simmons, Patrick Simmons (partner Tiffany Houk), Seth Simmons; and two great grandsons: Malachi Houk and Mason Simmons. |
| **Sims** | **2023** | ARCSE Life Member Raymond "Ray" Sims (88) of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away on March 9, 2023. Ray was born in Jamestown, Kentucky on September 17, 1934, to James Arthur Sims and Sadie Mae (Williams) Sims. He served in the United States Army. He graduated from the University of Kentucky and was a big fan of Kentucky basketball and football. He worked for USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist. He was the Assistant State Soil Scientist in Kentucky before transferring to Tennessee where he worked as State Soil Scientist and Assistant State Soil Scientist. He retired in 1994. He was a member of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church. Ray's hobbies and interests included fishing, growing a garden every year, and collecting old tools. Funeral services were held March 15, 2023, at Woodbine Funeral Home, Hickory Chapel, 5852 Nolensville Road. Interment with Military Honors followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Ray is survived by wife of 60 years, Margaret Sue (Garner) Sims; daughter, Ann (Mike) Salyers of Smyrna, Tennessee; granddaughter, Rachel Salyers of Nashville; and many nieces and nephews. |
| **Skala** | **2023** | ARCSE Member Ronnie Glen Skala (64) of Colorado Springs, Colorado (formerly of Temple, Texas) passed away October 30 or 31, 2023. Ronnie was born August 18, 1959, to Henry Edward Skala Sr. and Shirley Ann Meier Skala. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), most recently as a Hydraulic Engineer in the Temple, Texas State Office. He took an early retirement in 2009. Note: An obituary for Ronnie was not available. I was able to find out that Ronnie had sold his home in Temple, Texas in June of 2023 and moved to another property he owned in Colorado Springs. He had been experiencing unexplained health problems. Ronnie's older brother, Henry Edward Skala Jr., also worked for NRCS and passed away in 2010 at age 53. Ronnie is survived by a son, Stephen Skala (Lindsay) of Killeen, Texas. |
| **Slowik** | **2023** | USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service employee Victor William Slowik (56) of Burleson, Texas, passed away unexpectedly at his home on May 8, 2023. Victor was born on February 14th, 1967, to Viktor Adalbert Slowik and Rosario Lozano Slowik in El Paso, Texas. He attended the University of Texas A&M, where he earned his degree in Agricultural Engineering in May of 1991. While at A&M, Victor joined the student-led Corps of Cadets in appreciation of the structure and discipline it provided. Later, Victor also completed 40 hours of graduate coursework at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Victor worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as an engineer, first in Clinton, Oklahoma and then Woodward, Oklahoma. In 1996 he transferred to Design Staff at the Oklahoma State Office. Between 2009 and 2016 he served as Multi-State Design Engineer (MSDE). He provided design support services to Kansas and Nebraska NRCS and supported design activities in Oklahoma. He served as the CADD contact for Oklahoma and aided Kansas and Nebraska as needed. He served on a team preparing national policy and guidance for LiDAR data usage. In 2019 he became a Supervisory Civil Engineer at the Soil Mechanics Lab in Fort Worth, Texas. There he oversaw a team that conducted various tests and prepared reports with results, interpretations, and recommendations as appropriate for the planned construction. He was committed to his position and gave it his all, despite declining health in the last few months. Victor is survived by his mother, Rosario L. Slowik and brother, Paul Slowik. Services were held May 15, 2023, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in El Paso, Texas. |

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| **Smith** | **2023** | Bobby Joe Smith (86) of Medford, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2023, in Wakita, Oklahoma. Bob was born December 12, 1936, to Wilbert and Lella Smith at their home in Lexington, Oklahoma. He went to Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, Oklahoma in the fall of 1955 and graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1959. If you noticed, the university changed names while he was there, and this was always a big deal to Bob. He met his future wife, Milly, in 4-H while attending high school, and they married on June 13, 1958, in Maguire at the Baptist Church. Bob started his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Anadarko, Oklahoma in 1959. He later worked in Carnegie and then in Medford, Oklahoma, where he was the District Conservationist. He retired in 1990. In addition to his government career, he worked in ministry beginning in 1970. After his government retirement he served full time at Nash, Medford, and Wakita, Oklahoma. He was affectionally known as Bro Bob all over Grant County and beyond. He even had it on his license plate. He is survived by Milly, his wife of 64 ½ years; his two boys and his two girls, Vicki Nachtigall (Paul) of Pampa, Texas, Alan Smith of Coweta, Oklahoma, Mark Smith of Ruston, Louisiana, and Gina Lambillotte (Daniel) of Jenks, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Candice, Chandra, Charity, Chasity, Joshua, and Hannah; fifteen great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by one grandchild, Alexa. |
| **Smith** | **2023** | Hugh Allen Smith (89) of Temple, Texas, passed away June 16, 2023, at Baylor Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Hugh was born January 31, 1934, in Jarrell, Texas, to Bernard Carl Smith and Laura (Olive) McWilliams Smith. He attended Texas A&M College and graduated in 1955 earning a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering. While attending Texas A&M, he met the love of his life and married Jo Annabeth Everett at the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods on the campus of Texas Woman's University on June 16th, 1956. They were reunited in Heaven on their 67th anniversary. Jo Annabeth passed away in 2011. They lived in many places, including Ft. Benning, Georgia, Tulia, Texas and Waco, Texas before settling in Temple, Texas. Where he worked as a professional engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He retired from the SCS in 1994 and started a professional engineering and land surveying business. He took great pride in planning, designing, and supervising the construction of agricultural projects such as ponds and terraces. He retired from all professional work in 2004. Hugh also served in the United States Army, Army Reserves, and Texas National Guard. These activities took him to places across the United States. At one point his unit served as support for the 82nd Airborne Division and Hugh was required to qualify and make a number of parachute jumps with his unit. Once when asked what he thought about doing this, he replied, "I didn't much think about it. I was doing my duty." He retired from military service with the rank of full colonel. He was a St. Paul United Methodist Church in Temple member for over 50 years. Hugh had many interests including coin collecting, coaching ball teams, woodworking, history (especially military), camping, enjoying the antics of his dogs, and working in the yard and Temple Wildcat Football. Hugh is survived by his sons, Dennis A. Smith (Debra Koslan) of Seadrift, Texas, Bryan C. Smith (Karla) of Marlin, Texas, Bruce K. Smith of Houston, Texas, and Hugh H. "Buck" Cueni-Smith (Colleen) of Independence, Missouri, and his daughter, Susan E. Smith of Temple; grandchildren Brandi Smith, Jacob Smith, Rachel McNally, Reagan Smith, Kendall Smith, Joshua Smith, Annika Cueni-Smith, Elizabeth Cueni-Smith, and Benjamin Cueni-Smith; and three great-grandchildren: Alison Young, John Luke McNally, and Lyla Kate McNally. |
| **Smola** | **2023** | Norman Edward Smola (85) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away August 11, 2023, while working on the farm he loved. Norman was born to Eddie and Leona Smola (Nee Hill) and raised in rural Kingfisher County, Oklahoma. Norman married Jane Mueggenborg of Kingfisher, Oklahoma on April 30, 1960 and the couple enjoyed 63 years of marriage before his passing. He went to Central State College (Now the University of Central Oklahoma) at Edmond, Oklahoma then on to Oklahoma A&M (Now Oklahoma State University). Norman graduated with a degree in forestry in 1961 and worked as a State Staff Forester from 1961 until his retirement in 1994. His first position was in the Poteau field office. He was promoted and transferred to Hugo, Oklahoma, in 1965 and later promoted again and moved to Stillwater in 1973. In 1983 Norman and Jane purchased a 60-acre farm northeast of Stillwater, where they enjoyed an enormous garden, working the land, grafting pecan trees, gathering pecans and walnuts in the fall and watching the abundant wildlife. Norman stocked one the ponds with catfish which became a great source of good times and fond memories for his children and grandchildren. Following his passion for forestry Norman established a 'cut your own' Christmas tree farm on a portion of the property and ran that successfully for several years. Norman and Jane moved from their home in town to the farm in 2001, where they enjoyed 20+ years of gardening, farming, entertaining their children and grandchildren at this special place of peace and tranquility. Norman was passionate about Oklahoma State Athletics and was a season ticket holder for football, basketball, and wrestling for decades. He and Jane were long time members and very active in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Norman was predeceased by two sons, Paul and Vince. He is survived by his wife, Jane; three sons, Doug, Don and Ed Smola; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. |

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| **Spencer** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Loren John Spencer (97) of Kaysville, Utah (formerly of Reno, Nevada) passed away October 5, 2023. Loren was born December 30, 1925, in Kanab, Utah to Homer and Clara Spencer. His father passed away when he was eight years old. He grew up working with an uncle running the family's farm. He enjoyed riding horses and herding the cattle. During the late 1930's he was an extra in a few of the movies that were made near Kanab. He volunteered for the Marine Corps after graduating high school. He was attached to the 4th Marine Division and sailed to Hawaii for additional training. On New Year's Day, 1945 the Division left Pearl Harbor for the Island of Iwo Jima. The invasion began on February 19, 1945. The unit he joined—K Company, 23rd Regiment—suffered 130% casualties during the campaign. He returned to Maui by way of the Marshall Islands on the USS Kingsbury. He, and all Privates, was promoted to Private First Class. The unit was brought back to full strength. After the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan in August, 1945, he was assigned to an MP company and went to Guam on the Aircraft Carrier USS Bon Homme Richard. One of his assignments was guarding about 500 Japanese prisoners who had survived Iwo Jima. They could not go back to Japan because their families would not accept them. They were supposed to have died for their country. He sailed home in June of 1946 arriving in San Francisco. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was told he could keep the rank if he would re-enlist. He declined and was discharged on June 18, 1946. When home, he enrolled in the School of Engineering at the Branch Agricultural College in Cedar City, Utah in the Fall of 1946. In 1948 he went to Fillmore, Utah to get a job with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). While he was in Fillmore, he met LaRene Petersen when he went to her window at the bank. They were married in the Manti Utah Temple on September 17, 1948. They moved to Logan, Utah where he completed his degree in civil engineering at Utah State University. In 1950 they moved to Beaver, Utah to continue his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service SCS. As his career advanced, he worked in Cedar City, Utah, American Fork, Utah, Lehi, Utah, and Provo, Utah. In 1968 he was promoted to a planning engineer out of the state office in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1971 he was assigned as the assistant conservation engineer in the state office. Loren was transferred to Reno, Nevada in 1975 as the state conservation engineer. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in December of 1994 after a 45-year career, 25 years with the agency in Utah and 20 years in Nevada. In retirement he was a consultant for a local engineering company. He moved to Kaysville, Utah to live with his son, Neil, in 2018 after LaRene passed away. Loren was very devoted to his church. He served as Elders Quorum President and as a counselor in two bishoprics. He worked with the youth, which included the Boy Scouts. He served as Bishop of the Mount Rose First Ward in Reno, Nevada from 1980 – 1985. Served on the Reno Stake High Council for 10 years. He served as Director of the Reno Nevada Family History Center for 22 years. Loren also served many years as the Nevada State Rep for the Association of Retired Conservation Employees. He is survived by his three children: Ross (Margo) Spencer, JaNene (Forrest) Carter and Neil (preceded in death by Donece) Spencer. His posterity includes 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. |
| **Spencer** | **2023** | Richard S. Spencer (71) of Cottonwood, Idaho, passed away February 17, 2023. Rich was born July 21, 1951, in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in the nearby suburb of Parma. He attended Cuyahoga Community College and Kent State University. After moving west, he worked as a seasonal firefighter in Idaho at Fenn, Dixie, and Riggins and fell in love with the area. In the meantime, he completed his studies at Humboldt State University in Northern California. Soon after he joined the Peace Corps in Nepal, where he surveyed soils in the foothills of the Himalayas. There he met his wife Mary, another soil scientist who joined the same program. They later married in Kathmandu, and shortly after, returned to the US looking for a place to settle. Landing a job in Boise, they moved to Idaho, spending the first 10 years in various towns in Southern Idaho. They then moved to Cottonwood, where Rich worked as the District Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in nearby Grangeville, Idaho for many years. He led a strong Catholic life and always set the example for his children to do the same. A rosary was recited on February 24, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Cottonwood followed by Mass of Christian burial at Cottonwood Catholic Cemetery. Rich was preceded in death by son David. He is survived by his wife Mary of 39 years and five surviving children: Stephen (Tabitha), Rachel (Huzail), Laura (Matt), Peter (Natalie), and Sean; daughter-in-law Danielle; and grandchildren: Lucy, Matthew, Amelia, Gemma, Audra, Brooklynn, Decklan, Gabriel, Gatlin, Grace, Owen, Zion, Fiona, and David. |
| **Spofford** | **2023** | Sharon Mae Spofford (79) of Soap Lake, Washington, passed away May 21, 2023. Sharon was the wife of ARCSE member Thomas "Tom" L. Spofford, former Irrigation Engineer at the National Water and Climate Center in Portland, Oregon. Tom retired in 2006. Sharon was born June 13, 1943, to Lois Lorraine and Alan Rood in Clearfield, Iowa. She worked for various financial companies such as a teller at Security Bank in Ephrata, Washington, Branch manager of Washington Mutual in Quincy, Washington and teller at Chase bank in Ephrata. Her career led to various bookkeeping jobs in the Ephrata area as well as in Vancouver, Washington. Sharon and Tom saw much of our country and history through the years. Her favorite break away was the Oregon coast and northern Nevada. Of all the historic sites and parks visited throughout the nation her favorite was Bryce Canyon in Utah. Besides her husband Tom, she leaves behind four children: Mike Beavers (Traci), Ephrata; Lori Davis, Yakima, Washington; Amy Kaizerman, Salem, Oregon, and Cory Voss (Mark) Princeton, Idaho; as well as eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will likely be held around the end of July |
| **Spooner** | **2023** | Dr. June Taylor Spooner (85) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away on February 9, 2023, at East Alabama Medical Center following an extended illness. June was the wife of retired Assistant State Conservation Engineer Joe L. Spooner who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. June had a remarkable career as an educator. June taught school in Georgia before moving to Auburn with Joe in 1967. Besides being an elementary school principal in the City of Auburn, she served as a member and officer of many organizations – local, state, and national – and was inducted into the Alabama Educational Leadership Hall of Fame 1991. She is survived by her husband, Joe Spooner of Auburn; daughter and son-in-law, Victoria (Frank) Jordan of Atlanta, Georgia; son-in-law, Joe Hankes of Birmingham, Alabama; and five grandchildren, Gabe (Deborah) Hankes, Taylor Jordan, Eben Jordan, Mallie Hankes, and Audrey Jordan. |

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| **Stamatel** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Life ARCSE Member Henry S. Stamatel (99) of Camillus, New York, passed away May 17. 2023, at home, after a brief illness. Born 100 years ago in Stamford, Connecticut, his parents were immigrants from southeast Poland and their lives were extremely modest. By 1930, his Uncle Steven had taken him in, and he lived with Uncle Steven's family, while his mother worked as a domestic in nearby Rye, New York. In the 1930s, Henry, his widowed mother, and sister moved into subsidized housing in downtown Stamford. By 1941, Henry was an Eagle Scout, ready to graduate from Stamford High School and go to work in a factory to support his family, but then the Japanese Air Force bombed Pearl Harbor and he joined the military. Henry was trained to be a navigator of a B-29 in the Army Air Corps. As a father, he did not readily share his memories of the war until he was in his 80s when told his adult children, "I flew over the Empire three times." Henry took part in the bombing of the oil reserves at Akita, Japan, the longest bombing raid ever attempted by the 20th Air Force. He remembered that this mission began with the plane positioned for takeoff at the end of the runway while a fuel truck drove out to top off the B-29's tanks one final time. A chaplain was riding in the front seat of the truck. The mission was an American success, and Henry and his fellow aviators were returning to Guam when the radioman announced that Hirohito had surrendered. Weeks later, he boarded a troop ship and made his way through the Panama Canal to Fairfield Court in Stamford. Henry's military service paid for his education at the University of Connecticut and Yale University, where he earned civil engineering degrees. He married Mary Pat Fraser in 1954 and began a family immediately. Henry worked as an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for his entire working life, helping municipalities manage flooding and create reservoirs for drinking water. He retired in 1986 as State Conservation Engineer. In later years, he was magnanimous about the change in philosophy that undammed many American rivers. A good friend who was also his boss, Bob Addison, took Henry with him when he moved from New Hampshire to New York in 1971. In Camillus, he mounted a tall rotating antenna on the roof of his home so he could watch hockey night in Canada on Saturdays. He was a steady parishioner at St. Joseph's Church in Camillus, where he lived with his family in the same house until his passing. Henry was a dedicated naturalist who regularly took his five children and devoted wife camping in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the Adirondacks of New York. He once nailed a fish to a log and then hid, camera in hand, until a raccoon showed up. Henry was an early Nordic skier when equipment had to be ordered directly from Norway! In retirement, he and Pat enjoyed winters in their Airstream trailer in the citrus groves of Florida for a time, where he cultivated bananas, blood oranges, and pink grapefruits. Henry was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Mary Pat, whom he nursed through her final days with grace and resolve. Surviving are his five children, Thomas (Tracey), Stanley (Helen), Mary (Mark), Elizabeth (Ray), and Lawrence (Viola); and seven wonderful grandchildren, Savanna, Brendan, Lauren, Andrew, Patrick, Henry, and Theo. |
| **Stevens** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Jesse Ray Stevens (88) of Clayton, North Carolina, passed away December 12, 2023. Jesse was born on September 16, 1935, the sixth child of the late Almon and Dora Austin Stevens in Clayton. He was a proud Korean War veteran, serving in the United States Army from April, 1954 to April, 1957. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal and remained a dedicated member of the American Legion Post 71 for 32 years. Jesse enjoyed a distinguished career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an Engineering Technician in the Design Section of the state office, retiring in 1993 after 34 years of service. After retirement, he and Barbara enjoyed many years traveling with the Clayton Senior Travel Club. Jesse was an avid fan of the University of North Carolina Tar Heels basketball and tried his best to help them win as a ‘couch’ coach. Jesse was a committed Christian and a faithful member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church for 65 years. He was sustained by his faith and was an inspiration to many in his long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Surviving is his devoted wife of 65 years, Barbara Johnson Stevens, his loving daughter, Kelli Stevens Padgett, and many other relatives and friends. |
| **Steyn** | **2023** | Joan Katherine Steyn (95) of Springfield, Virginia, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2023, due to complications from Alzheimer’s disease. Joan was the fiancé of Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Paul R. Newcomb. Paul retired in 1989 as Director of the Financial Management Division in Washington, DC, for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Joan and Paul had been together for 18 years. Joan graduated from Christian Buhl Hospital in Sharon, Pennsylvania, as a cadet nurse, and became a Navy nurse in August 1950. During the Korean War, she worked at Yokosuka Naval Hospital in Japan, tending to young soldiers who had serious and sometimes fatal wounds. During her 10 years in the Navy, she rose to the rank of Lt. Commander, also serving in Guam, Pensacola, Florida; and Bethesda, Maryland. After her first husband died in 1993, she became active in the American Legion, the Military Women’s Memorial and Widowed Persons Service of Northern Virginia, where she met Paul. |
| **Stover** | **2023** | James “Jim” Stover (75) of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, passed away on September 4, 2023, in Kingfisher. He was born on December 4, 1947, to parents Otto and Jean (Little) Stover in El Reno, Oklahoma. He married his high school sweetheart, Janet Murray, after dating for 4 years on June 23, 1967. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in Mexico 6 years ago. He grew up on a dairy farm, milking Holsteins, and farming wheat, and took over the farm from his dad to run Stover Dairy with his brother Mike. He worked for both Kingfisher County Conservation District and Logan County Conservation District as well as the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Jim was the Soil Conservation Technician in Guthrie, Oklahoma in the early to mid-1990s. He worked in Information Technology before it moved to its own agency, and he also worked under Jim Henley as a GIS Specialist before he retired. Jim was active in many areas. He served for years as a little league coach for his children while they were growing up and was a big supporter of Cashion, Oklahoma sports. He was also President of Cashion AllSports. Along with the many things Jim was active in, he also taught GPS Mapping at Langston. Faith was important to Jim. He served as the church administrator at First Baptist Church in Cashion and was ordained as a Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Kingfisher. Jim is survived by his wife Janet of the home, his three children; Jaime Stover (Tara) of Crescent, Oklahoma, Jana Stover-Trello of Cashion, and Jeremy Stover (Sarah) of Edmond, Oklahoma, seven grandchildren; Jaici and Tucker Stover, Otto and Levi Trello, Karsyn, Kadence, and Kyzer Stover, and bonus grandson Braylin Babb. |

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| **Strom** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist Elwood Malcolm Strom (105) of Dwight, Kansas, passed away December 2, 2023 in Council Grove, Kansas. Malcom was born March 24, 1918, to Albena and Elwood Strom on their farm near Dwight. It was during the same month, only 20 miles away, that the great pandemic of 1918 began. In 1939 Malcolm graduated from Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science (now Kansas State University) with a degree in agronomy. In August of 1941 he began his work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Alcester, South Dakota. Following his service in World War II, he returned to the SCS where he spent most of his time in South Dakota. In 1964 he transferred to New Hampshire, where he became the assistant state conservationist. Toward the end of his career, Malcolm had the opportunity to spend 2 years in Nigeria, where he headed an agricultural school under the auspices of United States Agency for International Development. In 1973, Malcolm retired from SCS, and with his wife, Edith, moved back to the family farm at Dwight, where his mother, Albena, still lived. Though retired from government service, he spent several years as an agricultural consultant with Dr. Everett Dennis, of Manhattan, Kansas. Malcolm served his country during both WW II and the Korean War. He was sworn into the army on December 8th, 1941, the day war was declared on Japan. After officer candidate school, he was assigned to the 102nd Evacuation Hospital and trained as their transportation officer. His unit left California for Europe in April 1944. His unit crossed France, Luxembourg, and Belgium, finally entering Germany at the end of the war. He was released from service on December 8, 1945, four years to the day after taking his oath of enlistment. He stayed in the Army Reserves and was then called up for duty in 1951 during the Korean War for eighteen months. On December 17, 1942, Malcolm married the love of his life, Edith Kelley, who passed away in September 1999. During their fifty-six years of marriage, the couple had three children: Eric was born in March 1944, just as Malcolm prepared to ship out for Europe. Sadly, he survived only one day and is buried in Vinland, Kansas. Following the war, the couple had two more children: Byron Malcolm (b. 1946) and Katharine Elaine, born (b. 1948). In addition to his love for his family and his church, Malcolm had several other interests, including history, travel, birdwatching, photography, and genealogy. Malcolm was raised in the United Methodist Church in Dwight. After retirement, he once again became a member of the Methodist church and held several church roles and responsibilities in its local, county, and state organizations. He was active in Friends of Kaw Heritage, and the Morris County Historical Society. Malcolm loved to travel with Edith. They had the opportunity to visit their daughter, Kathy and her family in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Nepal, and the Netherlands. He made a connection with his Swedish relatives and traveled several times to visit them. In addition, they went to Haiti and Mexico for several Methodist mission trips and to Poland for a Heifer Project trip. In the later years of his life, he was able to visit the Amazon and Alaska with his daughter, Kathy and her husband, Gertjan. Survivors include a sister, Helen Fowler, a son, Byron Strom (Becky), his daughter, Katharine Renes (Gertjan), four grandchildren: Laura O'Halloran (Jeff), Joanna Des Marteau (André), Willem Renes, Sophia Gustafsson-Renes (Anders), and 6 great grandchildren: Cian, Kaitlin and Grady O'Halloran, Rémy and Elsa Des Marteau, and Sigrid Gustafsson-Renes. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith, son, Eric Kelley Strom, sisters Deloris Strom and Dorothy Wasmund, and brother, Paul Strom. |
| **Svetlik** | **2023** | Dexter James Svetlik (70) of rural Witting, Texas (8 miles southeast of Moulton, Texas) passed away on December 30, 2023, after a lengthy battle with heart disease. Dexter was born in Hallettsville, Texas to Anton and Frances Svetlik. Dexter went on to attend Texas A&M University, graduating with a degree in Horticulture in 1975. After college, he began his career with Greenleaf Nursery in El Campo, Texas, following his love of plants, nature, and the outdoors. In 1982, he continued his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, now known as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), serving in various roles, including serving as a Soil Conservationist, Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator, Area Conservationist and Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations. After 28 years of service, Dexter retired from the NRCS in 2011 to his farm in the Witting, Texas area. After retirement he spent his time tending to his cattle and pecan trees. He had a soft spot in his heart and made a home for many kittens and puppies that had lost their way. He would often be seen walking the local roads, following his strict exercise routine. Dexter is survived by five brothers: Dennis of Witting; Larry (Carolyn) of Hallettsville; Gary (Beverly) of Shiner, Texas; Archie (Virginia) of Smithville, Texas; Kenneth (Mary Ann) of Hurst, Texas; and five sisters: Blanche Cavarretta (Roy), Joyce Timm (Carl), Diane Munson (John) all of Hallettsville; Val Hardt (Tim) of Castroville, Texas; and Debbie Barron (Bill) of Katy, Texas. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Dexter was preceded in death by his brother Patrick Svetlik and nephew/godchild Ryan Munson. |
| **Swank** | **2023** | Helen June (Arner) Swank (88) of Graysville, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2023, at J. W. Ruby Memorial Hospital. Helen was the wife of ARCSE Life Member and Senior Conservationist Rollin N. Swank, who retired as State Conservationist of West Virginia. Helen met her husband, Rollin, at a 4-H Leadership Conference at Penn State. Last August, they celebrated 67 years of marriage. Helen earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, with highest honors from Olivet Nazarene University. She spent her career shaping the hearts and minds of her students. She loved teaching in Illinois, Iowa, and finally at Cheat Lake Elementary School in Morgantown, West Virginia. In addition to her husband Rollin, she is survived by daughter Cynthia Swank of Baltimore, Maryland and son Joseph (Amy) Swank of Davidsonville, Maryland, grandchildren Victoria Grace, Sarah Yulin and Joseph Colton, and her two sisters, Dorothy (William) Slusser of Sun City, Arizona and Winifred Wood of Magnolia, Delaware. |

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| **Todd** | **2023** | ARCSE Member Hewlett Freeman Todd (90) of Chico, California, passed away September 1, 2023. Hewlett was born in Peking, China on March 19, 1933, the youngest of four children born to Dr. Lois Pendleton Todd (medical missionary) and Oliver Julian Todd (civil engineer tasked with harnessing the Yellow River, “China’s Sorrow”). In 1938, the family moved back to the United States due to WWII, settling in Palo Alto, California where he spent the remainder of his childhood. At age 12, he learned to play the accordion and acquired his first vehicle. As a Boy Scout, he learned and taught sailing. He graduated with a degree in Agricultural Engineering from California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) and worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Corning and Redding, California for 35 years as an engineer. In 1954, he fell in love and married Susan Lynell Swig; they had three children. Sadly, the marriage did not last and in 1979, he married widowed Mary Bidwell Elledge and became a devoted father to her three sons. To him, his most important role in life was being a father. In his retirement, he joined the YMCA and enjoyed Zumba, water aerobics and the many friendships made there. He also made daily visits to Morgan Stanley where he enjoyed studying, engaging in the stock market, and making friendships. After the death of his second wife, he moved to Chico to be closer to his daughter. He enjoyed life at the Terraces where he actively participated in fitness classes, swimming, music, dancing, and making many new friends. He could often be heard playing the accordion or engaging in conversations. He was known for his kindness, optimism and great love for family and friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary, and stepson Bruce Elledge. Survivors include daughters Ginny Todd, Joyce Todd, son Hewlett Todd and stepsons Dan (Sara) Elledge and Rod (Stacey) Elledge, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. |
| **Townsend** | **2023** | William Randolph "Bill" Townsend (79) of Greenbrier, Arkansas, passed away on August 15, 2023. Bill was born September 3, 1943, in Clovis, New Mexico to Dud and Lucy Townsend. He attended Arkansas Tech University for two years before transferring to the University of Arkansas, where in 1965 he graduated s with an Agricultural Science Degree. After graduation, he moved to Conway where he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service), until his retirement 33 years later. He was the District Conservationist in Conway for many years. While in Conway he met the love of his life JoAnn, to whom he was married for 51 years. Community was important to Bill. For 56 years, he was a member of the Conway Optimist Club. He was a boy scout troop leader for almost 10 years. Other areas of community service included serving as a Faulkner County Museum Board member, poll sheriff for numerous elections and he donated countless hours to the Bethlehem food pantry since its inception. For 48 years, he was a faithful member of Bethlehem Baptist Church where he served as deacon. He is survived by his wife JoAnn; daughters, Kristy (George) Roberts, Karon (Mike) Reynolds; grandchildren, Chase (Becky) Roberts, Gavin (Haley) Roberts, Morgan (Jesse) Mohon; and seven great-grandchildren with one more on the way. Memorials may be made to the Bethlehem Food Pantry. |
| **Tracy** | **2023** | ARCSE Life Member Rex Orr Tracy (85) of Cary, North Carolina, passed away on April 25, 2023. He was born March 27, 1938. Rex was a soil conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservationist Service (SCS). He served as State Conservationist in Massachusetts and later was a Management Analyst at SCS national headquarters in Washington, DC. He retired in 1996. He is survived by his wife Marcia Jean Tracy (Jean) and daughters. |
| **Tupas** | **2023** | Deputy Chief Luis Madamba "Louie" Tupas (61) of Vienna, Virginia, passed away August 29, 2023. Louie was born March 1, 1962, in the Philippines where he grew up until his college years. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Sciences from the University of the Philippines (Dilman) in 1982. He received his Master of Science degree in Marine Science from the University of Tokyo Ocean Research Institute in 1988, and then his Doctor of Philosophy in 1991. Louie served as a faculty member at the University of Hawaii at Manoa from 1991-2002. His research and teaching careers were in the fields of biogeochemistry, microbial ecology, aquaculture, and biological oceanography. He began his federal government career in 2002 as a program director at the U.S. National Science Foundation. In 2004, he joined USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, now the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). He served at NIFA as a national program leader, division director, and deputy director for Bioenergy, Climate, and Environment. He joined the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2020 as Deputy Chief for Soil Science and Resource Assessment at national headquarters. Dr. Tupas provided leadership for addressing the scientific basis for conservation and sustainable agriculture through research, national surveys of soil, snow, water, and other natural resources, inventories of U.S. natural resources and their ecological transitions, and analyzing the impact of conservation practices, including soil, water, and climate studies. He provided national leadership to address global change and climate impacts on agriculture, forestry, and other landscapes, develop and expand climate mitigation and adaptation strategies, and enhance the sustainable utilization of agricultural working lands and waters. He also worked to implement strategies for sustainable natural resources utilization and environmental systems management and promotes domestic and international partnerships and engagement through collaborative research, education, and outreach programs. Louie is survived by his wife Jermelina, his son Mishail (Miko) and his sister Maria Isabel (Marisa) Tupas-Morgan. |
| **Vavra** | **2023** | Geraldine (Deany) Vavra (96) Boerne, Texas (formerly of Bryan, Texas) passed away surrounded by loving family members on December 15, 2023. Deany was the wife of Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE member Martin E. Vavra who passed away 2 months earlier in October 2013. Deany was born July 21, 1927, in Kurten, Texas, the daughter of William Fritz and Matilda (Stroppe) Schram. After high school graduation she was employed at Texas A&M University as a laboratory technician in the Meats Research Center for seven years. In 1950, Deany met Martin at a dance, and they married in 1951. She then worked as a secretary for the Martin County Hospital. Deany was very active with her children serving five years as a den mother for Cub Scouts, involved in Parent Teacher and Homeroom Mother activities and Little League baseball. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and was very talented in making costume jewelry and creating her own designs. After the children started high school, Deany spent the next 12 years working for the federal government before retiring in 1982. She is survived by her daughter Karen (Robert) Freeman of Boerne; son Dennis (Alicia) Vavra of Houston, Texas; grandchildren, William (Melissa) Freeman, Robert (Rachael) Freeman, Adrienne Vavra, and Alexis (Jason) Thurston; and great grandchildren Clara Nell, Finley, and Dean Freeman; Tyler, McKayla, and Gabriel Thurston. |

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| **Vavra** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Martin E. Vavra (98) of Boerne, Texas (formerly of Bryan, Texas), passed away October 13, 2023. Martin was born in College Station, Texas. Upon graduating from A&M Consolidated High School in 1943, he joined the United States Navy and served as a gunner in the Merchant Marines and a fire fighter at the Los Angeles Naval Air Station before being discharged in 1946. Martin attended Texas A&M University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1949. Martin met his wife Geraldine (Deany) at a country dance in Kurten, Texas and they were married in 1951. He was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service throughout Texas for 34 years. He obtained his Professional Engineer License and was a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. Martin was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where he served as an usher and served on the Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery board of directors. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1834, the American Legion Post 159 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4692. Upon retirement in 1983, Martin and Deany returned to Bryan and built their retirement home in the Kurten area. Together they enjoyed country living until 2013, when they moved to Arbor Oaks in Bryan, and later to Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs in Boerne. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Deany; daughter, Karen (Bob) Freeman; son, Dennis (Alicia) Vavra; grandchildren, Bill (Melissa) Freeman, Bobby (Rachel) Freeman, Adrienne Vavra, and Alexis (Jason) Thurston; great grandchildren, Clara Nell, Finley, and Dean Freeman; Tyler, McKayla, and Gabriel Thurston. Funeral services were held October 21, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bryan, Texas with Reverend Monsignor John McCaffrey officiating. Burial with military honors was at the Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Bryan. |
| **Vittetoe** | **2023** | Lenore Vittetoe (97) of Temple, Texas passed away on March 18, 2023, in Marlin, Texas. Lenore was the wife of the late Gene Claude Vittetoe, who was the State Conservation Engineer in the Texas state office for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service engineer retiring in the early 1980s. Gene passed away in 1998. Lenore was born on March 24, 1925, in Qulin, Missouri the daughter of Isaac Albert Brackin and Belvey (Watters) Brackin. Lenore was a member of the First Baptist Church in Temple. She is survived by her son Don Vittetoe of Temple, 5 grandchildren, Gene Claude Vittetoe II of Harding, Pennsylvania, Anisa Warr of Houston, Texas, Donell Vittetoe of Houston, Texas, Ken Howard of Temple, and Dede Taylor of Uvalde, Texas; 17 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband Gene Claude Vittetoe, Lenore was preceded in death by grandson Toby Howard. |
| **Voss** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist and Lifetime and Honorary ARCSE Member Earl E. Voss (95) of Champaign, Illinois, passed away peacefully May 13th at home. Earl was born on June 25, 1927, in Paris, Illinois to Earl H. Voss and Comaleta Gwendolia (Jones) Voss. In 1928, they moved to Voss' homeplace at Milan, Indiana. He joined the Navy after high school, serving in World War II. He was discharged in 1946. As a WWII veteran, he took part in the Honors Flight in October 2011. Earl attended Purdue University from 1947 to 1951 and majored in Soil Science. Earl married Barbara Ann (Waters) Voss in Versailles, Illinois, on June 4, 1955. They enjoyed nearly 68 years of happy marriage. She lovingly cared for him after he was diagnosed in December 2022 of Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He farmed with his dad in Milan Indiana from 1951 to 1956. In May 1956, he began employment with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist conducting soil surveys in southern and central Indiana. He transferred to Champaign, Illinois from Greencastle, Indiana in 1968 and served as Assistant State Soil Scientist until 1972. He was the State Soil Scientist from 1972 until his retirement in 1988. After his retirement, he provided consulting services for septic system soil evaluations for another 17 years until the age of 88. Earl and Barbara are long term members of St. John Lutheran Church in Champaign. Earl was an active member of Kiwanis. He was also a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The American Society of Agronomy, and The Soil Science Society of America since 1960. He was also a charter member of the Illinois Soils Classifiers Association established in 1975. Earl had a passion for the outdoors that included many fishing trips, family vacations to the beaches of Florida and the mountains of the American West, and his work in his own yard and garden. Earl and Barbara also enjoyed many cruises with family and friends, including a special cruise to the Holy Land. They were dedicated Illini football, basketball and volleyball supporters and attended Rebounders as well as many tailgates with friends. Earl is survived by his wife, Barbara Voss of Champaign; son, Todd Voss (Elizabeth) of New York City; daughter Tina Wolf of Dallas, Texas; and grandchildren Katie Wolf, David Voss, and Nicholas Voss. Memorials may be sent to St. John Lutheran School or the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. |
| **Wade** | **2023** | John Edward Wade (89) of Gilmer, Texas, passed away February 20, 2023. John was born in Kelsey, Texas on November 30, 1933, to Jasper Clifford Wade and Lola Ault Wade. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On April 9, 1958, he met Francis Jane Wade and married on August 29, 1958. They were sealed in the Dallas Temple on August 28, 1999. They were married for 63 ½ years until her death in 2021. After high school, John joined the United States Army where he served in Korea as a helicopter and Aircraft mechanic. After serving for three years John attended the University of Southern Arkansas where he graduated in 1961 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering and Geology. Upon graduation, John went to work at Magnet Cove in Arkansas where he worked in the mines. Later he became employed by the Texas Department of Food and Drug Inspector where he traveled across Texas. While living in Plainview, Texas John received a call to help design and build the dam at Millwood Lake in Arkansas. After completion of the Lake Project, John went to work for Arkansas Oil & Gas in El Dorado, Arkansas. Four years later John was asked to come back to the family farm by his father due to an injury he had. John came home and took over the dairy farm with his three sons for 19 years. After selling the farm John went to work for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Groesbeck and Gilmer, Texas where he was employed for 33 years. John retired on June 28, 2019, at the age of 85. John is survived by his sons Steve Wade (Sandy), Alan Wade (Debbie), and Chad Wade all of Gilmer; seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Jane Wade. A graveyard service was held February 24, 2023 at Kelsey Cemetery with Bishop Dennis Means officiating. |
| **Walker** | **2023** | Margaret Louise Walker (83) Sioux City, Iowa, passed away December 6, 2023, at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, California. Margaret was born April 28, 1940, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to Willa Mae Jackson and John Jackson. She married Robert Curtis Walker on June 6, 1965, in Sioux City. Margaret was a long time Area Clerk for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service in the Sioux City Area Office. Margaret enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters Bella and Nala Walker. She enjoyed exercising daily when she was in good health. She loved watching cowboy television shows. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband Robert on December 29, 2021. She is survived by her son Darrell (Bianca) Walker of Oakland, California; her daughter-in- and grandchildren Bella and Nala Walker. |

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| **Wall** | **2023** | Joyce Matous Wall (90) of Temple, Texas passed away June 8, 2023, in a Temple hospital. Joyce was born December 8, 1932, in Ballinger, Texas, the daughter of Frank and Dolly (Hamilton) Sharp. She married William (Bill) Matous in 1951. He preceded her in death in 1995. She married LeRoy Wall in 1996, he preceded her in death in 2010. Joyce worked many years for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service at the Texas State Office in Temple. She was a long-time Baptist. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Belton, Texas. She was an accomplished artist and enjoyed playing Canasta. She was the Contributing Editor on travel for a local newspaper. Survivors include one daughter Cathy Stewart (Randy) of Bryan, Texas; two sons Michael Matous (Mary) of Ft. Worth, Texas and Bruce Matous (Ann) of Belton, Texas; eight grandchildren, Todd Stewart, Tyson Stewart, Jordan Matous, Madison Matous, Morgan Matous, Matt Matous, Kate Richter, and Suzanna Richter; five great-grandchildren, Haley, Lily, Ian, Ellie and Charley; and one great-great-grandchild, Carter. |
| **Warren** | **2023** | Ronnie Joe Warren (69) of Altus, Oklahoma, passed away at his home on September 25, 2023. Ronnie was born on November 16, 1953, to Leota (Roberts) and Jeff Clay “J.C.” Warren, Jr. He attended Altus High School and graduated with the Class of 1971, later attending Altus Junior College. He worked as a Technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service until his retirement. Ronnie was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and especially quail hunting. Among those left to honor Ronnie’s memory are his son, Jeff Warren (Dee); grandchildren, Ansley Warren, Adison Warren, and Aspen Stephens (Trenton); and great grandson, Truitt Stephens. |
| **Whittington** | **2023** | Senior Conservationist Rosalie J. Whittington (96) of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away October 14, 2023. Rosalie was born in Coats, North Carolina on October 27, 1926. She was the daughter of the late Millard Smith Whittington and Vada Turlington Whittington. Upon graduating from Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina, she moved to Raleigh and worked her entire career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, serving as Personnel Officer. Her interests included many years of ballroom dancing, trips to North Carolina beaches in Emerald Isle, Ocracoke and Outer Banks with family and friends, and travel abroad. While she had no children, she made many trips with her nieces and nephews, including fun days at the pool and parks. She shared her love of history with them, especially pertaining to North Carolina, its capital, and the Outer Banks. The family is so appreciative of her dedicated group of caretakers, who have become family to her and her niece Lynne. They loved her and were wonderful companions as she shared with them many stories of where she grew up, her interests, family, and career. She is survived by her sister-in-law Cheryl Whittington (brother Hartwell deceased) and 10 nieces and nephews and many grand nieces and nephews. |
| **Williams** | **2023** | ARCSE Life Member Clifford Lee Williams (90) of Sayre, Oklahoma passed away August 10, 2023. Clifford was born March 20, 1933, in a two-room house near the banks of Sandstone Creek to Raymond Lee and Dulcie Bell (Marshall) Williams. He attended Oklahoma A&M College and then served in the United States Army in artillery during the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge, he returned to Oklahoma A&M College where he completed his undergraduate and master’s degree in Agronomy. He married Bobbie Vernell Hayden on January 24, 1953, at his parent's home. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Montana, New York, Colorado, and Texas and then the National Plant Materials Center in Beltsville, Maryland. During his career, he completed graduate and post graduate studies including courses at the USDA Graduate School in Washington, D.C. Clifford's primary work was in the field of plant materials where he was involved in the development and release of several grasses for use in the Great Plains Region. He was privileged to serve as a consultant on major federal highways, airports, railroad construction sites and military installations. Clifford was an avid student of wind erosion in the Southern Great Plains Region. He was also an advocate of the certification for Agronomist and worked hard for the success of the program. After retirement in 1986, he spent the next 30 years raising black angus cattle back on his old family farm in Sayre, Oklahoma. He served many years on the Beckham County Rural Water District No. 3 Board of Directors. He also inherited his dad's job of caring for the Berlin Cemetery. Clifford was a long-time member of the Church of Christ. He is survived by his two sons, Don (Elizabeth) of Golden, Colorado, and Tom (Gina) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and one granddaughter, Sarah Stephanie Williams of Elk City, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his wife Bobbie in 2020. He was laid to rest in the Berlin Cemetery which lies within the drainage area of Sandstone Creek |
| **Williams** | **2023** | Timothy Wayne Williams (63) of Sardis City, Alabama passed away November 10, 2023, at his home. Tim was born July 25, 1960. He graduated Snead State Community College in 1980 and Auburn University in 1982, where he majored in agricultural engineering. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 35 years, retiring in December 2019 as Area Engineer. In retirement, Tim helped his son, Daniel, begin his farming operations. Tim and his wife also worked diligently in their vegetable garden and took every opportunity to give away the bounty of fruits and vegetables he and Susan harvested. They also enjoyed retirement by travelling with their friends, children, and grandchildren. They crossed off quite a few locations like Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, and Maine. He was a member of Good Hope Delta Missionary Baptist Church. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan Haynes Williams of Sardis City; daughters Ivy Malone (Mark) of Washington, D.C., and Leigh Dinarte (Carlos) of Bowdon, Georgia; sons Daniel Williams (Mary) of Sardis City and Alex Reynolds (Julie) of Vestavia Hills, Alabama; grandchildren Ben Dinarte, Major Malone, Vivienne Malone, Haynes Reynolds, and Bonnie Ann Williams. |
| **Williams** | **2023** | Sammie Joe Williams (84) of Alex, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully March 23, 2023, after a brief battle with stage 4 lymphoma, in his home with his son and nephew lovingly by his side. He married Wilma Rodgers on May 13, 1962. Sammie worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for more than 38 years. His survey team was responsible for many flood control projects on most creeks and tributaries across the entire state. He was extremely proud of their work and had a story to share when crossing every bridge while traveling with his family. Sammie’s true passion was on the farm. Upon retirement and taking over the Rodgers family farm, Sammie “relaxed” by growing wheat and alfalfa and operating an Angus cow/calf herd. Sammie was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma. He is survived by his son Timothy Jay Williams of Alex; grandchildren Jayma Lively of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Jordan McArthur also of Oklahoma City; JaCoby Williams; great-granddaughters Rowan and Britta; and Daughter-in-law Kelly Williams of Edmond, Oklahoma. |

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| **Wilson** | **2023** | Bobby Dan Wilson (86) of Wortham, Texas, passed away April 11, 2023, at Navarro Regional Hospital in Corsicana, Texas, after a lengthy illness. Bobby was a member of the Corps of Cadets and earned a degree in finance at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (now Texas A&M University) in 1959. After graduation, Bobby started his first job at Austin National Bank, then became an agricultural banker at Blacklands Production Credit Association, based in Mexia, Texas, where he served as president for 20 years until his retirement in 1981. He was the youngest PCA president in the company at age 25. Bobby was a life-long Texas rancher and bought his first cattle while in high school. He ran a cow-calf and stocker yearling operation in central Texas. He was appointed to the National Beef Promotion and Research Board, 1986-1991, and served as co-chair of the National Beef Checkoff Campaign Committee. In addition to his cattle operation, he owned Texoma Land Company for farm and ranch real estate, was an oil operator in Wortham, Texas, and owned The Richland Store in Richland, 1986-1993. More recently he served on the District Soil and Water Conservation Board and was the Lake Manager for the Navarro County Soil and Water Conservation District, before retiring in 2020. Survivors include his wife of 58 years of marriage, Barbara, four daughters, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Wingard** | **2023** | Harold D. Wingard (86) of Fishertown, Pennsylvania passed away March 10, 2023, at Donahoe Manor, Bedford, Pennsylvania. Harold was born on April 4, 1936, in Windber, Pennsylvania, the son of the Walter and R. Irene (Frye) Wingard. On August 10, 1968, Harold married Marie (Royce) Wingard. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 45 years. Harold loved his church, Dunnings Creek Church of the Brethren and served in many capacities- Deacon, longtime treasurer, longtime custodian and much more. Harold loved the outdoors. He spent many hours walking with his golden retrievers. He also loved working in his garden. He loved spending time in the woods hunting. Along with his wife Marie, he is survived by sons Gary A. Wingard, of Alum Bank, Pennsylvania; James R. (Stephanie) Wingard, also of Alum Bank and daughter Christina M. (Rick) Wissinger, of Bedford, Pennsylvania; and two granddaughters- Isabella and Maya Wingard. |
| **Wisniewski** | **2023** | Ronald Kenneth Wisniewski (77) of Ruther Glen, Virginia, passed away December 14, 2023, at Spotsylvania Regional Memorial Center. Ron was born in Chicago, Illinois, on November 2, 1946, to Joseph and Ann Kabara Wisniewski. Ron was a United States Army veteran. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was the District Conservationist in Fredericksburg, Virginia when he retired. Ron was a member of St. Mary of the Annunciation, where he enjoyed volunteering, especially with the food bank. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed tending to and raising sheep and enjoyed his dog, Charlie. Ron was preceded in death by his wife, Annette M. Wisniewski. He is survived by three children, Norma Smith, Frank Haegle and Acina Nester; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. |
| **Woodrich** | **2023** | Chi Robert Woodrich (50) of Salina, Kansas, peacefully passed away at Salina Regional Hospital on October 6, 2023, with his wife Karen at his side. His wife Karen Woodrich is currently the Deputy Chief for Programs for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and served as the State Conservationist of Kansas from 2018 until January 2023. Chi was born on March 16, 1973, in Lacrosse, Wisconsin, to Joanne and the late George Woodrich. Chi lived a life guided by humility, gratitude, and commitment to service. Chi's faith in God was the foundation of his life, and he found solace and strength in his active membership in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod since his baptism. He was also a proud member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. At the young age of 13, he met the love of his life, Karen, while playing broom ball at Pastor Erdman's cottage. Their bond deepened over the years, and they exchanged vows on October 21, 1995, at St. John Lutheran Church in the Town of Easton, Wausau, Wisconsin. Chi had a diverse career that showcased his talents and passions. He began his professional journey as an auctioneer, working alongside his mother and father in the family business, Woodrich Real Estate & Auctions. Later, he owned his own car hauling business, Chief Auto Transport, after spending many years at the Central Wisconsin Auto Auction. Chi also served as a volunteer firefighter with the Town of Texas in Wausau, Wisconsin. Most recently, he worked as an animal educator at the Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina. However, his ultimate passion was raising cattle and caring for the land. Chi's educational journey was marked by a thirst for knowledge. He graduated from Wausau East High School in 1991 and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology from the University of Kentucky. Driven by his passion for learning, Chi also completed his coursework for a master's degree in Archaeology. The family would like to thank the medical professionals at Salina Regional Health Center for the care and compassion they provided during his brief stay. A funeral service for Chi Woodrich was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina on October 16, 2023, with burial following at Crown Point in Culver, Kansas. Contributions in his name can be made to the Wausau East (Wisconsin) FFA or your local 4H/FFA chapter. Additionally, donations to volunteer fire departments would be greatly appreciated. Chi leaves behind his loving wife of 28 years, Karen (Valent) Woodrich, his mother, Joanne Woodrich of Sun City, Arizona, his sister, Noya Woodrich of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, and his nephew, Tuari Woodrich Landa, also of Brooklyn Park along with many other relatives. |
| **Anderson** | **2022** | Kelly Marie Anderson (60) of Fargo, North Dakota, passed away August 12, 2022, at Essentia Health in Fargo. Kelly was the wife of Keith Anderson, MLRA Soil Survey Leader in Fargo for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Kelly was born on Midway Island, the daughter of Frank and Imogene (Kirkland) Marino. Kelly was united in marriage to Keith on December 1, 1990, in Jacksonville, Florida, where they met. They initially made their home in western Wisconsin, then moved to Fargo, where they have resided the past 20 years. Kelly worked in a variety of careers during her lifetime. She spent many years at Royal Jewelers in Fargo, and for the past ten years at Blue Cross and Blue Shield. She is survived by her husband, Keith, and daughter, Cori (Ryan) Reali of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. |
| **Armstrong** | **2022** | Ruth Eleanor Armstrong (84) passed away on March 27, 2022. Ruth's father Robert Burns Armstrong was a Los Angeles Times reporter and photographer. Ruth's mother, Bess Furman Armstrong, was working in Washington D.C. covering the White House for the Associated Press. But her mom wanted her children to be born in Nebraska, so Ruth and her twin brother Robert were born in McCook, Nebraska on April 4, 1937. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from American University, Washington, D.C., in 1959. She earned a Master of Arts degree from American University, Washington, D.C., in 1969. Ruth was an editor on USDA-Soil Conservation Service Editorial Staff at Hyattsville, Maryland. She edited the technical county soil surveys of states nationally that were published by the United States Government Printing Office. Ruth moved to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1984 when the USDA- SCS editorial staff was consolidated in Lincoln, Nebraska as part of the Midwest Regional Technical Service Center. She is survived by sister-in- law, Diana Armstrong, nieces Susan Ray and Melissa Moore, and nephew John Robert Armstrong. Ruth was preceded in death by her twin brother Robert Furman Armstrong. |

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| **Ayen** | **2022** | Doris Arlene Ayen (76) of Urbandale, Iowa, passed away July 27, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. Doris was the wife of ARCSE Member James E. Ayen, who retired as State Resource Conservationist in Iowa in 2007 after a career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Doris was born to Harold and Grace Palmer on June 28, 1946. Doris was known as a godly wife, mother, and friend. Her adventuresome and sweet spirit will be missed. She is survived by her husband James E. Ayen and his loving family and 12 cherished grandchildren. Her funeral was held July 30, 2022, at Urbandale Baptist Church. Memorial contributions are suggested to Faith Baptist Bible College. |
| **Badger** | **2022** | ARCSE Life Member Thomas Wayne Badger (79) of Topeka, Kansas, passed away October 25, 2022, at the Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. He was born on August 31, 1943, in Scranton, Kansas, the son of Glen and Minetta (Finlay) Badger. On June 5, 1965, Tom was united in marriage to Laura Elaine Smith in Scranton. Tom received a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in Agricultural Education. He worked as an Area Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and retired with over 35 years of service. He had also worked on the Governor's Water Quality Project. He served for 6 years in the Kansas Army National Guard, was a member of the Stull Community of Faith Church, the Topeka Sunflower Lions Club and the Vesper Lodge #136 in Burlingame A.F. & A.M. Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine, on October 23, 2020; by an infant daughter, Tracy Badger. Tom is survived by his two children, Todd Badger of Stuart, Florida and Tara Phillips of Sedgwick, Kansas; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life for Tom will be held on March 18, 2023 at 11:00am at the Stull Community of Faith Church. Inurnment will be in the Burlingame Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions in memory of Tom may be made to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation or the Stull Community of Faith Church, sent in care of Feltner Funeral Home, 818 Topeka Avenue, Lyndon, KS 66451. Online condolences for the family may be left at feltnerfuneralhome.com. |
| **Baltes** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Gene F. Baltes (94) of Tiffin, Ohio, passed away June 20, 2022. Gene was born June 19, 1928, in Darke County, Ohio, to Lewis and Edna (McEldowney) Baltes, the oldest of nine children. Gene graduated from The Ohio State University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He married Elizabeth "Betty" Schulze August 28, 1952, at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Fort Loramie, Ohio. Gene was a member of Air Force ROTC throughout college and went into active service from 1954 to56. He remained in Air Force Reserves until 1966. Upon college graduation, Gene began work with USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Wood and Wyandot Counties before moving to Tiffin in 1965 to head up Seneca County, where he was District Conservationist until his retirement in 1986. He was a member of St. Mary Church, Tiffin, and a 4th Degree Knight, as well as Past Grand Knight, at Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Sierra Club, as well as other organizations over the years, such as the Calvert school board in the 1970s. Gene was in Knights' bowling league until well into his 70s, and he played golf in the Catholic League during the entire 57-year existence of Seneca Hills Golf Course, still playing at 93 years of age. When working with the SCS, Gene helped with the original design of Seneca Hills, with respect to grading, drainage, and the design of the water features. Gene was a man of strong faith, character, and integrity. He was a walking encyclopedia and he could repair just about anything. He enjoyed visiting with his family, travel, photography, Sudoku, and reading numerous publications and books covering a wide range of topics. Gene kept up with the times, using his computer and smart phone technology even into his 90s. Always pragmatic and stoic, he handled his recent illness with grace, expressing his appreciation of the good and long life that God had provided him. Gene was preceded in death by his wife Betty after nearly 38 years of marriage on March 20, 1990. Survivors include five children, Marla (Steven) Baughman of Strasburg, Ohio, Joan (Jon) Lord of Arlington, Texas, Wanda Long of Hilliard, Ohio, Julia (Larry) Bennett of Columbiana, Alabama, and Robert (Christine) Baltes of Waterville, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, Brian (Christine) Baughman, Lisa Baughman, Scott (Ashlee) Baughman, Adam (Angelina) Lord, Elizabeth Lord, Matthew Long (and fiancée Miriam), Samuel (Jacque) Long, Jeffrey (Jessica) Bennett, Ryan Bennett, Paul Bennett, Andrew (Stephanie) Baltes, and Samantha (Jacob) Spizziri; and 17 great-grandchildren (plus two more on the way). |
| **Barge** | **2022** | Kenneth "Ken" Frank Barge (63) of Salinas, California, passed away October 25, 2022, in an automobile accident. Ken was the husband of Kay Joy Barge, who recently retired as Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations in Salinas for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. On November 13, 2004, Ken married Kay Joy, who he met while serving on jury duty together. Ken worked most of his career in the Building Materials industry. He had a passion for traveling, adventure, food, beer and wine, music, bargain hunting and much more. In 2010 he graduated with an Associates of Art in Culinary Arts Hospitality Management at American River College in Sacramento. In addition to his wife Kay Joy, Ken's survivors include daughter Michelle Gray (Thomas Wallace); son, David Barge, stepson Korey Kirschenmann (Carroll); grandchildren Seth Sharer; Jaxon Epling; Ivy Wallace; Hilzarie Velazquez; Kate and Knox Kirschenmann. |
| **Barkemeyer** | **2022** | O'Gene Walter Barkemeyer (84) of Temple, Texas passed away April 1, 2022, after a brief battle with cancer. O'Gene was born in the middle of a cotton field in Falls County off a rural road near the community of Wilson, Texas, January 6, 1938, to George W. and Esther Becker Barkemeyer. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1960 with a Civil Engineering degree. He served in the US Air Force, then began his exemplary 42-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in in Liberty, Texas. He soon earned his Texas Professional Engineers License and advanced his career with a move to Temple followed by Fort Worth, Texas and then to Nashville, Tennessee. He returned to his roots in 1983 and moved his family back to Temple finishing his career as Assistant State Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service. O'Gene was a devout Christian and long-time (39 year) member of the First United Methodist Church in Temple. O'Gene, was humble, generous, and proud family man. He loved the land and was a country boy through and through who enjoyed his time on the farm, spending time with his herd and sharing a story with whoever would listen. As a Former Aggie, Class of 1960, O'Gene bled maroon! He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Annette Baxter Barkemeyer; son, George Gregory Barkemeyer (Marcy), daughter, Pamela Barkemeyer Dove (Michael); and grandchildren, Blake Walter Barkemeyer (Kristin), Allison Tollie-Adell Barkemeyer (fiancé Sean P. Walsh), Kyle Michael Dove and Connor Austin Dove. |

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| **Bell** | **2022** | Iris Glynn (Roberts) Bell (87) of Worland, Wyoming, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on April 30, 2022. Iris was the wife of Senior Conservationist Jimmy Ray Bell, retired Range Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Iris was born on July 16, 1934, to Joseph W. and Clara Mae Roberts in Kelly, Louisiana. After high school, Iris attended Tulane University in New Orleans, where she studied nursing. In the summer of 1953, Iris's family moved from Lake Charles to Colorado City, Texas for her father's job. There she met Jimmy Ray Bell, and they married on August 8, 1953 in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Jimmy's work required several moves, but Iris' career kept moving up too, In 1968, she started as a teacher's aide, then school secretary, Insurance office manager, compliance officer for EF Hutton, and eventually she became the Assistant Vice President and Operations Manager for the branch. Iris was a member of Big Horn Independent Baptist Church. Iris is preceded in death by her son Bob Bell, great-granddaughter Isabelle Jean Bell, and great-grandson Steven Apodaca. |
| **Bensey, Jr.** | **2022** | Roger Lee Bensey, Jr. (77) of Charlottesville, Virginia, passed away suddenly on June 4, 2022, at The Blake in Charlottesville. Roger, known as Lee, was born November 25, 1944 in Princeton, West Virginia to Roger Lee Bensey, Sr. and his wife Mary Lee Kester. He graduated from Concord College in 1966 and served in the United States Air Force until 1970. He was granted a Master of Business Administration degree from Virginia Tech in 1972. Lee was employed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 31 years. He worked in Washington, DC, Portland, Oregon, and Morgantown, West Virginia. The positions he held included Director of Human Resources for the National Resource Conservation Service, Associate Director of the West National Technical Center, State Conservationist of West Virginia, and Director of Human Resources Management for the United States Department of Agriculture. Roger was the husband of Donna Nicewonder Bensey. They shared 54 years of marriage together and were blessed with one daughter, Amanda Noelle. Upon retiring in 2003, Lee and Donna moved to Charlottesville where he enjoyed fishing, hiking, watching football, listening to jazz and blues, and partaking of good food and wine. He also enjoyed traveling; trips to Alaska, Italy, California Wine Country, New Orleans, British Columbia, and the Outer Banks provide many special memories for his family and friends. His charm and kindness endeared him to all. He was a good man and will be sorely missed. In addition to his wife Donna, Lee is survived by his daughter Amanda Schiller (Scott) of Ruckersville, Virginia, and beloved grandsons Adam and Evan Schiller. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Legacy Hospice at 650 Peter Jefferson Pkwy., Suite 310, Charlottesville, VA 22911 or to The Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org/donate. |
| **Berndt** | **2022** | Randel (Randy) Scott Berndt (65) of Temple, Texas, passed away September 1, 2022. Randy was born to Harold Douglas Berndt and Doris Irene Berndt on December 22, 1956, in Grand Junction, Colorado. He lived most of his life in Temple, Texas, and graduated from Temple College in 1986. He was employed by the USDA-National Resource Conservation Service (NRSC) shortly thereafter where he remained a dedicated employee for over twenty years. Honored for his work, he was awarded "Outstanding Handicap Employee of the Year in Texas" and attended a ceremony at the U.S. White House in Washington, D.C. in 1988. He impacted many people with his generosity. As any Bum's waitress will attest to, he was the best tipper in town. He enjoyed telling elaborate corny jokes and supported many local musicians and bands. Roger Duncan's Band's version of "These Boots are Made for Walking" was his all-time favorite. He was an avid pool player, traveling to Las Vegas for APA National team tourneys and competing in the wheelchair competitions there as well. He rescued and fostered many cats over the years giving them better lives along the way. Gardening was a passion and he enjoyed tending and sharing his bounty. Randy was a fantastic cook and spent hours in the kitchen preparing dinners for his family and friends. He is survived by his beloved family, including his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. |
| **Beyer** | **2022** | David Hugo Beyer (75) of Stephenville, Texas, passed away on November 19, 2022. David was born on October 29, 1947, to Hugo and Lydia Beyer in Taylor, Texas. He attended Texas A&M University where he received a degree in agricultural engineering. He worked as an engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 42 years. He married Reta Holley in 1969. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Reta; sons Jason Beyer (Wynona), and Wayne Beyer (Brandy) and granddaughters Ainsley and Bethany. |
| **Blue** | **2022** | Herbert (Herbie) Leon Blue (81) of Grantsboro, North Carolina, passed away on January 29, 2022. Herbie was born in Aberdeen, North Carolina on February 21, 1940. He graduated from Aberdeen High School in Moore County. Herbie was in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 1960 to 1963 and member of the Pamlico County Honor Guard which participated in the Christmas parades and Croaker Festival for several years. He married Myra Harrington Blue March 2, 1984. Herbie worked as a technician with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, a Hydrological Technician with the United States Geological Survey, and with the North Carolina Division of Water Quality. He loved music and was an accomplished drummer in a variety of music genres, blues and jazz being his favorite. He has played with many bands. Herbie loved the outdoors, swimming, scuba diving, fishing, boating and was a smooth dancer. Herbie is survived by his wife, Myra, his daughter, Kimberly (Robert) Taylor, son, Gary (Melissa ) Blue; grandchildren Jacob Mockler, Leah Raven Blue and Valerie Nicole Blue and great granddaughter Adilynn Blue Rouse. |
| **Bluhm** | **2022** | Patricia (Patty) J. Bluhm (77) of Longview, Washington, passed away October 20, 2022, in Longview. Patty was the wife of George C. Bluhm, former Director of the West National Technology Center for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Portland, Oregon. Patty was born on February 9, 1945, in Spokane, Washington. She lived life to the fullest. Although she battled many health issues, that didn't stop her from doing the things she delighted in. George and Patty took many trips around the world. Patty was treasurer and secretary to Polar Farm Incorporated and enjoyed harvesting and selling the produce she grew. She was a wonderful baker and loved to cook. Patty is survived by her husband, George, of 37 years, her daughter, Diane and Granddaughter, Amanda, her stepdaughters, Jennifer and Tanya, and step grandchildren, Andrew, Katherine, Jaclyn, Karen-Ann and Craig. |

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| **Boese** | **2022** | Ruth Ann Boese (74) of Lincoln, Nebraska (formerly of Ashland, Nebraska), passed away peacefully at Bryan Hospital after a courageous battle with colon cancer, on November 19, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 8, 1948, in Nebraska City, Nebraska, to Kenneth and Esther (Steinhoff) Wessel of Avoca, Nebraska. Ruth attended Nebraska School for the Deaf in Omaha and was in the graduating class of 1967. She worked for USDA-National Resources Conservation Service for over 30 years and also worked for Mahoney State Park for over 20 years. Ruth enjoyed sewing, crafts, teddy bears, her dogs and Husker volleyball. She also loved playing games, especially Tripoly, Carbles, UNO and Skipbo. Her children remember many Saturday nights filled with poker and pitch with the deaf community. Ruth also loved bowling and she continued to play with her grandchildren. Ruth is survived by her children: Diane (Kevin) Klein of Lincoln, Nebraska; Michael (Angela) Boese of Noblesville, Indiana; Debra (Lloyd) Weyers of Lincoln, Nebraska; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Omaha Association for the Deaf, Avoca Cemetery Association, or Capital Humane Society. |
| **Bogard** | **2022** | Amelia Bogard (83) of Gatesville, Texas, passed away on December 18, 2022, at her home. Amelia was the wife of Michael Henry Bogard, our ARCSE Texas State Representative. Amelia Juanita Forrest was born on July 15, 1939, to the late J.O. and Ethel Lucille Wilhelm Forrest in Gatesville. She received an Associate of Science degree from Tarleton State College in 1959 and a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education degree from Texas Technological College in August 1961. Amelia began her teaching career teaching high school English. Amelia married Michael Henry Bogard on December 27, 1961, at Jonesboro Methodist Church by Mike's uncle, Pastor Plez Todd. The Bogards moved to College Station, Texas in 1965 and Michael got his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in 1967. Amelia worked in the Plant Sciences department of Texas A&M during that time, processing soil samples and counting microscopic nematodes. Following graduation, Michael went to work for the USDA, Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Vernon, Texas and Amelia went back to teaching sixth grade reading at Vernon Junior High. Michael's career with the SCS moved them to Memphis, Texas in 1968, Lamesa, Texas in 1970, and Groesbeck, Texas in 1974. Amelia was a dedicated public-school teacher and was a positive influence on the lives of many students in Crosbyton, Vernon, Lamesa, and Groesbeck. She taught English at Groesbeck High School from 1975 until her retirement in 1994. After retirement, Amelia began serious research on family history. She completed her application with over sixty pages of documentation and was accepted into the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mexia, Texas Jonathan Hardin Chapter in 1995. After her husband's retirement in 2003, they moved to Gatesville. Amelia's survivors include her husband, Michael, son, Aubrey Wayne Bogard (Susan), and grandson, Noah William Bogard. |
| **Bohrer** | **2022** | Francis Stewart "Stu" Bohrer (87) of Norfolk, Nebraska, passed away July 13, 2022. Stu served two years in the United States Army after which he attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln to receive an engineering degree. He enjoyed a long, successful career as a civil engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and private sector firms. He earned professional engineering certifications in both Nebraska and Iowa. He is survived by his wife of 67 years Winona Rae (L'Heureux), children Kiley Maxwell-Ward (Marc), Bruce Bohrer (Peggy), Nancy Bohrer, Barb Breithaupt (Jim), grandchildren Jaret, Chase and Connor Breithaupt, Chelsea Maxwell (Dan Jurik), Mick Mast (Kurtis), Cole Bohrer (Michaela Davis), Andrew and Luke Bohrer, and two great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Open Door Mission, 2828 N. 23 Street East, Omaha, Nebraska, 68110. |
| **Bookout** | **2022** | Julia G. Bookout (92) of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, passed away on January 18, 2022, in Lawrenceburg. Julia was born on December 1, 1929, in Laredo, Texas to Ernesto Gutierrez, Sr. and Maximiana Castillo. She was affectionately called Juju by the family and friends who loved her. She was a graduate from Oklahoma State University and avid football fan of the Oklahoma State Cowboys. Julia worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service starting in approximately 1974 as a procurement clerk in Administrative Services at the Oklahoma State Office. She then worked as Voucher Examiner in Financial Management for several years. She transferred to Human Resources and worked as a Personnel Management Specialist until her retirement in the mid 1990's. Julia had a strong faith and love for the Lord. She also fiercely loved family and her cat! The neighborhood birds and flowers in her pot garden were also well cared for and tended with vigilance. Julia enjoyed much of her life in Corpus Christi, Texas, Denton, Texas, Stillwater Oklahoma, and Colorado Springs, Colorado before moving to Lawrenceburg. Survivors include her son, Jonathan A. Bookout; daughter, Maria J. Olson (Terry); granddaughter, Jamie L Abell (Jeremy); great grandson, Kai Abell. |

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| **Boothby** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist and Lifetime ARCSE member Charles Laurence Boothby (86) of Bangor, Maine, passed away January 23, 2022, at a Bangor hospital. He was born to Laurence B. Boothby and E. Louise (Ricker) Boothby on the family farm in Livermore, Maine. He was christened in the Second Universalist Church of Livermore and remained a proud Universalist his whole life. He attended the University of Maine in Orono (UMO) majoring in Agronomy. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, serving a year as Chapter President. While at UMO he met Judy White, whose parents were not initially impressed until he offered to sharpen his future mother-in-law's knives to a fine edge. Charlie and Judy were married during the great slush storm of February 8, 1958, at the First Universalist Church in Bangor. They moved to Falmouth, Maine for Charlie's new job with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), working as a Soil Conservationist. The next month, the Draft Board called him to report for a physical and to board a train for Fort Dix, New jersey. While in basic training, Charlie was recruited by the Army Counterintelligence Corps (CIC). After CIC training in Baltimore, he was sent to Fort McPherson in Georgia for the rest of his 2-year enlistment. In August 1959, he received a Direct Commission in the Corps of Engineers and stayed in the Army Reserves until his retirement in 1989 with the rank of Colonel. In 1960, Charlie went back to work with SCS in Cumberland and Oxford Counties in Maine. In 1962, he was appointed District Conservationist for Waldo County, Maine. In 1964 he accepted appointment as the first Executive Director of the Maine Soil and Water Conservation Commission, based in Augusta, Maine. In 1976, Charlie earned a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Maine at Augusta and was offered a position with the National Association of Conservation Districts in Washington, D.C. so the family moved to Fairfax, Virginia where all three boys graduated from Chantilly High School. In 2000, Charlie and Judy decided it was time to move back home to Maine, and they settled in Judy's family home in Bangor. Charlie leapt headlong into leadership roles in the church. Outside the church, Charles was quite involved in the leadership of many community organizations. One of his proudest roles was serving on the board of Four Directions Development Corporation, which provides loans to persons of the four Wabanaki tribes in Maine. In retirement, Charlie and Judy enjoyed getting together with fellow retirees at Dysart's Restaurant. Charlie was predeceased by his oldest son Timothy in 1984 at age 23, and his middle son Andrew in 2018 at age 55. Among survivors are his wife, Judith Boothby, his son, Rev. Paul Boothby (Krista) of Easton, Maryland, grandson Taylor Boothby of Palm City, Florida. Memorial Gifts will be most welcome at Four Directions Development Corp, 20 Godfrey Drive, Orono, ME 04473, or at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, 120 Park St., Bangor 04401. |
| **Brooks** | **2022** | Donald Brooks (76) of Caneyville, Kentucky, passed away April 9, 2022, at his residence. Donald was born November 13, 1945, in Caneyville to the late Gladys Lewis Brooks and Leander Jack Brooks. He loved his job of working with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services as a Soil Conservation Technician. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, and gardening. Donald was a member of the Falls of Rough Baptist Church. Donald leaves behind is wife of 55 years, Fran, one daughter, Jennifer (Wayne), two granddaughters, Fallon, and Lauren, two grandsons, Josh and Caleb, and thirteen great-grandchildren. |
| **Brownfield** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Shelby Harold Brownfield (90) of Boise, Idaho, passed away peacefully at home on January 28, 2022 with his children, grandchildren, great- grandchildren, and his wonderful caregivers nearby. Shelby was born June 12, 1931 in Ava, Illinois to William Edward Brownfield and Mabel Ditzler. He married Lois Marie Landreth on April 27, 1952. After Lois passed April 22, 1991, he married Joyce Gasperson Landreth Dec 10, 1994. Joyce passed 10 March 2001. He then married his high school classmate Marjorie (Mifflin) Sullivan on May 23, 2003. Marjorie passed October 6, 2014. Shelby received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from the University of Illinois in 1954. He worked as a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service from 1956 until his retirement in 1986. He was the State Soil Scientist in Idaho when he retired. He also worked for the Idaho Department of Environment Quality and created Associated Earth Sciences Inc. with various colleagues. He was a member of many agricultural and social societies. He was a member of Summit Church (Second Baptist). Shelby was greatly loved and respected by many in his family, collegues at work and friends. He had a servant heart, was a hard worker, put others before himself, and kindness flowed from him. Shelby was preceded in death by a stillborn son, Shelby Jr.; a son-in- law, Joseph (Lori); a grandson, Jacob; and a step-granddaughter, Clarissa. He is survived by his children: Susan Roth (John) of Boise, Nancy Raybourn (Mike) of Boise, Shelby David (Debbie) of Howard, Ohio, Judy of Boise, and Lori Van Leeuwen (Joseph) of Boise; step-children: David Gasperson (Cindy) of Bunker Hill, Illinois; Laurie Hester (Mike) of Bunker Hill; and Cindy Rocha of Costa Rica; along with numerous grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. |
| **Brush** | **2022** | Laura E Brush (94) of Deerfield Beach, Florida, passed away August 5, 2022. Laura was the widow of Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member John B. Brush, who passed away in 2005. John retired in 1980 as the Chief for Records and Communications, for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Laura was born April 11, 1928. After retirement, Laura and John settled in Deerfield Beach. |
| **Calder** | **2022** | ARCSE Member Joseph "Joe" F. Calder (87) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away on October 22, 2022. He was born on a farm near Hardy, Nebraska, to Joseph J. and Tena (Jensby) Calder on June 13, 1935. Joe worked for many years as a Civil Engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, working on projects in Arizona, Montana, and Nebraska. He enjoyed many hobbies including golfing, being outdoors, traveling, being a Husker fan; most importantly he enjoyed time spent with family, especially participating in his grandchildren's many activities. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Florence "Flo" Calder; sons Randy (Barbi) of Lincoln and Tim (Becky) of Cincinnati, Ohio; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild with another on the way in April, 2023. Services were held October 30, 2022, at Christ United Methodist Church in Lincoln (10) with Rev. Dr. Richard O. Randolph officiating. Memorials may be given to the Teammates Mentoring Program, 6801 'O' Street, Lincoln, NE 68510. |

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| **Calhoun** | **2022** | ARCSE Member James R. Calhoun (77) of Clifton Park, New York, passed away on March 10, 2022. Jim was born in Penn Yan, New York in 1944. He was a graduate of the New York State Ranger School and College of Forestry. He worked as a Forester with the New York Conservation Department and went on to a 43-year career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Resource Conservationist. He is survived by his wife, Beth, three stepchildren and four grandchildren. He is also survived by his two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Jim's hobbies included American History and O-gauge electric trains and was a member of the Empire and Eastern Train Club of Schenectady. He stimulated his mind through many classes in Adult Lifelong Learning through Empire State College. Memorial contributions may be made to the NYS Ranger School Alumni Association, 257 Ranger School Rd., Wanakena, NY 13695. |
| **Carpenter** | **2022** | Kenneth Elba Carpenter (66) of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away unexpectedly on May 24, 2022, at his residence. He was born January 5, 1956 to Hestel "Corky" Carpenter and Mary Elizabeth Holmes in Charleston, West Virginia. Ken earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at West Virginia University before joining the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the late 1970s as a civil engineer. In 1992, he joined the new Technology Information Systems Division as a software project manager when the agency consolidated its information technology function to Fort Collins, where it became part of the Natural Resources Research Center in Fort Collins, a federal government reinvention initiative with Colorado State University. Ken managed the development, deployment, and maintenance of conservation engineering software used throughout the agency. His influence is reflected in the portfolio of engineering applications available today at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/?cid=nrcs144p2_029573. In the years prior to his retirement, Ken managed the testing and release of software across all technical disciplines for NRCS. He is survived by his lifelong friend and partner Michelle, their three children: Kenny Carpenter (Michelle Grigsby) of Fort Collins, Colorado; Kyle Carpenter (Laura) and grandson expected in the fall of Washington, New Jersey; and Megan Carpenter (Eli Peterson) of Greeley, Colorado; as well as siblings Richard Carpenter of Dunbar, West Virginia and Janet Runion of Sissonville, West Virginia. Several NRCS and USDA co-workers and friends attended a celebration of his life held May 29, 2022. Ken will be missed. |
| **Chapman** | **2022** | Christel Chapman (89) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away January 20, 2022. She was born March 6, 1932, in Cedar Bluffs Nebraska, the daughter of Andrew and Emma Mommsen. She married Ken Chapman on September 11,1954. She worked as an administrative assistant with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Chris had a passion for volunteering countless hours for her church, Nebraska Kidney Foundation and Tabitha. She and Ken were lifelong Husker fans and enjoyed watching their grandchildren compete in their athletic contests. Her and Ken were avid travelers and especially enjoyed their many trips to New Zealand. She is survived by her children Dan (Diane) of Lincoln. Deb (Tom) Nickolite of Bellwood, Nebraska, Steve (Pani) of Wellington New Zealand, and Karen of Lincoln; 20 grandchildren Brian, Amy, Sara, Katie, Craig, Edwin, Jerome, Rosemarie, Victoria, Leone, Bernard, Christel, Kenneth, Madeleine, Temara, Josh, Michaela, Karissa, Logan, Luke; and 24 great-grandchildren. |
| **Chavez** | **2022** | Fermin George Chavez Jr. (68) of Los Lunas, New Mexico, passed away August 21, 2022, with his family at his bedside. George was raised in Tomé, New Mexico. He was a 1977 graduate of New Mexico State University, where he majored in science and agriculture. After living and working in Nebraska for seven years, he returned to New Mexico, where he was married to Teresa Ann Leaton, the love of his life, of Roswell, New Mexico on May 25, 1985. George worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 37 years. He was a Rangeland Management Specialist in New Mexico and Nebraska. He served as the New Mexico State Resource Conservationist before he retired in 2013. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. George was an avid traveler with his wife visiting the east and west coasts and historical sites in between. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing camping and riding horses. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Teresa Chavez; mother, Sally Chavez; children, Joshua (Catherine) and Amy Brainard (Jesse); and his grandchildren, Dareon, Dante and Sienna Brainard, and Grace and Benjamin Chavez, and a newborn baby Chavez. |
| **Cleary** | **2022** | Paul Howard Cleary (79) of Goldendale, Washington, passed away suddenly on August 30, 2022. Paul was born in Mount Vernon, Washington in 1943 to Howard and Margaret Cleary. He grew up in Portland, Oregon. He attended the University of Portland where he earned a General Engineering degree. While in school, Paul met Judith Fay Stadter, and they married in 1964. Paul's career was as a Civil Engineer and later Hydraulic Engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service. He focused on water retention, irrigation, and erosion prevention. His work took him and his family many places: Portland, Hood River, and Albany, Oregon, Spooner and Madison, Wisconsin, Reno, Nevada, and then back to Portland, Oregon, where after 34 years of service he retired. Throughout these years, Paul and his family enjoyed cross-country road trips to visit family, hiking, camping, and many trips to the Oregon coast. After a brief stint as a consultant, Paul and Judy moved to Goldendale, WA for a retirement job with the Conservation Districts, working on similar projects he enjoyed. Paul placed a great importance in being a member of the Parish of the Holy Spirit often attending daily mass. He was a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife Judy, 6 children Paula, Tim, Peter, Janet, Amy, and Kevin, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Clevenger** | **2022** | ARCSE Member James Patrick Clevenger (88) of Morgantown, West Virginia passed away on April 30, 2022, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Jim was born on May 12, 1933, near Webster Springs, West Virginia, the son of the late Roal Patrick and Rose Ann Payne Clevenger. Jim graduated from West Virginia University where he received a degree in civil engineering, graduating with honors in 1960. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Chi Epsilon honorary fraternities. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Korean War from 1952 to 1955 with the Army Security Agency. Much of that time was spent at a small base in Kyoto Japan. Jim married Mary Cunningham of Pisgah, West Virginia, on June 14, 1958, at Spruce Street United Methodist Church. They were devoted and loving partners for over 61 years until her death on January 1, 2020. Jim worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 35 years in several different engineering and management positions. Most of those years were spent in West Virginia working on flood control projects. He also worked with farmers and landowners on conservation and pollution control measures. During his tenure, he helped with the planning, design, and construction of over 150 flood control dams, many of which serve multiple purposes such as water supplies and recreation. He oversaw Water Resources planning for West Virginia when he retired in 1992. Jim was a member of the Suncrest United Methodist Church where he was quite active. He was also a member of the Suncrest Kiwanis Club, West Virginia Tree Farmers Association, National and West Virginia Societies of Professional Engineers, and the American Legion. During his retirement years, he enjoyed working on the farm, golf, traveling, volunteer work helping others and above all his grandchildren. He had a long, healthy, and wonderful life. Jim is survived by two sons, Joe (Beth), and Jimmy; son-in-law JJ; granddaughters Katie, Maggie, Molly (Jacob); grandsons Quinn, Wes, Walt and Ian and great-grandsons Noah and Patrick. In addition to his wife, Jim was preceded in death by his daughter Kim. |
| **Cochran** | **2022** | Clarence Carter Cochran (90) of Edgewater, Maryland, passed away peacefully at home from renal failure on June 23, 2022. Carter, as he was known, was born March 20, 1932, in Buffalo, Wyoming to Clarence Carter Cochran and Ethel Thayer Cochran. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Commerce and Technology from the University of Wyoming in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 3 during the Occupation of Germany. With the G.I. Bill he studied for his teacher's certificate at Wyoming. He had a career in the USDA- Soil Conservation Service, first as an Administrative Trainee in Salt Lake City, then serving in Burlington, Vermont as Administrative Assistant. He went to San Juan, Puerto Rico as Administrative Officer for the Caribbean Area. He was promoted to go to Washington, D.C. where he served with distinction in the Soil Conservation Service administration. In retirement Carter developed an organic mushroom-growing business, producing shiitake mushrooms for sale to restaurants and farmers' markets. Carter was known for his genial disposition and quiet humor. He is survived by his wife, Susan Wakefield Cochran; son, Clarence Carter Cochran, Jr; daughter, Elizabeth Anne Mararac (Jose), five grandchildren: Mary E. Berard Miller, William B. Berard, III, James C. Berard, John M. Berard, and Ava E. Mararac; and three great grandchildren: John Carter Miller and Luke David Miller and James Claiborne Berard, Jr. |
| **Cook** | **2022** | Roy Wade Cook II (72) of Buffalo, Oklahoma passed away September 20, 2022. Roy was born January 28, 1949, in Mooreland, Oklahoma to Roy Wade and Wilma Eunice (Bennett) Cook. Roy attended Oklahoma State University, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education in 1971. Also in 1971, Roy was blessed with the birth of his daughter, Kimberly Marie. After graduating Roy went to West Point, Nebraska as a teacher of Agriculture until the fall of 1972. Returning to Stillwater, Oklahoma Roy went to work as a welder working on the I-35 Turnpike until he left for basic training in September of 1973. Roy was in the Army Reserves Company C 5th Battalion from 1973 to 1975. After basic training Roy returned to the family farm working with his dad. In 1991 Roy founded Draco Cattle Company that he operated until 2007. After retiring from the feed yard, Roy went to work for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a technician in the Buffalo, Oklahoma Field Office. He retired in 2019. Roy married the love of his life Ronda Sue Rogers June 4, 2011, at the Cook Farm. After retirement Roy and Ronda had the most fun and enjoyed spending time with family, traveling and working on their home in the country. Roy was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly Botts. Survivors include his wife Ronda Cook; children Stan Botts, Nanci (Greg) Ellis, David (Bee Lin) Rader, Grandchildren; Kaimi (Botts) Smith, Brooklyn Botts, Kailie Rader, Natalie Rader, Addalie Rader, and Great Grandchildren; Holden Smith, and Kimberlyn Smith. |
| **Coulter** | **2022** | David S. Coulter (63) of Dayton, Ohio, passed away December 26, 2022, at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. David was born September 28, 1959, to H. Scott and Jean Elizabeth (Leister) Coulter. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy and Crop Science in 1981 from Pennsylvania State University. David worked as a Soil Conservationist for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. He had recently retired as the District Conservationist in Indiana, Pennsylvania. David is survived by his loving wife, Carla (Pitzerell) Coulter, whom he wed December 28, 1991; son Robert Boyer, of Shelocta, Pennsylvania; daughter Hannah Coulter, of Dayton; and a chosen son, Jason Nimal. A celebration of life will be held at a later date at David’s beloved farm. |
| **Craggs** | **2022** | Charles J. “Jeff” Craggs (72) of Kuttawa, Kentucky, passed away February 15, 2022 at his home. Jeff worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as an Engineer, retiring in 2005. |
| **Crow** | **2022** | Pam Crow (74) of Rogers, Texas passed away December 22, 2022, in a Temple, Texas Hospital. Pam was born February 26, 1948, in San Saba, Texas to H.R. Gotcher and Maude Parker Gotcher. She lived in Rogers all her life and was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. She married Billy Ray Crow October 2, 1966. She worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a travel and payroll clerk. She was also a seamstress. Survivors include her husband Billy Ray Crow of Rogers; one son Ricky Crow (Alyson) of Rogers; one daughter Tonnia Crow of Temple; four grandchildren Alex Crow of New Orleans, Laouisiana, Patrick Crow of Temple; Paysee Crow of Florida and Olivia Crow of College Station, Texas, and her dog Prissy. |

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| **Dake** | **2022** | Raymond Lewis Dake (94) of Fairfield, Iowa, passed away surrounded by his family at Jefferson County Health Center on March 6, 2022. Raymond was born at home December 16, 1927, to John D. and Pauline P. Dake in Benton County, Iowa. Raymond enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve at the conclusion of World War II and Korean War. He celebrated his 18th birthday on the shores of Korea and served until 1947. Raymond returned to the Iowa family farm where he fell in love with the neighbor's lovely daughter, Rosemary Irene Long, whom he first sighted riding a tractor with her father. They married on August 27, 1950, in Walker, Iowa. Raymond and Rosemary worked on the family farm for many years. In 1971 the family transitioned from the farm to Mt. Vernon, Iowa where Raymond began a second career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service that would last 24 years. He started as a soil conservation technician and later was an engineering technician in Marion, Ottumwa and Fairfield, Iowa communities. Raymond was instrumental in construction of Lake Sugema in Lacey-Keosauqua State Park. Raymond and Rosemary retired in Fairfield, Iowa in 1994. Raymond was an active member United Methodist Church. In October 2014, Raymond and his son, Brian, participated in a World War II Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Raymond earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lion's organization in 2020. Survivors include his wife, Rosemary; daughter, Carolyn (Randy) Bartemeyer; son, Kim (Penny) Dake; son, Brian (Cheryl) Dake; and son, Bruce (Susan) Dake; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren. |
| **Dankert** | **2022** | Wayne N. Dankert (84) of Ida Grove, Iowa, passed away on January 8, 2022, at the Odebolt Specialty Care of Odebolt, Iowa. Wayne was the son of Albert and Clara (Luebke) Dankert born on March 13, 1937, in rural Palmer in Merrick County, Nebraska. He volunteered for the military draft in Merrick County. After basic and advanced training, he served in northern Italy in a guided missile battalion. After active duty, he attended the University of Nebraska where he graduated with a Master of Science in Agriculture. Wayne went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Iowa and worked on soil surveys in Page, Lyon, Dickinson, O'Brien, Muscatine, Ida, and Monona counties. When he moved to Ida Grove he met his future wife, Geraldine Christie. On October 17, 1987, Wayne and Geraldine were united in marriage in the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Following heart problems in 2018, Wayne and Geraldine moved to Golden Horizons Assisted Living in Ida Grove and most recently were residents in the Odebolt Specialty Care of Odebolt, Iowa, until their passing. Survivors include his sister-in-law Julie Christie of Schleswig, Iowa and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine Dankert six months earlier. |
| **Davis** | **2022** | John Ward Davis (85) of Thayer, Kansas, passed away January 18, 2022, at Heritage Health Care, Chanute, Kansas. John was born March 14, 1936, in Sedan, Kansas, the son of Floyd W. Davis and Elsie (Brown) Davis. After high school graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served 4 years with an honorable discharge. John returned to Independence, Kansas to attend college and met Lois McFarland. They were married on July 3, 1960, in Thayer, Kansas. They were married 62 years. He graduated from Kansas State University. John worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He worked in the field in Southeast Kansas early in his career and retired as a contracting specialist in the Colorado State Office. After retirement he worked for a Geotechnical firm in Denver, CO. They moved to Thayer where he served as Treasurer of the City of Thayer and several years as Sexton of Thayer Cemetery District. He was a member of Thayer Christian Church. Survivors include his wife Lois, and son John Mark (April) Davis, of Flint, Texas. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia. |
| **De Leon** | **2022** | Ernesto L. De Leon (86) of Brownsville, Texas, passed away on June 2, 2022 at Rio Grande Regional Hospital in McAllen, Texas. Ernesto was born in Brownsville, Texas, son of the late Amelia Vera and Ramon De Leon. He was a descendant of Brownsville's Pioneer Family. His origins trace back approximately 241 years when Salvador de la Garza settled the Spanish Land Grants in Northern Mexico and what is now South Texas in 1781. Ernesto graduated from Texas A&M in 1957. He married Sylvia Gomez on September 1, 1963, in San Benito, Texas. Ernesto worked for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service and Texas the Department of Agriculture. Significantly, he was elected as a Brownsville City Commissioner for two terms from 2001 and 2003. Preceding Ernesto in death was his son, Donald Ramon De Leon. Ernesto is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Sylvia Gomez; his two sons, Ernest R. De Leon (Victoria Chazco) De Leon and Gustavo M. De Leon (Cristina Garza) De Leon; his two daughters, Sylvia A. De Leon, PhD. (Ricardo) Solis EdD. and Sandra M. De Leon; and by his four grandchildren: Alicia S. Shears-Ellul, Austin Ramon Barnard, Donald Ernesto De Leon, and Victoria De Leon. |
| **Dean** | **2022** | ARCSE Member James "Jimmy" Elijah Dean (73) of Athens, Georgia passed away September 5, 2022. He was the son of the late George and Eloise Dean. Jimmy grew up in Ashburn, Georgia. He was a graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia. Jimmy worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, starting as a Soil Conservationist, and retiring as the State Agronomist for Georgia in 2005. He lived most of his adult life in Athens. Jimmy loved time spent with family. He enjoyed golf, gardening, and camping trips. Jimmy loved his faith and studying His word. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lori, and their sons: Jason (Megan), Justin (Lesley), and Eric (Gabrielle). A celebration of life service was held September 9 at Lord & Stephens, East. Donations in Jimmy's honor may be made to Shepherd Center for Brain and Spinal Cord Injury www.shepherd.org. |
| **Dove** | **2022** | James Lucian Dove (91) of Surfside Beach, South Carolina (formerly of West Virginia) passed away August 1, 2022, in Venice, Florida. James was born in Williamson, West Virginia on June 15, 1931, the son of the Ernest and Flo Dove. James was an United States Army Intelligence Corps veteran. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 26 years, retiring as State Conservation Engineer West Virginia in 1986. After retirement he and his wife moved to Surfside Beach, South Carolina, where he began working and volunteering for the City of Surfside Beach building hurricane proof restrooms along the coast as well as many other projects. He was involved in the Full Gospel Businessmen, treasurer of South Strand Helping Hand, and an elder and teacher at Surfside Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dove was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Belle Dove. Survivors include his daughters, Brenda Reed, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Patricia Dove, of Venice, Florida., and Holly Curry, of Venice, Florida.; a son, James B. Dove, of Chiefland, Florida.; a granddaughter, Wendy Dove; great-grandchildren, Dylan, Bethany and Cameron; and great-great-grandchildren, Eden and Atlas |

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| **Eddy** | **2022** | Hugh Victor Eddy Jr. (88) of Nelson, Wisconsin passed away surrounded by loved ones, on January 15th, 2022, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Wabasha, Minnesota. Hugh was born to Hugh V. Eddy Sr. and Elnora (Gilbertson) Eddy in Sparta, Wisconsin. After high school graduation, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed at a hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany for over three years as a medic. After the service, he went to Utah State University studying Agronomy. Hugh married Doris B. Copus in December of 1958. They enjoyed three summers working in Idaho and Wyoming for the USDA-Forest Service. After graduating from college, he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He worked as a Soil Conservationist in Kosciusko County in Indiana for five years. He was then transferred to Buffalo County in Wisconsin where he was the District Conservationist for another 25 years before retiring. Hugh is survived by his wife of 63 years, Doris Eddy; three children, Carrie (Steve) Bacon, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Jennifer Torres, of Plainview, Minnesota; and Scott (Tiffany Wiles) Eddy, of Nelson, Wisconsin; seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. |
| **Eddy** | **2022** | John Irvin Eddy (74) of Westover, West Virginia, passed away June 8, 2022, at his home after a battle with pulmonary fibrosis. John was born Oct. 7, 1947, in Sistersville, West Virginia, a son of the late Bernard Eddy and Ruth Henderson Eddy. John retired as a civil engineer at the Morgantown State Office for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service with many years of service. He also spent many years on the Tri-Ag Credit Union Board. In his spare time, John also enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren. John is survived by his wife, Linda Gorby Eddy; one daughter, Shannon (Kirk) Wissmar, of Westover; three grandchildren, Reese Wissmar, Audrey Wissmar and Waylon Earl Eddy. John was preceded in death by his son, Craig Matthew Eddy. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in John's memory to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio St. Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611. Graveside services were held at Greenlawn Memorial Park in New Martinsville. |
| **Eno** | **2022** | Janis Aileen (Trabert) Eno (90) of Plattsmouth, Nebraska (formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska), peacefully passed away on December 2, 2022, at The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. She was born on September 4, 1932 to Neil Sterling Trabert Sr. and Aileen Dak (Wright) Trabert in Hastings, Nebraska. She attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for two years before marrying Gene Leroy Eno on August 23, 1952, at First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Janis and Gene made their home and raised their seven children in Lincoln. She worked as a Cartographer for the Nebraska Department of Roads, where she made county and state maps. Then Janis worked as a Lab Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Lincoln until she retired in 1995. Janis was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. She was active in the music program, women's circles, sewing group, and she was an Elder/Deacon. Janis also played the organ for the Lincoln Latvian Church for several years. She is survived by her five children: Sally (Billie) L. Plants, John W. Eno, Karen A. Meyer, Tom L. Eno, and Todd A. Eno, nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Janis was preceded in death by her husband: Gene L. Eno, her son: Michael Lee Eno, and her daughter: Rhonda Kay Eno. |
| **Ensor** | **2022** | Gail Thomson Ensor (71) of Manchester, Maryland, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2022. She was born May 4th, 1950, in Baltimore, Maryland to Stewart and Georgia Thomson. She married her longtime friend and love, Robert Ensor, on August 15, 1971. Robert is an ARCSE Life Member. Gail graduated with her bachelor's degree from Towson University and later earned her master's from Loyola University. For many years, Gail worked as a speech pathologist at the Benedictine School in Ridgely, Maryland, helping students with special needs. Gail had an incredible list of expertise from helping run her parent's movie theater and bowling alley, working as a dental hygienist, running the family farmette, teaching Sunday school and directing the church choir. Gail loved singing and dancing, walking with her pup, putting on puppet shows, planting flowers, birdwatching, playing with her grandchildren, watching Hallmark movies, and of course, eating ice cream. She attended several Bible studies over the years as a testimony to her strong Christian faith. In addition to her husband Robert, Gail is survived by her four children, Keith (Cherae) Ensor, Kate (Nick) Bousquet, Luke (Amanda) Ensor, and Daniel (Jamie) Ensor; and 11 grandchildren, Micah, Elijah, Tobi, Adon, Abigael, Soren, Cyrus, Riley, Reese, Avery and Maya. |
| **Erickson** | **2022** | Patty "Pat" Joan Erickson (86) of Leonardville, Kansas passed away September 2, 2022, at the Leonardville Nursing Home. She was the wife of the late Jerald "Jerry" Edwin Erickson, former Biological Technician at the Plant Materials Center in Manhattan, Kansas for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Jerry retired in 1987 and passed away in 2019. They celebrated 64 years of marriage before Jerry's passing in 2019. |
| **Esser** | **2022** | ARCSE Member Anthony "Tony" Esser (76) of Owego, New York, passed away on February 17, 2022. After graduating from The University of Rhode Island and graduate work at Rutgers University, Tony spent some time with the New Jersey Pinelands Commission and had a long career the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service. He worked at many locations in New Jersey, New York and at National Headquarters in Washington, DC. He was an active advocate for water quality. Tony was a quiet volunteer by helping residents prepare their taxes as an AARP Tax Aide, performed work needed at A New Hope Center and the Salvation Army after the flood caused by Tropical Storm Lee, and continued to be a Handy Man for A New Hope Center until his illness prevented him from helping others. For many years he grew his hair long for "Locks for Love" to help have wigs made for children who suffered hair loss due to cancer. While working in DC, he was also a volunteer for The National Park Service at Presidents Park (The White House). He spent many years joining a group of friends making winter hats, mittens, and scarves for those in need. Tony will be remembered by many including those who did not know his name but new his kindness. Tony was part of a Hot air balloon team, assisting with Set up, Launch Chase and retrieval. He was also very active in the local Ballroom Dance clubs. Tony is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Kathleen, his brother, Albert and his precious nephews and nieces. His final act of generosity is donating his body to medical school so students can learn and help others. Donations may be made to A New Hope Center in Owego, NY. Mercy House in Endicott or your favorite charity in Memory of Tony Esser. |

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| **Fisher** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ACRSE Member James (Jim) Roswell Fisher (94) of Lakewood, Colorado passed away October 13, 2022. Jim was born to Charles and Millie Fisher on January 5, 1928, in Washington, D.C. Due to his father's job with the U.S. Geological Survey, Jim's family moved extensively across the United States. When he was 5, he began his schooling in the first grade in Farmington, New Mexico, and after that attended many different schools, the longest periods in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1945, he graduated from high school in Rolla, Missouri. In 1948, he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from the then Missouri School of Mines, now called Missouri University of Science and Technology. Jim began his career as a field engineer with the U.S. Geological Survey, surveying, and mapping in the central northern states in the summer and in the south during the winter months. In 1949, he met and married Claudine Moore of Palestine, Texas. They had a son, Robert, who gave them three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He took an interest in Masonry and became Master Mason in 1955. He pursued additional learning and was made a Knight Templar in 1956 and became a Shriner in Minneapolis in 1956 and later in Denver. He eventually joined the Golden City Lodge No. 1 in Golden, Colorado. In 1955, Jim decided to make a career change and began working with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an engineer. He met and married Gloria Skare in 1961. They had two sons, Charles and Timothy, and one grandchild. He held several engineering positions in Minnesota and Montana before moving to Lakewood, Colorado in 1975. After 36 years of government service, he retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1983 ending his service as Deputy State Conservationist for Colorado. Jim was a Registered Professional Engineer in four states. In retirement Jim first did consulting engineering work in Colorado and later he and Gloria went on a one-and-a-half-year assignment to the island of Nevis in the Caribbean. Afterward, he worked as Director for the Small Watershed Program with the National Association of Conservation Districts where he planned and managed national and regional meetings. This position allowed him and Gloria to travel to many different locations throughout the country. After that he provided parttime assistance to the Jefferson County, Colorado elections board in the Absentee Ballot section. To be outside and play with friends. He loved his 1959 outboard motorboat and he and his family spent lots of time on the water, fishing and water skiing. He was also an amateur gardener and was proud of his annual crop of tomatoes. Jim was an active member of Lutheran Church of the Master in Lakewood. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Gloria, sons Robert, Charles, and Timothy, daughters-in-law Sharon and Marci, grandchildren Renee, Randy, Robin, and Alyssa, and six great-grandchildren. |
| **Fortney** | **2022** | Gayle Ashley Fortney (87) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away November 22, 2022, in Stillwater at the Legacy Village after an extended battle with breast cancer. She was the wife of Honorary ARCSE Member Fred J. Fortney, retired Assistant State Conservationist in Oklahoma for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Gayle was born to Cecil and Anna Olivia Ashley on November 11, 1935, in Altus, Oklahoma. She attended Oklahoma State University (OSU), receiving a degree in Elementary Education. At OSU she was an active member of Future Teachers and served as President of the Organization. She was also very active in the Wesley Foundation activities. Gayle was a proud lifelong member of the Methodist Church. At OSU she met the love of her life Fred, and they married after graduation in 1957. She taught school at Altus, Duncan, Tulsa and worked towards her Master's Degree at Tulsa University. She followed Fred in his career with the US Department of Agriculture living in several Communities before returning to Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1971. Gayle leaves behind her loving husband Fred; her children Kevin Fortney of Stillwater; Brent Fortney (Amy) of Tucson, Arizona; grandson Josh Fortney (Taylor); and great grandson Elijah of Lawton, Oklahoma. |
| **Garrett** | **2022** | Mildred Garrison Garrett (93) of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away on January 9, 2022. She was the wife of Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member John Joseph Garrett who served as the Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service before retiring in 1990. Mildred was a native of Sidney, Ohio, the daughter of the late Aaron and Delma Snider Garrison. Mildred volunteered at Rex Hospital for many years. She was a longtime member of Capital City Church of Christ which has become part of Lifepointe Church in Cary. She enjoyed raising her three sons and supporting their families, including being active in High School Band and Athletic Boosters. |
| **Gaudette** | **2022** | Former ARCSE Member Rosemary “Rosie” (Rinehart) Gaudette of Altoona, Iowa, passed away Tuesday June 7, 2022, in Des Moines, Iowa. Rosie was born February 29, 1940, in St. Joseph, Missouri to Cecil and Mary (Chumbly) Rinehart. Rosie moved to Washington, D.C. following her high school graduation, where she worked for the Navy Department. There she met Robert “Bob” O. Gaudette. They were united in marriage on June 2nd, 1962, in Washington, D.C. In 1966 they moved to Columbus, Ohio where they were blessed with two children: Jon and Debra. In 1972 they moved to Iowa where Rosie went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service Iowa State Office as a financial analyst, until she retired in 1994. Rosie’s love of books led her to work and then volunteer at the Altoona Public Library. Rosie is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert “Bob” Gaudette of Pleasant Hill, Iowa. Additional survivors include her adult children Jon (Tammy) Gaudette of Runnells, Iowa; Debra Mikkelson of Atchison, Kansas; and four grandchildren Devin (Marie) Gaudette, Alex Gaudette, Markelle Mikkelson, and Anna Mikkelson. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law Mark Mikkelson. |
| **Gelhen** | **2022** | Former ARCSE Member Carolyn Jane Gelhen (79) of Broomall, Pennsylvania, passed away on April 9, 2022. She had suffered a stroke and a fall in March. Carolyn was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 22, 1942, the daughter of the late Norman and Harriette (nee Scott) Van Artsdalen. Carolyn had worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service at the Northeast Technical Center in the Soil Survey Unit in Upper Darby, then Broomall, and finally Chester, Pennsylvania. She was the wife of the late Timothy D. Gehlan. |

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| **Gilbert** | **2022** | Steven Mark Gilbert (69) 0f Ogden, Iowa, passed away peacefully at UnityPoint Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, surrounded by his family, on July 13, 2022. Steven was born on November 5, 1952, in Boise, Idaho, the son of DeWayne Everett Gilbert and Geneva Alice (McClure) Gilbert. Following high school, Steve married his high school sweetheart, Kim Nicholes, and moved to Iowa to work the family farm. He also worked at Heinrick Envelope, spent a few years as a crop adjuster, and finally landed a job at the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service where he worked for 25 years as a Soil Conservation Technician. Steve loved gardening and farming his family's land. He enjoyed bowling and golfing with friends. He also enjoyed playing co-ed slowpitch softball with his team Pounds of Pleasure. For a period of time, he enjoyed his return to the softball field through umpiring. Steve never missed an opportunity to share his daughters' successes with those around him and his pride in raising them to be strong women. He was a grandfather to children with cystic fibrosis and because of this he was an ardent fundraiser and supporter of the search for a cure. Steve's survivors include his children Tara (Jeremy) Wright of Ogden, Iowa, Myra (Adam) Giaffoglione of Rockville, Maryland, Gina (William) Ralston of St. Peters, Missouri; 7 grandchildren, Felicity Wright, Cailyn Wright, Lana Wright, Gavin Ralston, Thomas Ralston, Jack Giaffoglione, and Abigail Giaffoglione. A memorial service for Steve was held July 30, 2022 at Community United Methodist Church in Ogden, Iowa. |
| **Goerend** | **2022** | Ernestine "Ernie" L. (Tincher) Goerend, 83, of Salina, passed away, February 22, 2022. She was born December 19, 1938, in Wichita, Kansas. Ernie was the wife retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service employee Duane T. Goerend, who passed away in 2020. She was a homemaker and served as the Kansas State Parent Teacher Association President from 1989 to 1991. |
| **Gould** | **2022** | Thomas D. Gould (70) of Sioux City, Iowa passed away January 31, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his family. Tom was a retiree of the USDA-NRCS. He was a District Conservationist in Sioux City and later served as a Grassland Specialist for northwest Iowa. A celebration of life was held February 12, 2022, at Saint James United Methodist Church, 2032 South Cypress Street, Sioux City Iowa 51106. |
| **Graham** | **2022** | Beattie Clayton Graham (81) of Watkinsville, Georgia, passed away at his home on August 8, 2022. Clayton was born in Horry County, South Carolina on December 8, 1940, the son of Brunson and Lella Graham of Nichols, South Carolina. Clayton graduated from Clemson University in 1962 at which time he joined the United States Air Force. After his tenure from the Air Force, he started his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist in South Carolina. In 1977, he was appointed the Assistant State Conservationist in Florence, South Carolina. a position he held until his appointment as Deputy State Conservationist in Lincoln, Nebraska later in 1977. He was then appointed State Conservationist for Georgia, a position he held until retirement. Clayton loved the outdoors and took great pride in his vegetable and flower gardens. He also spent time as family historian, organizing reunions and authoring Family History Books for all four of our families. He will be greatly missed by many people. He is survived by his wife, Ernestine Dyar Graham of the home. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons: Stan (Mea) Graham of Smyrna, Georgia, Steve (Shana) Graham of Cleveland, Georgia and Alan Graham of Winterville, Georgia; five grandchildren, Chase (Kayla) Graham, Austin Graham, Cody (Lexi) Graham, Layne Graham, and Clay Graham; and two precious great granddaughters, Kennedy and Palmer Graham. He was also blessed with a fourth son, Randy Nass, good friend of Stan from Lincoln, NE. He just came to our house and never left. He is indeed our son now of 45 years. Clayton was blessed with six bonus grandchildren: Toni Fagiola, Ferrell Fagiola, Brittan Slayton, Jessy Graham, Madison Nass and Mason Nass. |
| **Graves** | **2022** | Mary Kay (Buchanan) Graves (77) of Chapman, Kansas passed away peacefully at her home on September 3, 2022. Kay was married (July 20, 1968) to retired USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service employee Herbert Russell Graves, Jr. Herbert was an engineer in the Kansas State Office for many years. Kay attended Altus Junior College and Southwest Oklahoma State University, graduating in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She taught for several years in the Lakin, Kansas school district. In addition to her husband Herbert, she is survived by two children, Russell Wayne (Tammy) of Kansas City, Missouri, and Cynthia Dlynn Markley (Chad) of Abilene, Kansas |

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| **Greene** | **2022** | Charles “Charlie” Edward Greene (77) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away March 14, 2022. Charlie was the husband of Linda Greene, Public Affairs/Media Relations Specialist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Lincoln. Charles was born on March 21, 1944, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Bertha Johnson. He grew up in Seattle. His athletic ability stood out in high school where he played football and ran track. When in his junior year, he won the Washington state high school championship in the 100- yard dash and captured both the state titles in the 100 and 220 in his senior year. His triumph in the 100 at the Golden West Invitational in Sacramento, California helped him garner the accolade as the number 1 high school sprinter in the nation in 1963. Charlie accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of Nebraska and came to Lincoln in the fall of 1963. He quickly gained the attention of his fellow athletes during an intramural competition and pushed super-star Bob Hayes to a world record performance in the 60- yard dash in New York City at the Madison Square Garden’s indoor meet in January 1964. He missed out qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics at the US Olympic Trials after battling an injury but that served to motivate his competitive drive and determination to another level. Over the next three years, Greene became the nation’s leading collegiate sprinter capturing 3 consecutive NCAA titles in the 60-yard indoors from 1965 to 1967 and 3 consecutive NCAA titles in the 100-yard dash outdoors. He earned his degree in 1967 and after attending ROTC summer camp, returned to Lincoln to begin work on a graduate degree and continue to train for the 1968 Olympic Games with would be held in Mexico City that fall. At the 1968 AAU outdoor national championships, Charlie’s win in the 100- meter final capped off a remarkable evening of competition sports historians have referred to as “The Night of Speed”. Charlie earned two medals at the Mexico City Olympic Games that fall, garnering the bronze in the 100- meter final despite suffering an injury in the last 30 meters of the race. What seemed perhaps somewhat remarkable to some, was that only a couple of days later, Charlie would run the lead “leg” on the US men’s 4 x 100-meter relay. His team won gold and set a new world record. That sprint relay team (Charlie Greene, Mel Pender, Ronnie Ray Smith and Jimmie Hines) were trained and coached by the late great Stan Wright. Three members of that same team had qualified and competed against one another in the 100-meter final only days before. But as Charlie often liked to brag and share, his greatest achievement was in meeting his future wife, Linda Arnone, on a blind date in Mexico City. Linda, a Penn State graduate, was working on assignment for the Philadelphia Inquirer as a journalist. They married in Lincoln on January 18, 1969. Charlie’s career in the US Army would keep him busy over the next 20 years taking him to several different duty assignments and posts including West Berlin, South Korea, West Point, Fort Meade and Fort Lewis. After retiring from the US Army with the rank of Major, Charlie served as an executive for Special Olympics International and traveled around the world. In recent years, even after experiencing some challenging health setbacks, he continued to contribute his talents and expertise in helping to create and teach an OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) course of study on the History and Impact of the Olympic Games. Charlie was inducted into the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1992 as well as the US Olympic Hall of Fame and most recently the University of Nebraska Athletic Hall of Fame as part of its inaugural class of 2015. |
| **Grundel** | **2022** | Dennis William Grundel (75) of Stacyville, Iowa passed away on July 9, 2022, at the Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage, Iowa of a massive stroke. Dennis, the oldest son of George and Doris (Chapin) Grundel, was born at home on November 30, 1946. His first two years of college were at Riverland Community College in Austin, Minnesota. He then transferred to Iowa State University and graduated in March of 1970 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry. After college Dennis enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard based out of Jefferson, Iowa. He was honorably discharged. Dennis met the love of his life, Marjorie Rachut, in 1966. They were engaged in 1967, and were married at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Rock Township, on August 17, 1968. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2018 and would have been married 54 years this year. Dennis began his working career for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Worth County, Iowa as a soil conservationist. He then transferred to Decater County, Iowa as District Conservationist. He then was transferred to Lucas County, Iowa, where he was part of the group that was instrumental in establishing and executing the Rathbun Lake project. In 1977, Dennis and Marge moved back to northern Iowa to start farming with his brother and dad. He continued farming until his retirement in 2012 when he and Marge moved to their present home. Suffering from Dementia, he became a resident of the Stacyville Community Nursing Home in September of 2020. He is survived by his: wife, Marjorie; daughter, Deborah (Tom) Blaeser; 8 grandchildren (Madisyn, Brittney, Aiden, Ellie, William, Zachary, Logan and Mitchell). He was preceded in death by a son, Robert, and twin grandsons, Alex and Ryan Baardseth. A funeral service was held July 14, 2022, at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Rock Township, rural Osage with Rev. Joel Nye officiating. |
| **Habiger** | **2022** | Mark J. Habiger (61) of Salado, Texas passed away in late 2022 due to complications from diabetes. Mark was born July 8, 1961. Mark started with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service) as a student trainee in Idaho in 1981. He was a Soil Conservationist in Idaho and Colorado before being promoted to District Conservationist in Marianna, Arkansas in 1987. In 1989, he was promoted to the District Conservationist position in Piggott, Arkansas before moving to Fayetteville, Arkansas as District Conservationist. In 1996, he was promoted to the Area Conservationist position in West Union, Iowa with responsibility over northeast Iowa. Then, in October 2000, Mark accepted the position of Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for Southwest Oklahoma. In 2002, he switched zones to Northeast Oklahoma. In June 2008 he was selected as the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs in Texas. Mark held that position until he retired in 2018. At Mark’s request there was not a memorial service, and his passing has not been published. Mark’s father, James N. Habiger, also worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and retired as State Conservationist of Kansas in 1997. Mark’s survivors include his wife Jan and children Rachel and Jace. |

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| **Hardy** | **2022** | Life and Honorary ARCSE Member Richard Wayland Hardy (94) of Salisbury, Maryland, passed away on October 8, 2022, after a brief illness. He was born on the 4th of July 1928 and raised in Dummerston, Vermont. Richard attended the University of Vermont where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He was a Veteran of the United States Army who served during the Korean War. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and retired as a District Conservationist in 1987. Richard is preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years Roena Jones Hardy in 2020. Richard and Roena spent many winters in Sebring, Florida where Richard was a Ruritan member. They were active members of the Church of the Brethren. In the summer they attended Asbury United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, MD and in later years attended Fruitland Christian Church. Richard enjoyed camping with the Delmarva Campers Club as well as making funnel cakes for the Ruritan Club Carnival held in Princess Anne, MD. Richard is survived by his two children Steve Hardy (Beth) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Hazel Beauchamp of Salisbury, Maryland. Richard was a proud grandfather of Stephen Hardy and Savannah Beauchamp. |
| **Harney** | **2022** | Bill R. Harney (82) of Perry, Oklahoma passed away on June 21, 2022, at his home with his faithful caregiver and wife Jan by his side. He was born November 3, 1939, in Ponca City, Oklahoma to Lee Ross and Grace Jeanette (Miller) Harney. He grew up on the family farm south of Ponca with his three brothers before graduating from Ponca City High school in 1958. He went on to earn his degree in Agricultural Science from Oklahoma State University in January of 1963. Bill and the former Jan Leathers were married on November 17, 1962, in Ponca City. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) for 42 years as a soil conservationist. He began his work in Atoka, Oklahoma and later served the Oklahoma communities of Cherokee, Enid, Alva, Perry, Medford, Newkirk, and Tahlequah. He retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2004 but continued to work on the family farm growing wheat, cattle, and horses until his health wouldn't allow. He was a hard worker and enjoyed being outside growing and fixing things. He could fix just about anything, including things around the house, tractors, cars, and gadgets of all kinds. He would always stop along the highway to help anyone who was having car trouble and get them rolling again. They would thank him and offer to pay, but he would always refuse and say, "Just stop and help the next guy when you can." He was preceded in death by his son Douglas Harney in 2005. Bill is survived by his wife, Jan, who faithfully cared for him through his health challenges. He is also survived by his daughter Jo Ewy (Erron) of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Gina Harney (Steve McFarlane) of McKinney, Texas. He is also survived by grandchildren Brooke Ketch, Bryce Ewy, Oliver Prows, Willow McFarlane, and River McFarlane as well as great grandchildren Keegan Ketch and Kaiden Ketch. |
| **Haslem** | **2022** | Dolores Faye Haslem (87) of Albany, Oregon, passed away March 23, 2022. She was the wife of the late Donald W. Haslem, former USDA-Soil Conservation Service Area Engineer, who retired in 1985 and passed away in 2012. Her husband Donald was a Life Member of ARCSE. Dolores was born August 9, 1934, in Florence, Oregon, to Joseph and Wanda (Miles) Riesenhuber. Dolores was just 20 when she met and married Donald. Donald's career took them to Hawaii, India, Washington State, Pakistan, New Jersey, Oregon, and Haiti. In Albany, Dolores worked as a travel agent, was an enthusiastic volunteer and at one time the oldest employee of Samaritan Health Services when she was managing the Albany General Hospital Auxiliary gift shop. She enjoyed friendships with many women through her involvement in the hospital auxiliary, Thursday Study Club, P.E.O. Sisterhood, and Springhill Country Club. She enjoyed golf, bridge, and the company of her dogs. She was a gracious and willing hostess with a home filled with art and interesting objects from their lives abroad. Dolores is survived by sons David of San Jose, California and Douglas of Hillsboro, Oregon; three grandchildren Sierra Schroder, Kaden, and Kyle Haslem (all in Oregon); her brother Delvin Riesenhuber, and her dog Missie. |
| **Hayward** | **2022** | Mary Alice Hayward (71) of Carmichael, California, passed away January 22, 2022. Mary Alice was the wife of Jon Hayward, who worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in California and at the Information Technology Center in Fort Collins, Colorado, as an Information Technology Specialist. |
| **Heard** | **2022** | Louie Peaster "Pete" Heard (89) of Brandon, Mississippi, passed away January 13, 2022. Pete was born on September 7, 1932, in Thornton, Mississippi, to Thomas Wesley Heard, Jr. and Mary Azlene Mullen Heard. Mr. Heard graduated from Tchula High School in 1951, and he served three years in the United States Army. Following his military service, he graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Forestry degree, and a Master's Degree in Wildlife Game Management. Having grown up "on the land," Mr. Heard developed a passion for conservation of natural resources at a very young age. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He worked for the Mississippi State Game and Fish Department from 1961 to 1966. He also had a 45-year distinguished career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, during which time he served 8 years as State Conservationist in Mississippi, and later as the founding director of the Agricultural Wildlife and Conservation Center. Pete was predeceased by first wife of 38 years, Nan Brantley Heard. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Myrna Heard, daughter Carla Cassandra (Frank) of Lake Worth, Florida, and son Rev. Jerrard Heard of Los Angeles, California; stepchildren Cindy Graves (Bobby), of Starkville, Mississippi, Matt Greene (Heather) of Heber Springs, Arkansas, Emily Norris (Justin), of Dexter, Missouri, Lisa Niebrugge (Harold), of Troy, Illinois; 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. |

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| **Hedlund** | **2022** | Lifetime ARCSE Member John Douglas “JD” Hedlund, (86) of Aloha, Oregon passed away July 16, 2022. JD was born on February 9, 1936, to Philip and Agnes Hedlund of Frederic, Wisconsin. He grew up on the family farm. He attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, then went to the University of Arizona where he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Engineering in 1958. JD moved to Massachusetts where he earned his Master of Science degree in Agriculture in 1960. He accepted a position to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1960 where he worked until his retirement in 1994. His career began in Nevada, then to Colorado, and ended in Oregon where he was a Water Quality Specialist at the National Technology Center in Portland. Massachusetts is where he met his future wife, Brenda Carol Macomber, the mother of his seven children. Four children were born in Nevada, two children were born in Colorado, with child number seven born in Oregon. In 1984, JD became a widower after Brenda’s sudden death, leaving him to raise his children alone with his youngest only six years old. A task he embraced wholeheartedly and with determination. JD made a yearly trip to Wisconsin to visit his mother and his sisters and their families. It was on one of those trips he met and married his second wife, Sandra “Sandy” Kaye Meyer. They married in October 2001. They spent half the year in Oregon and half in Arizona. He enjoyed her companionship and took many trips, played a lot of card games together over the next 20 years. Survivors include his second wife, Sandy Hedlund; his children, Karl (Natasha), Kirk, Kathi Raymond (Don), Keith (Angie), and Kelli Cromwell (Chad); grandchildren, Kelsie (Brandon), Kohl, Blake, Taylor, and Peyton; one great-granddaughter, Tessa; his stepchildren, Sara and Melissa; and step-grandchildren, Katy, Danny Jr., Austin and Sydney. |
| **Hodges** | **2022** | Luther Pat Hodges (90) of Chickasha, Oklahoma, passed away May 17, 2022. Pat was born March 18, 1932, in Tuttle, Oklahoma, to Gertie Effie Hodges (Hutchison) and Marvin Luther Hodges. On December 2, 1950, he married Nettie Virginia Fleming, a girl he had known since 3rd grade. In the late 1950s, Pat began a long career working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an engineering technician, and he and Nettie moved to Chickasha. For the first 15 years or so, he was an integral part of the survey crew, traveling all over the state of Oklahoma, surveying the creeks and rivers to map out and build flood-control lakes. When an old back injury got the best of him, he finished his career in the Chickasha office drawing intricate maps of the very lakes he had helped create. He loved to fish and quail hunt, and he and Nettie became avid square dancers. Pat retired from the Soil Conservation Service in the mid-eighties and later worked part-time for his son Rick at the gas station, at Motor Service delivering parts, and finally at AutoZone. Pat is survived by his wife Nettie, all four of his children and their spouses, ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends, and his dog China. |
| **Hodges** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Thomas Cranmer Griffith Hodges (90) of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away on February 23, 2022, at a Fort Worth hospital after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his children and his church rector. Tom was born on June 22, 1931, to William Snowden Hodges and Mathilda Ober Griffith Hodges in their Ellicott City, Maryland family home. He married Marcella DeVries Banks on August 2, 1952, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Sykesville, Maryland. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics. He ultimately went to work for the UUSDA-Soil Conservation Service. Before his retirement, Mr. Hodges oversaw the financial impact of watershed and flood control programs for the Soil Conservation Service, later known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in the southeast United States. The family moved to Broomall, Pennsylvania in 1966, and then to Fort Worth in 1969, all for his work. He was the lead economist at the National Technology Center until his retirement in 1993.Though constantly traveling, he was active in his children’s' activities in sports, school, and church. The family became members of St. Andrew's in the early 1970s. Tom served on the church vestry, including a term as Junior Warden. For decades, he served as an usher on many Sundays and for select funerals and weddings. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella, in 2005. Tom is survived by his daughter, Marcella Mayer; son, Charlie Hodges (Lisa); grandchildren, Kyle Mayer and his girlfriend Teri Wilborn; Sarah (Jeremy) Jackson and their children Hodges and Elvie; Laura (Chris) Hall and their children Elizabeth and Addison; “Tommy” F Thomas (Brittany), and their children Paislee and Noah; and Bobby Hodges (Erin), and their children Peyson, Lanham and Orvie. A memorial service was held March 12, 2022, at St. Andrew's Anglican Church at 10th and Lamar St. in Fort Worth. |
| **Hoopes** | **2022** | Pauline Frances Hoopes (88) of Anthony, Kansas, passed away May 8, 2022. Pauline was the spouse of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service employee Francis S. Hoopes, who retired in 1988 as a Civil Engineer (Water Management Specialist) in the Kansas State Office in Salina, Kansas. Pauline was born January 21, 1934, on the family farm. She went on a blind date in 1954, and a few weeks later her date, Francis Hoopes, was called to serve over seas. Pauline awaited his return in 1956, so the two could share a lifetime of happiness together. They married on June 2, 1957. Pauline spent most of her life as a homemaker and farm wife. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Anthony. She loved gardening and canning. She quilted, making many heirlooms for her family and friends. |
| **Hoover** | **2022** | Bertha Young Hoover (95) of Lexington, Kentucky, widow of Robert “Bob” L. Hoover, passed away peacefully in her home April 16, 2022. Bob was a contract specialist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service at the Kentucky state office prior to his retirement in 1989. Bertha was born in Tousey, Kentucky on July 10, 1926, to the late Walter and Olga Young. Bertha was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International Beta Chapter, and graduated with a master’s degree from Western Kentucky University. She worked as an elementary school teacher and retired after 35 years and was a member of Southland Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years in 2010. |
| **Johnson** | **2022** | David Earl Johnson (87) of Beaverton, Oregon passed away on February 23, 2022. David was born March 22, 1934, in Santa Rosa, California. David worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1994. He was an engineer and at his retirement was serving as the program manager for the Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Staff at the West National Technology Support Center in Portland, Oregon. After retirement he served as the Oregon ARCSE Representative for several years. Survivors include his wife, Joan. |

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| **Johnson** | **2022** | ARCSE Member Arthur Glen Johnson Jr. (86) of Mesa, Arizona (formerly of rural Hartland, North Dakota) passed away May 21, 2022, in a Mesa hospital. Glen was born on February 9, 1936, in Burlington, North Dakota to Arthur and Olava Johnson. He was raised on a farm near Coulee, ND and began his education in a one room country school. He earned his bachelor's degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, Washington in 1959. Then Glen farmed with his brother Curt for 7 years on the Hartland family farm. During that time, Glen also served in the United States Army, during the Berlin Crisis, as a medic and taught high school social studies at Des Lacs, North Dakota. Then, he earned his master's degree in Agricultural Economics from North Dakota State University and began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a trainee in the West Region Technical Center. He transferred to Casper, Wyoming as the State Economist and then to the Washington State office as the Watershed Planning Leader and served the West Region Technical Center as Regional Economist for thirteen western states. Glen met Linda, who would become his wife, through a mutual friend in California while working in Vancouver, Washington. He adopted two of her sons, Paul Johnson and Mark Albimino. The family lived in Vancouver, Washington. In 1976 he was promoted to the National Headquarters of the Soil Conservation Service in Washington D.C. where he served as the National Economist for the Watershed Division. Glen and Linda divorced in 1977. Later, Glen transferred to the Watershed Planning Staff from which he retired in 1986. Following retirement, Glen enjoyed living at Lake Anna, Virginia and was a part-time real estate agent. He moved to Sebring, Florida in 1990 and spent winters there and summers on his farm near Hartland. More recently, he spent the winter months in Mesa, Arizona where he purchased a home in the Fountain of the Sun Resort. Glen was a member of the Carpio Lutheran Church, Donnybrook American Legion and the Epiphany of Christ Lutheran Church- Apache Junction, Arizona. Glen is survived by an adopted son: Paul (Beth) Johnson of Frederick, Maryland; and grandchildren: Hailey and Michael. |
| **Johnson** | **2022** | Anita Johnson (83) of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky passed away Friday, May 13, 2022, at her residence. Anita was the widow of the late Ray Johnson, former Area Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, who passed away December 23, 2020. She was born in Sandy Hook, Kentucky on December 16, 1939, to the late Ernest Adkins and Maxine Fannin. She was a member Rolling Hills Church of Christ and a Worthy Matron of Eastern Star. She retired from Commonwealth Urology as Insurance Billing Manager after 10 years. She is survived by a son, James Kevin Johnson of Mt. Sterling; a daughter, Kimberly Barnes (Steve) of Mt. Sterling; and three grandchildren. |
| **Johnson** | **2022** | Patricia Mae (Schindele) Johnson (92) of Bismarck, North Dakota, passed away on April 19, 2022, at Edgewood Assisted Living. Pat was the wife of the Senior Conservationist Everett Johnson, who passed away in 2013. Everette's last duty station was as District Conservationist in the Carson, North Dakota Field Office for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Pat attended Valley City State Teacher's College earning her teaching certificate. She started her career in Lakota and it was there where she met her best friend, Everett. They were married on June 1, 1951. Pat will be deeply missed by her daughters: Linda Johnson of Wahpeton, North Dakota, and Julie (Jerry) Schock of Redding, California; and two grandchildren. |
| **Jones** | **2022** | Former ARCSE Member Richard G. Jones (91) of Salina, Kansas, passed away November 6, 2022. Richard was born December 16, 1930, in Pawnee City, Nebraska to Mildred and Glenn Jones. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving 4 years. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1959, worked over 30 years for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1986. He spent 20 years serving as the Executive Director of Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD). Richard was an avid golfer and an enthusiastic fan of Kansas State University. He is survived by his wife Jean Ann, 3 children, Lynn Droege, Jeff Jones and Nancy Chapman, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. |
| **Kash** | **2022** | Edgar Taylor "E.T." Kash III (89) of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away February 23, 2022. E.T. was born March 6, 1932, in Helechawa, Kentucky to Nora Miller and Edgar Taylor "E.T." Kash Jr. of Hazel Green, Kentucky and he was the blessed husband of Deloris Byrd Kash. He was 1954 graduate of University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and again in 1958 with a Master of Science in agriculture. He served in the United States Army four years as a medic and was deployed to Germany during the Korean Conflict. He spent his life working in agriculture for the USDA-SCS. He retired in 1991 while serving as the District Conservationist in Lee County Kentucky. He served one term as the Judge Executive in Lee County. He was an active member for 22 years of the Central Christian Church of Lexington, the Masonic Lodge of Hazel Green, the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club and the UK 101 club serving his cherished UK basketball teams. He also worked on the family-owned farm with his father and son David. He was preceded in death by his daughter Lois Kay Kash. He leaves behind a cherished wife of 68 years Deloris Byrd Kash, one daughter Kim Kash Brewer (Greg); one son David Kash (Lori Newton); four grandchildren Mackenzie Brewer Wright, Clinton Kash Brewer, James Taylor Kash and Hannah Jane Kash; and two great grandsons. |
| **Kaul** | **2022** | ARCSE Life Member Kenneth Dale Kaul (82) of Spokane, Washington, passed away November 24, 2022, after a brave battle against cancer and several months of declining health, Ken died peacefully with his beloved wife, Tina, and family by his side. Ken was born in Malta, Montana, on November 14, 1940, to Fred Harold Kaul and Albertina Cathryn (VandeWiele) Kaul. His work ethic inspired him to enlist in the Army National Guard directly after high school where he trained in California and served in Montana. He was honorably discharged in 1966 after serving his country for 8 years. Ken returned to Montana to attend the University of Montana where he graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Conservation. He went on to devote his life's work to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service where he proudly worked for over 40 years in Montana, Minnesota, Oregon, Florida, and then finally back to Bozeman, Montana, to complete his career. Ken retired in 2001. In retirement Ken was the ARCSE State Representative for Washington. He was also active in the Spokane NARFE - National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. Ken was an avid hunter and fisherman, taking pride in teaching his sons how to appreciate the outdoors. A well-earned retirement brought Ken and Tina to Spokane, Washington. Ken kept his faith and devotion to the Catholic church, enjoying pilgrimages around the world, including a special trip to the Holy Land in 2015. Ken is survived by his devoted wife, Tina Kaul, and their four sons Grant (Corina) Kaul of Waco, Texas, Travis (Kim) Kaul of Sandpoint, Idaho, Konrad (Kandy) Kaul of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Stuart (Allie) Kaul of Charlotte, North Carolina; 10 grandchildren: Ashley, Austen, Christiana, Cameron, Katherine, Andrew, Kolin, Kaden, Celia, and Daniel; and two great-grandchildren, Willow and Mateo. |

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| **Kennedy** | **2022** | Lois Irene Kennedy (94) of Pratt, Kansas, passed away January 4, 2022. Lois was the spouse of Alvin Merle Kennedy, who preceded her in death in 2014. Alvin retired in 1993 as a Civil Engineering Technician in the Hutchinson Area Office. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pratt and the Glendale Mothers Club. She enjoyed working in her flower garden, sewing and needlework. She is survived by son, Steve (Paulette) Kennedy of Madison, Mississippi, daughters, Rhonda (Ron) Richardson of Wichita, Kansas, Brenda (Don) Pilger of Wichita, Kansas, Nancy (Jay) Bailey of Pratt, Kansas and Julie (Ron) Volske of Salina, Kansas; 14 grandchildren 22 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren. |
| **King** | **2022** | Todd Bryan King (54) of Granbury, Texas, passed away on December 1, 2022, in Fort Worth, Texas with his family at his side. Todd was the son of ARCSE President Arnold King and his wife Willeene King. Todd was born on March 11, 1968, in Hereford, Texas. Following his parents from Hereford to Silverton, Dalhart, and Gainesville, the family moved to Colorado, and on to Fairfax, Virginia. It was in Virginia that Todd became a dedicated Boy Scout learning to love his country, nature, animals, and the outdoors. The King Family moved back to Texas where Todd graduated from Southwest High School in 1986. He began rodeoing in high school and his passion for that sport followed him throughout his life. Todd joined the United States Navy in 1991 and served as a certified anti-submarine warfare technician which took him all over the world during Desert Storm. Todd graduated from Sul Ross State University in 1994 with a Bachelor's in Animal Science. In addition to his parents Arnold and Willeene King, Todd's survivors include children, Gage Anderson King, Gillian Alice King, Greyson Bailey King, and Georgia Avery King; sister-Tamra King, and the mother of his Children Holly Hartford-King. Todd was preceded in death by infant daughter Kelsey Morgan King. Memorials in Todd's memory may be donated to: Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas, www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10306 www.t2t.org/donate. |
| **Kirkland** | **2022** | John Kenneth "Jack" Kirkland, Jr. (87) of Marysville, Kansas, passed away December 22, 2022, at Country Place Senior Living in Marysville. Jack was born April 6, 1935, in a dust storm at Minneapolis, Kansas, son of John Kenneth and Ethel P. (Coyle) Kirkland, Sr. In 1958 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Kansas State University. On January 19, 1957, he married Samileen "Sammy" Alice Hamilton. Jack worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring as the District Conservationist in Washington, Kansas in 1990. They lived in Ottawa, Phillipsburg and Sharon Springs, Kansas until 1967, when they moved to Marysville and Jack worked in the Marshall County office. In 1982, Jack and Sammy moved near Hanover, and he worked in the Washington County office until retiring in 1992, after 34 years of service. He enjoyed reading, gardening, collecting and fixing pottery, watching Kansas State University and Kansas City Royals, and Saturday nights family pizza. Jack was a leader, mentor and very influential in restructuring people's lives in Marshall and surrounding counties. Survivors include his wife, Sammy; four children, Kevin (Janet) Kirkland, of Marysville, Mike Kirkland of Winfield, Kansas, John T. "Tom" (Dana) Kirkland, of Marysville, and Mikala (Patrick) Gansemer of Bellevue, Nebraska; seven grandchildren, Jennifer (Brock) Centlivre, Jacob (Tristan) Kirkland, Nathan (Elizabeth) Kirkland, Shelby Gansemer, Caleb Gansemer, Megan Kirkland and Benjamin Kirkland; and five great-grandchildren, Harper and Hudson Centlivre, Brooklyn and Colt Kirkland, and Jaxson Kirkland. |
| **Kist** | **2022** | ARCSE Member Gregory Allan Kist (60) of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, passed away on March 16, 2022, at The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute in Columbus, Ohio. Greg was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 3, 1962, to James and Joyce (Guenther) Kist. He received a Bachelors' degree in Agronomy from Eastern Kentucky University and an Associates Degree in Agricultural Sciences through the Federal Government Program at Penn State University. He married the love of his life, Lori McBride, on April 20, 1985, and they spent 37 wonderful years together. He worked as an Agronomist and held many leadership roles for the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 34 years including State Conservationist in New York. He was active in every community he lived in. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Lodge, National Rifle Association (NRA), and the National Wild Turkey Federation. He was also deeply involved in Boy Scouts, and even led his two sons and countless other young men on various outdoor adventures. He volunteered for the NRCS in Boyd County, Kentucky as well as the Great Swamp Conservancy of Canastota, New York. Greg and Lori loved gardening, traveling, and spending time with family. Survivors include his loving wife, Lori Kist, and their three children Ellen (Joel) Jones, Thomas (Emma) Kist and Anthony (Graeson) Kist; two grandchildren Daniel and Kennady Kist; and his mother Joyce Kist. |
| **Klein** | **2022** | James "Jim" Klein (77) of Bismarck, North Dakota, passed away January 10, 2022. Jim was born on March 5, 1944, to parents John and Luella (Johnson) Klein. He received his education at North Dakota State College of Science, Lake Region, and Dickinson State University. Jim met the love of his life, Diane Settelmeyer, while they were both attending Lake Region College and they married on March 16, 1968, in Scranton, North Dakota. Jim began his career in South Dakota as a Civil Engineer with the USDA-Forest Service and then transitioned into Range and Soil Management with the NRCS. He moved back to North Dakota in 1981 and Jim served in the North Dakota towns of New England, Amidon, Mott, and Hettinger field offices retiring in 2006. Jim is survived by his wife Diane of nearly 54 years; his children, Sarah Doe (Jody), Valerie Kunze (Mark), Lavae Williams (Tucker), Michael Klein (Kelsey), and Erik Klein (Hope); and 15 grandchildren. |
| **Knutson** | **2022** | Honorary ARCSE Member Russell Leo Knutson (94) of Boone, Iowa, passed away September 27, 2022. Russell was born on August 24, 1928, to Mary and Wilmer Knutson of Soldier, Iowa. He grew up on a western Iowa farm and became a Sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II, earning a purple heart. After the war, he married Donna Hummel of Cushing, Iowa, on September 9, 1951. He attended Iowa State University, obtaining a degree in engineering, and began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Russell was a Hydraulic Engineer on the Watershed Planning staff in the Des Moines State Office. He retired in 1984 and moved to the country north of Boone, Iowa, where he built a home, worked a small farm, and broke and trained mustangs, horses, and a mule. He was always involved with the local community, he participated in Boy Scouts, Lions Club, the Augustana Lutheran church, horse and mule riding with family and friends, square dancing, traveling, camping, and hiking. Russ was an active man up to his passing; from tinkering with farm equipment to breaking wild horses to genealogy, carving, and hunting hobbies, and hosting family get-togethers. He always had a smile, helpful advice, and a gin and tonic. Russell was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Donna, in 2020, and a granddaughter Caroline in 2021. He is survived by three children and their spouses, Richard (Lori), Steven (Lorrie) both of Iowa and Gary (Peggy) of Florida; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held October 8, 2022, at Augustana Lutheran Church in Boone, with Pastor Dan Solomon officiating. Burial was at Mineral Ridge Cemetery. |

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| **Koontz** | **2022** | Frances Elaine (McKeever) Koontz (88) of Johnston, Iowa, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2022. She was born September 22, 1934, in Des Moines, Iowa. Fran worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the Iowa State Office in the business section in the 1970s and 1980s. She was a dedicated activist for the Des Moines community for decades. Fran was a planning and zoning commissioner, was founder and president of ACCENT, an Eastside neighborhood association, along with many other civic duties. She was honored to receive the Woman of Achievement Award. Her greatest blessing was her family and she shared 61 years of marriage with the love of her life, Raymond, who was always by her side. Fran is survived by her 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband. |
| **Krider** | **2022** | ARCSE Member James Norman Krider, Sr. (86) of Clemson, South Carolina, passed away early in the morning on December 11, 2022. Jim, who was born in Sanford, Florida on August 26, 1936, was the son of the late John S. Krider Sr. and Sarah E. Krider. He served honorably for 2 years in the United States Army. He began college at Stetson University on a football/baseball scholarship and transferred to the University of Florida where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Over the span of his 40-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), he worked on many civil and environmental engineering projects, traveling the United States and abroad. He retired from the SCS as the National Environmental Engineer in 1994. He then worked for a private company on a project in Cairo, Egypt. After finishing his work in Cairo in 1998, Jim and moved his family to Clemson, South Carolina where he made many close friends, and enjoyed increasing involvement in the community. Jim volunteered in the local schools, was a small group leader for Oconee Bible Study, and was active in children's, men's, missions, and Adopt-a-Student ministries of Clemson Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his bride of 40 years, Carol F. Krider, and 3 children: James N. Krider Jr. (Anna) of Pennsylvania, Elizabeth M. Deneka (Tom) of New Jersey and Matthew J. Krider (Alexis) of South Carolina, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service for Jim was held at Clemson Presbyterian Church on December 15, 2022. |
| **LaMar** | **2022** | Otho Wallace LaMar (87) of Marlow, Oklahoma, passed away on November 22, 2022, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Otho was born on November 12, 1935, in Cyril, Oklahoma to William Roy and Sarah Melinda (Wright) LaMar. He earned a degree in agronomy from Oklahoma State University, formerly known as Oklahoma A&M. Otho married his loving wife, Emma Marie Allison, in 1957 in Anadarko. She preceded him in death in May of 2006. Otho was a man of knowledge and many achievements, a man that loved his land, farming and serving his country proudly in the United States Army Reserves for more than 30 years. He worked over 30 years with the USDA-Soil Conversation Service where he was a soil scientist and retired as a District Conservationist. He was passionate about his registered black angus cattle operation and his dog, Elizabeth. Otho served on different boards and committees throughout Stephens County, one being the Stephens County District #5 Rural Water Board, as well as supporting many local and state agriculture programs. Otho's survivors include his son, Carl Oran LaMar (Maria) of Bray, Oklahoma; and granddaughter, Sarah Elena LaMar of Oklahoma City. |
| **Lamarca** | **2022** | Chilean Farmer and No-Till Legend Carlos Crovetto Lamarca (89) of Florida passed away June 17, 2022, at his home. According to the Argentine newspaper La Nacion, he was born in the city of Concepción, Chile, taking charge of the family farm called "Chequén" at an early age. As early as the 1950s, he recognized that tillage was the main cause of soil erosion and degradation. He radically changed the management of his soils and production methods, ceasing to till his soils. He planted trees on the most limited soils of his property, or permanent grasslands for cattle ranching on the rest. He freely and generously shared his ideas, knowledge, and experiences with countless producers from around the world. He devoted years of traveling the world to participate in various exchange activities, spreading his ideas and experiences with passion for soil conservation. He wrote many technical articles and published three books, including Stubble Over the Soil: The Vital Role of Plant Residue in Soil Management to Improve Soil Quality, describing his knowledge and documenting his experiences. He visited the United States several times in the 1980s and 1990s, working with Dr. David Schertz, Dr. Jerry Lemunyon, Mike Hubbs, and many others to promote the adoption of no-till. |
| **Latshaw** | **2022** | Gerald Jesse Latshaw (87) of Omak, Washington passed away in April of 2022. Jerry was born May 3, 1934, in Okanogan, Washington to Edward and Violet Latshaw. He graduated from Okanogan High School as class president in 1953 going on to Washington State University to earn a degree in agricultural sciences. After serving 1 year in the United States Army, he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service which began a 30-year career beginning in Okanogan and which took him to Pennsylvania, Texas and finally to Portland Oregon where he retired as State Soil Scientist. Upon retirement he moved back to his beloved valley and settled in Omak, Washington where he enjoyed fishing, gardening, and meeting old friends for coffee. Survivors include his wife, Sharon; children, Becky, Wayne, Matt, Debbie, and Jan; four grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews. |
| **Leab** | **2022** | Former ARCSE Member Roger Jay Leab (75) of King, North Carolina, passed away suddenly on May 18, 2022, in a tractor accident on his property. Roger was born in Salisbury, North Carolina on February 19, 1947, to Joseph C. Leab and Mildred Hall Leab. Roger received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology from Catawba College in 1969. He continued in this field working for Kerr McGee Corp. in New Mexico and Wyoming in uranium mining. He then furthered his education, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Soil Science from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (A&T State University) in 1975. This began a successful career as a soil scientist, working for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for 37 years. He was the Major Land Resource Area Office Leader when he retired in 2010. Roger was known to be a hard worker in anything he attempted to do. During his entire career he was always a very devoted family man. He coached baseball for his 3 sons in both Elizabethtown and King, North Carolina. He enjoyed life, family, friends, sports, fishing, gardening, and working on his many projects. After retiring, one of his primary projects was working tirelessly to fix up his "happy place" at High Rock Lake, a lifelong dream. Roger is survived by his wife, Rebecca Lindsay Leab; his 3 sons, Keith Fulk (Roxy), Eddie Fulk, Joshua Leab (Whitney); 5 grandchildren, Kenneth Fulk, Hannah Willis, Bridgette, Griffin, and Payne Leab; as well as 2 great grandchildren, River and Atlas Willis. |

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| **Lee** | **2022** | Raymond Alvin Lee (87) of Davis, Oklahoma passed away August 26, 2022, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Raymond was born August 23, 1935, in Davis, to the late Henry David and Vernie (Knight) Lee. Following high school, Raymond earned a scholarship to play football at Arkansas Polytechnical College. It was while in Arkansas that he left college and married Shirley Ann Williams. From this marriage were born four children, Sherry, Terry, Mark, and Tony. He later married the former Ms. Mary Russell, and then the former Ms. Delores Ann (Durham) Ashford, who preceded him in death on May 10, 2022. Raymond spent many years working for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in both Oklahoma and Texas. He began his career in surveying and retired in 2007 as a Construction Inspector. In addition to the USDA, Raymond also worked for Bob Bruce Trucking, Sooner Rock and Sand, M&E Construction, and Tipton Construction. Raymond was an accomplished fiddle and harmonica player. He spent over 20 years as a member of the Country High Band. Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Yvonne Brown (Terry), and Terry Dawn Heskett, both of Sulphur, Oklahoma; one son, Tony Ray Lee (Karen) of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma; three stepdaughters, Debbie Earsom (Arthur) of Dougherty, Oklahoma, Cherita Green (Bryant) of Little Elm, Texas, and Paulette Pankrantz of Colorado; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. |
| **Lines** | **2022** | Ivan Lines Jr. (79) of Spokane, Washington, passed away April 9, 2022. Ivan was born in Stockton, California March 21, 1943, to Ivan and Emma Lines. "Papa," as he was called, was an avid outdoorsman who spent his life working to restore waterfowl habitats. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service after graduating from Humboldt State University with a degree in Wildlife Management, most of it as State Biologist in the Washington State Office, engaged with on-the-ground stream restoration, upland game habitat development, helping protect sage grouse habitat, and improving diversity in biological “deserts.” He was most proud of his 10 years with Ducks Unlimited restoring wetlands in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Ivan was a founding member of the Ducks Unlimited Shoot at the Spokane Gun Club and a lifetime member. He taught his sons to love the outdoors, despite the different ways they both enjoy it. Ivan would spend days fly-fishing for Steelhead and be thrilled to just get a bite. To him, it was a good day when he was setting duck decoys in the morning darkness and listening to the birds whistling overhead. Sometimes he would get a limit and then spend another hour calling ducks into his set just to watch them land. There was always a hunting dog (or two) by his side. Ivan's family and friends will remember his more memorable quotes: Fly Fishing- "You catch more fish with the fly in the water." ...he was not impressed by fancy casting techniques. Turkey Hunting- "Put some Benelli on 'em." ...his favorite Italian-made shotgun. Duck Hunting- "As long as there's lead in the air, there's hope." He was preceded in death by his brother Greg Lines. Ivan is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Dickel; sons John Lines (Becky), Peter Lines, (Christy); and his granddaughters Annaliese and Madelyn. |
| **Lovelace** | **2022** | Blake E. Lovelace, Jr. (90) of Gatesville, Texas, passed away November 22, 2022, at his home. Blake was born to Blake and Alice Lovelace on November 21, 1932, in the Ireland community of Hamilton County, Texas. He attended Texas A&M University, graduating with honors in 1954. He was a member of the Corps of Cadets, the swim team, and Alpha Zeta. He married his co-pilot in life, Dorothy M. Harrell of Jonesboro, Texas, on July 17, 1954. He worked for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service and retired after 30 years of service with numerous awards and promotions, retiring as Area Conservationist in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, in 1989. Blake was the official weather recorder of daily rainfall, temperatures, snow, and barometric pressure in Gaines County. He was also selected through the USDA to study and monitor radiation during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1960. Blake’s survivors include his wife of 68 years, Dorothy Lovelace; three children, Stanley Blake (Carianne) Lovelace, Judy A. (Jon) Brown, and Julie D. Lovelace; four grandchildren, Michael Blake Brown, Emily Williams, Barron Lovelace, Lynley Lovelace, and Courtney Stucky; and four great grandchildren, Sully, Everett Blake, Lelan and Jack. |
| **Lum** | **2022** | Life and Honorary ARCSE Member Francis Chan Hing Lum (93) of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away October 4, 2022. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Among the positions he held was State Conservationist in California, and Assistant Chief. Among his survivors is his wife, Bertha Lum. Editor’s note: The family indicated that Francis did not want a published obituary, so this is brief. |
| **Maculaitis** | **2022** | Teena M. Maculaitis (66) of Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, passed away June 2, 2022, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Teena was born in Blossburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Donald and Faye Llewellyn Lamonski. She was the wife of retired USDA-Natural Conservation Service employee Richard Maculaitis, who worked as a District Conservationist in Plymouth, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her husband. |

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| **McCool** | **2022** | Resource Conservationist Seth Gene McCool (40) of Mountain View, Oklahoma passed away unexpectedly on December 12, 2022. Seth was an employee of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Lawton, Oklahoma. He grew up near Chickasha, Oklahoma on a small family farm raising wheat and alfalfa. He started his own custom harvesting business, McCool Custom Cutting, better known to some as 2Dam McCool Harvesting. After high school he spent a year living his dream of working on a cattle ranch in Wyoming. After returning home he joined the United States Air Force where he served as a firefighter traveling the world serving his country. The Air Force was a huge piece of his heart and he had so much pride for his service. But farming was his passion. While stationed in Florida he baled hay on his days off, staying close to his farming roots. In South Korea, he chased the local rice farmers around on his bicycle watching and learning cultural farming habits. Seth served active duty for six years, before settling down and working on a large ranch near Wichita, Kansas. Seth used his GI Bill to pursue his degree attaining an associate degree from Northern Oklahoma College in 2015, then a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science in 2018 from Cameron University. Seth spent two years in Iraq working as civilian firefighter for KBR, Inc. He loved his many international friends and kept in close contact. In 2017 he attained his goal of a position with the NRCS. From his first position in Fairview, then to Lawton, Hobart, and back to Lawton his profession of helping farmers and taking care of the land is what he was meant to do in life. Seth loved being on horseback. He loved nature, caring for the land and working the way of life he knew best. Seth met the love of his life Laci Mace in 2016, they were united in marriage on December 1, 2018, on the porch of their home in Mountain View, Oklahoma. To this union was born one daughter, Macee LaVee in 2019. Seth settled down and bought a piece of property investing in his family legacy for his daughter. He raised sheep and ran horses, practicing conservation efforts he so believed in. The 80 acres was another one of his dreams come true. He leaves this legacy to his daughter Macee who will be raised to know the history he so loved. Seth was involved in his local volunteer fire departments, numerous organizations and trainings with the USDA, and the Big Pasture Burn Association. Survivors include his wife Laci McCool and daughter Macee LaVee McCool, Mother Regina McCool, of Mountain View, Oklahoma, sister: Cassara McCool Reyes, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. |
| **McDonald** | **2022** | Reuben B. “Mac” McDonald, Jr. (93) of Bryon, Texas (formerly of Liberty, Texas) passed away March 31, 2022, at Crestview Retirement Center in Bryan. R.B. was born in Mart, Texas, on December 15, 1928. He was the youngest of three children born to Velma and Reuben B. McDonald, Sr. His parents instilled a strong faith in God in their children as they worshiped regularly in the Methodist churches wherever they lived. He enrolled in Texas A&M University, Class of ’51, but left for a time to work the farm when his father became ill. He graduated from A&M in 1953 and accepted his first career job as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Cameron, Texas. Soon he met a beautiful young high-school English teacher, Mary Jo Boyd, at a Halloween party and married her on June 28, 1955. They made their homes primarily in San Marcos, New Braunfels, and Liberty, Texas, and worshipped at their local Methodist Church with their four children, Jon, Carol, Monika, and Doris. In 2010, Mac was named Liberty Citizen of the Year by the Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, primarily for his service to the Liberty Lions but also for being a long-time volunteer with the Spirit of Sharing, Hunger Busters, LifeShare Blood Center, Boy Scouts of America, and Hightower Prison Visitor Center. After retiring from the USDA-SCS in 1988, Mac worked for dear friend John Hebert, who owned Hebert Distributing— a job that kept him busy until Mary Jo’s retirement as a high-school librarian. He also operated “Shade Tree Farms” on 60 acres in Moss Hill, Texas, specializing in live oaks, pin oaks, and crepe myrtles. He was an avid gardener and took pride in the fruits of his labor. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Mary Jo, and children, Jon McDonald (Debra) of Lake Jackson, Texas, Carol Jones of Bryan, Monika McDonald of The Woodlands, Texas and Doris Light (Tim) of Bryan; five grandchildren Jessica Dent (Ryan), Jason McDonald (Connie), Krista Donatoni (Matthew), Timothy Light (Virginia), and Taylor Light; and five great-grandchildren. |
| **McDowell** | **2022** | Stephen E. “Steve” McDowell (70) of Salina, Kansas, passed away August 3, 2022. He was born June 30, 1952. Steve was married to Doreen McDowell, who worked many years as an Office Assistant on the Engineering Staff in the Kansas State Office for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Doreen; daughter, Heather Wagoner (Jared), and granddaughter, Lauren; daughter, Stephanie McDowell and son-in-law, Derek Belton. |
| **Messenger** | **2022** | District Conservationist Alan Ray Messenger (63) of Guymon, Oklahoma, passed away November 30, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his family. Alan was born November 17, 1959, to Keith and Virginia (Lawrence) Messenger. He attended Fort Hays State University, graduating in 1982 with a degree in Ag Business. Throughout college and after, he worked at the Mumma Feed Yard in Dighton, Kansas before starting his lifetime career at the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). On November 7, 1992, Alan was united in marriage to Shurma Rae (Milburn) in Rolla, Kansas. They resided in Hugoton for eight years before they moved their family to Guymon in the Fall of 2000. He was a member and Elder of the First Christian Church in Guymon, always ready to lend a hand to keep the church looking its best. In addition to his service to the church, he assisted with the local Boys Scout troop his son is a member of. Alan liked to stay busy, working on his garden, helping with harvest, woodworking, and acting as an unofficial handyman at home and at church. Survivors include his mother Virginia Messenger of Dighton, Kansas, his wife Shurma of the home, one daughter: Audra Messenger of Guymon, three sons: Garrett Messenger of Hooker, Oklahoma, Russ Messenger of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Wyatt Messenger of Guymon |

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| **Mikeska** | **2022** | Leroy Joseph Mikeska (71) of Goliad, Texas, passed away unexpectedly on August 12, 2022. Leroy was born, August 9, 1951, in Hallettsville, Texas, to Alma Liebicher Mikeska and the late Leroy Marvin Mikeska. He received a bachelor's degree in Agronomy in 1973 from Texas A&M University. Following his college graduation, Leroy married Barbara Jungbauer on June 30, 1973 in Shiner, Texas. From 1973 to 1974 Leroy worked as the assistant golf course superintendent at Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch, Texas. In 1974, Leroy started his career with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service as a soil conservationist, where he worked for over 30 years. Following his retirement from the USDA he worked at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District. Leroy had accepted the position of manager shortly before his passing. Leroy was a devout Catholic, and dedicated member of his Goliad community. He also worked as a substitute teacher and bus driver for several years. He was a statistician for the Goliad High School football team for over 30 years. Leroy was an avid volunteer in various community organizations in Goliad. Most notably, he devoted 42 years of service to the Goliad Volunteer Fire Department. Leroy held several positions during his time with the fire department: including firefighter, Fire Chief, and most recently, Secretary. He served his community through his fire department service with tremendous love and pride. Leroy's survivors include his wife of 49 years, Barbara; sons Jason (Joan) and Bradley (Katie); and grandchildren, Jade and Nathan; and his beloved mother, Alma Mikeska. |
| **Miller** | **2022** | James D. Miller, Jr. (96) of Owenton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2022. Jim was born on May 1, 1926, in South Irvine, Kentucky to his parents, James and Dina Miller. Soon after high school graduation, Jim enlisted in the United States Navy, joining his only sibling, Birchell, in the Pacific Theater. He served on the U.S.S. Sappho as a Higgins boat coxswain. Upon returning to Kentucky, he attended his beloved Berea College and was a pitcher on the baseball team. As a 1950 Berea graduate, Jim moved to Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, where he met his future wife of 66 years, Aileen Moffett. Jim's career with the USDA-Soil Conservationist spanned 35 years, serving the farmers of Owen, Grant, Nelson, and Lincoln Counties as District Conservationist. After retirement, Jim continued his volunteer work. Owenton First Baptist Church named him Deacon Emeritus for decades of faithful service. He was well known for his bountiful garden from which he delivered vegetables to so many friends. Jim was a Big Band music enthusiast, a public library supporter, a Louisville Cardinals fan, and a devoted grandfather. His wife Aileen preceded him in death in 2018. He is survived by his son Steve (Pat) Miller, of Louisville, Kentucky, and his grandsons, Blake and Clarke. |
| **Minnick** | **2022** | Berta Minnick (86) of Walnut Creek, California, passed aways April 23, 2022 after a short bout with cancer. She was the wife of Edwin L. Minnick, retired State Conservation Engineer in Michigan for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Edwin retired in 1988. Berta was born on 05/04/1935. |
| **Montgomery** | **2022** | Cheryle Lynn Montgomery (75) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away at her home July 26, 2022, following a brief illness. She was the wife of Gerald L. Montgomery who worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Biologist and Resource Conservationist before retiring in 2004. Cheryle was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa January 21, 1947, to Wilfred and Wilma (Wehrhan) Barber. She married Gerald on March 24, 1968. She was employed in different occupations throughout her life including a telephone switchboard operator, bookkeeper, case manager for disabled children, and salesclerk. She was a terrific wife and fabulous mother, devoting much of her energy in caring for her special needs daughter. Cheryle is survived by her husband Gerald and daughter, Stacey Montgomery, both of Lincoln. |
| **Mooney** | **2022** | Richard "Dick" Mooney (78) of Urbandale, Iowa, passed away November 3, 2022. Dick was born to John and Florence Mooney in Omaha, Nebraska, on Nov. 9, 1943. In 1965 he graduated from the University of Northern Iowa, where he met his wife Helen to whom he was married for 55 years. For 31 years Dick worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, becoming State Administrative Officer, where he made some lifelong friends. He was a faithful Iowa Hawkeye fan through good and bad years. An avid reader, he especially enjoyed reading mystery novels. A man of great wit and humor, he loved to laugh and make others laugh. He is survived by his wife Helen, son Christopher, sister-in-law Mary Meyer (Tom Dullard) and many nieces and nephews and friends. Donations may be made in his memory to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. |
| **Morgan** | **2022** | Kenneth Max Morgan (93) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away June 17, 2022, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau. He was born January 10, 1929, in De Graff, Kansas to Maurice Austin and Laura Ruth McMillan Morgan. He married Mary Grove were on June 29, 1952, in El Dorado, Kansas. She preceded him in death on April 3, 2014. Kenneth earned his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering from Kansas State University in 1952. He enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduation and served his country from 1952 until July of 1956. After his service he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and became the area engineer in Southeast Missouri. He was a dedicated member of Bethany Baptist Church. He taught Sunday school for 65 consecutive years. Survivors include a son, William (Melissa) Morgan of Millersville, Missouri; two daughters, Melinda (Cary) Winchester of Paducah, Kentucky and Marilyn (Alan) Berry of Farmington, Missouri; 8 grandchildren, Billie Jo (Bud) Hurley, Jerrick (Kristen) Myers, Abbi Berry, Max (Pearl) Morgan, Tyler (Samantha) Myers, Alayna (Matthew) Momot, Colt Winchester, and Boone Berry; and 5 great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Alexis Ramsey, and a great granddaughter, Carolina Grace Myers. |
| **Morgan, Jr.** | **2022** | Taylor Nathaniel Morgan, Jr. (89) of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away on August 20, 2022, at Baptist Health–Lexington. He was the husband of the late Elaine P. Morgan. Taylor was born on October 28, 1932, in Richmond, and was the son of Taylor Nathaniel Morgan and Estelle Amster Morgan. He was United States Air Force Veteran, a member of Red House Baptist Church, and he belonged to Richmond Lodge #25 Free and Accepted Masons. Taylor was a retired engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. When he retired, he was working on the Watershed Staff in the Kentucky State Office. He was a Kentucky Colonel and he enjoyed fishing, working, and farming. In addition to his wife Elaine, Taylor was preceded in death by a son, Danny Morgan. Survivors include: one daughter, Robin Foley (Mike), of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky; one son, John Morgan (Sherry), of Eubank, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Matthew Morgan (Natalie), Dustin Foley, and Caressa Foley. A funeral service was held August 24, 2022, at Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home in Richmond. |

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| **Mull** | **2022** | Carolyn Joyce (Bright) Mull (84) of New Paris, Ohio passed away April 10, 2022, surrounded by many loving family members. She was the wife of ARCSE Life Member Norman Mull, retired Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Carolyn was born to Simeon A. and Hilda (Knott) Bright on April 16, 1937, in Richmond, Indiana. In 1956, Carolyn met Norman, when he "fell over her desk at work," and they were married 6 months later that year at her parent's home. Carolyn was also known as "Cycle Sam," and loved riding motorcycles and managed the Running Springs mini-bike farm and Campground. Carolyn was a faithful member for 59 years at St Paul United Methodist Church in New Paris, Ohio. In addition to her husband Norman, Carolyn's survivors include sons Daniel (Angela), Jim, Rick (Shelly) and David;12 grandchildren: Nigel (Jadwiga), Amanda (Marc), Alex (Tyler), Kristin (Matt), Ben, Roger (Katie), Leah (Vinny), Keaton, Victoria (Chris), Bethany, Krista (Stephen) and Keith, and 8 great grandchildren. |
| **Munkittrick** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist Graham Telfair Munkittrick "Munk" (93) of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania passed away January 22, 2022, peacefully at his home of forty-six years. Graham was born August 14, 1928, in Orange New Jersey, the son of the Alfred Graham and Pauline Telfair Munkittrick. He was married to the love of his life MaReine Browne on January 27. He received his bachelor's degree at Arizona State University while working at the university's farm. He served two years in the United States Army after his education at Arizona State. He received his Masters' Degree in Public Administration at Harvard University, Magna Cum Laude. Munk worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Throughout his career there he had many accomplishments retiring as the Assistant Chief of the Northeast Region managing thirteen states based out of Washington DC. After retiring, he started his own company 6M Construction where he and his son, Kevin William, worked together for twenty-five years. He was most proud of the fact he built Willow Mill Veterinary Hospital completed in November 2006. When not working you could find Munk on the golf course. He, along with his sweetheart MaReine, were founding members at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Graham was preceded in death by his bride of 68 years MaReine Munkittrick. Surviving are his devoted four children. His three sons Richard Graham Munkittrick and his companion Debbie Waits of Dillsburg, Thomas Wright Munkittrick and his wife Ruth of Dillsburg, Kevin William Munkittrick and his wife Tina of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and his daughter Elizabeth MaReine Terrel and her husband Richard of Doylestown, Pennsylvania: ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. |
| **Newcombe** | **2022** | Dora Ellen Newcombe (69) of Baldwinsville, New York passed away peacefully on April 19, 2022, at Elderwood of Liverpool in Liverpool, New York. Dora was born January 17, 1953, to James Johnson Newcombe and Lillian Weykman Newcombe. Dora graduated from Bryant and Stratton College. She retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Computer Specialist. Dora was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her cousins. |
| **O'Bannon** | **2022** | Linnea "Lyn" Regina O'Bannon (76) of Grimes, Iowa, passed away in her home on August 18, 2022, surrounded by her family. Lyn was the wife of the late John O'Bannon, who was an engineer in the Des Moines State Office for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service at the time of his passing on September 5, 1996, at age 49. Lyn was born June 30, 1946 in St Paul, Minnesota to Raymond and Marcia (Jasmin) Huffmeyer. She married John in 1969. After her children started school, Lyn worked as a skip trace loan officer for Wells Fargo Bank. After 20 years she retired and became a full-time Grandma. In addition to her husband John, she was preceded in death by daughter Elisha Marguerite O'Bannon. Linnea is survived by her children Mary Rittel (Dan), John (Shana) and Sean (Sarah); as well as six grandchildren. |
| **Packard** | **2022** | Jim Packard (89) of Salina, Kansas passed away October 8, 2022. Jim was the husband of Bonnie Packard, former Procurement Clerk in the Kansas State Office of the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Salina. Bonnie retired in 1993 and passed away in 2019. |
| **Parker** | **2022** | James Sherrell Parker (94), of Auburn, Alabama passed away on December 27, 2022. Sherrell was born on a farm in New Hope, Alabama on May 21, 1928. He studied Agriculture at Auburn University. With one quarter until graduation, he was drafted into the Army and sent to Korea for a 2-year hitch in the United States Army. Upon his return to the States, he met and married Ann Nolen from Roanoke, Alabama and they moved to Auburn, for a short time, so that he could finish his degree from Auburn University. Upon graduating, he taught High School vocational agriculture until he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Sherrell worked for SCS as a soil conservationist, district conservationist, and area conservationist prior to moving to the SCS State Office in Auburn in 1974 He served as the Assistant State Conservation for Programs for Alabama until retirement in 1982. He led the implementation of the Rural Abandoned Mined Land Program in Alabama and was an outstanding leader of the Resources Conservation and Development program. After his retirement from SCS he stayed busy helping his son in the construction business and tending to his cows and trees at his home place in New Hope. Sherrell and Ann were active members of Auburn United Methodist Church for close to 50 years. Ann preceded him in death in 2016. He is survived by his children: Sherry Parker Henderson (Dwight); James (Jim) Nolen Parker (Lisalyn); JoAnn Parker Penovi (Don); grandchildren: Jake Parker (Erica), Caroline Matthes (Ben), Alexandra Alonso (Gonzalo); and 5 great grandchildren. |
| **Parker** | **2022** | John "Allen" Parker (98) of Bardstown, Kentucky passed away December 25, 2022, at Flaget Memorial Hospital in Bardstown. Allen was born June 14, 1924, in Magnolia, Kentucky. He was a World War II United States Navy veteran, serving 3 years in Naval Aviation and 26 years in the Naval Reserves. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Agriculture. He devoted 37 years of his life as the District Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for Nelson County, Kentucky. He served 24 years on the Nelson County Board of Adjustment, 15 years as a director of the Nelson County Farm Bureau and was inducted into the Nelson County Farm Bureau's Hall of Fame in 2005. He was a member of Bardstown Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice Parker and son, Jim Parker. He is survived by his daughter, Beckie (Kenny) Hatfield of Bardstown; son, Mike Parker of Napa, California; one granddaughter, Sarah (Hugh Schaeffer) Hatfield of Seattle, Washington; three grandsons, Jeremy (Danielle) Parker of Humptulips, Washington, Noah Parker and Logan Parker, both of California; and three great-grandchildren. |

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| **Patterson** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist Lloyd M. Patterson (99), of Oskaloosa, Oklahoma, passed away May 2, 2022 (just a week shy of his 100th birthday) at Northern Mahaska Specialty Care in Oskaloosa. Lloyd was born May 9, 1922, in rural Maxwell, Iowa, the son of Lloyd Newman and Neva Elizabeth Weaver Patterson. Following high school, he enrolled at Iowa State College (now University) in the Forestry Program. In 1943 he enlisted in the United States Navy. In 1944, he went to Midshipman School and Officer training. Upon completing his training, he hurriedly married Patricia Pierce on May 14, 1944, before he shipped out to the Pacific Ocean to be a part of the Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa campaigns. Upon his return stateside, Lloyd transferred his service to the United States Navy Reserves. He returned to Ames to be reunited with Patricia and finish his pursuit of a degree in forestry. As part of his education, he was able to attend Forestry Camp in Idaho. In the summer of 1946, Lloyd and Patricia were in Idaho where he staffed the fire tower in the Kaniksu National Forest. In 1948, Lloyd finished his degree in Forestry from Iowa State and the couple moved to Oskaloosa. Lloyd served as the District Soil Conversationalist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 28 years until his retirement in 1977. In retirement he worked at Jones Hardware in Oskaloosa for ten years. Lloyd gave selflessly to many organizations throughout his life. Lloyd was an active member of the Central United Methodist Church in Oskaloosa. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Admiral Nimitz Foundation, National Association of Retired Government Employees, Keo-Mah Genealogy Society, U.S. Naval Institute, Rotary, and Ruritan. Lloyd was preceded in death by his wife Patricia on July 5, 2014; a son, Andrew "Andy" Patterson; and two grandsons, Sean Patterson and Scott Patterson. Survivors include his two children and their spouses, Mary Patterson (John Greener) of Washington, Iowa, and David (Jeanne) Patterson of Dubuque, Iowa; four grandchildren, Mary "Mimi" Volkmann (Felix) Tam, Anne (Paul) Koski, Jonathan Greener, Matthew (Ashley) Volkmann; five great grandchildren, Aiden Tam, Avery Tam, Adelaide Koski, Nora Koski, and Booker Volkmann. |
| **Perritte** | **2022** | ARCSE Member Barbara I. Perritte (90) of Garland, Texas, passed away May 17, 2022. Barbara was born in New Jersey on April 16, 1932. She worked 33 years with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, 19 of which at the Nacogdoches office, where she was a trend setter as one of the first women to be promoted into a supervisory position as Administrative Officer. She retired in 1990. Barbara was an avid reader of everything she could get her hands on. She loved her travels to Oregon with her sister Audrey. She and her sister made many friends together. She also enjoyed needle point and won several ribbons for her work. Her favorite pastime and fondest memories were being on a sailboat with her father and enjoying the solitude and peace that it brought her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Perritte in 1999 and son Darrell Holmes III. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara A. Zurobski of Sherman, Texas; son Steven (Judy) Jones of Livingston, Texas; three grandsons, Samuel B. Carroll of Josephine, Texas. Leslie B. Carroll of Rowlett, Texas and Steven R. Jones of Josephine, Texas; four great grandsons and one great granddaughter. At Barbara's request, there was not a public service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you consider donating to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in her name, as a breast cancer survivor. |
| **Perryman** | **2022** | Bonnie Perryman (95) formerly of Duke, Oklahoma, passed away October 31, 2022, at Bellarose Senior Living in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bonnie was the widow of Fred Perryman, former district conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service) and mother of Philip Perryman, retired District Conservationist who also worked for the agency. Fred passed away in 2016 and Phil survives. Bonnie was born October 27, 1927, in McQueen, Oklahoma to Hugh and M.E. Foreman. She attended beauty school in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Bonnie married Fred, her childhood sweetheart, on April 6, 1947. In addition to her son Philip Perryman (Lana) of Apache, Oklahoma, she is survived by three other children: Fred Perryman (Lillian) of Edmond, Oklahoma, Freda Beall (Charles) of Bixby, Oklahoma, and Dale Perryman (Sezen) of Carrollton, Texas; seven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson. |
| **Petersen** | **2022** | LeRoy Arno Petersen (86) of Monticello, Iowa, passed away on July 25, 2022, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iowa City, Iowa. LeRoy Arno Petersen was born on September 22, 1935, in Davenport, Iowa the son of Arnold and Elnora (Hamann) Petersen. He married Janice "Jan" Rochau on December 26, 1953, in Davenport. She passed away on April 12, 2018. He served in the United States Army from 1954-1956 during the Korean Conflict. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Dubuque County, Iowa as a Soil Conservation Technician, retiring in 1996. LeRoy farmed in Scott and Jackson Counties for many years. LeRoy is survived by six children: Catherine (David) Ganfield of Ankeny, Iowa, Kelly (Chris) Herren of Monticello, Iowa, Kim (Jim) Stoll of Camanche, Iowa, Douglas (Sue) Petersen of Sprague ville, Iowa, David (Holly) Petersen of Pearl City, Illinois, and Steven (Carolyn) Petersen of Preston, Iowa; 14 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Visitation was held July 30, 2022, at the Camanche Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory in Camanche, Iowa. |
| **Peterson** | **2022** | Weldon H. "Herb" Peterson Jr. (65) of Chesterfield, Virginia passed away October 17, 2022. He was born in Petersburg on October 12, 1957. Herb was a member of Beulah United Methodist Church. He served as an IT Specialist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for nearly 35 years. He was an avid fan of University of Virginia sports, especially basketball, and he enjoyed playing golf at Meadowbrook Country Club. Above all, he was a devoted father and husband and there was nothing he cherished more than spending time with his family. Among his survivors are his mother, Joan Peterson; wife of 35 years, Joanna Peterson; children, Russell (Caroline), Alison and Katherine Peterson. A celebration of life will be held from 2pm to 4pm October 28, 2022, at Meadowbrook Country Club, 3700 Cogbill Road, Richmond, Virginia 23234. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/ or to Feed More: |
| **Philbin** | **2022** | Former USDA-Soil Conservation Service employee James "Jim" Woodward Philbin (71) of San Rafael, California passed away unexpectedly February 12, 2022, at his home, of natural causes. Jim was born in Glen Cove, New York. He graduated from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California with a degree in Agricultural Management, and later obtained a Batchelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Cal State University, Northridge. After working for many years with the USDA-Soils Conservation Service throughout California, Jim settled in Sebastopol, California, with his wife Maria, and their two young daughters, and started his own landscape construction business. He was involved in a variety of service work, including work with the Wilderness Youth Project in Santa Barbara, California, and Inner Light Ministries near Santa Cruz, California. He is survived by his daughters, Katie (Blake) and Hanna (Michael); his former wife and lifelong friend, Maria; and his grandchildren, George, Isabel, and Eleanor. |

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| **Plunkett** | **2022** | ARCSE Member Michael Keith Plunkett (72) of Powell, Ohio, passed away on October 29, 2022. Michael was born March 13, 1950, the son of John and Audrey (Davis) Plunkett. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Mike came to Columbus to attend The Ohio State University. While there studying Agriculture, he met his wife, Janet Seibert. Although Mike spent some of his career in computer technology, he was a dedicated soil scientist who never tired of telling his kids what kind of rock formation they were driving past or pondering the composition of the soil of the fields they were passing on long car trips. He worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Ohio, first as a soil scientist and finishing his career as an Assistant State Conservationist, retiring in 2015. Mike fought against a chronic illness for many years. In recent years, Mike signed up for numerous medical trials. The trials were exhausting, but he continued because he wanted to find solutions for those who would come after him. He devoted himself to doing whatever he could to protect his family and others like him. During better times, he travelled the world with his beloved wife, cruising to Norway, Spain, and New Zealand. When home, he returned to serving the causes of his youth as editor of the Ohio Pedologists newsletter and as a member of the Parsons Avenue Wellfield Protection Board, as well as being a doting grandpa. He fought an admirable fight, and he will be missed dearly. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Janet (Seibert) Plunkett; children Christopher Plunkett and Amanda (Walker) Hardy; granddaughters, and Genevieve and Grace Hardy. Donations in Michael's name may be made to St. Michael St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Scholarship fund that the Association of Ohio Pedologists has established at https://mediamagnet.osu.edu/items/13061. |
| **Pohl** | **2022** | James Alvin Pohl (88) of Ezzell (near Hallettsville), Texas, passed away July 18, 2022. He was born on January 26, 1934, to Henry J. and Ida May Bell Pohl, in the Sommer's Thicket near Ezzell in southeast Lavaca County, TX. He married Frances Powell on August 21, 1960, in Pecos, Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering. He served in the United States Army Reserve for 6 years, and worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 34 years (Pecos, Sioux Falls SD, Greenville, Denton and Rosenberg). He was a longtime member of the Salem Cemetery Association Board and associate member of Republican Women of Yoakum Area. James is survived by his wife Frances of 61 years; his children, James (Sharla), David (Martha), Mary Frances (Kurt) and Ruth Ann; 7 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Henry and Jesse; 2 sisters, Ellen and Mary; and numerous nieces & nephews. |
| **Pointer** | **2022** | ARCSE Life Member Thomas Hampton Pointer (95) of Cookeville, Tennessee, passed away August 28, 2022, at Charter Senior Living in Cookeville with his friends and family by his side. Tom was born in Algood, Tennessee on September 8, 1926, to the late Benton Mack Pointer and Orga Hampton Pointer. He joined the US Navy at the end of World War II where he served on the USS Talladega and was honorably discharged. On his return to Tennessee, with the GI bill in hand, he graduated with a degree in Agriculture from Tennessee Polytechnic University. After college he began his career working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). During this time, he married Connie B. Huddleston. They had two children: Susan Annette Pointer Jensen-Patterson and Thomas Keith Pointer. The SCS kept him moving throughout Tennessee and the United States. He eventually landed in Washington DC as the Chief Fiscal Examiner for the SCS. He retired in 1982. He retired to Algood, Tennessee where he built a house on the family's city farm and set about enjoying retired life. He was an active member of Algood United Methodist Church, Algood Lions club, Tennessee Tech University Ag Foundation, Middle Tennessee Antique Engine and Tractor Club, National Association of Retired Federal Employees and a State Envirothon Volunteer. He cherished his time with his friends and family. He thought it was neat that he was able to be retired longer than he worked. Tom moved to Cookeville in his later years to an assisted living center. He still enjoyed gallivanting all over town with the help from friends. He is survived by his children Keith and Annette, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. |
| **Purvis** | **2022** | Johnny Dale Purvis (69) of Burea, Kentucky passed away April 19, 2022, at his residence in Berea. Johnny Dale was born October 21, 1952, in Madison County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Boyd & Sudie (Seaborn) Purvis. He worked as a soil conservation technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Previously he farmed near MvKee, Kentucky. Johnny Dale is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis Purvis of Berea; and by two children, Heather (Eddie) Ellis of Richmond, Kentucky, and Richard (Laura) Hibbitts of Cary, North Carolina, and three grandchildren, Caleb Hibbitts, Justin Hibbitts and Reagan Hibbitts. |
| **Randall** | **2022** | Neil Harmon Randall (89) of Ashland, Missouri (formerly of Columbia, Missouri), passed away on August 1, 2022. Neil was born on November 12, 1932, in Blackwell, Oklahoma to Olin W. and Blanche C. (Bottenfield) Randall. Neil entered the United States Army and served from 1953 to 1955. He was stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany and was a Title Survey Specialist. After the Army, Neil attended Oklahoma State University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Civil Engineering, graduating in 1958. Neil married Louise Margaret Leck August 31, 1957. After graduation from college, Neil moved his family to Columbia Missouri in 1960. He worked as a Design Engineer, designing earth dams for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he worked until his retirement in 1993. After retirement Neil kept busy with several part time jobs, including starting his own small engine repair business. Neil was a member of the Community United Methodist Church in Columbia and was a very active church member. In 2005 Neil and Louise moved to Ashland, Mo. Louise still resides in the home. Neil was preceded in death by grandson John Randall Bullard. He is survived by his wife Louise; children, Mark Randall of Guthrie, Oklahoma, Robin (John Ray) Bullard of Ashland, Missouri, David (Carla) Randall of Little Rock, Arkansas and Linda (Bud) Mareth of Butler, Missouri; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. |
| **Rankin** | **2022** | John McBeath Rankin (89) of Williamstown, Kentucky, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family at his home on February 22, 2022. John was born in Stanford, Kentucky on November 30, 1932, to the Robert Lindsay Rankin and Flora Ion McBeath Rankin. He attended the University of Kentucky where he studied Agriculture for two years at which time he met the love of his life, Addie Rose Toole. He soon after enrolled in the United States Air Force where he faithfully served his country for the next two years. John retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service after 37 years, serving Grant, Scott, and Boone counties as a Soil Conservation Technician. He was a member of the Family Worship Center in Williamstown, Kentucky. He was also a former cattle and tobacco farmer. In addition to his wife Addie Rose, John is survived by three daughters, Mary Beth (Mark) Finn, Lucy (Lee) Morrison, Elizabeth Anne (Troy) Minkanic, five grandchildren, Cole Morrison, Laura Morrison, Addie Rose Combs Mian, Donovan Huff, Mason Minkanic and three great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret "Margee" Rose Combs. |

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| **Read** | **2022** | ARCSE Member Hershel Richard Read (81) of Maryville, Tennessee passed away September 25, 2022, at Asbury Place, in Maryville. Hershel was born May 31, 1941, in Wayne County, Illinois to Frank and Nellie Read. After Hershel graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering in 1966, he began his career with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (formerly Soil Conservation Service) in Lexington, Kentucky, before returning to University of Kentucky to earn a master's degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1969. He continued his career with NRCS, serving in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Iowa, Georgia, and California. In 1976, he was awarded a scholarship to Colorado State University, where he completed the course work for a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. While working full-time for NRCS, he completed his dissertation and received his degree in 1987. Hershel concluded his 34-year career by serving in the USDA Chair at the Industrial College of the Armed Services at Ft. McNair for two years. Hershel retired to Kitty Hawk, NC, in 1999 where he taught boating safety classes for the Coast Guard Auxiliary for nearly 15 years and fished so frequently that the fish trembled when the boat engine started each day. Due to declining health, he moved to Asbury Place, Maryville, TN, in 2015. He was preceded in death by daughter, Jami Read of Athens, Georgia. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Barbara Read; his daughter, Alica Ketchem (Joe); and his grandson Brian Ketchem (Shannon). |
| **Reckendorf** | **2022** | Elisabeth "Elisa" Reckendorf (86) of Salem, Oregon, passed away November 12, 2022. Elisa was the wife Senior Conservationist and Life ARCSE member Frank F. Reckendorf. Frank was a Sedimentation Geologist (geomorphologist) for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service at the West National Technical Center in Portland, Oregon, retiring in 1994. Elisa was born on January 4, 1936, in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Her dad, George Theodor Steidel, worked with the Navy, so she moved around a lot during her youth, attending four different high schools. She and Frank met in 1956 at the wedding of one of Frank's former girlfriends! Three years later, in 1959, they were married in Waukegan, Illinois. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Ames, Iowa, where Frank enrolled in the Department of Geology. Elisa found employment as a high school teacher. Elisa and Frank moved to Corvallis, Oregon in 1963. Elisa enrolled in Home Economics at Oregon College of Education to work on her Master's Degree, while Frank enrolled in the Soils Department to work on a PhD. She later taught Home Management and Personal Finance at Oregon State University, Portland State University, and Marylhurst College. Starting in 1976 she served as the Consumer Education Coordinator for Portland Public Schools. She taught classes for district teachers and wrote curriculum with them for grades K-12. She felt that this was a fine professional opportunity until the program ended in 1979. She was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2014, and moved into Brookdale Assisted Living in Keizer, in 2015. She resided there until her death. Her Parkinson's was the major reason for her declining health this past year. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Frank; her son Peter J. Reckendorf, of Lynnwood, Washington; her daughter, Karel J. Reckendorf, of Salem, Oregon; her granddaughter, Rosanna DeGrado of Salem, Oregon; great grandson, Kiernon Hall DeGrado, of Salem, Oregon; and great granddaughter, Raya Garrett. |
| **Redmond** | **2022** | Charles Edward "Ed" "Doc" Redmond (90) of Fredericktown, Ohio passed away on December 29, 2022, at the Knox Community Hospital in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Ed was born on January 13, 1932, in Oxford, New York to the late Charles and Mary (Ardron) Redmond. He earned his undergraduate degree from Cornell University, his Master's degree from North Dakota State University, and his Doctorate from Michigan State University. Ed was a Soil Scientist for over 50 years for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. If you asked his family, they would say his loves were his grandchildren, soil, and food. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed tending to his garden. He is survived by his daughters, Katherine (Robert) Shepherd, Brenda (Mark) Redmond, Janet (Joey) Dohn; his grandchildren, Sara Shepherd, Emma Shepherd, Claire Chepherd, Levi Zolman, Luke (Hannah) Zolman, Jagger Dohn; and his great grandchild Rhett Zolman. Ed was preceded in death by his wife Jane Redmond. |
| **Rehmsmeyer** | **2022** | James M. Rehmsmeyer (76) of Palmyra, Missouri (formerly of Higginsville, Missouri) passed away December 16, 2022. Jim was born September 26, 1946, in Higginsville to Melvin and Mary (Arth) Rehmsmeyer. He married Kathy Fanning on July 19, 1969, in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Jim worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 30 years. The family moved to Richmond, Missouri in 1986, to Higginsville in 1994, to Hannibal, Missouri in 2015 and to Palmyra in 2021. Jim was a veteran of the United States Army, a member of the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Palmyra. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan and 35-plus year ticket holder. Jim is survived by his wife Kathy, his mother Mary Rehmsmeyer of Dover, Missouri; daughters Jill O'Hara (Ryan) of St. Paul, Minnesota, Christie Mahsman (Luke) of Palmyra, Kendra Wells of Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and Shawna Goring (Johathon) of Higginsville, and 17 grandchildren. |
| **Robertson** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist and Lifetime ARCSE Member Donald Ray Robertson (95) of Lake Oswego, Oregon passed away August 4, 2022. Don was the son of Orren and Lula Robertson, and was born near Hugo, Colorado on February 2, 1927. He grew up in around Fort Morgan, Colorado, where his family were farmers. He served in the United States Army. He attended Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, and graduated from the College of Forestry and Range Science. For 35 years he was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas where he worked as a range conservationist and plant materials specialist. He then worked in the agency's West Technical Services Center headquartered in Portland, Oregon. He retired in 1984 as Associate Director of the regional office. Following retirement, he did part time work in landscape technology with Portland Community College and throughout the Portland area. He was an active member of the Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ (Congregational). Don was predeceased by his his wife, Charlene. Among survivors are his daughters, Karen of Tigard, Oregon, and Kay (Gilbert), Albuquerque, New Mexico; sons, Scott (Jovie), of Panabo City, The Philippines and Mark (Rosemary), of Riverside, California; stepdaughters, Vicki DeGraaf (Andy), of Langley, Washington, Rebecca Szwaja (Christopher), of Valley Village, Calif.; and stepson, Gordon Robertson (Julie), of Sisters, Oregon. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and step-grandchildren, Denise (Casey), Brian (Sherilyn), Kevin (Sarah), Erin (Jens), Sarah (Jon), Kelly, Kendall (Fran), Reed (Jessica) and Taran; and 10 great and step great-grandchildren; Brenna (Eammon), Makayla, Teresa, Henry, Emily, Emma, Charlee, Jonah, Mateo and Claire. The family would like to thank the staff of Legacy Hospice and Cedar Crest Alzheimer's Special Care Center for the care and kindness they showed Don in his last months of life. Remembrances are suggested to the Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ, Portland area mental health organizations, the Alzheimer's Association of America or The Nature Conservancy. |

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| **Rodrigues** | **2022** | Carlos Valdez Rodriques (69) of Polson, Montana passed away February 14, 2022, at his home. Carlos worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Kalispell Field Office. |
| **Ross** | **2022** | Elwin Ashburn Ross (85) of Redmond, Oregon, passed away from a stroke on August 13, 2022, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Oregon. Elwin was born to Lawrence A. and Hazel Marie Dorathy Ross on September 20, 1936, in Boise, Idaho. He was raised on a farm in Meridian, Idaho with two sisters and a brother. He married his high school sweetheart, Bonnie McPherson on May 18, 1956. He then graduated from Boise Junior College in June 1956 receiving an Associate of Arts degree, then attending University of Idaho, in Moscow, graduating June 1959 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. After graduating from the University of Idaho, Elwin began working for USDA Soil Conservation Service in Moscow as a Civil Engineer from 1959 to 1961. He then worked in Weiser, Idaho working as a Civil Engineer from 1961 to 1967. Then the family packed up and moved to Bend, Oregon in 1967 where Elwin was Area Engineer. In 1977 they moved on to Greeley, Colorado where he was Area Engineer until 1980. And finally, a move to Portland, Oregon to work at the West National Technical Center (WNTC) where Elwin finished up his career with SCS. He held several positions while at WNTC, the last one being Irrigation Engineer for the 13 western states. He retired after 35 years of service in July 1992. Upon retiring, Elwin and Bonnie moved to Redmond, Oregon where he started H & R Engineering with fellow retiree, Lee Hardy, from SCS started where Elwin was an engineering consultant for 15 years. During his career, Elwin received his Professional Engineer of Oregon license in 1976. He was a member of American Society of Civil Engineers and American Society of Agricultural Engineers. Elwin is survived by his wife, Bonnie; two sons Dan and Doug; five grandchildren Nathan, MacKenzie, Lauren, Casey (Laura) and Kaytlynn; and two great-grandchildren Blakely and Mateo. He was preceded in death by daughter Rexene. |
| **Rucker** | **2022** | Dorothy Jean Caraway Rucker (93) of Heber Springs, Arkansas passed away on August 24, 2022, in Huntington, Texas. Dorothy Jean was the wife of Lifetime ARCSE Member and Senior Conservationist Harry S. Rucker, Jr, former State Conservationist of Louisiana for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). She was born May 8, 1929, to Autrey and Lucille Caraway, and grew up in Comyn, Texas. Dorothy Jean was a graduate of the Comyn-Theney School, Tarleton State College, and North Texas State Teachers' College. A long-time resident of Alexandria, Louisiana, Dorothy Jean was retired from the Alexandria Independent School District and a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She moved in support of Harry's SCS career in Texas and subsequently Louisiana. Dorothy Jean is survived by her husband of 73 years, Harry S. Rucker, Jr.; son Cliff (Judith) Rucker of Lufkin, Texas; son Roger (Linda) Rucker of Edgemont, Arkansas; and daughter Karen (Steve) Garner (both ARCSE members) of Weatherford, Texas. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. |
| **Safley** | **2022** | ARCSE Life Member Dr. John Marcus "Marc" Safley (75) of Woodbridge, Virginia, passed away November 30, 2022. Marc was born on January 4, 1947, to Gladys Williams Safley and John Marcus Safley in Milan, Tennessee. The family later settled in Nashville, Tennessee. A Commodore at heart, Marc earned his Bachelor of Arts degree (Biology) from Vanderbilt University, then went on to obtain his Masters (Botany) in 1968 and his PhD (Plant and Soil Sciences) in 1974, both respectively from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Marc began his career in 1974 with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Tennessee. In 1978, Marc moved his family to Washington, DC to work in the NRCS national headquarters where he held several positions during his career including Acting Director and Assistant Director of the Ecological Sciences Division, National Agro-Ecologist, Natural Resource Database Manager, Environmental Specialist, Program Analyst, USDA Drought Coordinator and Resource Conservationist. He authored journal articles, book chapters, publications, policy analyses, environmental assessments and impact statements. He served on several USDA and NCRS task forces and was honored to be a part of delegations to Central Europe, India, South Africa, and Japan. In addition, Marc contributed to the development of six Farm Bills between 1985 and 2008 as well as many special projects of national and international significance. Marc received numerous awards for his leadership and integration of ecological principles into NRCS conservation policy. Marc was also an active member of numerous organizations and professional societies including the Soil & Conservation Society. Marc retired in 2008 and for 13 years, was Senior Conservationist Chronicler for the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees. Marc never met a stranger and was loved by all who knew him. He will be remembered for his faith, kindness, wisdom, compassion, listening ear and quick wit. He cherished his time with his family and loved catching up with friends. Marc was greatly involved with his church where he participated in many committees. He led the Worship Ministry and taught Sunday School for years. A lifelong baritone, Marc dearly loved to sing in the choir. He will be sorely missed. Marc is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kendrick Riley Safley; daughter, Rachel Williams (Brad) of Dallas, Texas; son, Jim Safley (Christiann) of Arlington, Virginia; grandchildren, Courtney Williams, Ryan Williams, and Ursa Safley; sister, Mary Montgomery (Richard) of Fayetteville, Tennessee and many loving nieces and nephews. |
| **Sandy** | **2022** | Gayland Laverne Sandy (85) of Perry, Oklahoma passed away on August 25, 2022. He was born on May 25, 1937, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Laverne Sandy and Mabel Louise (Crouch) Sandy. He attended Oklahoma State University for 3 ½ years where he studied Meteorology. He went on to finish his undergraduate degree at Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1969. Gayland met the love of his life, Jackie Boaz and they were married on December 18, 1977, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a land management/flood control specialist for over 30 years. During this time, he served in the Army Reserves for 5 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, always grew a large garden and was a hobby farmer and rancher. He was very involved with the First Christian Church of Perry. Gayland leaves behind to celebrate his life daughter Marsha Metcalf (Joey) of Mannford, Oklahoma, son Brett Sandy (Valerie) of Perry, daughter Kym Payne (Mark) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, stepdaughter Cindy Williams (Jay) of Perry, stepdaughter Tina Hardy of Stillwater, grandchildren: Jake Myers, Derek Myers, Wes Myers, Braxton Sandy, Bobbie Murrow, Brandie Carter, Heather Frable, Alicia Malget, Mike Knott, Cody Payne, Lacey Payne, Justin Williams, Jason Williams, and Erin Hardy; twenty-two great grandchildren with 1 on the way, as well as 5 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Jackie, and grandson Jared Williams. |

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| **Schwant** | **2022** | Eldon William Schwant (78) of Seneca, Kansas, passed away June 12, 2022, at Crestview Nursing and Residential Living in Seneca. He had been a resident of Crestview Manor since 2017. He was born March 11, 1944 in Westmoreland, Kansas, the oldest of four children, to Lester and Louise (Krohn) Schwant. He attended Kansas State University and in 1967 received a bachelor's degree in Agriculture. Eldon married Betty Mae Schwartz on October 9, 1966, at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Kansas. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2016. He and his family spent the early years of his career in soil conservation in the communities of Clay Center, Osborne, and Yates Center, Kansas. In 1976 he accepted a position with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Seneca as the District Conservationist. He held that position for the next 28 years, retiring in 2004. After retirement Eldon returned to the NRCS office and worked on a part-time basis until 2017. He took a lot of pride in his career. One of his proudest accomplishments was the development of the Centralia Lake, which was completed in 1990. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Sabetha, Kansas. Eldon was proceeded in death by his wife, Betty, in 2017. He is survived by three children: daughters Lori Jones of Camden Point, Missouri; Amy Isaacs (Matthew) of Tonganoxie, Kansas; and son Scott Schwant (Kristina) of Holts Summit, Missouri; nine grandchildren: Nathan, Noah, Sara, and Hanna Hale; Tucker, Adam, and Sage Isaacs; and Gavin and Payten Schwant. |
| **Selvia** | **2022** | William "Bill" Derick Selvia (86) of Bella Vista, Arkansas, passed away December 5, 2022. He was the husband of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service employee Phyllis J. Selvia who worked in the Salina State Office and retired in 1994. Bill was born on October 19, 1936. An obituary for Bill was not published |
| **Sepelak** | **2022** | Lee Sepelak (71) of Maine, New York, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2022, at his home. He was born September 4, 1950, to Frank and Irene Sepelak. He was a retired Technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service where he worked with the Broome County Soil and Water Conservation District in Binghamton, New York for 30 years. Lee was known by all for his kindness and his smile. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Kathy (Surace); his son, Jacob; his daughter, Rebecca; his grandson, Dylan among other family and friends. |
| **Seyfert** | **2022** | Karen Diane Seyfert (75) of Ada, Kansas, passed away December 22, 2022, at the Hays Regional Medical Center. Karen was born April 18, 1947, on the family farm in Fountain Township, Ottawa County, Kansas to Frank and Carol Ziegler. On August 28, 1971, she was married to Ron Seyfert at the Antioch Baptist Church in Ada. Karen was a lifelong resident of Ottawa County. After graduating from Minneapolis High School where she was the valedictorian of the class of 1965, she attended and graduated from Brown Mackie Business College in Salina, Kansas. She worked for the Kansas State University Extension Service in Manhattan; USDA-Soil Conservation Service first as a Clerk Stenographer in the Salina State Office and then with the Four Rivers Resource Conservation and Development office in Minneapolis, Kansas. After marrying Ron, they purchased her grandparents' farm northwest of Ada where they raised their boys and lived until her passing. Karen was a life-long member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Ada and the Bohemian Lodge #203. Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Ron Seyfert; son Mike (Christy) of Alexandria, Virginia, son Mark (Teresa) of Lewisville, Texas; and grandchildren Sydney, Madison, Lila and Cora. |
| **Sherrill** | **2022** | Michael Lee "Mick" Sherrill (72) of Statesville, North Carolina, passed away, February 7, 2022, at his residence. Mick was born September 1, 1949 in Iredell County, North Carolina, and was the son of the late RP (Roy) Sherrill and Alice Faye Grant Sherrill. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for 34 years. He was the Regional Resource Soil Scientist for 29 western counties of North Carolina. He retired from NRCS in 2004.He was married for 48 years to Susan Pharr Sherrill, who survives. Together they are members of Elk Shoals Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Alexander County. Prior to moving to Iredell County, in 2006, Mick was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Sylva, NC. There he was an elder of the church and taught Adult Sunday School for 13 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Christopher Sherrill and wife, Sheila; one grandson, Andrew Sherrill, of Clover, South Carolina. |
| **Simpson** | **2022** | Dewey Victor (Vic) Simpson (75) of Nashville, Tennessee passed away peacefully at Select Specialty Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee on November 21, 2022. Vic was born in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany to Dewey Paton and Gertraud Kapp Simpson on September 8, 1947. Throughout his life and career, he lived in many states, but loved Tennessee and specifically Nashville. Vic obtained both a Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He worked as an educator and later for the federal government within the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist in multiple leadership roles around the United States. Vic's father Dewey Paton Simpson worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a District Conservationist in Maryville, Tennessee. Vic was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 34 years, Harriett Demetros Simpson and his parents, Dewey and Gertraud Simpson. Among his survivors are three children Rachel (Todd) Halford, Nicholas (Jenny) Simpson, Valerie (Adam) Landa; five grandchildren Camden and Colton Simpson, Abigail and Zachary Landa, and Hunter Halford. |
| **Simpson** | **2022** | Gertraud "Omi" Kapp Simpson (86) of Maryville, Tennessee passed away September 25, 2022. Omi was the wife of the late Dewey Paton Simpson who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a District Conservationist in Blount County Tennessee for 34 years. Dewey retired in 1994 and passed away in 2014. Omi was born in Germany in 1936. Mrs. Simpson was trained and worked as a nurse in Germany and with the Red Cross, but spent most of adult life as a homemaker, mother, neighbor, and friend to many people. |

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| **Sinclair** | **2022** | Harold "Raymond" Sinclair Jr. (85) of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away December 3, 2022, with his loving wife of almost 63 years by his side. Ray was born on March 19, 1937, in rural Mason County, Illinois. The son of Harold Raymond, Sr. and Grace Sinclair was born and raised on a grain and livestock farm in west central Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois obtaining his Master of Science in August 1961. Ray married A. Colleen Cross on January 30, 1959. Ray worked his entire career as a Soil Scientist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly the Soil Conservation Service. Counting his college internships, Ray had more than 50 years of service as a Soil Scientist. As worked as a soil scientist stationed in Illinois, Vermont, Michigan, and Indiana, where he did soil correlation, soil interpretations, soil investigations, technical soil services, soil manuscripts, soil cartographic work, land evaluation, and site assessment. Ray was heavily involved in research for mine reclamation. He served as the State Soil Scientist in Indiana for 16 years. Ray's final position with NRCS was at the National Soil Survey Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. In that role, he furnished technical soils information to local, state, and federal agencies; consultants; agricultural businesses; and individuals. Ray had been a member of the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America for 55 years. He was a Certified Crop Adviser through the American Society of Agronomy. He was a member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Ray was preceded in death by great-granddaughter, Mahla Vernon. Survivors include his wife, Colleen; five children: Amy (Ed) Vernon, Paragon, Indiana; Alice (Mark) Ostendorf, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky; Duane (Sue) Sinclair, Carmel, Indiana; Jon Sinclair, Box Elder, South Dakota; and Sara (Sean) Brito, Melbourne, Australia; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren: Marie (Laura) Moreno, Josh (Amanda) Vernon, Kate (Mark) Nienaber, Ben (Alysha) Ostendorf, Wes (Courtney) Vernon, Steven Sinclair, Matthew Sinclair, Carmen Vernon, Kristen (Christopher) Brann, Jonathan Sinclair, Nick Brito, Henry Sinclair, Alex Brito, Joshua Vernon, Bella Vernon, Wesley Vernon, Thomas Nienaber, Fitz Vernon, Ruth Nienaber, Aurora Ostendorf, Gideon Ostendorf, Anali Moreno, and Chava Vernon. |
| **Smith** | **2022** | Rodrick "Rod" Edgar Smith (79) of Nancy, Kentucky passed away suddenly on May 15, 2022, at his home. Rod was the husband of Peggy Smith, retired Human Resources Specialist in the Kentucky State Office of the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Peggy retired in 1994. Rod was born on June 27, 1942, in Trimble, Ky, to the late Jacob F. Smith and Adria F. Smith. He worked for Trane Company in Lexington, Kentucky. He was a member of White Oak Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years, Peggy; daughter, Kimber (Bobby) Thomas; and three grandchildren. |
| **Snook** | **2022** | Ernest Carl "E.C." Snook (88) of Kimberling City, Missouri, passed away January 16, 2022, at his home surrounded by his two daughters and wife. Ernest was born in Ford, Kansas on March 12, 1933, to Arnold and Margaret Snook. He married the love of his life, Jean Horchem on August 17, 1955, and they were married for over 66 years. Earnest attended Kansas State college at Fort Hays, Kansas. He earned his master's degree in May 1956. Upon graduating college, he got a job with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist in Oklahoma. He retired in 1987 as the State Range Conservationist in Oklahoma. In retirement, Earnest loved fishing at Table Rock Lake off his pontoon boat, but his perfect fishing place was at Roaring River. He always managed to know exactly where all the big fish were and caught them. When living in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Earnest became a big fan of Oklahoma State University Cowboys and purchased season tickets to all the home games for football, basketball, and wrestling games. The day before his passing, Ernest enjoyed watching the Cowboy's game on January 15 where the Cowboys defeated the number 1 ranked Baylor University basketball team. He is survived by wife, Jean, children, Sherry Beck, Terry Williams of the home, and son Barry Snook (Nancy) of Caldwell, Ohio. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, adding a ninth in June 2022. |
| **Sorrels** | **2022** | Bobby Don Sorrels (83) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away July 7. 2022. Bob worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oklahoma. Bob came to the Oklahoma State Office in 1978 and became Head of the Design Staff in 1994 He retired in 2001. He is survived by his wife Sharon. |
| **Sosbe** | **2022** | Howard P. Sosbe Jr. (65) of Connersville, Kentucky, passed away June 1, 2022, after a long illness. He was born in Harrison County, Kentucky on February 17, 1956, to the late Howard P. Sosbe, Sr. and Frances Wagoner Sosbe. He was retired from the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service where he worked as a Soil Conservation Technician. In years past he and his black and white 1967 Chevrolet water truck, on which he put over 650,000 miles, were a familiar sight all around Harrison County. He was an avid collector of Chevrolet trucks and antique Ford tractors and was a born storyteller. He is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Pamela Jean Sosbe; a son, John Sosbe (Whitney); and one granddaughter, Annaleigh Frances Sosbe. |
| **Spencer** | **2022** | Alan Charles Spencer (67) of Clarkston. Utah, passed away on March 18, 2022, from a heart attack resulting from congestive heart failure. Alan was born in American Fork, Utah on October 20, 1954, to Ralph H. and Betty G. Spencer. He developed a passion for archaeology early and spent many childhood days by Utah lake looking for fossils and arrowheads. By 15, Alan was a crew chief with the BYU archaeology field school in Southern Utah, and at 17 he graduated from American Fork High School. After spending his summer with the American Archaeological Expedition to Petra, Alan started his scholastic career at BYU as a second semester sophomore. From there, Alan served an LDS Mission to the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and upon his return to BYU completed his bachelor's degree with honors, and would later go on to earn his Masters' and PH.D. from the University of Leicester in Leicester, England. Alan married Leesa Gurney in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on June 25,1982 and, having accepted a job with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Portland, Oregon, Alan and Leesa embarked on a grand adventure that would take them first to the Pacific Northwest for 24 years, where he worked as a Cultural Resources Officer at the West National Technical Center. Then they moved to Little Rock, Arkansas for 14 years where Alan worked at the National Water Management Center. After retirement in 2014, they moved to the Cache Valley of Utah, settling in the small town of Clarkston. Alan is survived by his wife, Leesa, his three daughters, two sons, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. An incredibly brilliant man, his vast treasure trove of knowledge on any subject, his quirky sense of humor, his laugh, and his love will be sorely missed by his family and by all who knew him. |

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| **Splett** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist Leonard Ludwig Splett (95) of Barron, Wisconsin, passed away February 14, 2022. He was born on February 7, 1927, to Emil and Bertha (Schenk) Splett, dairy farmers, in Barron County, Wisconsin. He graduated from Turtle Lake High School in 1945 and then served in the United States Navy. He attended Wisconsin State University at River Falls and carried mail on the rural township roads in Barron County. Leonard married Elsie Miller on April 17, 1949. They were a life-long farming family, while Leonard also worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a soil conservation technician. The farmscape of Barron County was his canvas, and employed with the SCS for over 30 years, he painted it footstep by footstep, laying out contours, contour strips, waterways, terraces, and ponds. His land stewardship ethic remains etched across the county. Leonard served on the Barron school board, technical college board, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, Wisconsin Master Farmers, the FFA Foundation, and more. He often touched the keys of the piano on Sunday morning before church, attending many years at Zion Lutheran in Turtle Lake and then Salem Lutheran in Barron. He eldered, guided church renovations and maintenance, and celebrated his 90th birthday in the fellowship hall. Leonard is survived by his children, David (Barbara), Nate (Becky), Rachel (Bruce) Stafne, and Kevin (Kathy); grandchildren, Matthew (Joni) Splett, Brianne (Logan) Anderson, Kaela (Jake) Sacquitne, Brice (Alyssa) Stafne, Molly (Matt) Jaschen and Kelton (Andrea Hatch) Splett; great-grandchildren, Amelia, Mallory, Clayton Anderson, Grayden and Audrey and Caleb. He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie who passed away last year. |
| **Steinkamp** | **2022** | Life and Honorary ARCSE Member James F. “Jim” Steinkamp (94), of Quincy, Illinois, passed away on December 9, 2022, in Sunset Home in Quincy. Jim was born on June 29, 1928, in Quincy, the son of Ferd and Rosina (Genenbacher) Steinkamp. He married Marjorie Kuhn on November 20, 1954, in St. John Parish, Quincy. She survives. Jim attended Quincy College graduating in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Illinois and a master's degree in 1959. Jim served his country in the United States Army from September 1953 to September 1955. After completing his time in the Army, he was employed as a soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service from December 1955 until his retirement in September 1985. Earlier in his life he participated in several conservation organizations. Jim was a crusader for social justice, including the civil rights movement, and the protection of the rights of the unborn. Later in his life he was active in the pro-life cause and various religious organizations and was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Human Relations Council and the Sierra Club. Jim was an active member of St. Peter Catholic Church where he was a lector and was a member of the Social Concerns Committee at the church. Jim also enjoyed swimming a few laps at the Quincy YMCA and played water volleyball on Friday mornings. Jim's pride and joy was his 70 acres of woods. Jim loved nothing more than spending the day working in his woods, manicuring the trees and undergrowth with his pruning saw and chain saw. He loved fostering growth, maturation and harvesting of his forest. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children: Michael (Madeline) Steinkamp of Los Alamos, New Mexico, Catherine (Jack) Mikelson of Chandler, Arizona and Susan Steinkamp; grandchildren: Jennifer Mikelson, Julie (Brandon) Hill and Jamie (Justin) Stein, Henry Steinkamp, William Steinkamp, George Steinkamp, Arthur Steinkamp, Charles Steinkamp, and Margaret Steinkamp; and great grandchildren: Lillian and James Hill. |
| **Stettler** | **2022** | Linda Ann Stettler (80) of Beaverton, Oregon, passed away peacefully March 2, 2022, in Aloha, Oregon. She was born April 9, 1941, in Salem, Oregon Robert Kellogg and Esther Nightingale Wood. She married Donald Stettler April 11, 1959, in Keizer, Ore. Don is an ARCSE Life Member and the current ARCSE State Representative for Oregon. Linda enjoyed cooking delicious family meals which involved studying many cookbooks and watching cooking shows on TV. In time she used that skill to work in the Ladd Acres Elementary School kitchen. Linda was a member of Village Baptist Church for many years and was involved in children's ministries. She also participated in the Girl Scouts as a troop and neighborhood leader and camp volunteer. She is survived by her husband of nearly 63 years, Donald Stettler; son, Robert (Kelly); daughters, Diane Swanson and Karen (Jason) Christie; eight adoring grandchildren; two great-grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. |
| **Stucken** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Alfred Vander Stucken (90) of Victoria, Texas, passed away on September 27 in Victoria. Alfred was born in San Antonio on January 24, 1932. He was raised on Rio Vista Farms, one of Texas' largest self-sustaining dairy farms at the time. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1953. In the Corps of Cadets, Alfred was in D Squadron and a member of the university color guard, proudly carrying the Texas Flag. After graduation, Alfred was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force and served at Lackland Air Force Base, March Air Force Base, FE Warren Air Force Base, and Langley Air Force Base during the Korean conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1961. He married his bride, Marian, in 1955 at First Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas. Alfred's career as a soil conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service began in Huntsville, Texas, in 1954. A certified professional agronomist, erosion and sediment control specialist, and area conservationist, Alfred served 19 Texas counties and was honored in Washington D.C with the USDA Superior Service Award before his retirement in 1989. After retirement, Alfred managed the family farm and ranch, raising Registered Beefmaster Cattle in DeWitt County near Thomaston, Texas. Alfred was active in the Lions Club International and American Legion Post of Victoria. Alfred was a member of First Baptist Church of Victoria. He also served as chairman of the South Texas Farm and Ranch Show. Alfred enjoyed a lifetime of hunting, fishing, and camping adventures with his family. Easter weekends, summer family vacations, Thanksgiving dinners, and Christmas mornings were among his most favorite memories. He is survived by his wife, Marian; two daughters, Alisa Vander Stucken, Frances Bolen; son, Edgar Vander Stucken (Melissa); 7 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Sturtevant** | **2022** | Eugene “Gene” Ervin Sturtevant (94) of Hillsboro, Oregon, passed away on December 20, 2022. Gene was born on June 28, 1928, to George and Margaret Sturtevant in Pollock, South Dakota. After high school in 1946, Gene worked in the Pollock Grain Elevator. In 1948, Gene married Joy Belle Sturtevant (Peterson), also of Pollock, South Dakota. He enlisted in the United States Air Force serving from 1951 to 1955, where he reached the rank of Staff Sergeant, serving in the Strategic Air Command. After Gene’s military service, he majored in Agriculture at South Dakota State University. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1962, he was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 25-years, serving as the District Conservationist in Pendleton, Oregon, Hillsboro, Oregon, and Corvallis, Oregon. He was also a Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator for part of his career. After his retirement in 1987, Gene and Joy spent their time in service to their family and to the churches where they attended, Cedar Mill Bible Church in Beaverton, Oregon, and the Pendleton Free Methodist Church. Gene is survived by his wife, Joy; his children: Jeanine Rice, Daniel Sturtevant, Dawn Nelson, and Mark Sturtevant; and by 19 grandchildren, and 31 great grandchildren. Gene was laid to rest at Fir Lawn Memorial Park in Hillsboro, Oregon. |
| **Talbot** | **2022** | ARCSE Life Member James Rex Talbot (83) of St. Leonard, Maryland, passed away peacefully at home on February 12, 2022, after a short battle with cancer. Jim was born July 15, 1938, in Paragonah, Utah to Orson and Annie Talbot. He was a civil engineer specializing in earth dam design. Jim worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service for 35 years and then continued in consulting services through 2021. Jim's contributions to earth dam design are world renowned. He is credited with the development of several design features that have improved dam safety. He was awarded the prestigious Norman Medal by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in 1985, the highest honor granted by ASCE for a technical paper that makes a definitive contribution to engineering science. Jim was an avid sailor and loved spending time on the Chesapeake Bay with family and friends on his boat Legacy. He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served the Church his whole life through various leadership callings, most recently as a patriarch and as a sealer in the Washington, D.C. Temple. He is survived by his cherished wife of 60 years Sandra Goodrich Talbot. Other survivors include children Craig (Cynthia) of Leesburg, Virginia; Chad (Talli) of Peoria, Arizona; Cary (Angela) of Vicksburg, Mississippi; Christopher (Rebecca) of Nacogdoches, Texas; Colin (Deborah) of Lovettsville, Virginia; seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. |
| **Tessman** | **2022** | Gregory A. Tessmann (65) of Gasport, New York, passed away August 29, 2022. Greg was a retired District Conservationist from Lockport, New York, who had a long and varied career in the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. During his career, Greg received many awards from the USDA and NRCS including The Civil Rights Award and The Thousands Points of Light Initiative from President George W Bush for his contributions to the needs of the community and support of the USDA. In retirement, Greg became passionate in serving the community on a larger scale. He was a member of the board for the Morlock Foundation where he served the community hands on at the Evangel Assembly of God food pantry. Greg Loved God, his family, this great country, the Buffalo Bills, and the land and being outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting with the guys, bird hunting and watching the dogs on point, and taking friends and family for boat rides around Lime Lake. He had a knack for making people laugh, sometimes without saying a word. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife LuAnn (nee Calamita) Tessmann, and stepchildren Alayna and Dominic Clementi. |
| **Thompson** | **2022** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Charles (Charlie) Milburn Thompson (95) of Temple, Texas, passed away on July 10, 2022, with his wife, Martha (Marty) by his side. Charlie was born in Cisco, Texas on August 5, 1926, to Effie Pearl Turner and Milburn Thompson. At 17, he enrolled in John Tarleton Agricultural College (now Tarleton State University) with a course study of General Agriculture. He registered for the draft on his 18th birthday and in February 1945 he went off to the military and was stationed at Camp Hood (now Fort Hood) Texas. He was assigned to a battalion that was designated as infantry anti-tank training. He was later stationed in Cebu City, Philippines and then Guam. He returned home in October 1946. In 1948, he enrolled in Texas Technological College (now Texas Tech University) and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Agronomy and Soils. His first job was in Seguin Texas as a soil conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. In February 1953 he was selected to fill a vacancy as a soil scientist in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Donna, Texas. He met his first wife, Jo Anne Pittman at First Baptist Church, Donna. While in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, they were blessed with four children. In 1965, Charlie was transferred to Nacogdoches, TX as a Field Specialists-Soils and in January of 1975 he was appointed as the State Soil Scientist for Texas and transferred to Temple, Texas. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1986. After his retirement he did consulting work for Brown Collins and Associates as well as Morrison Knudson Company. Most of his consulting work focused on surface mine reclamation and returning the land to productive use. Charlie is preceded in death by his first wife, JoAnne Pittman Thompson and his son in law, Ben Gillam. He is survived by his wife Martha of Temple; children Dee Ann Gillam Duncan (Randy) of Mineola, Texas; Charles Lee Thompson (Cher) of Granbury, Texas; Margaret Lane (Steve) of Belton, Texas; Paul Thompson (Bob) of The Woodlands, Texas; Jennifer Kelly (Pat) of Ogden, Utah; and Glenn Mangel of Ogden, Utah; grandchildren Christine Thompson Rhodes (Josh), Matthew Lane (Lindsey), Candace Gillam (Jason Henry), Chelsea Thompson Fletcher (Michael), Carman Thompson, Cari Lane Hollingsworth (Cody), Will Gillam, Shawn Kelly, Jamie Kelly, Katie Kelly, Harley Mangel, and Manny Mangel; and 4 great-grandchildren. |
| **Todd** | **2022** | Former ARCSE Member Bettie Jane (Sissons) Todd (81) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away September 10, 2022, in Stillwater. Bettie was born on November 17, 1940, in Stillwater, the oldest child of Ray and Mary (Blair) Sissons. She attended Draughon’s Business College and Oklahoma State University. During her 33-year career, she worked for six Federal Government agencies in several states, including the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Bettie retired in 1994 as the State Administrative Officer in the Oklahoma State Office for SCS. Oklahoma ARCSE State Representative Randy Freeland says she was a delightful person that everyone liked. Bettie was a member of the Cherokee Nation, First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater where she served as a Deacon, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. Bettie is survived by two sons: David Todd of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Kenneth Todd (Marsha) of Guthrie, Oklahoma; three grandchildren: Caitlin LeBlanc (Cody) of Houston, Texas, and Kenzi Todd (Jack) of Guthrie; and three great grandchildren: Madison George, Michaela and Easton LeBlanc of Houston. |

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| **Touchet** | **2022** | Arville Touchet (85) of Harmony, Florida (formerly of Abbeville, Louisiana), passed away June 24, 2022. Arville was born March 25, 1937, to Semar Touchet and the former Alix LeBlanc. At the age of eight Arville began working in the rice fields of Louisiana with his father, which was where his knowledge of soils began. At Southwestern Louisiana Institute of Liberal and Technical Learning (SLI) he received a degree in Agronomy, studying crops and soils. Upon graduating from SLI in 1959, he got a job at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Alexandria. He received his Masters' Degree in Agronomy which led him to become the Louisiana State Soil Scientist. Arville's ability to speak French opened the door for him to do work in the French speaking countries of Africa, through the University of Ghent in Belgium. In 1992, he retired from the USDA SCS and developed his own consulting business. He did some lecturing on soil at the University of Louisiana and was an Adjunct Professor at Louisiana State University in Wetland Studies. He has also served as expert witness in trial cases regarding wetland issues. Arville was very grateful for the mentor he had in Dr. Charles Cain, his college professor who continued to help him throughout his career. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Annie Grace Mire Touchet of Kaplan, Louisiana; his son, Timothy Arville Touchet (Joni) of Harmony, Florida; his daughter, Tina Carolyn Folsom of Abbeville, Louisiana; his grandson, Jeremy Daniel Folsom (Kecia) of Maurice, Louisiana; and his two great grandchildren, Landon Folsom and Avery Folsom. He was preceded in death by son-in-law, Larry W. Folsom. |
| **Trayvick** | **2022** | Johnny Clarence Trayvick, Sr. (75) of Phenix City, Alabama passed away April 22, 2022. Johnny was born August 29, 1946, in Atmore, Alabama and graduated as Valedictorian for the class of 1964 from Escambia County Training School in Atmore. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy and Chemistry at Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University in Normal, Alabama near Huntsville; and he later took courses in auto mechanics and accounting at the University of Alabama. Johnny was drafted into the United States Army in 1969 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a proud veteran and received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Air Medal. Johnny worked as a Soil Survey Project Leader with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) from June 1968 until his retirement in 2005, except for service in the U.S. Army. During his career with the SCS he worked in the Alabama counties of Bullock, Dallas, Tuscaloosa, Sumter, Russell, Macon, Tallapoosa, and Barbour. Johnny received Certificates of Merit in 1982 and 1997 and spot awards in 1998 and 1999. Johnny was an active member of Franchise Missionary Baptist Church where he was an avid Sunday School teacher, dedicated deacon, trustee, and faithful friend to many. Many people enjoyed Johnny during his role of Jesus for Franchise Missionary Baptist Church's Resurrection Cantata. As a steward of the land and for the beauty of God's earth, he provided lawn care to the grounds of his church. Survivors include his wife, Sharon Davison Trayvick; children, Johnny C. Trayvick, Jr., Michael Hatcher, Denise Trayvick, Stephanie (Reginald, Sr.) Williams, LaBronda Riley, Tangia Riley and Sonjia (Rocky) Roberts; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. |
| **Trissell** | **2022** | Charles "Alvie" Trissell (87) of Cherokee, Oklahoma, passed away August 25, 2022, at Beadles Nursing Home in Alva, Oklahoma. Alvie was born September 28, 1934, in Cordell, Oklahoma to Jesse Earl and Ruby Jewell Trissell. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. On December 22, 1957, he married Pauline Culver. Alvie served his country by enlisting in the United States Army in 1958 and continued thereafter serving in the Army Reserves until 1964. Alvie worked as a Soil Conservationist for the US Department of Agriculture for 36 years, much of that as District Conservationist for Alfalfa County in Oklahoma. He greatly enjoyed working on the ground and with farmers helping to plan crops, build terraces and ponds. Alvie served as a liaison between the conservation district and the Northern Oklahoma Development Board of Trustees from 1971, when NODA was founded, until he retired from the district in 1992. At that time, he was eligible to join the NODA Board of Trustees, was nominated and accepted the same year. Alvie's second "job" was making anything from wood – wooden toys, wooden furniture, anything to do with wood. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Cherokee. Survivors include his wife, Pauline Trissell; his daughters, Shirley Trissell and Debra Rite; and his son, David Trissell. |
| **Ufford** | **2022** | Calvin Richard Ufford (95) of Overbrook, Kansas (formerly of Oberlin, Kansas) passed away January 28, 2022, in Overbrook, Kansas, with his family by his side. Calvin was born May 15, 1926, to Richard Herbert and Bertha Mae (Peters) Ufford. He was raised southwest of Oberlin on the farm his grandfather homesteaded in 1874. He attended Kansas State University. Calvin married Ruth JoAnn Lincoln on October 28, 1949, in Oberlin. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy as a motor machinist mate third class, and was honorably discharged June 3, 1946. He returned to Oberlin and worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He later moved to Hiawatha for eight years, and then to Overbrook for 11 years. He retired as a construction inspector in 1981, after 35 years of service. Calvin provided leadership to Boy Scout troops in Oberlin and Hiawatha for many years. In addition, he served nine years on the Overbrook City Council and twice served as Overbrook Mayor, April 1977 to April 1979, and again June 1985 to June 1987. He was well-known for his hobbies of hunting Indian artifacts, collecting antiques, woodworking and restoring antique tractors. He was a member of the Overbrook United Methodist Church, the American Legion, and the Mini-Sappa Antique Club of Oberlin. Calvin was preceded in death by a son, Michael, in 1951; and his wife, JoAnn, in 2011. He is survived by his son, Richard Ufford (Wendy), of Carbondale, Kansas; his daughter, Janie Rutherford (Rob Roy Rutherford III), of Berryton, Kansas; five grandchildren, Shannon Warthen, Sara Ufford, Corey Ufford, Rob Roy Rutherford IV, and James Rutherford; and six great-grandchildren. |
| **Vanderbur** | **2022** | Gene Francis Vanderbur (85) of Mapleton, Iowa passed away September 25, 2022, at his Century family farm home, not 20 ft from where he was born. He died of a broken heart three days after the passing of his best friend and wife, Lois Ann Vanderbur. Gene Francis was born September 26, 1936, in Mapleton, Iowa, the son of Vern F. and Clementa B. (Hoy) Vanderbur. He served in the United States Marine Corps and subsequently graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Agricultural Business. After traveling the world, he decided the best place to raise his family was on the farm he grew up on. He then proceeded to have a productive career at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Onawa, Iowa where he worked as a Soil Conservation Technician. Lois and Gene were united into marriage December 31, 1963, at Austin Messiah Lutheran Church in Austin, Illinois. Gene was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Mapleton. Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Krista (Toni) Elmquist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Lars (Jennifer) Vanderbur of Papillion, Nebraska; seven grandchildren, Adrienne (Dylan) Gill, Erika (Phil) McGrain, Mitchell Elmquist, Aidan Vanderbur, Madeline Vanderbur, Isabelle Vanderbur, and Lily Vanderbur; great-grandchildren, Adeline Gill, Crofton Gill, and baby girl McGrain due in November; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lois Ann Vanderbur; and two children, Kit Louise Vanderbur (in infancy) and Kirk Charles Vanderbur. |

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| **Vanderbur** | **2022** | Lois Ann Vanderbur (79) of Mapleton, Iowa, passed away September 22, 2022, at Maple Heights Nursing Home in Mapleton. Lois was the wife of Gene Vanderbur who was a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Monona County, Iowa, for many years. Lois Ann was born September 28, 1942, in Omaha, Nebraska, the daughter of Roy A. and Hazel M. (Lundquist) Palmquist. She attended Iowa State University where she met Gene. They were married December 31, 1963. At the time of her death, survivors included her husband, Gene (who died 3 days later); children, Krista (Toni) Elmquist, and Lars (Jennifer) Vanderbur; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one on the way. She was preceded in death by two children, Kit Louise Vanderbur (in infancy) and Kirk Charles Vanderbur. |
| **Waliser** | **2022** | George F. Waliser (88) Bismarck, ND, passed away February 5, 2022, at his home at Edgewood on Dominion in Bismarck. George was born on a farm near Selfridge, North Dakota on August 5, 1933. George hired on with USDA-SCS (SCS) at Ashley, North Dakota in 1955 as a Field Technician, transferring to Washburn, North Dakota in 1960. He ran the SCS office in New Town, North Dakota, in 1976-77, then he transferred to the Bismarck State Office as a Draftsman until retiring in 1990. He was awarded a plaque in Washburn for planting over 2 million trees in his career. George is survived by his best friend of over 30 years, Mary Bertch, of Bismarck; children, Timothy, of Washburn, North Dakota, Michael (Ana), of Lompoc, California, Susan Corwin, of Portland, Oregon, and Paul (Janelle) of Bismarck. |
| **Wallace** | **2022** | Dorothy Fay Wallace (101) of Dixon, California passed away peacefully at home on November 22, 2022. She was born November 11, 1921, to Fay and John Dawson, and she grew up on the family chicken ranch at a time when roads to town were unpaved and trains still stopped in Dixon. After graduating from Dixon High School Dorothy left Dixon to attend business college and work for an attorney in Placerville, California. She met and married a handsome butcher named George Wallace. They returned to the chicken ranch to help during the worker shortage of World War II. Together they were ranchers and farmers on the family farm just a mile outside of Dixon. In the early 1960's she began a twenty-year career with the USDA- Soil Conversation Service in Dixon, during an era of expansion of the irrigation and drainage canals in the Berryessa watershed. Her first job was as a secretary in the Dixon Field Office. Later she worked on the Personnel Staff in the California State Office in nearby Davis, California. Although George predeceased her in 1983, they shared 42 years of marriage and many memories. Over the last 15 to 20 years, a major source of joy and entertainment for Dorothy was playing bridge with dear friends almost every week. Dorothy's survivors include her daughter Bobbi, devoted son-in-law Jerry, grandchildren Steve Hulbert (Julie), Katherine Weldon (Ed), and Elizabeth Brazelton (Hutson) and great-grandchildren Michael, Madison, Ward, Noah, Ben, Fay, Ruby, and Nora. In 1998 the Dixon Public Library created an Oral History interview with Dorothy available here: https://californiarevealed.org/islandora/object/cavpp%3A21897. |
| **Weeks** | **2022** | Herbert Harrel Weeks (93) of Defuniak Springs, Florida, passed away July 18, 2022. He was born May 14, 1929 in Homes County, Florida to John Raymond Weeks and Glannie Mae Davidson Weeks. Harrel was a resident of the Walton County, Florida since 1953. He was a combat veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving his country in the United States Army, with honor. He graduated from the University of Florida. He worked as a Soil Scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 35 ½ years before retiring in 1987. He mapped soils in Santa Rosa, Walton, Holmes, and Jackson County, all in the Florida Panhandle. He was a member the First Baptist Church of DeFuniak Springs for 60 years. After retiring he continued his father's legacy of farming cattle. He was a favorite at Mamie's and Eds Restaurant ready to speak to anyone that came in. He was an avid fisherman. He had five loves faith, family, fishing, farming, and friends. Harrel was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Sarah Lonie Weeks; a grandchild Chasen Scheid and two great grandchildren Darrian Clyde Chancy and Travis Harrell Chaney. He is survived by his son John Weeks (Cindy) of Crestview, Florida; daughter Karen Weeks of Cartersville, Georgia; five grandchildren, Jason Chaney, Justin Chaney, Jeb Chaney, and J.R. Weeks; and his great-grandchildren, Trinity Miller, Andrew St. Amand, Shelby Day, Jasper Chaney, Ellie Brynn Chaney, and Sarah Weeks Chaney; and life partner Nancy Holder of DeFuniak Springs, Florida. |
| **Weeks** | **2022** | John Waldo Weeks (72) of Nampa, Idaho, passed away peacefully May 21, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with leiomyosarcoma cancer with family and the family dog Evie at his side. John was born in Caldwell, Idaho, on Dec. 6, 1949, to (Waldo) Ingle and Margaret Weeks. He attended college at University of Idaho and Boise State University. In 1972 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He remained on active duty for 8 years. During those years he attended college at the University of Oklahoma and Arizona Western College. John married his high school sweetheart Gerry (Motichka) on July 10, 1972. John and Gerry would have celebrated their golden 50th anniversary this year. He belonged to Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church. In his professional career, his work involved installing and maintaining water monitoring systems all over the United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Thailand. He worked for Sutron Corp. and Vitel, Inc, as a contractor to the Bureau of Reclamation while living in Caldwell. In 2002 John and Gerry moved to Beaverton, Oregon, when he began working for Stevens Water Monitoring in Beaverton. In 2004 he began his career with the Federal Government working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Water and Climate Center in Portland, Oregon, where he became the Lead Technician keeping the Snotel system working. After retiring in 2019, they moved to Nampa, Idaho to be near family. He is survived by his wife Gerry; daughters Shawna Weeks, Marcella (Ryan) Frasier and Janet (Joshua) Orr, grandchildren Zadie Fross, Erica Frasier, Emily Frasier; Eli Orr and Grace Orr. |
| **Weese** | **2022** | Judy Ann Weese (80) of Creston, Iowa, passed away July 28, 2022, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Judy was the daughter of Vivian Elain (Rudkin) Dewey and Harold Arthur Dewey, born on June 25, 1942, in Grant City, Missouri. She graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1965 with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics. On December 29, 1964, Judy united in marriage with Jerry Dale Weese in Bethany, Missouri. She was an active mother and homemaker while Jerry earned his master's degree. In 1970, they moved to Creston, and Judy worked with USDA Natural Resource Services as an Administrative Assistant in the Creston Resource Conservation and Development Office until her retirement in June of 2006. She continued to work with special projects for several years part time. Judy was a member of the United Methodist Church. Judy is survived by husband Jerry Weese of Creston; a son Stephen Lynne (Ronda) Weese of Creston; a daughter Kimberly (Edward) Damiani of Grand Rapids, Minnesota; six grandchildren: Samantha Hamilton, Jeremy Weese, Maria Damiani-Rutherford, Benjamin Damiani, Matthew Damiani and Sarah Damiani; and three great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held August 3, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church 400 N. Elm Street Creston. |

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| **Wheaton** | **2022** | Jeffrey C Wheaton (66) of Mongmong, Guam, passed away March 13, 2022, at Guam Memorial Hospital. Jeff was born on April 18, 1955, to Loren D. Wheaton and Joan E. Wheaton of Corning, New York. He served in the United States Army as a Telecommunications Center Specialist. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Tennessee in 1984. Jeff worked as an engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Guam. Jeff was a member of the National and Guam Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Veterans of Lansingburg, Republican National Committee, and actively participated in the community. He even ran for political office. He was always striving to make life better for those in Guam. He is survived by his wife, Rufina “Fina” Wheaton; children, Reynie (Paiya) Villaflor, Alistina Wheaton, Loren S. Wheaton, and Samuel Wheaton; Funeral services were held at Ada’s Funeral Home in Sinajana, Guam on April 4, 2022, followed by burial at Guam Veteran’s Cemetery. |
| **Wilkinson** | **2022** | Virginia “Ginger” F Wilkinson (82) of Estes Park, Colorado, passed away on March 6, 2022. Ginger was the wife Ivan R. Wilkinson who worked at the Lincoln Nebraska National Technical Center for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Water Resources Specialist until his retirement in 1995. born on February 20, 1940, in Arkansas City, KS to her parents, Francis M. Nellis and Laura F. (Smith) Nellis. Ginger and Ivan were married September 2, 1961. She graduated from Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City and became a nurse. In 1985 Ginger became the HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator for the Nebraska State Health Department. She served in that capacity until retirement in 1995. She is survived and deeply loved by her husband Ivan of 60 years, daughter Bethany Wilkinson (Patrick Klemmer), daughter Cheryl Wetzel (Douglas Wetzel), and grandchildren Nathan and Chloe Wetzel. |
| **Will** | **2022** | Lifetime ARCSE Member Roger Allen Will (90) of Emmetsburg, Iowa passed away on January 30, 2022, at Lakeside Nursing Home in Emmetsburg. Roger was born on May 18, 1931, to Martin and Hilda Will in Richards, Iowa. A United States Marine Corps veteran, Roger served his country in Korea and Hawaii from 1952 to 1957, retiring as a staff sergeant and classified expert in rifle and pistol. After his military service, Roger returned to Iowa and met Maxine Grider. They were married in Mapleton, Iowa in 1958. Roger had a long career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service starting as part-time employee in 1957 before moving into a full-time position as a soil conservation technician. For more than 30 years Roger worked with farmers in and around Palo Alto County, Iowa, helping to implement conservation techniques, conduct soil science research and design drainage and irrigation plans. Following his retirement in December 1991 he drove trucks for the local Co-op well into his 70’s. His interest in firearms propelled him into multiple hobbies and activities that led to life-long friendships with those who enjoyed muzzle-loading, skeet and trap shooting and target shooting. He was a charter member of the Palo Alto Gun Club and the Iowa Black Powder Federation and a member of the National Rifle Association. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg, where he was past president and member of the board and Sunday school teacher. He was preceded in death by his wife Maxine in 1996. Roger is survived by his 5 children: Pam (Todd), Allen (Beth), Gary, Cindy (KC), and Sherri; 13 grandchildren; Nicole, Amber, CJ, Sam, Sara, Lindsay, Britni, Amanda, Dustin, Zoey, Maddie, Bryan and Kristen; and 4 great-grandchildren. |
| **Willis** | **2022** | Clifford E. Willis (79) of Bowling Green, Kentucky, passed away January 7, 2022. Cliff served in the U.S. Army after graduation from Warren County High School. He retired in 2001 from the USDA-NRCS where he was employed for over 35 years as a Conservation Engineering Technician. He was an avid golfer who won many tournaments throughout his life. He was a member of Eastwood Baptist Church and enjoyed his church family. He is survived by his wife, Carol, the love of his life and to whom he was married for 58 years, son Michael (Barb), and daughter Missy. He is also survived by grandchildren Michael (Crystal), Caj (Valerie), Trey and Morgan (Drew); and 5 great-grandchildren, Carsyn, Cooper, Frankie, Charlie, Harvey, and Sarah. |
| **Willis** | **2022** | William Edward “Bill” Willis II (79) of New Virginia, Iowa, passed away April 18, 2022. Bill was born in Estherville, Iowa on March 18, 1943, to William Edward Willis and Mary Marguerite Farnnham Willis. Bill grew up on a small farm on the east edge of St. Joseph, Missouri. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from the University of Missouri in 1966 and went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Bill worked for the SCS at locations in Missouri at Clinton, Bethany and Charleston before moving to Decorah, Iowa in 1970. In 1973, Bill moved to Atlantic, Iowa where he was the District Conservationist until 1993 when he retired from the SCS. In 1997, he formed Willis Dirtwork. In 1999, Bill and his wife, Mary, relocated to a farm outside of New Virginia, Iowa. For more than the next two decades, Bill through his dirt working business, literally helped shape the land in the communities surrounding the New Virginia area. Throughout his adult life, Bill was actively engaged in service to his community. He was President of the Atlantic Lions Club and three-term Mayor of the town of Wiota, Iowa. In 2003, Bill became a trustee for Squaw Creek Township, in which capacity he served the residents of the township continuously for nineteen years. Bill was instrumental in the beautification of the township’s three pioneer cemeteries, helping to oversee improvement of the grounds, fence, and flagpoles. In 2008, Bill joined the Board of Directors of Clarke Electric Cooperative, where he served until his death. Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Willis, his sons, Chris Willis of Independence, Missouri and Jeff (Kelly) Willis of Shelby, Nebraska; a step-daughter, Kimberly Dawn (Scott) Thomas; six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and a step great-grandson. |
| **Wolter** | **2022** | Gene Ernest Wolter (81) of Marion, Iowa, passed away on September 11, 2022, at Emery Place, of Lewy Body Dementia. Gene was born November 22, 1940, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Ernest and Esther Wolter. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Denver, Iowa. He attended Wartburg College for two years and graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy in 1963. There he met Valois Peterson. They were married on Aug. 17, 1963, at Zion Lutheran Church in Gowrie, Iowa. They recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Gene worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service worked as a Soil Conservationist and District Conservationist in several counties, with the last many years being the District Conservationist in Linn County, Iowa. He and his family attended 12 International Soil and Water Conservation Society Conferences. Gene was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Marion. Gene's hobbies and interests were fishing, canoeing, camping, gardening, and traveling. Gene is survived by his wife, Val, and his four children: son, Gary (Melynda), daughter, Nancy (Frank Gaffney), twin sons, Mark (Maki) and Doug (Jaime); and 11 grandchildren, Adam, Austin, Alex, Liz, Noah, Taka, Mia, Emie, Lily, Luke, and Harper. |

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| **Wycoff** | **2022** | Nancy Sue Wyckoff, previously known as Nancy Ellis, (83) of Nowata, Oklahoma, passed away July 13, 2022. She was born in Nowata, on December 3, 1939, to James Harold Bodle and Lois K (Ward) Bodle. Nancy graduated from Nowata High School in 1958. Nancy lived in Nowata her whole life and loved to reminisce about growing up in the 50's. On July 21, 1959, she married her high school sweetheart, Jack R. Ellis. On July 21, 1994, they celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary and on August 3, 1994, he passed away. Nancy married Michael Wyckoff in 1997 and had 25 and a half years together. Nancy worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 20 years, first as a District Clerk in Nowata and then the Area Clerk at the Claremore, Oklahoma Area Office. She retired in 2000. Nancy was a charter member of the Hillside Christian Church in Nowata. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother. She loved music, traveling, and was an avid reader. She is survived by her husband, Michael, of the home; a daughter Regina Swan (Kevin) of Barsndall, Oklahoma; a son Brett "Dink" Ellis (Khristina) of Hugo, Oklahoma; one step-son, Derik Wyckoff of California, one-step daughter, Dawn Wyckoff of Michigan, and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Ashley K. Newton of Edmond, Oklahoma, Matthew B. Miller of Dewey, Oklahoma, Dally Jack Ellis and Amelia Vaughn of Nowata, Dillon Jacob Ellis of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, Nathan Gage Miller, Nickolos Blake Miller, Colton James Miller, Macy K. Miller, Draven Shane Lowe, Hendrix Lee Steele, Marley Monroe Dunlap, Lexi Thomas, Axton Thomas, Alijah Thomas, Will Swan, Drew Swan, Hannah Crawford, and Greyson T. Wyckoff. |
| **Yost** | **2022** | Dolores M. Yost (92) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on November 28, 2022. She was born on March 8, 1930, in Lincoln to Henry and Pauline (Strauch) Yost. She was a lifelong Lincoln resident and a 1948 graduate of Lincoln High School. She retired from the US Department of Agriculture after working 43 years at various clerical jobs, 33 years of which were with the Soil Conservation Service. Following her retirement, she worked part time as the evening receptionist at the Eastmont Towers Retirement Home. She was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. |
| **Atherton** | **2021** | Rosemary Ruth Atherton (71) of Marysville, Ohio passed away unexpectedly February 15, 2021 following a short illness. She was the wife of retired USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservation Engineer Bruce Atherton. Rosemary was born September 16, 1949 to Reverend Lemoyne Thomas (Tom) Collum and Grace Turner Collum. She attended Ohio State University and later completed her degree from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. She worked at several banks and other businesses and was secretary at the Huron Soil and Water Conservation District in Norwalk, Ohio, for 13 years. In addition to her husband Bruce, Rosemary is survived by daughter Gwen Adkins of St. Joseph, Michigan. |
| **Baker** | **2021** | Kenneth Ray Baker (81) of Bazine, Kansas, passed away on March 21, 2021 at the Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kansas. He was born on December 15, 1939 in Ava, Missouri the son of Manferd and Nadine (Bell) Baker. He married Louise Schriock on June 4, 1961, in Bazine, Kansas. Kenneth was a conservation technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 27 years from 1968 to 1995. He began farming in 1986. He loved farming and especially working with farmers. He was a member of the Bazine City Council, Wet Walnut Watershed Board, and the Bazine Coop Board. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bazine and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Scott City. Survivors include his wife, Louise Baker of Bazine; 2 sons, Terry (Carolyn) Baker of Wichita, Kansas and Roger (Connie) Baker of Bazine; 5 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Ann Baker. |
| **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. |
| **Bauer** | **2021** | ARCSE Life Member Ronald F. Bauer (87) of Brush, Colorado passed away peacefully on November 8, 2021, at East Morgan County Hospital in Brush. Ron was born to Fredia and Jacob Bauer at Fort Morgan, Colorado on February 9, 1934. He graduated Colorado State University in 1956. After serving two years in the US Army and being honorably discharged he began his work as a soil scientist for the US Forest Service. He later switched over to be a soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Ron and Patty Hauptmann of Neligh, Nebraska were married on September 1, 1962, in Lakewood, Colorado. Ron's job took Ron and Patty to Durango, Colorado, Laramie, Wyoming and Lincoln, Nebraska. Following Ron's retirement after 36 years of service with USDA they moved to the Arbor Apartments at the Eben Ezer Care Facility in Brush where Patty continues to reside. While living in Brush, Ron served on the Tree Board for several years. During this time, he helped plant trees at family homes, at schools, and in Parks on Arbor Day each spring. Survivors include his wife Patty, and his sister Edythe and her husband Harry Watt of Florida. |
| **Baugh** | **2021** | William M. Baugh (76) of Grandview, Missouri, passed away March 17, 2021 at his home. He was born in Goochland County, Virginia on November 27, 1944 to the union of Mack D. Baugh and Reacie Barrett Baugh. After graduating High School, William joined the United States Air Force. William married Marian Geneva Flowers on June 27, 1965 at Second Baptist Church in Ottumwa Iowa. William was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, where he served as a Deacon and member of the church choir. He pursued a career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 35 years, where he retired at the age of 55. He worked in Iowa field offices in Ottumwa, Burlington, Wapello, and West Union. In his free time, he loved to sing, to work in the yard and to put a smile on people's faces. William is survived by his wife Marian, son Gerald of Ottumwa, Iowa, daughter Geneva (Bernard) Harris of North Carolina and daughter Shannon of Grandview, Missouri, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. |

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| **Beech** | **2021** | James (Jim) Wallace Beech (95) of Erie, Kansas, passed away May 27th, 2021, at Guest Home Estates in Erie. Jim was born on February 22, 1926, to James E. Beech and Nettie H. Hoagland Beech in Walnut, Kansas. After high school, Jim joined the United States Navy and served on the USS California during WWII. After the war, Jim was working as a carpenter for the Alcoa plant and living in Davenport, Iowa, where he met Mardelle Naomi Claussen. The two were married on December 22, 1947, at the Newcomb Memorial Church in Davenport. The couple traveled to Coffeyville, Kansas for their honeymoon. They moved to Kansas in 1949 and built a house in Erie in 1956. Jim and Mardelle were married for 72 years. Jim worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician, retiring in 1984. He also built houses with his construction partner Everett Shields. Jim enjoyed restoring old gas engines, eating extremely sharp cheddar cheese, and growing a bountiful garden. He and Mardelle often took road trips in search of the best pie in Kansas after his retirement. Jim was preceded in death by his wife Mardelle on October 3, 2020. He is survived by two daughters, Susan Buche (John) of Louisburg, Kansas, and Mary Nevin (David) of Corvallis, Oregon; son, Michael Beech, of Topeka, Kansas, grandchildren Jim Buche (Mary) and Joye Blume (Matt); and two great-grandchildren. |
| **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. |
| **Bohl** | **2021** | Jack Laverne Bohl (87) of Edmond, Oklahoma passed away February 4, 2021 in Bethany, Oklahoma. Jack was born on November 14, 1933 in Chattanooga, Oklahoma to George Frederick and Medreith Myrtle (Angel) Bohl. He earned a scholarship from Oklahoma A&M in baseball and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agronomy in 1956. Jack was united in marriage to Shirley Jean Williams on February 27, 1954 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on May 1, 2012. He served in the United States Army National Guard. Jack worked as a Soil Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Frederick, Oklahoma for 35 years before retiring in 1989 as District Conservationist. He also farmed in Comanche and Tillman Counties for many years. Jack enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and watching sports. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. He is survived by his children, Rusty Bohl of Flower Mound, Texas, YeVon Gosa (Mike) of Tipton, Oklahoma, Richie Bohl (Susan) of Edmond, Oklahoma and Sherri Green (Tim) of West Lake; eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife Shirley, he was also preceded in death by a granddaughter. |
| **Bollinger** | **2021** | Charles Eugene “Gene” Bollinger (84) of Tulsa, Oklahoma (formerly of Perry, Oklahoma) passed away from multiple health conditions on January 22, 2021. Gene was born to parents John and Rachel Brown Bollinger on April 23, 1936, in Perkins, Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma State University on August 2, 1958. Gene married high school sweetheart Billie Faye Scott on December 20, 1958. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in offices across Oklahoma for 32 years, retiring as Assistant State Conservation Engineer on November 30, 1990. He started a second career as the Program Engineer for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission’s Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation division in 1991 until his retirement in 2009. Gene was a good leader and was always confident about his work. He was always gracious and calm under fire. Gene was a mentor to others regarding construction projects and practices as well as dealing with contractors. He was a true professional in every sense of the word. Gene and Billie lived in Perry, Oklahoma, and enjoyed playing golf, traveling with friends, cheering on the Oklahoma State University Cowboys and spending time with their two daughters and two grandchildren. They remained married until Billie passed away unexpectedly from a brain tumor on April 24, 2008. Gene was a member of the First Baptist Church in Perry and was involved in various civic and professional organizations throughout his life. He lived in Perry until March 2019, when he moved to Tulsa to be near his daughters and grandchildren. Gene is survived by daughters Sherrie Bollinger (Ken Wehmeyer) and Susan Bollinger (Perry Terronez), granddaughter Jordan Henry, grandson Cody Key, all of Tulsa. |

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| **Bouchard** | **2021** | ARCSE Life member Carl Edward Bouchard (80) of Milford, Delaware, passed away November 17, 2021. Carl was born March 19, 1941 in Fort Kent, Maine, the only child of Gilman Leonide Bouchard and Elizabeth (Isabel) Caron. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Maine in Orono. Carl married Janet Louise Gilchrist of Fredericton, New Brunswick Canada in 1966. He did Master's work in Water Resources Engineering. Carl also graduated from the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia and served 4 years in the United States Air Force. He worked as an Extension Agricultural Engineer for the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture in Canada before joining the USDA-Soil Conservation Service serving in Orono, Maine, the Regional Office in Broomall, Pennsylvania and retiring as a Deputy Director of the renamed Natural Resource Conservation Service responsible nationally for water resource and rural development programs in Washington, DC. He spent considerable time collaborating with foreign researchers and water resource leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa, France, and Western Europe. He established the Stormwater program for Fairfax County Virginia serving as its first Director before semi-retiring to Delaware where he designed and built his retirement home for aging in place and practiced as a Professional Engineer. Carl was a Licensed Professional Engineer in several states and was a life member of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He received numerous awards during his career including the USDA Honor Award and one from his peers in establishing the Keep America Growing concept to protect America's working lands. He was recognized as the Young Engineer of the Year for Maine and recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for his leadership. In retirement, Carl returned to his photography hobby and prominently displayed his works at the Mispillion Art League. He was the official photographer for the National Conference of State Societies over a period of 20 years photographing the Cherry Blossom Princesses during Cherry Blossom week in Washington, DC. He is survived by son, Stephen Bouchard of Aldie, Virginia, and daughter Janice Hall (David) of Milford, twin grandsons Nicholas and Andrew Hall and special granddaughter Katya Hall, all of Milford. Internment was at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, Delaware. |
| **Bowers** | **2021** | ARCSE Member Donald Ray Bowers (67) of Indiana, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully at his home on January 22, 2021. He was the son of John William Bowers and Ruth A. (Trimpey) Bowers, born January 18, 1954 in Somerset, Pennsylvania. Don was a 1975 graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. He retired from the US. Department of Agricultural-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 2010. He spent over 35 years serving the farming community with conservation practices. Over his career as a Soil Conservationist and District Conservationist in Pennsylvania he served Washington, Lancaster, Crawford, and Indiana Counties. He was also the brother of ARCSE Member William "Bill" Bowers, retired State Conservation Engineer in Pennsylvania. Don attended Calvary Presbyterian Church, Indiana. Donald's hobbies included fishing, especially fly fishing, fly tying, golfing, wood working, and traveling with his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Susan Bowman Bowers. They were married in Lewistown, PA on August 23, 1975. Don is dearly remembered by his two children Heather Bowers-Wivell (Dennis) of Taneytown, Maryland and Ryan Bowers of Archbald, Pennsylvania, and grandson Garrett Lewis Wivell, his brother William Bowers (MaryAnn) of Enola, Pennsylvania and a brother-in-law Brian Bowman (Ramona) of Springfield, VA. |
| **Bowers** | **2021** | Life ARCSE Member William J. Bowers (73) of Enola, Pennsylvania, passed away November 14, 2021. Bill was born on November 27, 1947, in Somerset, Pennsylvania, son of the late J. William and Ruth A. (Trimpey) Bowers. He went to the Pennsylvania State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1969, where he was a member of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, an honorary, professional society for students and industry professionals in the agriculture and natural resources fields. Bill worked for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for 40 years, holding positions such as Project Engineer, Area Engineer, and State Conservation Engineer. Bill has been a Professional Engineer since 1982. He was honored with an Outstanding Alumnus College of Agricultural Sciences Award in 1999. Bill led the SCS/NRCS Retirees group in Pennsylvania for the past several years. A passion of his life was service to his faith. Bill was a dedicated member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. After retiring in 2008, Bill was able to dedicate himself to one of his true passions, gardening. Bill was in the Penn State Master Gardener Class of 2010 of Cumberland County. He was an active member on numerous committees including the Adams Ricci Butterfly Garden, Allen Road Gardens and Plant Clinic at the Fredricksen Library, as well as made notable past contributions to the Trial & Idea Gardens, Youth Committee programs and Garden Tour. He was also passionate about bluebirds for the last 40 years and was always willing to share information, give presentations, and would often give away bluebird houses. Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Ann (Kauffman), of 52 years, married in Mt Joy on November 23, 1969. He is also survived by his two daughters, Susan Pochet (Marc) of Royersford, Pennsylvania, and Amy Bowers (Casey Williams) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and two grandchildren, Emily Pochet of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Ben Pochet of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church to establish a Prayer Garden or to the Penn State Melanoma and Skin Cancer Center (Att. Teah Batdorf), 500 University Drive CH 74, Hershey, PA 17033. |
| **Braymen** | **2021** | Ralph Melvin Braymen (84) of Shenandoah, Iowa, passed away March 6, 2021, at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, after being life flighted from Shenandoah on March 3. Ralph suffered a devastating brain stem injury as the result of a fall on his tractor. He died as he lived, working outside on his beloved farm. Ralph was born February 3, 1937, in the family home in Morton Township in Page County, Iowa. His parents were the late Bert L. Braymen and Helen Winfrey Braymen. After high school Ralph served in the US Air Force as a Radio Relay Equipment Repairman. On a blind date while serving in the Air Force, Ralph met Judith Carolyn Miller of Glenn Dale, Maryland. They married two years later on January 2, 1960. Ralph and Judy farmed the 160-acre family farm. Ralph also had a 20-year career as a Soil Conservation Technician in southwest Iowa with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service); Surviving Ralph are his wife, Judith; daughter Sybil Sasaki of Fayetteville, North Carolina; son Joel Braymen (Jo Ellen) of El Paso, Texas; daughter Gail Braymen (Don Weber) of Lometa, Texas; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one great-grandchild. |

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| **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 '80sAdditionally, 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: pulmonaryfibrosis.org/. |
| **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** | Beverly Anne (Koegeboehn) Campbell (86) Midlothian, Texas, passed away November 2, 2021 at the Lakewood Assisted Living in Midlothian. She had been the wife of USDA-Soil Conservation Service Conservation Technician Duane E. Campbell, who preceded her in death on June 2, 2010. Duane worked in Manhattan, Kansas before retiring in 1994. Beverly and Duane were married June 10, 1956. She is survived by her son, David Campbell of Dodge City, Kansas; daughters, Linda Campbell of Red Oak, Texas, and Lisa Hogan (Tom) of Cimarron, Kansas; and granddaughters, Abbygail (Logan) Brecheisen and Gretchen Hogan of Denton, Texas. |
| **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. |

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| **Campen** | **2021** | Longtime Earth Team Volunteer Donald Oliver "Spec" Campen, Jr. (101) of Henrico, Virginia, passed away in his home on November 16, 2021, with his daughters by his side. He volunteered in WWII and served in the Army 8th Air Force with the Hells Angels. That began a legacy of community, state and federal service that continued throughout his life. He served as office manager for U.S. Congressman, David E. Satterfield III. He served the Virginia House of Delegates as the Doorkeeper and then as the Sergeant At Arms. He served many Virginia Governors with appointments by Gerald L. Balliles (Board on Commercial Rental and Driving Schools), L. Douglas Wilder (Board of Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Chairman four years), George E. Allen (re-appointed as Chairman four years), Mark R. Warner (Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board, Virginia Scenic Rivers Advisory Committee, Virginia Council for Human Rights), Timothy Kaine (re-appointed to Virginia Council for Human Rights for four years). Spec was chairman of the Henrico County Democratic Committee for nine years. Spec was elected to the Board of Directors Members for the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation Committee (SWCD). Then elected District Director for SWCD and served eight years then elected Area Three Chairman for the Virginia Soil and Water Conservations 47 districts, overall 35 years with Henricopolis. Spec was appointed to the Earth Team and served over 30 years). As the Earth Team's most senior member and longest tenure, Spec helped get the program off the ground! He was involved in conferences like Urban Conservation Initiatives, the Youth Environthon and the Chesapeake Bay's Restoration programs. He received several awards as a Volunteer in the Conservation and Natural Resources areas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian Benton Campen. He is survived by his daughters, Pamela Campen, Donna Denson (Robert Pavkov), Susan Burnette; 5 grandchildren and 5 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. |
| **Cleveland** | **2021** | Ralph Beene Cleveland (96) of Hillsboro, Oregon, passed away of natural causes on May 11th, 2021, in McAllen, Texas, where he was recently residing with his oldest son and his family. Ralph was born in Hillsboro, Texas to Raymond Baker Cleveland and Annie Parryzade Cleveland, (nee Beene), who were both secondary school teachers. After growing up on his family's farm in Garland, Texas, he joined the US Navy during World War II and served as a Radioman. Through a flip of the coin, Ralph was stationed in Florida where he met his future brother-in-law, George Hedlind. During furlough, Ralph celebrated the Christmas season at the Hedlinds' home in Oregon, where he met his future wife, Belle Ann Hedlind. Ralph and Belle were married on June 15, 1949. After graduating from Oregon State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy, Ralph worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until he retired. Much of his career was as a District Conservationist. After retiring, Ralph rediscovered his love for woodworking. He began making canes out of exotic wood. His work was represented at Portland's The Real Mother Goose Craft Gallery for over twenty years. One year, Ralph was honored in Willamette Week's "Best of" edition as "Best Cane Maker." He is survived by his children, Randy Cleveland, Sally Cleveland, Susan Trousdale, and Steven Cleveland; grandchildren, Phoebe Blume, Amelia Cleveland-Strang, Johnny Trousdale, Renee Trousdale, Jeffrey Trousdale, Rachel Trousdale, Joel Trousdale, Haley Cleveland, Caleb Cleveland, and Joshua Cleveland; and twelve great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Belle, in 2019. |
| **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. |
| **Collins** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist and Life ARCSE Member Harlan Gibson Collins (96) of Vancouver, Washington passed away on September 16, 2021. Harlan was born September 19, 1924. While working in Brighton, Colorado, Harlen met a young schoolteacher named Lois Irene Smith. Harlan and Lois were married in Dow City, Iowa in the Methodist Church Aug. 7, 1954. They moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, for the next eight years where Harlan began a career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, and Lois taught in the high school for one year before the birth of their first son, Mark, in 1955. Their two other sons, Greg, and Bruce were born in Rapid City in 1957 and 1960. The family transferred to Kailua, Hawaii in 1962 which they both enjoyed tremendously. The next stop for the family was Portland, Oregon, where they moved in 1967. Harlan was an irrigation engineer at the West National Technical Center in Portland, Oregon for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He retired in 1980. In 1984 they moved across the river to Vancouver. Harlan was preceded in death by his wife Lois 6 months earlier. He is survived by sons, Mark (Cheryl) Collins, Greg Collins, and Bruce (Maureen) Collins, three grandsons and a great granddaughter. |
| **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. |

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| **Cook** | **2021** | Sandra Kay Cook (72) of Lugoff, South Carolina passed away January 9, 2021. Sandra was born in Cumberland, Maryland, the daughter of William Russell Haese and Dorothy Bennett Haese. Mrs. Cook worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and other federal agricultural agencies for over 48 years. She was a member of Lugoff Church of God where she enjoyed going to the senior socials. Mrs. Cook loved spending time with her family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and she loved watching her University of South Carolina Gamecocks and Washington Redskins. She also enjoyed camping, especially at the beach, and boating on Lake Wateree. Surviving are her children, Laura Branham (Mike), Susan Challender (Bob), and Kay Cook; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Ben Cook and children, Dona LeGrand, and Van Cook. |
| **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. |
| **Coulter** | **2021** | David A Coulter (85) of Lancaster, Ohio, passed away December 7, 2021. "Dave" Coulter, son of Vance and Edith Coulter, passed away peacefully on December 7th at the Pickering House-Fairhope Hospice in Lancaster, Ohio after a year-long progression of dementia. David was a graduate of The Ohio State University in 1959 in Agriculture Science. He worked nearly 30 years for the USDA-Soil Conservation as an Area Conservationist. He was best known for his love of art and painting. His favorite works were paintings of barns, famous landmarks and various churches around the Lancaster area. He is survived by his wife Barbara Coulter, three sons Mark, Chris, Vance and daughters Patty and Lesley. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. |
| **Crews** | **2021** | Jack Louis Crews (83) of La Plata, Maryland, passed away January 13, 2021. Jack was born September 5, 1937, to Jesse and Mozelle Crews. Jack was a retired Navy deep sea diver with the rank of chief petty officer. After retiring from the Navy, he spent the next 20 years with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Chief Financial Officer. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in accounting from the University of Maryland. He loved cooking, gardening and served as an elder for Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church. But, most of all, he loved traveling with his wife Judy and spending time with his family. He is preceded in death by his daughter Pam Crews Bray and son Mike Crews. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judy Crews, his children, Randy Crews, Roger Crews (Beverly), Sue Crews Shelor, Matt Crews, Terry Crews, Joe Crews (Lynn) and Steve Crews (Nicole); 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. |
| **Crise** | **2021** | Charlie Crise Jr. (87) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, passed away December 18, 2021, at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Carlisle. Charlie was born October 24, 1934, in Masontown, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Charlie, Sr. and Grace (Beal) Crise. He was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation as a long-time draftsman in the Pennsylvania State Office Engineering Section. Charlie drew countless design drawing and standard detail drawings used in the CO-01, PL-556, RC&D and RAMP programs throughout Pennsylvania. He was also a comedian and prankster who livened up the state office. He is survived by his wife Joan E. (Harris) Crise. Private services will be held. Charlie was a Navy veteran and will be interred at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. |
| **Dankert** | **2021** | Geraldine Rose Dankert (85) of Ida Grove, Iowa, passed away on July 12, 2021, at Odebolt Specialty Care of Odebolt, Iowa. Geraldine was the wife of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service soil scientist Wayne N. Dankert. Geraldine was an accomplished organist lending her talents playing for weddings, funerals, and church services. |
| **Dassel-Stuke** | **2021** | Michael Charles Dassel-Stuke (69) of Seneca, Kansas passed away January 28, 2021, after battling lung cancer, at Advent Health Hospital of Shawnee Mission. Michael was born on November 20, 1951, to Leonard “Bud” and Cecila “Cedar” Marie Lehn Stuke. He attended Highland Community college, achieving his Associate’s Degree, then transferring to Kansas State University in Manhattan. Michael helped on the family farm during his teenage years. After graduating, he purchased a rock truck and went to work for Bennett Trucking in Seneca until 1984. He was a testing supervisor for Landoll for a year, before being employed for 26 years at NRCS (Natural Recourses Conservation Service) as a soil conservation technician, before retiring. Michael and his son, Travis, farmed up until his death. He truly loved farming. Even as his illness progressed, he continued to farm, still driving the combine last fall. Michael married Donna Dassel on July 7, 1985, at Chandler, Indiana. Michael enjoyed farming, music, coyote hunting, and all sports, especially football and NASCAR races. He is survived by his wife, Donna; his mother, Cedar Stuke of Seneca; two sons, Travis (BranDee) Stuke of Seneca and James (Amanda) Stuke of Agency, Missouri; six grandchildren and another on the way. |
| **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. |

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| **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. |
| **DeGroot** | **2021** | **Member Jon Vierling DeGroot** (82) Knoxville, Tennessee, passed away October 22, 2021. He was born to William and Katherine DeGroot on October 22, 1939, and was raised in Falls Church, Virginia. He had a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering. Jon first worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and then as an engineer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was an Assistant State Conservationist when he retired in 1994. He was a member of Farragut Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Golfing, fishing, traveling, and reading were his favorite past-times. He was a consummate engineer and loved to build and fix just about anything. He always helped others by taking people to doctor's appointments, participating in Habitat for Humanity through the Church, and doing small projects for widows. A memorial service was held November 6, 2021, at Farragut Presbyterian Church, 209 Jamestowne Blvd, Knoxville, Tennessee. Burial was in Ironto, Virginia. |
| **Dingle** | **2021** | Beverly T. Dingle (94) of Exeter, New Hampshire, passed away April 9, 2021. Beverly was born July 20, 1926, in Macomb, Illinois, daughter of J. Royal Taylor and Faye (McClintock) Taylor. She held a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa. In 1952 she married ARCSE Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Charles Harlan Dingle. They lived in several Iowa towns. Beverly and Charles moved from Des Moines, Iowa to Durham, New Hampshire in 1961. Charles was an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Iowa and New Hampshire. He served as State Engineer and Assistant State Conservationist. He retired in 1980. Beverly is survived by her beloved husband Charles of 68 years, two loving daughters: Rebecca Brayden (Joe) of South Burlington, Vermont, and Sarah Doyle (Kevin) of Hingham, Massachusetts; four grandchildren Benjamin Brayden, Thomas Brayden, Grace Doyle and George Doyle, as well as four great grandchildren, Callie, Holden and twins Gordon and Everett Brayden. |
| **Dodd** | **2021** | Rose Marie Dodd (82), of Baldwinsville, New York, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on November 5, 2021. Rose was the wife of ARCSE member Paul A. Dodd, retired State Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. She was born in Hilldale, West Virginia, where she was raised and educated. Rose attended Talcott High School where she met Paul, her high school sweetheart, and the love of her life. She had resided in West Virginia, Ohio and Florida before coming to Syracuse in 1975, settling in Liverpool, New York. Rose was employed as a Teacher's Assistant with the Liverpool Central School District in their Early Intervention Program. She was an avid golfer and loved raising her two sons, enjoying being present at all their events growing up. In addition to her husband Paul, Rose is survived by two sons, Douglas (Paula) Dodd of Baldwinsville, New York, and Michael (Kaye) Dodd of Liverpool, New York; four grandchildren; Jeremy Reed (Colleen Fitzgibbons), Lisa Dodd, Sarah Dodd and Andrew Dodd; and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Doehring** | **2021** | Norman D. Doehring (86) of Salina, Kansas passed away March 6, 2021 at home with his family by his side. Norman was born October 21, 1934 to Paul and Gladys Doehring at Hebron, Nebraska. He graduated from the University of Nebraska and served in the US Army. He married Leora L Ritterling on September 6, 1959 and enjoyed 61 years of marriage. He retired in 1994 from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he worked as a soil conservationist, district conservationist, area conservationist and Deputy State Conservationist. Norm is survived by his wife Leora, and 2 sons; Kevin (Suzanne) Doehring of Liberty Missouri and Craig Doehring of Flower Mound, Texas, and four grandchildren: BreeAnne (Andy) Doehring, Brenna Doehring, Alex Doehring, and Josh Doehring. |
| **Dompier** | **2021** | Lenn Dompier (96) of Spokane, Washington (formerly of Davenport, Washington), passed away November 24, 2021. Lenn was born August 1, 1925, in his grandparents' farmhouse in Mabton, Washington in the Yakima Valley. He served his country in the Navy during WWII, stationed for 19 months in the South Pacific. Following the war, Lenn attended Washington State College, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Soil Science in 1950. During his college years, he met and married Fran McDonald. Lenn worked for 31 years for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. His job locations took the family to Washington communities of Walla Walla, Dayton, Pomeroy, Cheney, Colville, and finally to Davenport where he served as the District Conservationist for many years. After his retirement, he drove a school bus for the Davenport School District for six years. Davenport was home to Lenn and Fran for over 50 years where they were involved in many community organizations. Lenn was an ardent and competitive runner, winning many road race awards in his age group. Survivors include his children David (Cathy) of Puyallup, Washington, Greg (Kathy) of Spokane and Ann (Craig) Sweat of Spokane; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Fran |

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| **Dorsey** | **2021** | Pat Dorsey (97) of Lubbock, Texas, passed away September 7, 2021, in Gunnison, Colorado. Pat was born October 29, 1923, to Oma and Harry Thorpe in Cleveland, Ohio. She was raised by her grandparents in Ohio. She met her husband-to-be, Dixon Bowman (Doc) Dorsey during World War II, and they married on April 1, 1943. After the war, they moved to Lubbock where Pat was welcomed into Doc's large family. There were three girls born to this union, Sherry Henley, Carrol Reese, and Linda Chambliss. Pat retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. She and Doc were active charter members and youth sponsors of St. Luke's Methodist Church. She was a Campfire Girls leader, and she volunteered at Covenant Hospital. Pat was a good friend and neighbor, and she had a wonderful sense of humor. She was an artist and a ceramist, loved to crochet, needlepoint, and find cool rocks. Pat was predeceased by her husband and two sons-in-law, Larry Henley, and Pete Reese. She is survived by her three girls, Sherry of Battleground, Washington, Carrol of Bonham, Texas, and Linda (Bill) of Gunnison, Colorado, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. |
| **Felder** | **2021** | Anthony John Felder (92) of Okeene, Oklahoma, passed away June 24th, 2021. Anthony was born August 5th, 1928, to John D. and Velma (Biggs) Felder. He married the love of his life, Dorothy "Jewel" Armstrong on August 10th, 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. |
| **Fetterer** | **2021** | Honorary ARCSE Member Dominic "Dom" Fetterer (93) of Southport, North Carolina passed away on April 14, 2021. Dom was born December 11, 1927, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to the late Benedict and Eleanore Fetterer. Dom was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served in Japan and China during World War II and in Hawaii during the Korean Conflict as an aerial photographer and staff photographer for the commander of the Pacific Fleet. He retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1983 after 36 years of service. After his retirement, he worked as a real estate appraiser in Northern Virginia. In December of 1989 he and his wife Arlyne moved to Southport, North Carolina. He was an avid woodworker and crafted and provided his works to the local community. Dom served on the founding board of Habitat for Humanity in Brunswick County and volunteered with the Southport - Oak Island Interchurch Food Pantry. Throughout his life, he lived in many areas, and was always active in many civic organizations, his local parish, and the Knights of Columbus. At Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southport, he served on the finance council and was head usher. Dom served as National Association of Retired Federal Employees at the state and local level as financial officer for many years. At the time of his death, Dom was survived by his wife of 69 years, Arlyne Fetterer. She passed away 11 weeks later on July 5, 2021. Dom and Arlyne are survived by six children, Kathryn Matthews (Dave), Thomas Fetterer (Florence), James Fetterer (Linda), Ann O'Hagan (Michael), Lynn Ruiz (Steve), and George Fetterer (Azita); eight grandchildren, David, Kelly, Joseph, Stuart, Christopher, Lydia, Isabelle, and Eleanor; and three great-grandchildren, Avery, Eli, and Aspen. |
| **Finch** | **2021** | Honorary ARCSE Member Clarence Uberto Finch (95) of Fresno, California, passed away peacefully, after a short illness, at Nazareth House Fresno on February 9, 2021 surrounded by family. Clarence was born in Hanford, California on August 23, 1925 to Rose and Bert Finch. He joined the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, where he trained as a flight engineer on B-29 Bombers. His military career was cut short when he contracted tuberculosis and was hospitalized. He spent the next five years in and out of hospitals until his disease was finally in remission. Clarence attended Fresno State College, where he met and married his college sweetheart, Joyce Jones on August 16, 1952. He graduated in 1953 with a degree in agronomy. He then took a position with the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He traveled the State of California as an area agronomist assisting farmers with soil erosion and water conservation problems for the next 38 years. After retirement in 1988, he embarked on a second career as an Earth Team volunteer with the SCS, which became the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and consulted on several experimental projects on the Westside of the San Joaquin Valley of California. After his second retirement, Joyce and Clarence traveled from Alaska to the eastern seaboard. They also enjoyed time working and relaxing on their mountain timber ranch and spending time with their children. Clarence was a member of the American Legion, The Knights of Columbus, and the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Clarence will be remembered as a man who lived his faith. His priorities God, family and career remained constant throughout his life. The family would like to thank the Sisters and the entire staff of Fresno Nazareth House for all their help and excellent care provided. Clarence was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 52 years, Joyce Finch. He is survived by his son Stephen Finch of Cambria, California, and his daughter Susan (Thurley) Heintz of Pinehurst California. A memorial service celebrating Clarence's life will be scheduled when gathering is permitted. Remembrances may be made to the Nazareth House, 2121 N First Street, Fresno, CA 93703. |
| **Flattery** | **2021** | Robert "Bob" Wendell Flattery (95) of Leon, Kansas, passed away December 20, 2021. Bob was born on April 3, 1926, in Wichita, Kansas to James and Rose (Houser) Flattery. Bob worked hard on his family's farm during his childhood, especially spending time herding the cows to the Johnnie Mack Bridge. He began working for Boeing, installing fuel cells in the wings of B52 Bombers. Bob then went on to serve his country very proudly during World War II in the Army Air Corps. He completed his basic training in North Carolina and served in France during the war. He was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon and the Army Occupational Medal. In 1947 he met and married the love of his life, Dorothy Sphar. He spent a few years working at Coleman and then Beechcraft and then went on to become a surveyor for the USDA-SCS. He retired in 1991 as a Construction Inspector in the Strong City Watershed Project Office. When he wasn't working, defending his country, or spending time with his family, Bob enjoyed gardening and really loved to work on vehicles. Bob is survived by his wife, Dorothy Flattery; children, Carey (Vincent) McClellan and LuAnne (Mark) Lucas; grandchildren, Candace (Zeb) LaClef, Christopher McClellan, Adam Orr, Tobi Delaney, Jett Lucas and Jayde Lucas. |

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| **Flicek** | **2021** | Marcell S. Flicek (93) formerly of Grafton, North Dakota, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2021, at the St. Vincent Living Center in Bismarck, North Dakota. Marcell worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Mahnomen, Minnesota, and later as a technician with the SCS in Grafton, North Dakota, developing the Three River Drainage Project. He retired from the SCS on June 3, 1988, then worked another eleven years for the Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District. Marcell became known as the "Tree Man" and received an award in 1999 for planting the most trees in the State of North Dakota. Marcell is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marlene; children, Joy (Allen) Zidon, of Pisek, North Dakota, Todd (Amy) Flicek, and Becky (Tim) Paul, both of Bismarck, North Dakota, Doug Flicek of Fargo, North Dakota, along with eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter-in-law Cindy (Wegscheid) Flicek and daughter Mitsy Knoll. |
| **Flock** | **2021** | Phillip Wayne Flock (73) of Madison, Kansas, passed away peacefully at his home on March 3, 2021, with his wife of 51 years by his side. Phillip was born May 4, 1947, in Eureka, Kansas, the son of Virgil Wayne and Phyllis Orvilla (Totland) Flock. He received an associate degree in Welding from Butler County Community College. In May 1968, Phillip joined the Army National Guard and served on active duty with the 69th Infantry Brigade from May 1968 thru August 1969 at Fort Carson, Colorado. He met his future wife, Carol Ann Storrer through 4-H, and they were united in marriage February 15, 1970. In 1980 they purchased Carol Ann's family farm, where they continued to live. Early in his career Phillip worked for Hesston Manufacturing, Stephens Dairy, as a ranch hand for his aunt, Gladys Totland, and then for the USDA-National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) where he worked as a soil conservation technician. He spent his entire life being a wonderful steward of the land and livestock that God blessed him with. Phillip worked tirelessly to improve his home place and planting all the pasture ground back to native grass. Phillip and Carol Ann won the Farm Family of the Year in 2008. He was a Greenwood County Farm Bureau Member and Board member; Kansas Farm Bureau member, serving on several statewide committees; KLA member; past Greenwood County Cattlemen's President; Eureka Jaycees; Young Farmers and Ranchers; and Greenwood County Fair Board. He supported 4-H activities his entire life. He was a member of the Central Christian Church of Madison, Kansas, where he served as a Deacon. Phillip is survived by his wife, Carol Ann; daughters: Erin (Reece) Laurie of Ottawa, Kansas; and Joanna (Darin) Mason of Hamilton, Kansas; four grandchildren: Wayne Laurie, Ryan Laurie, Lydia Mason, and Elias Mason; and great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Laurie. |
| **Ford** | **2021** | Charles Bradford Ford, Jr., (89) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away on May 20, 2021. He was born on November 11, 1931. Charles retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he was an Information Specialist (Photographer) at the Northeast National Technology Center. He was the beloved husband of the late Barbara Kay Ford (nee Dorsey), who passed away in 2019. He is survived by his children Pamela (LeRoy) and Charles III; grandchildren Cameron, Brandon, ChiAyrsh (Matthew), Briana and CaiAyhn. A Memorial Service was held June 5, 2021, at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd located at 654 Church Lane, Yeadon, Pennsylvania. |
| **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. |
| **Foutz** | **2021** | Billy Lee Foutz (91) of Lenoir, North Carolina, passed away February 27, 2021, at Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care in Hudson, North Carolina. Billy was born in Rowan County on February 5, 1930 to the late Roy Pressley and Lillian Honeycutt Foutz. Billy graduated from North Carolina State University Class of 1952 where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Agronomy. In 1952 Billy married Zelma Plaster. Billy was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954 as a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. Upon his return from the war, he would go on to have a successful 30-plus year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He served as the District Conservationist in Lenoir for many years. He was a devoted husband, father, papaw, and great-papaw. Billy was known to have a green thumb. He had a live-cut Christmas tree farm in Rowan County long before tree farms became popular. He kept a huge vegetable garden even into his retirement as well as a beautiful flower garden at his home in Lenoir. Billy also was strong in his faith and a member of St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Lenoir. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 68 years, Zelma Plaster Foutz; his three sons, Richard (Denise), Tim (Karen), and Joe (Susan); four grandchildren, Alexandria Swerbinsky (Michael), James Foutz (Taylor Baxley), Rachel Foutz (Hunter Shore), and Ben Foutz; and two great-grandsons, Henry and Sam Swerbinsky. Graveside Services with Military Honors were held on March 2, 2021 at Concordia Lutheran Church Cemetery in China Grove, North Carolina. |
| **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. |

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| **Garrison** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Amos I. Garrison (96) of Boise, Idaho, passed away November 6, 2021.at his home. Amos was born on January 16, 1925, in Mt. Pleasant, Ohio to Amos I. Garrison and Lillie D. (Adams) Garrison. In 1943 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He graduated flight school and piloted B-25 medium bombers. After World War II he remained in the Air Force Reserves until 1949. On June 11, 1949, he married the love of his life: Ruth Bumgarner in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio State University in 1949 and was employed by the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His first posting was in Marietta, Ohio as a soil conservationist. He received many advancements which required moves to Fremont, Ohio; Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; Bozeman, Montana; Denver, Colorado; and Boise, Idaho where he was the State Conservationist. He retired in 1980 and lived the remainder of his life in Boise. Amos loved flying and piloted his own planes into to his 90s. He was an avid member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and frequently flew to Wisconsin to attend their annual convention. In retirement he helped build an experimental airplane which was shown at the EAA convention in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was a member of Cathedral of the Rockies for 45 years and loved singing with the Cathedral Choir until three years ago. He and Ruth loved music and theater and had season passes for the Boise Philharmonic, Boise Baroque, and Boise Little Theater for many years. In April of 2021, Amos was placed on hospice due to congestive heart failure and was cared for at home by family and the loving, dedicated healers of St. Luke's Hospice. Amos is survived by his wife Ruth, son Paul (Gale) Garrison, of Stoughton, Wisconsin; daughter Carol Garrison (Nicole Leonard), of Boise, Idaho; grandchildren Jackson Garrison, of Montgomery, Alabama; Leah Garrison, of Madison, Wisconsin. A memorial service was held at the Cathedral of the Rockies, 717 N. 11th St., Boise, Idaho on November 18, 2021. |
| **Garrison** | **2021** | Wilmer Lloyd Garrison (85) of Duncan, Oklahoma passed away at his home on January 21, 2021. He was born September 8, 1935 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Wilmer P. and Mary A. (Peters) Garrison. Following high school, Lloyd proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1958 when he was honorably discharged. He was a farmer at heart, although he worked as a dam inspector for the USDA-Soil Conservation office in Marlow. Lloyd also was a rental property manager. He loved being on his farm and attending cattle sales. Services with military honors were held January 27 at Whitt Funeral Home Chapel with Ron Stough, Eastside Church of Christ minister, officiating. He was preceded in death by his ex-wife, Jean Garrison. Lloyd is survived by his children: Donna Sue Foley of Newalla, Oklahoma; Vickie Morgan of Oklahoma City; James Ray Embree of Duncan; 1 grandchild; and 3 great-grandchildren. |
| **George** | **2021** | Life and Honorary ARCSE member Gerald “Jerry” George (93) of Oregon City, Oregon, passed away March 13, 2021. He was born in Canton, Oklahoma, to Clarence and Jessie (Goodman) George He moved to Vale, Oregon in 1936 with his family. Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1946 and was stationed at Riverside, California and San Antonio, Texas until 1949. After he was honorably discharged from the military, he spent a year doing farm work and was recalled back to the military in 1951. He served in Japan and Korea for two years and was honorably discharged, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After returning from his service in 1954, he met his wife, Bonnie. They got married in 1955 and together they raised four children. Jerry continued his education, earning a bachelor’s degree from Oregon State University in 1957 and began his career as a Civil Engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He and his family lived in numerous cities across the State of Oregon throughout his career. He retired in 1983. Jerry enjoyed traveling and spending time outdoors, fishing, hunting and camping. He also was a member of the VFW, American Legion, The Grange, National Rifle Association and many other organizations. Gerald is survived by his wife, Bonnie; children, Clarence, Jerry, Roy and Vija; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. |
| **Gibson** | **2021** | Gerald "Hoot" Naylor Gibson (87) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away on March 14, 2021. Gerald was born in Iowa. He attended Wesleyan College, Lincoln, Nebraska where he played on the football team and pitched for the baseball team. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) Soil Mechanics Lab in Lincoln, Nebraska while working on his Engineering degree at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. Hoot was a Project Engineer for SCS for many years. Part of this time was spent as a project engineer in McCook, Nebraska. In the mid-80s he transferred to the Midwest National Technical Center. Then he transferred to the NRCS State Office as a Design Engineer. After retiring from NRCS, Hoot had a second career working for the State of Nebraska in the Natural Resources Department as an engineer. Hoot was a long-time member of the National Guard. A long-time Mason and Sesotris Shriner where he was a member of the Legion of Honor. He enjoyed woodworking, bridge, cross word puzzles and working on his yard. All the dogs in the neighborhood knew Hoot and Ellen and would stop by for water and treats. Hoot is survived by his wife Ellen, daughter, Leah (Joe), a grandson Tim, and a great-granddaughter he was able to meet and hold before his death. Memorials suggested to the Sesostris Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation |
| **Giessler** | **2021** | Martha Jo Giessler (87) of Faith, North Carolina, passed away November 17, 2021, in Santee, South Carolina. Martha Jo was the wife of Senior Conservationist and Life ARCSE Member Randall W. Giessler who retired in 1990 and served as State Conservationist in Kentucky, and before that Area Conservationist in Charlotte, North Carolina, for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Martha Jo and Randall were married November 8, 1953. Martha Jo was the ultimate home maker. She was a welcoming host to many friends and family no matter which of their 22 homes she was living in at the time. She provided comfort to her family and especially to her husband, Randall for 68 years. She had a keen sense of humor and did not hesitate to enter debate or provide her own unique opinion on important matters - family or otherwise. |
| **Gillespie** | **2021** | Morris Sullins Gillespie (93) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away on February 21, 2021. Morris was born February 7, 1928, in Parrottsville, Tennessee. He attended the University of Tennessee where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. Following college, Morris served four years in the U.S. Air Force in the Veterinary Corps. After his military service, Morris returned to the University of Tennessee and earned his Master's degree in Agronomy. In 1956, he began a career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service as the Work Unit Conservationist (later District Conservationist) in Hamblen County, Tennessee. In 1969, he moved to Auburn, Alabama, as Public Information Officer with the Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service. He retired in 1994. Morris was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. In Auburn, he was an active member of the Auburn United Methodist Church, Osher Lifelong Learners Institute (OLLI) and the Kiwanis Club of Auburn. Morris is survived by his wife of 60 years, Geraldine Flowers Gillespie, and his children: Sharon Gillespie Williams (Bryan) of Olive Branch, Mississippi; Jeffrey Gillespie (Michelle) of Arlington, Virginia; Linda Gillespie of Auburn, Alabama; and Kathy Gillespie Humphrey (Larry) of Opelika, Alabama, and six grandchildren. A family graveside service was held at the Town Creek Cemetery in Auburn, Alabama. |

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| **Gillette** | **2021** | Deborah Ann Gillette (70) of Farmington, New York passed away January 31, 2021 due to complications of COVID-19. She was the wife of former Natural Resources Conservation Service Resource Conservationist Douglas Gillette. Deborah was born on November 9, 1950 in Rochester, New York, the daughter of Henry and Lois O'Boyle. Deborah entered Eastside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in April of 2018. Before this she had entered Strong Memorial Hospital for cancer treatment that was successfully remediated. Other health complications prevented Deborah from coming home. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, Doug was able to speak by phone with Deborah but not able to visit her in the nursing home for several months. But he was grateful that he could comfort her in the final hours. Surviving is her mother, son Aaron, and husband Douglas. |
| **Gillkeson** | **2021** | Velda Jean Gilkeson (76) of Dayton, Virginia passed away March 5, 2021 at Bridgewater Retirement Community. Velda was the wife of ARCSE member and retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service Area Conservationist Ronald “Ron” Gilkinson. Velda was born July 5, 1944 at Franklin, West Virginia and was the daughter of the late Russell Propst and Verna Hammer Propst. On December 23, 1964, she married Ron, and the happy couple lived in Morgantown, West Virginia, where she worked at the West Virginia University Agriculture School while Ron completed college. Over the years, Ron’s job took them many places in West Virginia, including Point Pleasant, Sistersville, Keyser, Princeton and Philippi, and Velda held part-time jobs in those locations. After Ron’s retirement, they moved to the Shenandoah Valley in the fall of 1996, and Velda enjoyed working as a food demonstrator at Costco until failing health. She was incredibly talented at sewing, quilting, and baking, and had a special passion for oil painting, which she continued to enjoy until her death. She attended Victory Fellowship Church at Dayton, Virginia. In addition to her husband, survivors include one son, Darren Gilkeson (Carissa) of Dayton, Virginia; and one grandson Todd M. Gilkeson of Aurora, Colorado. A son, Lance Gilkeson (1977–1993) preceded her in death. A private graveside service and interment was held at Fairview Cemetery at Fort Seybert, WV with Pastor Jared Link officiating. Memorials may be made to Victory Fellowship Church, P. O. Box 326, Dayton, Virginia 22821; Church of the Nazarene, 1871 Boyers Road, Rockingham, Virginia 22801 or a charity of choice. |
| **Googins** | **2021** | Richard “Dick” Googins (95) of Mechanicsville, Virginia, passed away peacefully at Lakewood Retirement Community in Richmond, Virginia on January 18, 2021. Dick was born in Kansas on November 23, 1925. He served in the Navy in WWII. He graduated from University of Maryland specializing in soil science. Upon graduation, Dick lived with his family on a farm in Kansas before joining the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist. He retired as the State Soil Scientist for Virginia. Dick married Mary Ann in 1982 and lived in Hanover, VA as well as multiple cities in Oregon, before returning to Virginia. Dick enjoyed the outdoors, to include pulling weeds, rock hounding, archeology digs, and cross country skiing. Dick is survived by his wife of 38 years, Mary Ann Gill Googins; children Richard Googins, Christine (Bob) Scott, Dan (Kim) Googins, and Nancy (Bruce) Downs; step children Laura (Richard) Wingold and Bryan (Tracey) Wingold; and grandchildren Rachel Shields, Ruthie Taylor, Christopher Downs, Blaise Wingold, Maya Wingold and Sean Wingold; and five great grandchildren. |
| **Haderlie** | **2021** | Bernice Merrill Haderlie (90) of Logan, Utah, passed away peacefully March 3, 2021, at her home. Bernice was the beloved wife of ARCSE Member Van K. Haderlie, who passed away in 2014. Van was a World War II veteran who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), retiring in 1984 as the State Conservationist in Bozeman, Montana. Bernice attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho and Utah State Agricultural College where she met and fell in love with Van. They were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on March 28, 1952. Van's career with the SCS led them to many wonderful places where they found so many friends. Their journey took them to Montana, Nevada, Texas, back to Montana, 2 years in Indonesia, and finally back to Logan. Along the way they added eight children to their family. Bernice delighted in education, both as a student and as a teacher. Her college studies were interrupted several times by family obligations, but she persisted until she received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Northern Montana College in 1971, followed by a Master of Education from Montana State University in 1981. |
| **Harrison** | **2021** | Ronald Deane Harrison (92) of Hyrum, Utah, passed away on October 16, 2021, at his home. Deane was born in Malad, Idaho on July 5, 1929 to Lily Rosenberg and Jesse Dredge Harrison. Deane boxed at Brigham Young University, served a mission to Western Canada, then earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Utah State University and a Master of Science degree from Colorado State University in Range Management. He married Dorothy Ruth Chambers in the Logan Temple on December 20, 1952. During the 66 years they were married, they lived in many places in Utah and around the world while he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He became the State Resource Conservationist for Utah, retiring in 1992. Deane was dedicated to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served it in many roles. He was preceded in death by infant daughter, Tamera Harrison and wife Ruth Harrison. Among his survivors are his children: Ruth Petersen (Phil), Renate Brunsvik (Fred), Ron Harrison, Roger Harrison (Carole), Richard Harrison (Kim), and Reid Harrison (Cyndi). Funeral Services were held October 22, 2021 at the Hyrum, Utah 6th Ward Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Hyrum City Library or the Humanitarian Fund through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. |
| **Harrison** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist Henry F. Harrison (101) of Demopolis, Alabama passed away January 20, 2021. He was born on January 25, 1919, in Jasper, Arkansas to Austin Harrison and Mauda Phillips Harrison. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a District Conservationist. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Velma Jean Nichols; and his sons Donald Harrison and James Harrison. He is survived by his wife, Helen Lewis Bradford, his daughter Sandra Buck, and his stepson, Henri Bradford. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Graveside were held at the Demopolis Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Rev. Bill Elwood officiating and Kirk Funeral Homes, Demopolis Chapel directing. |
| **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. |

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| **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. |
| **Henry** | **2021** | Life ARCSE Member Donald S. Henry (90) of Winchester, Kentucky passed away March 25, 2021. He was born November 14, 1930 in Benham, Kentucky to Lewis C. and Effie (Smith) Henry. He was a US Navy Veteran that circled the globe twice while serving. He began his career as a soil scientist for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service and retired as a plant materials specialist in 1989 while working in the Kentucky State Office. He is survived by his wife Marjorie Whitley, sons Darren M. and David N. Henry; daughter Donna A. Long; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by the mother of his children, Doris Lee Collins Henry. Services were held March 29, 2021 at First Baptist Church, 32 E. Lexington Ave, Winchester at 1:30pm with Don Burkhead and Tony Stang officiating. |
| **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. |
| **Hinkston** | **2021** | Aaron Hinkston, Jr. (73) of Alexandra, Louisiana, passed away October 30, 2021, at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria. He was born to the Aaron, Sr. and Gustina Hinkston in Los Angeles, California on July 7, 1948. He was reared by his maternal grandparents, Columbus and Julia Allen in Wildsville, Louisiana. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 1970 from Southern University and then a master's degree from Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. He married Brenda Crayton on June 7, 1970. Aaron gained employment with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (formally Soil Conservation Service) as an agricultural economist, where he retired after 33 years of faithful and dedicated service. Aaron was a faithful member Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. At the time of his passing, he was serving in the church as Deacon Board chair, Sunday School superintendent, and Building & Planning Committee chair. He was also co-director of the United Educational Missionary Baptist Association's Brotherhood Department. Aaron was preceded in death by his daughter Marcia. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Brenda; his son, Aaron III (J'Mella) of Houston, Texas; granddaughter, Keisha of Ruston, Louisiana; grandson, Aaron Jamil of Houston, Texas and unborn granddaughter, Aubrey Michele; "adopted" daughter and granddaughter, Michelle Duncan and Kendra Griffin of Jonesville, LA. |
| **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. |
| **Hochhalter** | **2021** | Former NRCS employee Kelly Lynn Hochhalter (51)) of Bismarck, North Dakota, passed away December 13, 2021. She was born January 1, 1970, in Bismarck to Robert "Bob" Couch and Roxi Couch Polzin. Kelly was a graduate of the University of Mary in Bismarck. During her career she worked at University of North Dakota Family Practice Center, NRCS, and CenturyLink. She is survived by her son, Tylan "Ty" Hochhalter, of Fargo, North Dakota; her father, Robert "Bob" (Sharon Nastrom) Couch; her-and a special friend, Dave Delzer, of Bismarck. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael "Mike" Hochhalter; mother, Roxi Couch Polzin; and stepfather, David Polzin. |
| **Huneycutt** | **2021** | Robert Carl "Bob" Huneycutt (87) passed away peacefully on his birthday, January 9, 2021 in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he had lived since 1972. He was enjoying his new home in Legacy Village, a local retirement community. Bob (also known as "Carl" by his parents and siblings) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. and Edna V. (Crossley) Huneycutt on January 9, 1934 in Sparkman, Arkansas. After high school Bob joined the US Air Force and became an Airman Second Class serving as an Aircraft Electrical Systems Instructor during the Korean War. After graduating from the University of Arkansas in 1958, his entire professional career was devoted to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Bob retired at age 55 from his position as the SCS State Administrative Officer for Oklahoma in 1988. After retiring, he became an accomplished investment counselor, actively leading and participating in both The Emeriti and Dollars & Sense Investment Clubs. He was a pilot and loved family history, American history, and fishing. He was active in First United Methodist Church in Stillwater. He was preceded in death by his former spouse and loving mother of his sons, Willene Kroutil, and his oldest son Greg Huneycutt. Bob is survived by his devoted friend and cherished companion, Tana Rutan; sons Tim (Sherri) Huneycutt of Perry, Oklahoma, Stan (Christy) Huneycutt of Atlanta, Georgia, and Russell (Leann) Huneycutt of Owasso, Oklahoma; and grandchildren McKenzie, of San Antonio, Texas, Alex (Sierra), of Kansas City, Kansas, and Chloe' Huneycutt, of Atlanta Georgia. |

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| **Hutton** | **2021** | Shirley Jean Hutton (90) of Jackson, Missouri, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family on March 29, 2021. She was born April 4, 1930 in Chillicothe, Missouri the daughter of Clyde Glenwood and Margaret Mary Gall Finney. She married Dr. Walter William Hutton May 24, 1952 in Kirksville, Missouri. He passed away July 31, 2003. Shirley was a 1948 graduate of Linneus High School (class of eight people). She then attended Kirksville Teacher's College for three years. In 1951 she moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and worked for the FBI office. In 1952 she worked at the hospital in Moberly, Missouri while Walter interned; 1953 she and Walter moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada before moving to Keytesville, Missouri in 1955; She and Walter moved to Jackson in 1956 and in 1957 she went to work for Corp of Engineers while the flood wall in Cape was being built; In 1964 she started 25 year career with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1989 as Area Clerk in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Shirley was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. She is survived by her children; Michael (Linda) Finney of New Hope, Minnesota; Susie (Doug) Buttery of Granby, Colorado; Kathy (Breck Tucker) Finney of Hannibal, Missouri; Patrick (Dawn) Finney of Columbia, Missouri; Eric (Martha) Venable, Jessica (Darin) Teague; and Isaac (Brook) Venable all of Jackson; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband Walter of 51 years, Shirley was preceded in death by three sons, William Kirt Hutton, Scott Glenwood Hutton, and Evan Lee Hutton. |
| **Jacobson** | **2021** | Erling T. Jacobson (91) of Fargo, North Dakota, passed away peacefully on December 1, 2021, at the Bethany Retirement Living in Fargo. Erling was born at home in Brandt Township, Deuel County, South Dakota on February 8, 1930, to Haakon and Nora (Bjerke) Jacobson. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on July 9, 1952. In the spring of 1955 at Camp Desert Rock, Nevada, he watched "Operation Big Shot," the last above-ground atomic bomb test. The classic mushroom-shaped cloud remained etched in his memory. He was honorably discharged on June 4, 1955. Erling graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Agriculture with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Soil Science and a minor in Agronomy. On August 30, 1959, he married Lois Jean Braaten in Rugby, North Dakota. In April 1961 Erling was hired as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Redfield, South dakota. He later worked at the Elsberry Missouri Plant Materials Center, in Missouri. Then was manager of the Plant Materials Center in Manhattan, Kansas. In April 1975 he became the Field Plant Materials Specialist at Bismarck, North Dakota. In December 1984 he became the Regional Plant Materials Specialist in Lincoln, Nebraska providing technical assistance and training to ten Midwest states. Erling retired on January 4, 1994. Erling was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church and was very proud of his Norwegian heritage. Erling is survived by Lois, his wife of 62 years, children Linda (Gary) Schauer, Jon (Marcia Lemmon) Jacobson, and Nancy (Brian) Bruns; grandchildren Christy (Greg) Tehven, Eric (fiancée Leah Alsaker) Schauer, Riley Bruns and Hailey (Franklin) Childress; and three great-grandchildren Harpe. |
| **Johnson** | **2021** | Life Member of ARCSE and retired Chief of the USDA-SCS/NRCS, Paul W. Johnson (79) of Decorah, Iowa, passed away February 15, 2021. The full obituary can be viewed on Fjelstul Funeral Home's website: https://www.fjelstul.com/obituary/paul-johnson. Paul was born in Oakland, California on June 10, 1941 to Wallace Johnson (a minister) and Rachel Oslund (a homemaker) and grew up in Beresford, South Dakota and Oak Lawn, Illinois. Paul left the Illinois Institute of Aviation to join one of the very first Peace Corps groups in 1962 and served in Ghana. By the time he returned to the United States two years later, he had heard the call of the wild and began studying at the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources, where he would eventually earn his master's degree in forestry. To support himself, he interviewed to wash dishes for a group of women at the International House dormitory. The dorm director, Pat, who was also just back from the Peace Corps in the Philippines, judged his housekeeping skills adequate enough to marry him in 1965. After a stint in the US Forest Service, Paul and Pat returned to Africa, with both teaching at Ghana's School of Forestry in Sunyani while Pat birthed their first child, Eric Kweku, in Berekum. After doctoral studies took them to Costa Rica, they returned to the University of Michigan and used its library to divine that the best place in the world to live is The Driftless Area of southwestern Wisconsin. When the right farm became available in Winneshiek County in 1974, friends and family pitched in to help them make the down payment. Paul milked Jerseys, while Pat taught social work, taking a year off to manage Luther College's study-abroad program in Nottingham in 1981. While they coaxed from the land a variety of flora and fauna—Christmas trees, soybeans, sweet corn, grapes, apples, eggs, lambs, and trees (everywhere!)—when asked what they raised on the farm, Paul's reply was always "kids!" Paul became involved in politics and served three Iowa House terms where he led bipartisan support for groundbreaking sustainable agriculture and conservation legislation. Landmark achievements of Paul and his colleagues included the 1987 Groundwater Protection Act (including creation of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at ISU); the 1989 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Act; and the 1990 Iowa Energy Act. That work gained national attention, resulting in Paul's 1988 invitation to join the National Academy of Sciences' Board on Agriculture and then to President Bill Clinton appointing him in 1994 to run the 13,000-employee Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Washington, DC. He reinvigorated the agency's culture, thanked employees continually for serving the nation's farmers and ranchers, and appointed many women and minorities to positions of leadership. He worked with colleagues to rename the SCS the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and reminded all that the agency's mission included the entire community: soil, water, air, plants, animals, and humans (SWAPA+H!). During his tenure, NRCS programs became more holistic, including the flagship Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the National Conservation Buffer Initiative. In the landmark publication "Geography of Hope," Paul called on Americans to understand the nation's working lands as the foundation of our economic and environmental health. After leaving the NRCS, Paul ran the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for Governor Vilsack in the early 2000s. After an unsuccessful run for the US House of Representatives in 2004, he retired to Decorah to share his experiences and networks by advising and mentoring environmental advocates and policymakers throughout the US, serving on various boards and commissions, giving inspiring speeches, writing book introductions and editorials, visiting his kids in Nicaragua, Sweden, France, China, and Australia, and watching his six granddaughters grow. In his later years he enjoyed weaving music into his essays for progressive Iowa "town hall" web site, Bleeding Heartland. Paul is survived by his wife, their three children—Eric (Brenda Horrigan) in Sydney, Australia, Andy (Emily Young) on the farm outside of Decorah, and Annika in Gothenburg, Sweden; six granddaughters: Alissa (New York) and Kiara (Carleton College); Helen (Vassar College), Leila, and Elsa (Decorah); and Linnea (Luther). |

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| **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. |
| **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. |
| **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. |
| **Kuck** | **2021** | ARCSE Member Michael Daniel Kuck (72) of Brookings, South Dakota, passed away January 13, 2021, after a 17-year battle with Melanoma. Mike was born January 26, 1948, the third son of Leonard and Bessie (Logue) Kuck. In 1970 Mike graduated from South Dakota State University (SDSU) with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. While attending college Mike met Lelonnie “Lonnie” Bender and they were married September 12, 1970. After graduation from SDSU, Mike went to work as a field engineer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS), later called Natural Resources Conservation Service. During his career he worked in Mobridge, Gettysburg, Bison, and then back to Mobridge. The family then moved to Brookings where Mike was the Area Engineer. Mike returned to SDSU in 1994 and in 1996 received a master’s degree in industrial management with environmental emphasis. Mike served for 23 years in the South Dakota National Guard. While in the Guard, Mike held various positions including Commander of the 211th Engineering Bridge Building Company, Operations Officer for the 109th Battalion, Intelligence Officer for the 109th Engineer Group and Operations Officer for the 5043rd USAR School. He retired in 1993 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Mike was active in various ways at St Thomas More Parish. An avid sportsman, Mike enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mike was a skilled wood worker. He built cedar chests for family members and a cradle and highchair for his grandson, Owen, and many other items for family and friends. Mike is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lonnie; children, Jennifer Kuck, Aurora, South Dakota; Paul Kuck (Brandi Cook), Milwaukie, Oregon; and grandson, Owen Kuck. |
| **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. |

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| **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 pursed 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. |
| **Lipps** | **2021** | David Lee Lipps (93) of Gloucester, Virginia, passed away on February 21, 2021 in Gloucester. David was born January 26, 1928 in Aldie, Virginia, he was the 6th of 9 children born to Elbert Bullitt Lipps and Sue Mae Kirk. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1952. A Korean War Veteran, he served his country as a medic during the conflict. In 1964, David married Elizabeth Ford Johnson in Falls Church, Virginia. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, first in Loudoun County, Virginia for 10 years until he transferred to Gloucester County, Virginia in 1963. He remained in Gloucester for the remainder of his career, retiring in 1993. He was an avid gardener, famous in Gloucester County for planting of hundreds of thousands of daffodils and various other bulbs throughout the county, usually donated by Brent and Becky Heath. He was active in the Ruritan Club, Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, First Presbyterian Church (now Grace Covenant) in Gloucester and many other community activities. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Ford Lipps, of Gloucester and 2 sons, Stephen David Lipps of Washington, DC, and Dr. William Ford Lipps, of Richmond, Virginia. |
| **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. |

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| **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 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. |
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| **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, Phillipe (Nick Maynard) Chadwick, and Timothy Charles Chadwick, and 9 great-grandchildren. |
| **Martinez** | **2021** | Isaac "Saki" Contreras Martinez (63) of Pecos, Texas, passed away June 26, 2021, with family by his side. Saki grew up in the Saragosa/Balmorhea (Texas) area. As a young man, he developed a love for working on the family farm where he gained skills and experiences that went on to help him in his career that would expand 37 years as a Civil Engineer Technician with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. He recently retired to focus on his battle against cancer. Saki was loved by everybody who came into contact with him, especially his children and grandchildren. A former field supervisor was quoted saying Isaac was a person who wanted to work and wanted other people's land to work, he showed this through his professionalism and by helping farmers in Pecos, Ft. Stockton, and throughout Reeves County, Texas. His efforts helped farmers now and well into the future. Saki will be remembered by his easy-going personality, his service to others, and his ability to see the good in most everyone. Isaac married Donna Brijalba on August 5, 1978, they were married 41 years and together had 3 children and 9 grandchildren which Saki adored. Saki was preceded in death by his daughter Johanna Martinez. He is survived by his wife, Donna Martinez, his son Chris Martinez (Elvira); his daughter Michelle Martinez; 9 grandchildren, Haylee Martinez, Kendra Martinez, Kory Martinez, Avery Martinez, Eduardo Martinez, Logan Martinez, Jayvon Thompson, Paisley Martinez and Case Martinez. |

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| **Matheson** | **2021** | 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. Lilienthal (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. |
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| **McDowell** | **2021** | Brooke L. McDowell (94) of Watertown, New York, passed away November 20, 2021 at her home. She was the wife of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service Soil Scientist Letember “Lee” McDowell. Brooke started her career as a surgical nurse and later became a public health nurse for Jefferson County Public Health Service. She was a communicant of Anthony's Church, past president of both the League of Women Voters and the County Cooperative Extension Service. Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Gerald and Douglas, two grandchildren and one great-grandson. |
| **McKee** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Life Member Charles Clifton McKee (95) of West Lafayette, Indiana, passed away on November 27, 2021. Charles was born on April 18, 1926, to Wallace and Mae McKee in Telford, Tennessee. In 1943, the family relocated to a farm near Philadelphia, Tennessee, where Charles graduated from Washington College Academy. Following a stint in the United States Navy during World War II, Charles attended East Tennessee State (Johnson City, Tennessee), then transferred to the main campus of University of Tennessee (Knoxville), earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. Upon graduation, Charles moved to Gibson County, Indiana to teach vocational agriculture. It was there that he met Norma Schurmeier, the older sister of one of his students. The couple moved to Princeton, Indiana and then to Petersburg, Indiana where Charles worked for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service. In 1955, the McKees relocated to West Lafayette and Purdue University. Charles was employed initially as a soil conservationist with the Cooperative Extension Service. He next served as Executive Secretary of the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee until 1987. Charles also was named chief of a newly created Division of Soil Conservation at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDR), which he held until his retirement. During Charles' tenure as Director, INDR Soil Conservation provided program assistance to Indiana's 92 county Soil and Water Conservation Districts, completed the updating of each county's soil survey, and oversaw the state-funded "T-by2000" soil conservation and water quality protection initiative, as a partner with various federal, state, and local entities. Charles had administrative responsibility for all state, regional and county employees. Charles enjoyed sporting events and traveling with Norma in their motor home. He was a long-time member of the West Lafayette First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife and daughter, Diane. Charles is survived by one son, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two sisters. |
| **McMasters** | **2021** | ARCSE Life Member Jesse Lowell McMasters (86) of Duncan, Oklahoma, passed away December 16, 2021, with his loving wife of sixty-six and half years by his side. Lowell was born in Walters, Oklahoma on October 10, 1935, the fourth child of Frances Lee (Riney) and Jesse K. McMasters. He grew up on the family farm and was very active in 4H and Future Farmers of America (FFA). Upon graduation from high school, Uncle Sam called for his service and he joined the United States Air Force. On June 18, 1955, he married his high school sweetheart, Minnie Lou Perkins. His first military assignment was Sacramento, California. Their first child, Bobby Lowell, was born in 1957. Upon discharge from the service, he entered Cameron College in Lawton, Oklahoma. Their second child, Kathy Ann, was born in 1959 in Lawton. After graduating from Cameron, he transferred to Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, Oklahoma. After two years it became Oklahoma State University (OSU). He graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Engineering in 1963. Lowell began his career with USDA Soil Conservation Service in Chickasha, Oklahoma – a new job and every two years a new town including Clinton, Guymon, Woodward, Oklahoma City, Moore, Walterboro, South Carolina, back to Pauls Valley for 29 years and, finally, his last office was Duncan. Their third child, David Wayne, was born in 1965 in Guymon. He loved working for SCS and helped to build a lot of dams. He received many awards during his 43 years of service. Retiring in 1991, he and Minnie started a new adventure. With the purchase of a new van and travel trailer they drove 33,000 miles to Alaska and back, saw a lot of Canada, made many friends, square danced in many towns, and saw a rainbow at 2:30 in the morning in Alaska. Lowell loved to travel and Hawaii, Cozumel, and winters in South Texas was his dream. Many years of travel ended as his memory began to fade. The final move was to Duncan in 2002. Lowell is survived by his loving wife, Minnie; three children: Bobby Lowell (Evelyn), Kathy Ann Hume (Dirk), and David Wayne (Jeannine); grandchildren: Jesse (Amanda), Jonathan (Tish), Joshua (Robin), and Joseph (Janna) McMasters, Candace and Grant Hume, Christopher, Andrew and Heather McMasters, Rob and Mandi King; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held December 22, 2021, at Highland Park Baptist Church, with Pastor Jerry Couch officiating. Interment was at Fairlawn Cemetery, Comanche, Oklahoma. |

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| **Mernaugh** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist LeRoy Joseph Mernaugh (103) of Pierre, South Dakota, passed away on October 2, 2021, at Avera Maryhouse Nursing Home in Pierre. LeRoy was born on July 18,1918 in Mitchell, SD to Sylvester and Margaret (Schladweriler) Mernaugh. He grew up on the family farm outside of Letcher, South Dakota. When he was only three years old, LeRoy and his family attended the South Dakota State Fair. During their visit to the fair, LeRoy was judged to be the healthiest baby in the state. LeRoy attended South Dakota State College (now South Dakota State University) in Brookings, South Dakoita. At the end of his junior year, he left college for one year to help on the family farm but returned the following year to graduate in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering. With the declaration of World War II, LeRoy enlisted in the Army Air Corp, eventually achieving the rank of Captain. After five years of military service, LeRoy settled in Watertown, South Dakota where he met Isabella "Daisy" Fox. They were married on February 22, 1949, at Immaculate Conception Church and enjoyed a long and happy marriage, raising five sons. They were inseparable for over 70 years until Daisy's death in 2019. For nearly three decades, LeRoy worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an agricultural engineer. During that time, the family lived in Watertown, then moved to Winner, and finally to Pierre. After an additional twelve years with the Water Rights Division of the State of South Dakota. LeRoy retired in 1988. His work took him throughout much of South Dakota's farmlands, and his ability to recall exits, road numbers, and mile markers was legendary. LeRoy was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church and an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. LeRoy is survived by his five sons: Raymond (Glenda) of Hoover, Alabama; Kenny of Spearfish, South Dakota; Kelly of Omaha, Nebraska; Kevin (Debbie) of Corpus Christi, Texas; and Paul (Lisa) of Ocala, Florida. |
| **Meyer** | **2021** | 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. |
| **Meyer** | **2021** | Dorothy Ella Leta Meyer (97) of Plainfield, Indiana, passed away on April 2, 2021. She was born on January 6, 1924 to Henry and Anna (Wiebusch) Siemers in Otoe, Nebraska. After graduating from Otoe High School, she attended the Lincoln School of Commerce. She married Lorenz F. Meyer on April 14, 1943. Dorothy worked in the Accounting Department of the USDA-Soil Conservation Service Nebraska State Office from 1955 to 1989. She took pride in her work, earning many awards and promotions. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church Lincoln and enjoyed square dancing and round dancing with Lorenz. In 1994 she moved to Plainfield, Indiana to be near family. While living there she joined Plainfield United Methodist Church and the Women's Club. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Lorenz and her son David. She is survived by her daughters: Susan Meyer and Mary Ann Hamilton (Michael); and 3 grandchildren. |
| **Mickley, Jr.** | **2021** | 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. |
| **MicVicker** | **2021** | Francis William (Bill) McVicker, Jr. (81) of Guthrie, Oklahoma, passed away December 8, 2021 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Bill was born November 13, 1940 in Hennessey, Oklahoma to Francis William and Genevieve Ethel McVicker. He joined the United States Air Force following high school. His time in the service led to his most proud achievement, meeting Elizabeth Robinson who worked at the PX at South Ruislip AFB, London England. They married April 15, 1963, and transferred to Blytheville, Arkansas AFB where they started their family. Bill farmed, worked as a welder, was a loan officer, worked in the oilfield, and then the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service. Bill loved challenging puzzles, Jeopardy, and classical music, but his true passion was working with the soil by either designing soil conservation projects or planting trees and flowers. Bill was known for his irises. He hybridized and created new varieties. He planted acres of irises and won endless awards for their beauty. His irises are planted in multiple locations including London, Ireland, and places throughout the US. One variety, the "Nancy Kay" is planted at the Arkansas State Capitol. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Kingfisher, Oklahoma; five children, Mike (Tona) of Piedmont, Oklahoma; Kathy (Marty) James of Crescent, Oklahoma; Paul (Jennifer) of Midland, Texas; Craig (Ginger) of Kingfisher; and Malissa McVicker of Houston, Texas along with thirteen grandkids, and twelve great-grandchildren. |
| **Moebius** | **2021** | 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 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. |

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| **Morehead** | **2021** | Stanley “Stan” Thompson Moorhead (87) of Woodland, California passed away peacefully in his Woodland home on September 27, 2021. Stan was born and raised in Kelseyville, California. His military experiences included Navy Seabees and Korea. He was a Civil Engineer by occupation for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, which took him to various dam construction projects throughout California. Stan served his community extensively, and tirelessly provided for people in need. His contributions included time spent with The Senior Center Inc. Board and The American Legion. Stan's deeply rooted Christian involvement included the Gideons Bible Society, McClelland Air Force Base Chaplain services, and numerous Episcopalian Church committees. Stan was preceded in death by his wife, Imaleta; in 2012. Survivors include two daughters, Dee, of Woodland, and Annette of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. |
| **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 Batchelor 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. |
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| **Mumford** | **2021** | USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee Payton "Pate" Lee Mumford (32) of Pruitt City, Oklahoma passed away in an automobile accident on January 17, 2021. Another NRCS employee, Soil Conservationist Fred Norman, was injured in the accident. Pate was born March 29, 1988 in Ardmore, Oklahoma to Jimmy Lee Mumford and Darla Jayne (Bolles) Mumford. Pate attended Redlands Community College where he was on a judging team and received his Associate’s degree. He then furthered his education at Oklahoma State University where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Range Management. Pate returned to this area and served an internship at the Noble Foundation before becoming employed with the NRCS as a Resource Conservationist. He was currently working in the Sulphur Field Office. Pate always loved being a caretaker of the land and enjoyed farming. He had a passion for restoring old things new, especially old tractors and guns. Pate was a member of the Fox Baptist Church. Survivors include his parents, Jim and Darla Mumford of Pruitt City; brother, Dillon Mumford (Carson) of Fox, Oklahoma; and grandmother, Louise Mumford also of Fox. |

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| **Murphy** | **2021** | ARCSE Member Ronnie D. Murphy (78) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away October 24, 2021, in Auburn. He was born December 11, 1942 in Florence, Alabama. Ronnie graduated from Auburn University College of Agriculture in 1966. He later earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1978. Ronnie spent his entire professional career serving the farming community. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) which became the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in 1994 for 33 years. While with the agency, he held the State Conservationist position in the states of Arkansas and Alabama. Ronnie retired from NRCS in 1999 and went immediately back to work for the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries where he served Alabama farmers for another 10 years. Other highlights of his career include selection for a 2-year sabbatical by the Secretary of Agriculture to draft legislation for the 1985 Farm Bill. In 1990, his service was requested on the Federally commissioned Delta Development Commission whose mission was to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Mississippi Delta. He was presented the Arkansas Traveler Award in 1992 by then Governor Bill Clinton for his service as a goodwill ambassador of the State of Arkansas. Ronnie was a devoted family man who lived to spend time with his family and loved attending his grandsons' school and sporting events. He enjoyed fellowship at his church, First Baptist Church Opelika, where he was a member for 26 years. Ronnie is survived by his wife of 54 years, Peggy; son, Charles Murphy (Susan), of Virginia Beach, Virginia; daughter, Felicia Gardner (Jason), of Auburn, Alabama; and 5 grandsons, Samuel Gardner, Gabriel Gardner, Jack Murphy, William Murphy, and Luke Gardner. |
| **Myers** | **2021** | Margaret "Sue" Myers (79) of Chittenango, New York, passed away March 14, 2021 at the Crouse Community Center following many years with Alzheimer's. She was the wife of Bob Meyers, retired Biologist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Sue was born in Fayetteville, New York. In the 1970's she and Bob had a beautiful family horse farm, raising Appaloosa horses and boarding horses for families around the area. Sue loved raising, prize winning Black Langshans chickens and for also raised bronze turkeys and peacocks too. Sue is survived by husband, Bob, and son, William (Allison). Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter, 441 W. Kirkpatrick St., Syracuse NY 13204 or St. Patrick's Church, Murray Drive, Chittenango, NY 13037. |
| **Myers** | **2021** | Miriam Allen Myers (70) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away March 17, 2021. Miriam was the wife of ARCSE member Richard Myers, retired Assistant State Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. She was the daughter of the late Roland and Edna (Grosse) Allen of Little Rock, Arkansas and born June 13, 1950. Most of her career was spent at Central Baptist Hospital and later she finished her career at Merrick Management. She was a member of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in Lancaster, Kentucky. |
| **Neu** | **2021** | ARCSE Member Albert Neu (85) of Cathedral City, California passed away earlier this year. Albert started his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist. He retired in 1994 as an area conservationist. [Editor's Note: I could not find an obituary online. Before retiring in Cathedral City, I believe Albert worked in Flagstaff, Arizona and Holbrook, Arizona. If you have additional information on Albert's career or life, or have an obituary, please email it to me at soilwarden@verizon.net] |
| **Newman** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Allen Lee Newman (91) of Temple, Texas, passed away peacefully February 24, 2021 at Scott & White Hospital while holding the hand of his wife of almost 70 years, Maxine. Allen was born February 12, 1930 in Duncan, Oklahoma to John Wesley and Pearl Barber Newman. He went to Cameron College and Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University) earning a degree in Agronomy. After graduation, he served two years in the Army, rising to the rank of Master Sargent. He went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1955, retiring in 1987. He was the assistant State Soil Scientist for 17 years. He married Cleta Maxine Pierce in Claud, Oklahoma on May 27, 1951 and moved to Temple in 1967. They joined Immanuel Baptist Church in 1967 where Allen taught Sunday School for over 50 years and was a deacon almost as long. At home, his garden and flowers were the envy of the neighborhood. He became a champion for the purple martin birds, wrote articles for the Purple Martin magazine, and many people called him for advice on the care of purple martins. Until his health declined, he was an active member of the Bell County Genealogical Society and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans because he treasured the history of his ancestors. His service to his Lord directed his life and the way he treated others. He was especially grateful to God for the blessings of his family. Allen is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Maxine; sons, Max Newman (Traci) of Temple and Steven Newman (Terry) of Elgin, Texas; grandsons, Jarrod Newman (Lindsay) of Temple, Derek Newman (Dominque) of Woodway, Texas, Collin Mayo (Carissa) of Temple, Jason Mayo (Cassidy) of Temple, Colton Mayo of Temple, Luis Pesquera (Maeve) of Paso Robles, California, and Alex Pesquera (Sarah) of Los Angeles, California; eight great-grandsons, three great-granddaughters and two more great grandchildren expected within the next few months. Funeral services were held March 3, 2021 at Immanuel Baptist Church with Dr. Ron Milne officiating with burial at Hillcrest Cemetery. |
| **Newton** | **2021** | Robert Dale Newton (88) of Dexter City, Ohio, passed away December 17, 2021 at Muskingum Skilled Nursing in Beverly, Ohio. He was born on February 6, 1933, in Dungannon, Ohio, to Erwin and Ruth Bell Newton. He served his country in the US Army during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Korea, as a helicopter mechanic. After studying at The Ohio State University, he worked for USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a multi-county Engineering Technician. Bob was involved in many abandoned mine land reclamation projects and flood control projects over the years of his employment. He was a member of the Coal Run Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Mary Farnsworth Newton; sister-in-law, Jennie Farnsworth; brother-in-law, Wayne Farnsworth (Sharon); and several nieces and nephews. |
| **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. |

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| **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. |
| **Patterson** | **2021** | David William Patterson (83) of Woodstock, Georgia (formerly of Elk Grove, California) passed away February 28, 2021 surrounded by his family, in his home in Woodstock. Dave was born in Linden, California, on January 22, 1938. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, and lived at that time by the beautiful Pacific Coast where he worked for room and board doing farm chores. A highlight of Dave's youth was the summer of 1957 when he worked the summer in Alaska for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a "stream guard," to ensure that the fishing boats weren't picking up salmon in their gill nets. After college, David served 5 years in the Navy as First Lieutenant and Gunnery Officer on a Tank Landing Ship, the USS Stone County LST 1141. While in the Navy he met his future wife in San Diego Sandra Jolissaint. They married in June of 1965 and lived all over California. After the Navy, Dave worked 24 years for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in California. After his years with the SCS he worked for 9 years with California Waterfowl Association, restoring and enhancing of wetlands. When David's professional career was over, he and Sandy moved to Woodstock, Georgia, where Dave enjoyed new friends and some years volunteering with Don Wells' beloved project, Mountain Stewards, https://mountainstewards.org/. Dave is survived by his amazing wife Sandy Patterson; daughter Diane Patterson and her partner Sheba Love; son Dan Patterson and his wife Ashley Tone Patterson; granddaughter Chloe Elizabeth Tone Patterson. A service to celebrate Dave's life was held at the Church of the Transfiguration in Woodstock, Georgia on April 8, 2021 followed by military honors at the Georgia National Cemetery on April 9. Donations in David's honor can be made to California Waterfowl Association: |
| **Paulk** | **2021** | Herschel Leverne Paulk, Sr, (86) of Guyton, Georgia, passed away peacefully from an extended illness at his home with his family surrounding him on March 1, 2021. Herschel was a soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and retired after thirty-year service. During the 30-year career Herschel completed soil surveys on more than 1 million acres and authored several soil survey publications. After retirement Herschel remained active in the soil profession, his church and service to Effingham County. Herschel was past president of the National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists and member of the Soil Science Society of Georgia. He was an active member of his church, New Providence Baptist of Guyton, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the Effingham County Industrial Authority and former chairman of the Effingham Hospital Authority. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Gail McCormick Paulk; Children: Gena (Greg) Tyler of Hoschton, Georgia, Kimberly (Thomas) Healey of Newport, North Carolina, and Herschel "Schel" (Terri) Paulk, Jr, of Guyton, Georgia; 15 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. |
| **Petrie** | **2021** | Retha Loree Petrie (94) of Oakley, Kansas, passed away on December 16, 2021, at the Citizen's Medical Center, in Colby, Kansas. Retha married Neal Petrie on November 12, 1949, in Kansas City, Kansas and had two children, Janis and Gary. Neal was a Soil Conservation Technician in the Oakley Field Office for the USDA-SCS, retiring in 1984. He passed away in 2016. Retha was a kind and loving mother who was the heart of her small family. She was intent to leave a legacy of her life in the gifts to her family. These gifts were the love expressed in planting trees, creating quilts, crafting toys and furniture for children and grandchildren and so many other acts of kindness. |
| **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. |
| **Philp** | **2021** | Lorna Rae Philp, 50, of Hilger (Winifred), Montana passed away at home surrounded by her husband Tom and loving family and friends on January 28, 2021 after a valiant fight against cancer. Lorna was the Supervisory District Conservationist for the Lewistown Work Unit for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Lorna was born June 27, 1970 in Glasgow, Montana, the daughter of John A. and Ella Mae (Heser) Stolen. The family lived on a farm south of Wolf Point, Montana. She began her college program in North Dakota and transferred to Montana State University in Bozeman where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture degree in 1992. In 1989 she was hired as a co-op student with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. In 1995 she joined Malta Field Office staff as a soil conservationist. Lorna met Willy "Tom" Philp in Malta on the dance floor in 1996 and never looked back. They were united in marriage on Sept. 19, 1998 in Malta and were soul mates for life. In 1997 she became district conservationist in the Malta Field Office, in May 2008 she transferred from Malta to Lewistown as the district conservationist and in February 2019, she was promoted to the supervisory district conservationist for the Lewistown Work Unit, including Stanford and Winnett. Lorna lived passionately. She loved to dance and watching her whirling around a room with Tom was breathtaking. She took full advantage of our beautiful Montana setting and brought beauty to her surroundings with her gardening and soil conservation knowledge. She also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping. Lorna had 100% commitment to her many friends and family, on an individual basis and through her involvement in her community. She was a Winifred Ambulance EMT and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She advocated for HPV testing and vaccination to help young people avoid spreading the virus that can lead to cervical cancer. Lorna is survived by her husband Tom (William T.) of Winifred, daughter Kimberly (Chad) McNeil, and two grandsons, whom she greatly adored, Wyatt and Easton of Gillette, Wyoming; along with a large family of sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will miss her infectious smile and positive personality. Lorna and Tom were involved in the foreign exchange program and were parents to six boys who call them Mom and Dad and remain in close contact: Victor Acero (Venezuela), Frederik Nielsen (Sweden), Nate Stordahl (Norway), Sebastian Cevallos (Ecuador), Gabrielle (Bobo) Adorni (Italy), and Jesper Perden (Finland). |

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| **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. |
| **Porter** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist Marion Scoggins Porter (91) of Terrell, Texas, passed away peacefully November 20, 2021 surrounded by his family. He was born June 16, 1930, to the union of Lawrence Marion Porter and Etta Fae Scoggins in Gonzales County, Texas. He enrolled in Texas A&M University and graduated with a degree in Agriculture Education in 1947. He married high school sweetheart Audrey Dolores Hallmark in 1951. Porter served in the 325th Tank Battalion at Fort Knox in Camp Irwin, California as a second lieutenant. During his military service, Porter worked on a secret project for infrared in the Mojave Desert. Porter joined the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Stephenville, Texas, as District Conservationist, where he and Audrey lived for 21 years. He valued volunteering and participated in many community-focused groups during his time in Stephenville including serving as President of the Lions Club, a member of Jaycees, and Federal Workers Group. Porter later moved to Terrell, Texas as Area Conservationist, where he lived for the remainder of his life with Audrey. A smart and hardworking man, he was committed to his community and contributed to the lives of countless people throughout his life. Porter believed in Psalms 24: “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof.” He was a people person: he believed in Faith, Family, the Flag & Friends. But most of all, he loved Texas A&M and was a die-hard Aggie to his very last breath. His work ethic was unmatched, and even after he formally retired, he worked for Kaufman County remodeling courthouse offices and mentored trustees who worked on the remodels. Porter served as Deacon, then Deacon Emeritus of First Baptist Church of Terrell. Porter is survived by his wife Audrey who still resides in Terrell, Texas; his children: Constance (John) Wooley, Mark and Dale Porter, and Judie Porter; grandchildren: John Paxton Wooley, Jamie Wooley, Marcus Wooley, Crystal Porter, Laura Porter, and Haley Porter; and his great grandchildren Madison, Gray, and Mac. Funeral services November 23, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Terrell, with Interment at Masonic Cemetery in Waelder, Texas. |
| **Pringle** | **2021** | ARCSE Member Russell Franklin Pringle (78) of Olympia, Washington, passed away peacefully in his sleep September 16, 2021, at his residence. Russell was born February 9, 1943, in New York, New York, to Samuel Edward Pringle and Helen Bernice Maine. Russell attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in California, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy. It is at this time he met his wife, Roberta Ruth Butler, to whom he has been married for 54 years. Upon graduation, Russell accepted a job with the USDA-SCS working as a soil scientist in Renton, Washington prior to his transfer to Chehalis, Washington. During his career, Russell transferred to many places, as far north as the Arctic Circle and as far south as the wetlands of the Southern United States. Russell was passionate and professional in his service of over 40 years to a career he loved very much. He served as an educator, a mentor, and most importantly a friend. In addition to an accomplished career, Russell played an active role in bettering his community, a community he held dear to his heart. Russel volunteered, served, and led 50-plus years with the Centralia-Chehalis Elks Lodge where he served as exalted ruler three times, 40-plus years with the Lions Club and 15 years with the Sons of the American Revolution. Upon retirement, Russell turned a passionate hobby in genealogy into a business, known as Dirtman Genealogy. He had a fondness for connecting people with family members and family history previously unknown to them. It was with great pleasure he made new friends, found new family members of his own, and assisted many of his family members who were involved in their own genealogy quest. Russell is survived by his wife Roberta Ruth Pringle; children Robert Edward Pringle and Melissa Kimberly Pringle; grandchildren Kyle, Nichole, Victoria, Austin, and Kayleigh; and great-grandchildren Elaina, Rylee, and Killian. |
| **Quisenberry** | **2021** | Life Member Norma Jean Quisenberry (81) of Okemos, Michigan, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2021, at home in the presence of her family. Norma was born in Alpena, Michigan on December 1, 1939, to the late Myrto and Olga Anderson. She married Dwight L. Quisenberry on January 27, 1962, at The Church of God in Alpena, Michigan. Norma loved being a wife, mother and grandmother. She loved spending time with her family and grandkids and said she always wanted to be an exceptional Grandma– she was. Norma also loved using her voice to sing at church and other gatherings. She started singing in church choirs in her late teens and continued the rest of her life. She was a member at Okemos First Baptist Church for over 30 years where she also served as the Choir Director for 15 years and loved to sing solos and lead others in worship. She participated in the Sunday School and AWANA ministries as well as Women's groups at the church. Norma loved to give gifts; she especially cherished the Christmas season with her family. She supported various mission organizations including the Lansing City Rescue Mission and Youth Haven Ranch as well as the Heart and Cancer Associations. She also worked as a secretary and Administrative Assistant for several organizations including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Plant Materials Center, the NRCS State office and the Michigan Education Association. At the time of her death, Norma was survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Dwight L. Quisenberry; children: David Dwight Quisenberry, Luke Anderson Quisenberry (Laura), Carrie Jean Quisenberry and Thomas James Quisenberry (Lasha). She is also survived by her thirteen grandchildren: Aaricha Flowers (Jerry), Ryan VandenAkker, Justin VandenAkker; Katie Bernardini (Marco), Kyle Quisenberry, Sean Quisenberry (Kayla), Sarah Quisenberry, Christine Quisenberry, Cassie Quisenberry, Jessica Quisenberry, Joshua Quisenberry, Aaron Foster and Lexi Yates; and one great- grandchild: Aria Foster. |

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| **Rakestraw** | **2021** | **Life Member Bobby E. "Curly," "Bae" Rakestraw** (85) of Monrovia, Maryland, passed away at Johns Hopkins Hospital on March 21, 2021. Bobby was born in Slaughters, Kentucky on March 15, 1936, the son of the late Marvin A. and Helen E. (Woods) Rakestraw. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Kentucky State College in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1959. He was a United States Army Veteran serving from October 1959 to February of 1962. In 1962 he was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1996 as the RAMP National Program Manager. Bobby was a lifetime member of the New Market Lions Club for almost 50 years. One of his favorite activities was organizing the club's Basket Bingo fundraiser. He was also the chairman of the Frederick County Soil Conservation District, a member of the Frederick County Farm Bureau, and a member of the Providence United Methodist Church in Kemptown, Maryland. Bobby enjoyed restoring tractors and was a member of the Mid Atlantic Alis Chambler Tractor Club as well as the MDIHCC Tractor Club. He loved visiting family and spending time on the farm he grew up on in Kentucky. He was the loving husband of Donna (Hammers) Rakestraw, his wife of 55 years. In addition to his wife, Donna, survivors include his daughter, Wendy (Rakestraw) Wilson of Frederick, Maryland and son, David Rakestraw of Pembroke Pines, Florida; and his beloved grandchildren, Craig Wilson, Jason Wilson, Rachel Wilson and Emily Wilson. |
| **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. |
| **Redman** | **2021** | ARCSE Member Donald Dean Redman (90) of Albia, Iowa passed away on October 25, 2021. Don was born in Decatur, Iowa on January 10, 1931. On September 9, 1951, he married his high school sweetheart, Donna Jean Warren, at the Brethren Church in Leon, Iowa. In November of 1951, he was drafted into the military and served in the United States Marine Corp until November of 1953. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton at San Diego, California, and served a stint in Korea during the Korean Conflict. During that time his bride, Donna, had moved to San Diego to be close to him. After his honorable discharge, they moved back to Iowa where he worked as a farmhand at Huxley, Iowa. In 1959, they moved back to Leon where he worked for Smith Feed, driving a feed mill for a year before beginning his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Leon. He also served the SCS at the Albia office from 1962 until 1966, and in Creston, Iowa from 1966 to 1968, before returning to the Leon office where he remained until retiring from the SCS in 1989. Don worked as a Civil Engineering Technician. Don and Donna were both very involved in Leon Bible Church, Freedom Bible Camp, 4-H, the Iowa State Fair and more. Don was preceded in death by his wife Donna in 2015. He is survived by his children, David Wayne, Deanne Kay, Darrell Lynn, Linda Redman of Leon, Dan Bowers of Fairfield, Iowa, and Teresa Redman of Leon, Iowa; and his grandchildren, Brent Redman, Erica Evans, Scott Mineart, Clint, Reagen Redman, Andy, Ashley Bowers, Angie, Troy Bisgard, Aly, Bruce Dahlhauser, Michael Redman and Zac Cooper. |
| **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. |
| **Robbins** | **2021** | Sharon Lea Robbins (81) of Scottsburg, Indiana passed away February 1, 2021, in Louisville, Kentucky. Sharon was the wife of ARCSE Member John M. Robbins, retired Assistant State Soil Scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. They were married for 62 years. Sharon attended colleges and received degrees from Indiana State University, Indiana DePauw University and University of Kentucky. She retired from teaching elementary school for 30 years, was co-owner and manager of Leota Christmas Tree Farm, a longtime volunteer with Southern Indiana Hospice having received the Presidential Award for Volunteers, and a longtime volunteer with Scott County Relay for Life. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Leota and Retired Teachers Association. Besides her husband John, other survivors include two daughters, Jennifer Donnell (Mike) Medina of Waldort, Maryland, and Lea Ann (Ed) Callico of Nabb, Indiana; three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. |
| **Roberts** | **2021** | Donald Jordan Roberts (94) of Winfield, Kansas, passed away on April 17, 2021 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. Donald was born June 25, 1926 in Winfield, the son of Forrest M. and Ethel (Jordan) Roberts. In September 1944, he entered the United States Army, serving at Ft. Hood, Ft. Ord, and the Philippines. At the end of World War II, he was stationed in Japan. Don married Millye Jones in November of 1950. The couple had three children and Millye preceded him in death. Don was united in marriage to Erma Handlin on August 7, 1976 at Tisdale United Methodist Church. Don enjoyed flying and received his Pilot's license on August 17, 1947. In 1948, he began working as a Soil Conservation Technician and in 1982, received an award from the US Department of Agriculture for his 36 years of service. Following his retirement, he served on the County Soil Conservation District Board for many years. In 1983, he was a tour host for Rural Route Tours International, traveling with his wife Erma to the farmlands in Western Europe. In 1985, they took a tour group to southern Europe. Don farmed ground east of Winfield most of his life. Survivors include his wife Erma Roberts of Winfield; his children, Becky Roberts of Dallas, Texas; Rex Roberts of Wyoming; Cindy Grimes of Arkansas City, Kansas; Linda Fraass (Ron) of Las Vegas, Nevada; Carol Parker (Lee) of Reston, Virginia; Roy Handlin (Lee) of Lubbock, Texas; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. |

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| **Rye** | **2021** | Kenneth Rye (88) of Fargo, North Dakota (formerly of Hazen, North Dakota) passed away March 10, 2021 at Bethany Retirement Living-Memory Care in Fargo. Ken was born on November 21, 1932 in Grafton, North Dakota to Gladys (Storey) and F. Kenneth (F.K.) Rye. Ken served in the Navy from 1953 to 1957 and graduated from NDSU in December 1961. Ken worked for USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist from 1963–1979 and was District Conservationist in the Hazen Field Office. He transferred to US Department of Interior as a mine Inspector in Oklahoma from 1979 until his retirement in 1990. He is survived by his wife Esther of 65 years, his three children, Wayne (Geri) of Mahtomedi, Minnesota; Dawn (Leon) of Fargo, North Dakota; and Barb (Jeff) of Stillwater, Oklahoma; 8 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. |
| **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. |
| **Schlegel** | **2021** | Norbert Ricky Schlegel (Rick) (67) of Woodward, Oklahoma, passed away on December 2, 2021, surrounded by family, after a courageous battle with cancer. Rick was born on June 2, 1954, to Norbert and Jaye Nell Schlegel in Shamrock, Texas. He went to Texas Tech University and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. After graduating from Texas Tech, Rick worked for worked for both Farmers Home Administration/Rural Development and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as an engineer. He retired in August 2009 from NRCS serving as the Irrigation Engineer located in the Woodward, Oklahoma Technical Service Office. He didn't really retire as he continued working for various engineering firms up until recently. He oversaw countless infrastructure projects across the state. He was known to be a loyal Oklahoma State University fan, avid bowler, and loved his family. Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter and son and their spouses, Kacie and Cole Bond, and Cory and Ashlye Schlegel, grandkids Carlye, Caden, Cyler, and Caleb Schlegel, and Bryce, Brylex, and Brooklynn Bond. |
| **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. |

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| **Scholer** | **2021** | Burke Hinman Scholer (86) of San Tan Valley, Arizona (formerly of Burleigh, Idaho) passed away Msrch30, 2021, surrounded by loving family. Burke was born March 6, 1935 in Bothwell, Utah to Rudolph Emil Scholer Jr. & Ruby Hinman Scholer. With dreams of being a veterinarian, Burke attended Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, Utah for one year, then returned to Burley in 1954 and married Connie Rae Dolph in the Idaho Falls, Idaho Temple, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, April 15th of the same year. Burke joined the Armed Forces, serving in the U.S. Army. While in the Army his first two daughters, Linda and Kim were born. He was assigned to Construction Drafting School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia to be trained as a Construction Draftsman and later served in the 18th Engineering Brigade. In 1957 Burke and Connie returned to Burley, Idaho where he soon began his work with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He worked for the SCS as an Engineering Technician until 1988. Burke and Connie welcomed three more children (Mark, Kayla, and Sandie) into their family. In 1965, they moved from Burley to Springdale, Idaho and he started farming. They were expecting their sixth child; Monette Scholer was stillborn on January 6, 1967. Complication of the stillbirth tragically brought about Connie's passing on January 14, 1967. Adjusting to this loss was only compounded a few weeks later, when on February 27, 1967 tragedy struck again, claiming Mark's short 9 ½ year life. His mother moved to Burley to help Burke with his girls. Several months later, Burke met AnnJean Coltrin, and after a short courtship, they married in the Idaho Falls, Idaho Temple, July 1, 1967. To this union, three more daughters were born (Heidi, Jennifer and Angie) completing their family of seven girls. In 1988, Burke moved to Boise, Idaho after being recruited by the US Bureau of Reclamation. He retired from work with the Federal Government in 1991 and immediately began his next career with the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources. Burke retired from the Department of Water Resources, as a Hydrologist, in 2001. Following his retirement, he (and his wife) served a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Farm Management Company. Burke is survived by his wife AnnJean, 7 daughters, 26 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren. |
| **Schreiner** | **2021** | Tony Robert Schreiner (65) of Frederick, Oklahoma, passed away December 9, 2021, at Comanche County Memorial Hospital in Lawton, Oklahoma. Tony was born October 15, 1956, in Frederick, Oklahoma to Carol Dean (Akin) Schreiner and Jimmy Bob Schreiner. He briefly attended Western Oklahoma State College where he majored in music and campus life. Tony loved music and was very musically talented. He was a drummer and singer and part of a country band that played in night clubs. He also played the banjo, fiddle, and guitar. When he retired from singing and playing in a band, Tony moved back to Frederick where he worked for the County Commissioners. He then was hired as a soil conservation technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, where he retired in 2018. In 2002, Tony married Connie J Roach, and together they built their dream house and his next adventure, the Rocking Bar S Construction, which was his pride and joy. Tony is survived by his wife of 19 years, Connie, of the home; two children, Felicia Ann Cummins (JW) of Erick, Oklahoma and Donald Gail Leon Schreiner, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two step-sons, Jason Ferguson (Sharee) of Edmond, Oklahoma and Jonathan Ferguson of Stillwater, Oklahoma; his parents, Carol Dean Akin Schreiner of Norman, Oklahoma and Jimmy Schreiner and his wife Mary of Frederick, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Corbin Robert Cummins and Henry Liam Cummins; two step-grandchildren, Nate Cummins and Hannah Cummins. |
| **Schuchart** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist Millard George Schuchart (95) of Rio Medina (Cliff), passed away April 11, 2021. He was born February 22, 1926, in San Antonio to Raymond Schuchart and Edna Frick Schuchart. Millard earned a 4-year degree from Texas A&M. After graduation, he was commissioned to 1st Lieutenant. of the United States Army. He served in Germany for 2 years where he made Captain. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist and district conservationist for 40 years. On June 15, 1952, Millard married Inell Beck. They were blessed with 68 years of marriage, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Inell Schuchart; daughter, Pam Schuchart Ritch (Don); son, Daryl Schuchart (Kim); grandsons, Greg Sterner (Amy) and Troy Sterner; granddaughters, Tracy Hilbert (Brian), Heidi Tondre (Barrett); and 6 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. |
| **Scott** | **2021** | Edward "Glen" Scott (88) of Florence, Kentucky passed away December 16, 2021. He was born in Cecilia, Kentucky on May 17, 1933, to Lacy and Iola Scott (Browning). Glen faithfully served in our Nation's Army and had the honor of serving at Arlington National Cemetery on the Honor Guard. He worked as a Civil Engineering Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Florence, Kentucky. Glen was a master gardener and always had time to teach his grandchildren about nature and his garden. He was a longtime member of First Church of Christ in Burlington. Glen was preceded in death by his stepson, Tommy Krieg. He is survived by his beloved Wife of 41 years, Bonnie Scott (Gillenwater); children, Cheryl (Alex) Howard, Ruby (Dave) Bosshammer, Karen Howard, Christa (Tom) Bell, Nick (Tammy) Krieg; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. |
| **Shields** | **2021** | Leo Shields (100) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on December 21, 2021. Leo was born September 5, 2021, in Ontario, Wisconsin. He was a member of the "greatest generation" as a B-52 pilot in the Army Air Force during World War II. Leo received Bachelor and Master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin, joining the USDA-SCS where he worked as a soil scientist until retirement. He was a fisherman, camper, avid birdwatcher, and books on tape devotee. Leo enjoyed 60 years of marriage to Edna, his late wife, and was a devoted father to his surviving children Jody, Kelly, Kevin, Lori, and grandson Morgan Shields. Leo will be missed by neighbors, longtime friends, and the loving folks of James House at Tabitha in Lincoln. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Edna Shields Natural Play Area for Children at Pioneers Park Nature Center lnknaturecenter.org |

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| **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. |
| **Slusser** | **2021** | Steven Eugene Slusser (76) of Reno, Nevada, passed away peacefully June 27, 2021, surrounded by friends and family. Steven was born in Alhambra, California, on March 1, 1945. He was drafted into the United States army while working in the Angeles Forest for the US Forest Service in 1969, Steven proudly served his country for 18 months, 14 of which he was the Gunner on a 105-mm howitzer M102 cannon in Vietnam. Upon his return from military tour, he continued his love of the outdoors as a Soil Scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (later Natural Resources Conservation Service) for the next 30 years. He worked in Susanville, California and finished his career at the regional soil survey office in Reno. He loved growing gardens, riding horses, dogs on his lap and at his heels, and he was quick and witty with a great sense of humor, still cracking jokes in his final hours. Survivors include his brother, James A. Slusser of Reno, Nevada, ex-wife and friend of 45 years, Sandra McGarva, stepchildren Rayna Harkness (Kindle) and Corey Kindle of Standish, California. Military Funeral Services were held at the Veteran's Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada. |
| **Smith** | **2021** | DB NM Charlotte M. Smith (87) of Albany, Oregon, passed away November 15, 2021, after an extended illness. She was born March 26, 1934, in Rensselaer, Indiana, to Charles H. and Beatrice (Peiffer) Burrows. Her family moved to Oregon when she was 14. She married Clifford Dannen in September of 1953, he passed away in April 1972. In July of 1975, she married Frank (Marv) Smith. She worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for many years as a clerk in the Albany Area Office. After retirement she enjoyed calligraphy, woodburning, and volunteering. She was a huge Oregon State Beaver fan. Charlotte is survived by son, Curt (Ronda) Dannen; daughter, Colleen (Mark) Hubert.; stepchildren, Sonja Gordinho, Stacy Moore, and Stephene Ortega; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Smith in 2020. |
| **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. |
| **Sparks** | **2021** | Thomas Gordon Sparks (89) of Mount Sterling, Kentucky, passed away December 13, 2021, after a battle with COVID-19. He was born July 14, 1932, in Irvine, Kentucky to Ruford and Grace Alcorn Sparks. He became a soil conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring as the District Conservationist in Bath County Kentucky. He was a member of the Baptist faith. In addition to his wife, Eva Mae Gabbard Sparks, Thomas is survived by 5 children; Tom Sparks (Joy), Becky Kidd (Randy), Teresa Mayfield (Bob), Tammy Kidd (Greg) and Jennifer Vinson (Kendall), 9 grandchildren; Kayla Henderson (Michael), Lauren Littleton (Leonard), Nathan Kidd, Brandon Vinson, Logan Vinson, John Thomas Sparks, Emily Sparks, Joshua Kidd (Amy), and Jordan Kidd (Loren); and 5 great-grandchildren; Alexis Kidd, Abby Kidd, Shyla Kidd, Cash Kidd, and Reece Henderson. |

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| **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 hesitate, 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. |
| **Spencer** | **2021** | Gay Lynn Spencer (60) of El Dorado, Kansas, passed away on November 1, 2021. Gay was born on June 7, 1961, in Dodge City, Kansas to Ernest Henry and Ardis Melinda (Busby) Brack. She earned a master's degree to become a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. She loved her career and worked for the USDA for 32 years before retirement in 2019 as a District Conservationist. Gay had a love for animals, but especially for cats. She rescued many cats in her lifetime, but she would probably say that those cats rescued her. She was a very loving and caring daughter, sister, aunt, and friend who will be dearly missed. Gay is survived by her brother, Gerald Brack; sister, Cheryl (Richard) Freeman; brother-in-law, Donnie Diehl; and many nieces and nephews. Gay is preceded in death by her brother, Harold Eugene Brack and sister, Brenda Sue Diehl. |
| **Staggs** | **2021** | John W. "Bill" Staggs (96) of Moberly, Missouri, passed away January 7, 2021 in Moberly. He was born February 1, 1924 in Shelbyville, Missouri to Lee V. and Violet Frances Inman Staggs. He attended Culver Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. Bill entered the United States Army on February 1, 1943 and trained as a medical NCO for the 86th Infantry Black Hawk Division Medical Battalion. In March of 1945, the 86th Infantry began a campaign to take the Ruhr pocket located north of Cologne, Germany. During this operation, Bill was assigned as a driver for the company commander and came in contact with both Generals Eisenhower and Patton. His division was redeployed to the United States, was retrained, and left in August of 1943 for the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of Operation. They were sent to Luzon in the Philippines where the allies were preparing for the invasion of Japan. Bill was recalled into the service in 1950 during the Korean War. Bill married Hettie Nadine Johnson on April 5, 1963. In 2009 Bill attended the Mid-Missouri Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Bill farmed, enjoyed raising cattle, and in 1971 was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Conservation Technician in Shelby County. He was transferred to Moberly in Randolph County in 1973. Bill enjoyed golfing, hunting, and spending time with his family and friends. Bill's wife Nadine passed away in 2019. Among his survivors are his brother, Jim Staggs, his step daughter-in-law, Susan Johnson, stepdaughter, Donna Jean Purvis, eight step grandchildren, and one great-great grandson. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children. |
| **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. |
| **Timm** | **2021** | Jerome P. Timm (88) of Fargo, North Dakota, passed away August 4, 2021, at Touchmark at Harwood Groves in Fargo. He was born on January 4, 1933, in Kensal, North Dakota to parents Leo and Anna Timm. He went to college at North Dakota State University (NDSU) earning a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture in 1959 and a Master's Degree in Horticulture in 1963. He was a member of the FarmHouse Fraternity. While attending NDSU, Jerome joined the North Dakota Air National Guard and began his training as a fighter pilot. He often said the best time of his life was the years he spent flying the F-86 Saber jetfighter and loved to share stories of his adventures. He worked for the USDA-SCS in Larimore, Grand Forks County and Valley City in Barnes County, all in North Dakota. Jerome is survived by his daughter Kristy (Bradley) Walters, his son, Joby Timm and daughter, Cindy (Andy) Wieland, and five grandchildren. |

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| **Tindall** | **2021** | David Combs Tindall (85) of Buckingham, Pennsylvania, passed away November 14, 2021. He was born August 3, 1936, the son of the Chester and Mildred Tindall. David started work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservation technician in New Jersey. He went to Rutgers University at night while he was working and got his bachelor's degree. He then became a soil conservationist. Later he was selected as District Conservationist in Lehigh County in Pennsylvania. He was then promoted to the District Conservationist position in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. After that he worked in Harrisonburg as a Farm Bill Specialist. Upon his retirement from USDA, he went to work as a soil conservationist for Bucks County Conservation District. David did a tremendous job working with the farmers in the Neshaminy Watershed under a special EPA grant for the Neshaminy Watershed. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anne Reichard Tindall; his sons and their wives, Jeff and Silvia, Scott and Denise and Mark and Barb; his grandchildren, Olivia, Isabella, Drew, Mikaela, Megan, Jon, Jesse, and Jared; and four great-grandchildren. |
| **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. |
| **Todd** | **2021** | Mary Alice Bidwell Todd (84) of Redding, California passed away June 27, 2021. Mary was the wife of ARCSE member Hew Todd, retired engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mary was born in Oakland, California on February 19, 1937, and raised in Greenville, California by her parents Bruce and Ann Bidwell. She attended Sacramento City College where she met her first husband Keith. Together they had three children before she became a widow at the age of 30. She then moved to Chico, California where she met Hew Todd who would become her husband on November 15, 1969. They made one more move, this time to Redding in 1970, where she lived until her passing. Mary is survived by her husband, Hew Todd, of 51 years, three children (Dan, Bruce and Rod), Hew's three children (Ginny, Hewlett and Joyce), five grandchildren (Ryan, Michael, Alyssa, Adam and Seth) and four great grandchildren (Evan, Heidi, Iris and Rhiannon). |
| **Vongkamdy** | **2021** | Souksady "Sue" Vongkhamdy (58) of Coventry, Rhode Island passed away several days after suffering a severe stroke on January 1, 2021. Sue was the wife of ARCSE Affiliate Member Phou Vongkhamdy, who is the Rhode Island State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Because of COVID-19 restrictions a private family ceremony was conducted. Cards of condolence may be sent to Phou, Abe and Angela at 31 Lydia Road, Coventry, RI 02816. |
| **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. |
| **Wagner** | **2021** | Marcella Irene Wagner (87) of Antlers, Oklahoma, passed away November 8, 2021, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was the widow of Billy J. Wagner, former State Office Soil Scientist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service who passed away in 2010. Marcella was born in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma to Robert Dewey Kimberlin and Willie Lee (Barnard) Kimberlin on September 16, 1934. Marcella and Billy were married on March 30, 1956. She was a faithful and devoted member of Antlers First Baptist Church. Marcella enjoyed reading, history, sewing, antiquing, storytelling, baking, cooking, and any time spent with her family was her absolute favorite. She loved feeding people. She is preceded in death by her husband Billy Wagner and son, Eric Wagner. She is survived by her children: Marcia Pitman of Homer, Louisiana; Leah Kyrk of Saginaw, Texas; Eva Willingham of Nashville, Tennessee; and Lana Wagner of Albuquerque, New Mexico; 10 grandchildren and multiple great-grandchildren. |
| **Wallace** | **2021** | Barbara Livingstone Wallace (79) of Grand Rapids, Michigan, passed away March 11, 2021, in Grand Rapids after a valiant battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). She was born in Edmore, Michigan and grew up in Big Rapids, Michigan. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science from Michigan State University and attended graduate school for Public Administration at Central Michigan University. Barbara served as the Executive Director of the Mecosta County Chamber of Commerce, President of the General Federation of Women's Club Michigan (GFWC), National Co-Chairman GFWC/FBI Crime Prevention and Victim Assistance Program, Member of the Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission and was the Senior Public Relations Administrator for Amway. She then began a 15-year career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at National Headquarters as a Social Scientist. She returned to Grand Rapids in her final position with the NRCS as National Community Conservation Specialist. Barb leaves behind her daughter Wendy, grandson Cody, brother John Donley, and dear friend Russ Hinkle. Barbara was preceded in death by husband James Wallace, on April 11, 2009. |
| **Wallace** | **2021** | Margaret Ann Wallace (95) of West Liberty, Kentucky, passed away December 9, 2021, at the Wolfe County Health Care Center, in Campton, Kentucky. She was born October 12, 1926, at Buffalo Valley, Tennessee, daughter of the late Virgil M. and Cordova Fisher Bartlett. She was the wife of Senior Conservationist H.A. Wallace who passed away in 2012. H.A. worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a District Conservationist. They were married May 12, 1946, in Rossville, Georgia. She worked at Oak Ridge during the development of the atomic bomb and was also a homemaker, devoting her life to care for her family and her home. She was a devoted member of Grace Baptist Church. |

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| **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 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. |
| **Whitaker** | **2021** | 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. |
| **White** | **2021** | 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. |
| **Whitworth** | **2021** | 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. |
| **Wilkes** | **2021** | ARCSE Member Robert Lester Wilkes (91) of Athens, Georgia, passed away after a short illness on March 18, 2021. Bob was the youngest of three sons born to John Wilkes and Beulah Thompson Wilkes in Lyons, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1953. Also in 1953, Bob married Frances Reid of Vidalia, Georgia. After graduation, he went home to work with his father and brother. He soon decided the farm was not his calling and started work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). During his career Bob soil surveyed almost 1 million acres and ended his career as a soil scientist in the Athens SCS State Office. Bob is remembered by those that knew and worked with him as man with passion for the soil profession, his love for the Georgia Bulldogs, but more as family man, mentor of young men and very good and kind man. His two favorite sites to map soils were the Chickamauga Battlefield and the two weeks he spent mapping Cumberland Island. Bob is predeceased by his wife, Frances Reid Wilkes and daughter Judy Wilkes Mahoney. He is survived by his daughter, Kim Wilkes Reuning (Pete) of Sandy Springs, Georgia, son-in-law John Mahoney of Lyons, Georgia; grandsons John Reuning and Tom Reuning (Amanda) of Atlanta, Georgia, William Olmstead (Katie) of Athens, Georgia, Robert Olmstead of Wilmington, North Carolina, and John Mahoney of Savannah, Georgia; and great grandchildren Will Olmstead and Smith Olmstead of Athens, Georgia. |
| **Williams** | **2021** | Brandee Nicole Williams(42) of Bradenton, Florida passed away on April 26, 2021 at the age of 42. Brandee was born January 11, 1979, in Liberal, Kansas, to Leisa (Keeth) and Jeff Williams. She attended Forgan Public School in Forgan, Oklahoma, class of 1997, and Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas class of 2003. Brandee Williams was a NRCS Range Conservationist in Oklahoma and Florida |

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| **Williams** | **2021** | Dudley Wills Williams (84) of Richmond, Virginia, passed away November 4, 2021 after a lengthy illness, with his daughter Janice caring for him. Dudley was born on August 29, 1937, to the late James and Elizabeth Williams. He grew up in East Aurora, New York. Dudley was an engineering technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He also served in the New York National Guard. He was working in regional offices in Virginia at the time of his retirement. Dudley enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching multiple sports on television. He was an active alum of the East Aurora Boys & Girls Club and was an active contributor to the Pet Connection. He was predeceased by his longtime wife B. Joyce Williams, who died in 2014. He is survived by his children Randy (Chris) Domes of Oneida, New York, Edward (Sue) Domes of Omaha, Nebraska, Janice Freeman, and Abbagail Paige Williams of Richmond, Virginia. |
| **Williams** | **2021** | 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 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; |
| **Williams** | **2021** | Thomas George Berl Williams Jr. (74) of Arlington, Texas, passed away on July 15, 2021, in Amarillo, Texas. Thomas was born in Los Angeles, California, on January 1, 1947, to Thomas George Berl Williams Sr. and Velma Faye Sumrow Williams. Thomas was a Vietnam War Veteran having served in the United States Air Force. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1979 and worked as a Park Ranger for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He worked at Coleto Creek Park and as a Park Superintendent for Palo Duro Canyon during the 1980s. Thomas also worked for the City of Amarillo Parks Department and the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He retired as District Conservationist in Claude, Texas. Survivors include his mother, Velma Stacey; son, Matthew Williams Winters (Christina); and grandchildren, Nolan and Kinsley Winters. |
| **Willis** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist and Life ARCSE Member Roland R Willis (89) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, passed away November 15, 2021. Roland was born August 28, 1932, at Knox City, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Texas A&M University and the University of Oklahoma. He served as a Captain in the United States Air Force. Roland began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1952 as student trainee in Texas. He served in several locations in Texas as Range Conservationist, Work Unit Conservationist and Area Conservationist. Later he served as Assistant State Conservationist for Operations in Indiana and Deputy and State Conservationist for Oklahoma retiring on his 55th birthday in 1987 as the National senior state conservationist. Ge was recognized with USDA Superior Service Award. He served as National President of Soil Conservation Society of America. He was also a member of a special USDA task force to the Peoples Republic of China. He was preceded in death by his daughter Elesa in 2009. Elesa was selected as one of the 10 outstanding young women of America and retired from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as State Conservationist for Delaware. He is survived by his wife, June and daughters Wanda and Nancy. The Oklahoma Historical Society has an interview with Roland about his life and career available online: https://youtu.be/uaquL1AX3a8. |
| **Wiltsey** | **2021** | Joseph (Joe) Marvin Wiltsey (73) of Crosslake, Minnesota, passed away November 28, 2021, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from complications following heart surgery. Joe was born to Margie Emily (Klynstra) and Marvin Warren on November 2, 1948, in Minneapolis. Joe served honorably with the United States Air Force achieving the rank of Sergeant. He was honorably discharged in 1972 after training and serving in Germany and Turkey as a Flight Medic. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1975 in Soil and Water Resource Management from the College of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. On June 24, 1995, Joe married the love of his life, his wife Pamelia Blanche McGraw at Crosslake Lutheran Church and then held a party to be remembered at their home on Velvet Lake, complete with a pig roast and dancing under the stars. His career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) spanned 31 years, with him retiring in 2005. He stayed busy in retirement despite failing health including traveling, hunting, fishing and being part of the Crosslake American Legion, Post 500 Color Guard. Joe is survived by his loving wife and partner of 26 years Pamelia Blanche McGraw Wiltsey of Crosslake, his son David Wiltsey of Merrifield, Minnesota; stepchildren Daniel Custer (Stacey Dirks Custer) of Browerville, Minnesota, and Shanan Custer (Eric Webster) of Minneapolis; and 4 grandchildren (Andrew, Kate, Tristan, Talib). |
| **Woods** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist Fred L. Woods (100) of Jasper, Indiana (formerly of Shoals, Indiana), passed away September 2, 2021, at St. Charles Health Campus. Fred was the son of Charles Nelson and Aurelia Wilson Woods, born on February 26, 1921, in Orange County, North Carolina. Fred was a World War II Veteran. He worked in Martin County Indiana as a Soil conservation Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1986. He was known statewide as a public speaker and advocate for natural resource conservation and received many awards for his work in service and contribution to natural resources. After retirement, he became a tree planter, planting numerous trees in Martin County. He was of the Christian faith. His first wife Dora passed away in 1978. His daughter Diana passed away in 2013. He is survived by wife Florence Baker Woods and one son, Greg (Joan) and two daughters, Sylvia (Andrew) and Ina (Rick), many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. |

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| **Wulforst** | **2021** | 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** | **2021** | 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 Loran |
| **Yelverton** | **2021** | Senior Conservationist Mary Alice Yelverton (nee Bennington) (99) of Boerne, Texas, passed away on August 22, 2021, just three months shy of her 100th birthday. Mary was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Ralph R. Bennington and Anna Spilker Bennington on November 1, 1921. When World War II broke out, Mary Alice volunteered at USO and the local Air Force base, serving refreshments to the soldiers traveling through. She once met actor William Holden as a volunteer and got to sit in his convertible to listen to a radio broadcast he had just recorded. She was a fan forever. Often, her family would host homesick soldiers for home-cooked meals and sing-alongs around the family piano. During her single years, she was active in her sorority and helped to stage successful fund-raising shows. Always a fashionista, she modeled for Stanley Marcus of Neiman-Marcus at fashion shows in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She held jobs as an accounting clerk and secretary for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and was hired as a secretary for the United States Air Force Project Dallas, where she met her future husband and dashing Air Force officer, Captain Carl Yelverton. She and Carl were married for 47 years. They married in 1954 in San Antonio, while he was still an officer in the Air Force. She was a Girl Scout leader and PTA room mom at the local elementary school. In 1970, she and her family moved to Boerne, to begin life in the country. With four acres, a Shetland pony, an orchard and a large garden, Mary Alice embraced small town life, learning to make preserves and pickles, winning dozens of blue ribbons at the Kendall County Fair over the years and delighting friends and acquaintances with her delicious treats. She was a pet lover and cared for several dogs and cats over the years. A devout Catholic, she had belonged to St. Peter’s Catholic Church since 1970 and served on several church committees over the years. After her children married and moved away, she began writing a weekly column in 1983 for The Boerne Star at the request of its editor, Ann McNair, called Mary Alice’s Potpourri. Her column appeared weekly for more than 30 years. Readers voted her Best Columnist 11 times. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Yelverton. She is survived by her daughter, Melissa Landrum (Steve); son, Carl Robert “Bobby” Yelverton, Jr. (Tracy); grandchildren: Grant, Blair and Cole Landrum, Kelsey Yelverton Richter, Mallory Yelverton Griffin; and great-grandchildren, Lyla, L.J. and Luke Richter. |
| **Argabright** | **2020** | Dorthy Ann (Dirks) Argabright (89) passed away February 20, 2020 at Homestead of Topeka Assisted Living Center in Topeka, Kansas. Dorthy was the spouse of Senior Conservationist Melvin (Scott) Argabright who passed away in 2011. Scott retired as National Technology Center Agronomist in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1992. Dorthy continued to live in Lincoln following Scott’s death until 2014 when she moved to an assisted living facility in Topeka. She and Scott were married on August 24, 1949 at her family home near Martin South Dakota. In addition to being a full-time homemaker and mother of four she also worked as a part-time waitress. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church. |

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| **Badger** | **2020** | Laura Elaine (Smith) Badger (76) passed away October 23, 2020 at the Healthcare Resort in Topeka, Kansas. She was the wife of ARCSE Life Member Tom Badger whom she married on June 5, 1965. Tom was the Area Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Manhattan, Kansas before he retired in 2001. Elaine, as she was known to all, was born March 11, 1944 in Topeka, Kansas, the daughter of Walter and Eleanor (Phelon) Smith. She worked as a Registered Nurse in hospitals across Kansas. Elaine was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Tracy Badger. In addition to her husband Tom, she is survived by son, Todd Badger of Stuart, Florida and daughter, Tara Phillips of Wichita, Kansas. |
| **Beard** | **2020** | John Charles Beard (94) passed away February 2, 2020, at his home in Paris, Texas. He was born to Hubert Elbert Beard and Elsie Groves Beard November 8, 1925, in Canton, Texas. Being too young to enlist in military service on his own during World War II, he persuaded his mother to sign papers that allowed him to join the navy and serve in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1946. He attended East Texas State University, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees. John held multiple titles as a competitive swimmer and diver. He was an avid naturalist and expressed his love of living creatures as a gifted woodcarver. He was a singer, musician, and showman. He shared his love of music by directing several church choirs. John worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and retired as an Area Conservationist in Southeast Oklahoma. John was preceded in death by his first wife, Billie Cox Beard. Survivors include his wife, Mary Anne Beard, two daughters, Susan Holmes and husband Rhett Gideon of South Padre Island, Texas; and Laura Hutchings of Paris, Texas; four grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Burial, with military honors, was held at Memories Memorial Park in Canton, Texas. |
| **Beech** | **2020** | Mardelle Naomi Beech (91) of Erie, Kansas, passed away October 3, 2020, at Guest Homes Estates in Erie. Mardelle was born on January 31, 1929, to William and Hattie Claussen in Davenport, Iowa. Mardelle was married to James "Jim" Wallace Beech who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. James and Mardelle were married for 72 years. |
| **Blan** | **2020** | Kenneth "Spud" Ray Blan (81) of Antlers, Oklahoma passed away August 6, 2020 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Kenneth was born in Bakersfield, California on May 9, 1939 to Virgil and Willie "Bill" (Thompson) Blan. Kenneth was raised in the Antlers area and returned to the community he loved upon retirement from a career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. During his career, Ken was a District Conservationist in Dewey and Perry, Oklahoma; an Area Conservationist in Hugo, Oklahoma; and the State Resource Conservationist at the State Office in Stillwater. He was a graduate of Oklahoma State University and Kansas State University, as well as earning his law degree at Mississippi College. He was a devoted Christian and an active member of First Baptist Church. He was also active in the community, having served on the boards of Pushmataha County Hospital, the Pushmataha County Conservation District, and Oklahoma Farm Bureau. Kenneth was preceded in death by his stepson Leslie "Pete" Harrison and his beloved first wife Mary Alice "Judy" Blan. He is survived by his beautiful wife Rebecca (Harrison) Blan; his stepchildren Regina (Archie) Wade, Lonnie "Buddy" (Almira) Harrison; 18 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. |
| **Boner** | **2020** | Corliss Ann (Winters) Boner (83) of Enterprise, Oregon, passed away October 28, 2020, at St. Luke's Hospital in Meridian, Idaho. Corliss was the wife of Dale W. Boner, retired Area Conservationist in Bend, Oregon, for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Corliss was born March 26, 1937, at the Enterprise hospital to Virgil and Joy (Fine) Winters. On January 23, 1954, she married Dale Boner in Joseph Oregon. They started their married life in Corvallis, Oregon where Corliss worked at the College library and Dale was enrolled at Oregon State University. Four years later it was off to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and Camp Irwin, California for Dale to serve in the US Army. The next 24 years Dale worked for SCS in Maupin, Heppner, Pendleton and Bend, Oregon. Upon Dale's retirement from SCS on January 1, 1990 they returned to the farm near Enterprise. Corliss was known for her love of family and spent many hours re- searching family genealogy. Corliss was preceded in death by son Brian and daughter Traci. She is survived by husband Dale Boner, grand- daughter Katie Boner and great-granddaughter Kensley. |
| **Borts** | **2020** | Dortha Borts (82) of Sigourney, Iowa passed away November. 16, 2020, at the Sigourney Health Care Center. Dortha was the wife of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service District Conservationist Don Borts. She and Don were married January 19, 1963. In addition to Don, she is survived by their three children and three grandchildren. |
| **Bossuyt** | **2020** | Kathryn May Bossuyt (née Knobloch) (100) of Tucson, Arizona passed away June 19, 2020. Kathryn was the spouse of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service Tucson District Conservationist, Maurice J. Bossuyt, who passed away in 2015. She was a graduate of Catholic University of America and a professional Librarian during her career, serving in many leadership roles including serving on the Governor's Committee on Libraries and as an officer of several professional organizations. |
| **Boyd** | **2020** | Arthur Leroy Boyd Jr. (70) of Marquette, Kansas passed away February 14, 2020 at the Salina Regional Health Center, Salina, Kansas. Arthur retired in September of 2009 as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Ellsworth Field Office. |
| **Bradshaw** | **2020** | Lloyd C. Bradshaw (72) of Rexburg, Idaho passed away at Madison Memorial Hospital on November 24, 2020. He was born in Wendell, Idaho on June 27, 1948, to Reuben Clark Bradshaw and Mary Louise Crowther. Lloyd grew up on a dairy farm in Richfield, Idaho, where he learned to work hard milking cows and doing farm chores. He served an honorable mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to North Argentina and Bolivia. After returning from his mission, Lloyd attended Ricks College where he participated in and enjoyed being on the rodeo team. On June 12, 1970, Lloyd married his high school sweetheart, Krisitie May Arave in the Idaho Falls Temple. He then attended Idaho State University and after graduation started his career with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service serving many years as the District Conservationist in Rexburg. He worked at that career for thirty-one years and retired at the age of fifty-five. He was then able to fill his time with family, saddle making and cowboying. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served in various callings over the years. Lloyd is survived by his loving wife, Krisitie; Sons: Ryan (Jody), Clint (Misha), Kyle (Kristy), Jake (Sabrina); Daughters Kerry (Jeff), and Amanda (Jeremiah); 26 grandchildren; and 2 great-granddaughters. |

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| **Brinlee** | **2020** | R. C. Brinlee (88) of Wilburton, Oklahoma passed away on February 7, 2020 in McAlester, Oklahoma. R.C. was born on January 29, 1932 in Konawa, Oklahoma to William Juddy Brinlee and Nora (Davis) Brinlee. He served in the U.S. Army, and received an honorable discharge in 1953. R.C. then attended Eastern A&M where he played baseball. He transferred to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology in 1959. As part of his employment with the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), he authored soil survey manuscripts for several counties in Oklahoma. He retired from the NRSC in 1988. Following his retirement, he continued working for the NRCS as a contract soil scientist. R.C. is survived by his children: Robert Brinlee (Valerie) of Clayton, Oklahoma, David Brinlee (Melinda), Judy Brinlee and Linda Callaway (Sean) all of Wilburton, Oklahoma; 9 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held February 11, 2020 at Salt of the Earth Church in Wilburton with Pastor Cindy Shero officiating. |
| **Brister** | **2020** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Rayford J. Brister (92) of San Saba, Texas (formerly of San Antonio, Texas) passed away August 11, 2019. Rayford was born in Mertzon, Texas on April 27, 1927. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, including service as a range conservationist, soil conservationist, and a District Conservationist. He retired in 1982. Many of Rayford's colleagues have passed away, making it difficult to learn much about his career, but numerous archived newspaper articles either written by Rayford or about Rayford in the 1960s and 1970s can be found online. He evidently had an active public information program promoting conservation in Texas. He was preceded in death by his daughter Janice Brister. He is survived by wife Helen Brister, and his children, Sherry Brister Smay and Stephen Brister. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of extended family. |
| **Buchta** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Hilbert "Glen" Buchta (95) of Broken Bow, Nebraska passed away January 17, 2020, at the Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center in Broken Bow. Glen was born Dec. 31, 1924, to Hilbert and Grace (Deeter) Buchta in Polk County, Nebraska. His college education was interrupted in 1943 when he was drafted into the US Army. After serving his country, Glen returned to the University of Nebraska in 1946, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering in January 1949. Right out of college Glen went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as an engineer. He was married to Opal Steinhausen on May 20, 1949, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The family lived in McCook, Nebraska from 1949 to 1972. Glen's career took him to Vietnam, Tunisia and Somalia to work on various conservation projects. In 1976 they moved to Grand Island, Nebraska. Glen retired in 1980. Glen and Opal celebrated their 70th anniversary on May 20, 2019. Glen is survived by his wife, Opal, of Broken Bow; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg of Grand Island, Karl and Sandra of Chappell, Nebraska and Greg and Susan of Spring, Texas and a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Marty Bredthauer of Broken Bow. |
| **Buckner** | **2020** | Robert Eugene Buckner (83) of Apache, Oklahoma passed away September 3, 2020 in Lawton, Oklahoma. Robert was born January 11, 1937, in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Vernon Sr. and Ruth Elizabeth (Stafford) Bucker. Robert obtained a Bachelors' Degree in Soil Conservation from Cameron University. He proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War and again during the Vietnam War, accumulating 20 years of service. He married Dolly "Loretta" Comanche on October 1, 1972, in Apache. He was employed for 20 years as a Construction Inspector for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Robert is survived by his wife, Loretta; children: Robert (Lori) Buckner of Chickasha, Oklahoma; Larry (Karen) Buckner of Mansfield, Oklahoma; Max (Linda) Buckner of Arkansas; Jack Buckner of Chickasha; James Buckner of Apache; Latisha (Martin) Sullivan of Lawton, Oklahoma; Hilary Buckner of Lawton; foster children: Lucille Olivates and Henry Kaulaity; 17 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Steven Buckner. |
| **Bump** | **2020** | Gary Francis Bump (73) of Lincoln, California passed away peacefully on January 21, 2020. Gary was born July 7, 1946 in Chowchilla, California. He worked on the family ranch, and graduated from the California State University of Fresno, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Gary spent his career working for the US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and Natural Resources and Conservation Service in the fields of transportation engineering and then information technology for a combined 42 years of public service. He was a highly intelligent, renaissance man who could fix anything and loved woodworking, playing and watching sports, coaching his daughters playing softball, and being out in nature. He is preceded in death by his wife Judi Bump. He is survived by his daughters Sheri Lasick and Vicki Dean, and grandchildren Robert Lasick, Cheyenne Lasick, Raven Lasick, Shania Dean, Tawnee Dean, Bethann Dean, Anna Dean, and Kylie Dean, and great-grandson Mason. |
| **Carter** | **2020** | Johnnie Lee Carter Sr. (76) of Davis, California passed away July 8, 2020, at Kaiser Hospital in Vacaville, California after surviving kidney failure and transplant for 17 years and a more recent battle with dementia. Johnnie was born October 14, 1943 to Fred and Betty May (Goings) Carter in Dyersburg, Tennessee. He attended Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee where he earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy in June 1965. He was drafted into the U.S. Army the same month. After his honorable discharge he returned to work with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS; formerly Soil Conservation Service) in Nashville. On Oct.14, 1967, Johnnie was united in marriage to Dorothy M. (Fuqua) Carter. While working for NRCS, the family lived in Tennessee, Illinois, New Jersey, Kentucky, and California. After settling in Davis, California in 1975, the family took weekend and holiday trips exploring their new state from top to bottom. He often shared with family and friends his passion for fishing, jewelry making and was an avid golf enthusiast. While working for NRCS as a Civil Rights Administrator, he created many opportunities and encouraged careers for minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities that crossed several local, state and federal agencies. Johnnie is survived by his wife Dorothy Carter, son John Carter, Jr., grandson Johnnie Lee Carter III and many others, including Nancy – his "Angel" kidney donor. Contributions in Johnnie Carter's memory can be made to the Northern California Alzheimer's Association, Sacramento Office at www.alz.org/norcal. |
| **Cheshier** | **2020** | Debra Cheshier (68) of Harrisburg, Missouri, passed away December 23, 2020 at University of Missouri Hospital. Debra was the wife of Rob Cheshier, former State Geologist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service at the Missouri State Office. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Rob Cheshier, 9150 Route E, Harrisburg, MO 65256. |

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| **Churchman** | **2020** | Karen Frances Churchman (72) of Salina, Kansas, passed away December 31, 2020. Karen was born in Great Bend, Kansas on August 6, 1948, a daughter of the late Christine Marie (Mauler) and John Raymond Lichter. She graduated from Brown Mackie College in 1967. On October 21, 1967, Karen married Ralph Churchman in Olmitz, Kansas. She was the Secretary to the State Conservationist at the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and retired in 2010 after 41 ½ years of service. Survivors include daughters, Kimberly Mick, (John) of Salina, Kansas, Debie Nickelson, (Troy) of Assaria, Kansas; and 4 grandchildren, Madison, Kennedy, Evan, and Ian. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Churchman. |
| **Clark** | **2020** | Conservation Partner Frank Halsted "Hal" Clark (88) of Elk City, Oklahoma (formerly of Guymon, Oklahoma) passed away November 23, 2020 in Elk City. Hal Clark was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on January 10, 1932 to Frank T. and Nellie Clark. They moved often with his father's work responsibilities as a geologist. He attended Texas Tech University and earned a degree in Animal Science and Range Management. He married Patricia Brown in Oklahoma City on February 1, 1953. Hal served on numerous committees and commissions whose goal has been improving economic conditions and quality of life for Oklahoma citizens, including serving on the Cimarron County Conservation District Board for 50 years and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission for 17 years. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Conservation Hall of Fame in 1997. He received the Governor's Agricultural Environmental Stewardship Award in 2017. He is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Tim Israel of Elk City; daughter-in-law, Marlene Henson of Guymon; 7 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. |
| **Clevenger** | **2020** | Mary Cunningham Clevenger (84) of Morgantown, West Virginia passed away peacefully at JW Ruby Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. She was the wife of retired USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services engineer and Planning Staff Leader James P. Clevenger. She taught elementary school after raising their children. In addition to her husband of 61 years, James, she is survived by sons Joe (Beth), Jimmy (Ruthie), son-in-law JJ Hynes; 7 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by daughter Kim Hynes. |
| **Coombes** | **2020** | ARCSE member Raymond Eugene Coombes (72) of Paris, Illinois, passed away July 15, 2020 at Gibson Family Center for Hospice Care in Terre Haute, Indiana. He was born September 25, 1947 in Danville, Illinois, the son of Paul and Mary (Brewer) Coombes. He married Paula Hoffman on July 22, 1972 in Walnut, Illinois, and she survives. Ray was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in Vietnam and later in Germany. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation for 42 years, starting as a Soil Conservation Technician in Tuscola, Illinois and retiring in 2008 as District Conservationist in Paris, Illinois. He was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Hume American Legion Post 369, and was a former member of the Edgar County 4-H Association Board. He was also a judge for the Edgar County 4-H Fair for several years. He enjoyed woodworking and following his retirement, he took on the task of mowing lawns for several people. He never missed any of his grandchildren's events and he was a Fighting Illini Fan. In addition to his wife Paula, Ray is survived by two children, Steve (Jill) Coombes of Paris, Illinois and Mary (Deron) Hearn of Hume, Illinois and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Brad Foy. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Edgar County 4-H Association or the Hume American Legion Post 369. |
| **Copenhaver** | **2020** | Charles Frederick Copenhaver (82) of Abingdon, Virginia passed away on October 3, 2020, at his home. Fred was born December 26, 1937 and raised in Blue Springs, Virginia. He was a graduate of Virginia Tech. He taught as an Agriculture teacher at John Battle High School in Bristol, Virginia for 13 years and then worked for the Natural Resource Conservation Service for 33 years. He served as the district conservationist in the Abingdon and Galax field offices. Fred was a friend and mentor to a lot of current district conservationists and field staff. Fred had a jovial spirit and was good story teller that always brought a smile and laugh to whoever he was around. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, E. Maxine Copenhaver; daughter, Diane (Scott) Rector of Meadowview, Virginia; son Jim (Karen) Copenhaver of Glade Spring, Virginia; and 5 grandchildren. |
| **Craig** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist Clell Dean Craig (97) of Carrollton, Missouri passed away December 2, 2020, at Carroll House in Carrollton. He was born June 19, 1923, in Ridgeway, Missouri, to Harley and Oletha (Landis). Clell grew up on a farm outside of Ridgeway, Missouri. Upon graduation from high school, Clell entered the military, and he served his country honorably in the United States Army during World War II as a mechanic. Clell was united in marriage to Virginia Ila Hamilton in Troy, Kansas, on September 1, 1946. Clell and Virginia shared 61 years of marriage before departing him in death on February 17, 2008. Clell was employed as a soil conservation technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and later worked at Charlie's Texaco Service Station in Carrollton. Clell enjoyed camping, fishing, and playing cards. He especially enjoyed the many fishing trips to Canada and Devils Lake, South Dakota, where their traveling gang had many great times. Clell is survived by a son, Gerald Craig of Carrollton, Missouri and a grandson, Jason Appleberry of Carrollton. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Virginia and a son, Larry Craig. In Clell's memory, and as an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pence-Lovell-England Post #1773, Carrollton, Missouri. |
| **Cyre** | **2020** | Thomas D. Cyre (65) passed away December 27, 2020 at Mount Joseph Senior Village, Concordia, Kansas. He was born November 10, 1955 in Newton, Kansas to Bernard and Loretta (Dallen) Cyre. He received his Associate Degree from Cloud County Community College and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology at Ft. Hays State University, Hays, Kansas. On August 20, 1976 he married Sandra Estes at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Clay Center, Kansas. Thomas worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Geologist. He is survived by his wife Sandra Cyre, Concordia, Kansas; son, Vaughan Cyre, Concordia, Kansas; mother, Loretta Cyre, Clay Center, Kansas; and several brothers and sisters. Memorial contributions may be given to Meadowlark Hospice in care of Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, PO Box 606, Concordia, KS. |
| **Davidson** | **2020** | Ruth Marie Davidson (90) of Topeka, Kansas passed away February 20, 2020 at McCrite Health Center. She was the spouse of USDA-Soil Conservation Service conservation agronomist Granville "Dave" Davidson who passed away in 2016. Ruth met Dave while attending Oklahoma State University. They were married January 29, 1949, in Oklahoma City. Dave's work took them throughout Kansas. Ruth was a devoted wife and mother who managed a household while working as an insurance secretary, and then a file clerk in the Topeka Statehouse. |

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| **Decker** | **2020** | Denise Marie Decker, Ph.D (71) of Washington, DC passed away November 4, 2020. Denise was born blind on March 9, 1949. She overcame this adversity and dedicated her life to using her blindness as a tool for public service to give back to the many family, friends, co-workers, and mentors who provided support and assistance to her throughout her life. She had a Bachelor of Arts degree from State University of New York, two Masters of Arts degrees and a Ph. D from the University of Wisconsin, and two Fulbright Foundation & American Association of University Women Ph.D. Fellowships. From 1979 to 1989 she worked for the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance, Agency for International Development (AID) where she wrote and implemented workshops to teach independent living skills to people with disabilities living in Brasilia, Brazil. Partners then went on to use her workshop in eight other Latin American countries and awarded Dr. Decker the Program Development Award for her hard work and stunning contributions. In 1989 she began work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service, first working in the Human Resources Division. She then held several other positions at National headquarters including Customer Service Manager, Human Capital Manager, and Senior Policy Analyst. Her last eight years before her retirement in 2018 were as a Senior Legislative Analyst, in the Legislative Affairs Division where she prepared Chief's congressional testimony; responded to Congressional inquiries; trained congressional liaisons; briefed congressional members and staff. Leslie Deavers, current Chief of Staff for Associate Chief, worked with Denise in Legislative Affairs and remembers her this way: "She was the type of person who would take on any assignment and was always eager to learn new things and pitch in. Before heading home in the evenings, she would often pop in with her dog Wonder to say good evening and chat a little about life. Denise would always have some fascinating stories about world travels, her work in the community, educating children about seeing eye dogs, and other activities that highlighted her life experiences. Words do not adequately express my feelings of loss at her sudden passing. She was a gem; a marvelous woman who gave much to those around her." |
| **Derickson** | **2020** | Conservation Partner, Senior Conservationist and Honorary Member Eugene "Gene" Derickson (101) of Hamilton, Ohio passed away May 10, 2020 at Berkeley Square Retirement Community in Hamilton. He was born in Riley, Ohio on April 30, 1919, the son of the Wilbur H. and Elsie (Vizedom) Derickson. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from The Ohio State University in 1941. After graduation he served as Farm Security Supervisor, United States Department of Agriculture at Findlay, Ohio. In 1944 he returned to Butler County to farm until he purchased a dairy farm in 1953 at Baltimore, Ohio. Gene returned to Government Services in 1955 as a Soil and Water Conservationist in Lancaster, Ohio. In 1959 he accepted the position of Associate Executive Secretary of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission which was associated with The Ohio State University. In 1969 Gene was appointed Assistant Chief of the division of Soil and Water Districts, Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He served as President of the Ohio Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America. One of the awards that he has especially cherished was the awarding of being named "Fellow" by this international organization. Upon retirement he received "special recognition" by the General Assembly for "Outstanding Achievement" in Soil and Water Conservation. Gene retired in 1983 and moved to Tavares, Florida. Gene married Helen Lyle of Cadis, Ohio on March 22, 1941. They celebrated 61 years of marriage before her passing on August 26, 2002. In January of 2004 he married Freda Stumpf-Kiniyalocts of Hamilton. Gene is survived by his wife Freda; son Dr. James L. Derickson (Cheryl) of Arizona; daughter Karen J. Fetter (Jack) of Grover Hill, Ohio; stepdaughter Linda (Steve) Alexander of Middletown, Ohio. He also leaves 6 grandchildren, one step-granddaughter and 15 great grandchildren. |
| **Dierking** | **2020** | Richard Allen Dierking (92) of Portland, Oregon, passed away peacefully in his daughter's Milwaukie, Oregon, home on November 26, 2020. He was born March 18, 1928, in Vallejo, California. Richard was a WWII era veteran having served in the United States Army and as a Captain in the California Air National Guard. He graduated from Oregon State University. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist in Fresno, California, Washington DC and Portland, Oregon where he retired after more than 40 years of service in 1993. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Diane Erickson Dierking and granddaughter, Brianna Leon. Richard is survived by his daughters, Rochelle Caffee of Tigard, Oregon, and Rebecca Bergio of Milwaukie, Oregon, and his sons, Earl Dierking of Vancouver, Washington, Eric Dierking of Denver, Colorado and Mark Dierking of Seattle, Washington. Richard left behind thirteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. |
| **Doren** | **2020** | Joanne M. Van Doren (85) of Chaumont, New York passed away September 4, 2020 at the Samaritan Medical Center in Watertown, New York after a brief illness. Joanne was the wife of former USDA-Soil Conservation Service Soil Scientist, Ken Van Doren, who passed away in 2016. Joanne is survived by three sons, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. |
| **Dunnigan** | **2020** | Cecilia S. Dunnigan (91) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away July 30, 2020. Cecilia was the wife of ARCSE Member and Senior Conservationist Lorn Dunnigan who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Lorn was the head of the Soil Mechanics Lab in Lincoln. He retired in 1989 and passed away in 2014. Cecilia was born January 1, 1929 in Cavalier County, North Dakota to A.G. and Thorlaug (Finnson) Magnusson. She was raised in an Icelandic community and taught school in rural North Dakota until she married Lorn Dunnigan on September 8, 1951. She was an accomplished seamstress and avid gardener. She was also a Food Service Manager for Lincoln Public Schools and a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Cecilia is survived by her Children David (Joy) Dunnigan of Clatonia, Nebraska, Diane (Tom) Lamb of Lincoln, Joan Dunnigan (Bob Cohn) of Louisville, Kentucky, Karan Dunnigan (Gary Connelley) of Billings, Montana, and Brian (Jody) Dunnigan of Lincoln; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Eckenrode** | **2020** | Joseph Jay “Jake” Eckenrode (75) of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania passed away May 23, 2020 at Mt. Nittany Medical Center in State College, Pennsylvania. Jake began his soil scientist career in 1966 after earning a degree in Soil Science and Agronomy from Pennsylvania State University. He mapped soils in Crawford, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, Clinton, and Potter Counties. He also did soil survey details in Florida and Alaska. He was one of the featured soil scientists in the Smithsonian Institute’s 2008 to 2010 Dig It! The Secrets of Soil Exhibit. He mentored many soil scientists who have gone on to successful soil science careers. He retired from NRCS in 2005 and continued working as a consulting soil scientist. Jake wrote many materials that are still being used today – Introduction to Soils of Pennsylvania, the FFA Soils Land Judging manual, Pennsylvania Soil Survey Biographies, and various Agronomy Series on the History of Soil Survey in Pennsylvania, to name a few. He was one of the early contributors to the Pennsylvania Envirothon program and was an honorary member of the Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists. He is survived by his wife Sharon M. (Struble) Eckenrode; two sons Jay Glenn Eckenrode (Karen Nagle) and Joseph Andrew Eckenrode (Tara Davidson); two stepsons Jeffery Horner (Robin), Scott Horner (Jennifier); six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. |
| **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. |
| **Erinakes** | **2020** | Life Member Dennis Erinakes, (80) of Burleson, Texas passed away July 29, 2020 from complications related to COVID-19. Dennis was born June 6, 1940, in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. He was a graduate of Brown University and received his Master’s degree from the University of Maine. Dennis was an engineering geologist and retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as National Groundwater Specialist in 1992. He later was Vice President of one of the largest water boards in Texas, as well as an avid goose hunter and fisherman. He had a deep love for training his hunting dogs and taking in an occasional stray. Dennis was the youngest commercial pilot on the east coast when he earned his credentials in 1956, and he used his status to spot swordfish off the coast for fisherman. He was an Eagle Scout, along with his son and grandson in Davisville, R.I., Troop 1. Dennis was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and always was willing to help anyone who asked. Dennis was on the board of directors of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District. He will be loved and missed by his friends and family, including his sons, Michael Erinakes (Angela), David Erinakes (Elaine); and grandchildren, Danielle, Allison, Hunter, Megan and Ethan. |
| **Eubanks** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Johnny Martin Eubanks (88) of Gilbert, South Carolina passed away on May 22, 2020. A detailed obituary was not available, but Johnny worked for the USDA-Soil Conservationist starting as a Conservation Technician and retiring as a District Conservationist in 1994. A memorial service was held May 26, 2020, at Lexington Baptist Church in Lexington, South Carolina. |
| **Eyberg** | **2020** | William (Gene) Eugene Eyberg (93) of Atlantic, Iowa passed away November 16, 2020. Gene was born on October 31, 1927, to Roy G. and Frances J. Eyberg in rural Union County, Iowa. Gene attended The Army Specialized Training Program at South Dakota State as an Army Reservist in 1945 and entered into active duty in December of 1945. After discharge from the service in December of 1946, he worked as a clerk for the State Patrol Office in Creston, Iowa. Gene married Kathleen R. Erickson in Creston, Iowa, on December 14, 1947, at which time they farmed in Afton until 1965 and together had ten children. After leaving the farm he owned a gas route for a short time and was then offered a job with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), which enabled him to follow his passion of working with the land. He served in Creston and later transferred to Indianola, Iowa (1970) and finished in Atlantic (1975). He retired from SCS in 1990. Community and church were important to him and he gave back by being active and serving in or on various clubs, boards and councils. These include 4H (leader), Extension Council, Union County Fair Board, Afton Methodist Church, the Councils of the local Lutheran Church of America in Indianola and Atlantic, Atlantic City Council for two terms and 20 years on the SIRHA Executive Board in Creston. Gene was preceded in death by daughter-in-law, Susan Eyberg; grandchildren, Todd Vanderpluym, Jordan Eyberg, Jamie and Ann Eyberg, Josh Gower and Josh Vanderpluym. He is survived by Kathleen, his wife of 73 years; children, Bill (Connie), Kathy (Bob) Bye, Steve, Jim (Kristi), Jeff (Julie), Jane (Mike) Ohnemus, Deb Miller, Patti (Steve) Grant, Jill (Paul) Hans, Judy (Dennis) Kinen; 19 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. |
| **Farr** | **2020** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Jay Edmundson Farr (92), formerly of Petersburg, Illinois passed away February 20, 2019 at the Bell Trace Senior Living Center in Bloomington, Indiana where he and his wife Betty had lived for five years. Jay was born May 3, 1926 in Oak Park, Illinois to Jay, Sr. and Elizabeth Farr. Immediately after graduating from high school, Jay enlisted in the US Army Air Force. He graduated from the University of Illinois and began a lifelong career in conservation, first with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until he retired as a district conservationist in 1972, and then 20 more years with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Jay was a charter member of the Petersburg Tree Committee, active in veterans’ organizations and the United Methodist Church. One of the highlights of his later years was going on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC to honor World War II veterans. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Betty, and grandchildren Sara Humbert, Becky Belancin, Jeffrey Bartons, Angie Hudak, Scott Lindroth, Catherine Lindroth and one great-grandchild, Madison Belancin. |

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| **Fasig** | **2020** | Joe Allen Fasig (88) of Marion, Illinois passed away on February 29, 2020 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Joe was born on March 6, 1931 in Charleston, Illinois the son of Fred A. and Julia H. (Parker) Fasig. Joe honorably served our country in the United States Army Infantry and Signal Corps from 1948 until 1952. Joe spent his career working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service starting as a soil conservationist and retiring as a Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator (Shawnee RC&D). Throughout the years, Joe was a ham radio operator, skilled woodworker, and remarkable hunter. In 1950, he was featured in the Chicago Tribune for the first legal deer kill in Illinois. He traveled to Okeene, OK for twenty-five years and hunted rattlesnakes. He married Nancy A. Woolford on August 28, 1954 in Charleston, Illinois and had a loving marriage for sixty-one years. She preceded him in death on April 13, 2016. Joe is survived by five children: Fred A. Fasig of Charleston, Illinois, Jim M. Fasig (Becky) of Charleston, Illinois, Kathleen M. Mullen (Jeff) of Ballwin, Missouri, Lisa A. Hudgens (Kerry) of Marion, Illinois, Susan L. Mackin of Bellville, Illinois; eleven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. |
| **Fisher** | **2020** | Henry Fisher (84) of Columbus, Ohio passed away November 14, 2020. He received geology degrees from Brooklyn College and Missouri School of Mines. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a geologist, retiring in 2004. He was a square dance and contra caller, wood worker, piano player, and rock collector. He enjoyed life. He is survived by wife, Goldie Fisher; daughter, Deborah (Daniel Beck) Fisher; son, Martin (Stephanie) Fisher; granddaughters, Lauren Fisher, Paulina Fisher and Ada Beck; and grandson, Ezra Beck. A private graveside service was held on November 15 at New Tifereth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Henry's memory may be made to Congregation Tifereth Israel at www.tiferethisrael.org. |
| **Flanders** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist James Maxwell Flanders (96) of Lyons, Georgia passed away February 24, 2020, under Hospice care at Green Acres Health and Rehabilitation in Milledgeville, Georgia. He was born April 11, 1923, in Adrian, Georgia to William Arch and Betty May Flanders. He served one year with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Utah and then joined the United States Navy. He was called to active duty a year later after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was one of four brothers, who served in World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. Maxwell graduated from the University of Georgia in 1949 with a degree in Natural Science and Agriculture with a major in Agronomy. He worked with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in various locations in Georgia until his retirement as an area conservationist in 1980. He retired in Lyons and enjoyed his farms for forty years. Maxwell was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lyons. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Doris Simmons Flanders in 2013. Maxwell is survived by his daughters; Ellen Rivenbark (Kirk), Susan Wiley (Tom), Jeanie Beverly (Albert); his son, James Maxwell Flanders, Jr.; his grandchildren, Will Rivenbark (Valerie), Eric Rivenbark (Allison), John Wiley, Drew Wiley, Taylor Fields, Caroline Fields; and four great grandchildren. |
| **Florenzen** | **2020** | Joel Makelin Florenzen (83) of Hermiston, Oregon passed away peacefully at his home on December 17, 2020. Joel was born May 8, 1937, in Fort Bragg, California to parents Manuel Florenzen and Josephine “Josie” (Gollnick) Florenzen. He grew up in Fort Bragg, California, working at the lumber mill with his Dad during summers and after high school, saving money for college. Joel enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in May 1957 and was on active duty until May 1962. He was in the Air Force Reserves through 1963 and was honorably discharged. He completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He became a radar operator and was stationed in Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi; the Othello Radar Station in Othello, Washington; and then a radar site in Germany. After the Air Force he attended Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in 1963 where he met his future wife Trish. They married on Oct. 3, 1964, in Carson City, Nevada. In 1966 Joel graduated on the Dean’s list with an Associate’s Degree in Engineering in Survey Technology and an Associate’s Degree in Engineering in Highway Technology. Joel worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as an Engineering Technician in Ontario, Oregon from 1967 until he retired in 1993. He received numerous Merits of Performance Awards. Joel and Trish moved to Hermiston in 2017 to be closer to their kids in his later years. He had a special nostalgia for the Redwoods and enjoyed visiting his childhood home on the Northern California Coast, but his heart always remained in Vale and the Treasure Valley. He is survived by his spouse, Patricia “Trish” Ann Florenzen; daughters Heidi Florenzen of Hermiston, and Jennifer (Jonathon) Gilbert of Selah, Washington. Donations in his memory can be made to the Vale Oregon Food Pantry in care of City of Vale, 150 Longfellow St. N., Vale, Oregon 97918. |
| **Fosberg** | **2020** | CP Conservation partner Maynard Axel Fosberg (101) of Moscow, Idaho passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 18, 2020 due the effects of coronavirus. Maynard was born July 7, 1919 with twin sister Eva to Axel and Helen Fosberg in Turlock, California. He was another of the “greatest generation” and a pillar of the Moscow and University of Idaho community. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1940 and was stationed at Lemoore Air Force Base in California in charge of a photo lab, then to Denver, Colorado for training for gun cameras in the Army Air Corp. Maynard was then transferred to Lakeland, Florida for reconnaissance training then to Thomasville, Georgia to train on P1 fighters as a gun camera specialist. He was honorably discharged in 1945 from the service as a Technical Sargent. He married Margaret Williams in May 1947. After his service, he enrolled in the University of Wisconsin, Madison earning his Bachelor of Science in Soil Science in 1945 and his Masters’ degree in 1947 in Soil Science. Maynard also achieved his doctorate in Soil Science from Wisconsin in 1963. He and Margaret moved to Moscow, Idaho in 1947. Maynard worked as a Soils Professor with the University of Idaho from 1947 (intending to stay only three years) until his retirement after 42 years in 1989. During his time, he developed the largest soils monolith collection in the United States with 234 total soils monoliths and contributed to the World Soil Monolith collection in Holland. He published more than a hundred research papers on soil projects. Ever active in retirement he took over the annual high school FFA Idaho State Land and Soils Evaluation Contest and ran it for 18 years. His wife of over 68 years, Margaret passed away in March of 2016 and his daughter Stephanie in April of 2020. His son, Mark (Karen) Fosberg of Spokane Valley survives along with his six grandchildren. |

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| **Galt** | **2020** | Henry Deloss "Dee" Galt (90) of Las Cruces, New Mexico passed away peacefully on May 19, 2020 in Las Cruces. Dee was born on September 14, 1929 in Forsan, Texas, the only child of Junius and Helen (Marshall) Galt. Dee was a veteran of the Korean War, where he served as an Airman First Class in the Army Air Corps. He was an alumnus of both Texas A&M University and the University of Arizona, where he obtained a B.S. degree in Range Management, an M.S. in Range Forestry, and a Ph.D. in Range Management, also minoring in Animal Nutrition. He married Margaret Lucille "Lucy" Tucker on July 9, 1960. Together they raised a family while they lived in New Mexico, North Dakota, Tunisia, and Washington due to Dee's work as a Range Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he worked for 30 years. Dee and Lucy moved to Las Cruces when Dee retired in 1990. After retirement, along with Jerry Holechek, Dee formed an independent range consultant service, where they worked on several projects throughout New Mexico and Arizona. Dee was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy in 2014. He is survived by five children: Patrick (Carole) of Saint Paul, Minnesota; Mark of Las Cruces; Keri Galt-Belhon (Patrick) of San Diego, California; Janis Phillips (Mike) of Griffin, Georgia; and Lee of Las Cruces; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. |
| **Gann** | **2020** | Calvin Joe "Doc" Gann of Antlers, Oklahoma passed away in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on October 8, 2020. He was born in Stanford, Texas on May 19, 1942 to WD and Ardney (Burleson) Gann. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry at Abilene Christian College, Abilene Texas in 1965. Calvin began a career with the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Technician in Floydada, Texas in 1965 and worked for the Dunn Ranch in Fort Worth. He had huge a passion for ranching. In 1968 he moved his Texas family to Oklahoma where he would operate a 3000-acre ranch in Daisy, Oklahoma and continued his career with the Soil Conservation Service in Antlers, Oklahoma. Calvin served as a mentor to the technicians in South East Oklahoma before retiring in 2004. Calvin is survived by his wife: Beth Gann; children: Kevin (Debra) Gann of Antlers, Oklahoma, Kam (John) Harden of Soper, Oklahoma, Kay (Monty) Hamman of Nashoba, Oklahoma, and Kaci (Michael) Applegate of Paris, Texas; 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. |
| **Gantz** | **2020** | Almus "Al" Richard Gantz (95) of Marion, Kansas passed away March 5, 2020. Al's life began on January 13, 1925, the son of Albert and Vercy (Mauck) Gantz in Anthony, Kansas. He served his country during WWII in the US Navy from 1943-1946. He married Ruth Louise Peters on August 9, 1947, in Oaklawn, Illinois. Al had a lifetime career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and retired as District Conservationist in Marion in 1982. He enjoyed nature photography, gardening, and antique clocks. He worked on and repaired clocks and was a member of the National Clock Association. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth who passed away a month earlier on February 6, 2020. Survivors include his daughters, Barbara Doyle of Richardson, Texas, Alice Martin (Tom Holtgrew) of Bonner Springs, Kansas; son, Howard Gantz (Donna) of Kingman, Kansas; six grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. |
| **Gantz** | **2020** | Ruth Louise Gantz (94) of Marion, Kansas passed away February 6th, 2020. She was the spouse of Almus "Al" Richard Gantz. Al survives. He retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1982 as the District Conservationist in the Marion Field Office in Kansas. |
| **Gardner** | **2020** | Miriam Bailey Gardner (68) of Cary, North Carolina and Monticello, Kentucky passed away March 6, 2020, at her home in Cary. She was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's in 2007. Her husband, William "Bill" Gardner was her caregiver during her 13-year illness. Miriam was born February 6, 1952, in Rowan County, North Carolina the daughter of the late Marguerite Bain Bailey and William Douglas Bailey. Miriam received her bachelor's degree in conservation from the College of Natural Resources at North Carolina State in 1974 and earned a Master's in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1989. She was employed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 33 years, Miriam was the first woman district conservationist in North Carolina, and one of the first five in the nation. She concluded her career in the North Carolina NRCS state office as a resource conservationist. She became a pilot at age 17 with an interest in aerospace engineering. Miriam attempted to join the Air Force flight program while at North Carolina State but found it was open only to men. Miriam was a talented musician who played the piano, organ, cornet, and French horn. Miriam is survived by her husband of 32 years, Bill; a son, Dylan Vance Gardner of Clayton, North Carolina, a step-son, Chad Gardner of Raleigh, North Carolina; a step-daughter, Lora Gardner (Mike) Rowe of Apex, North Carolina; and two step-grandchildren. |
| **Gentry** | **2020** | Alan Dale Gentry (63) of Ottawa, Kansas passed away June 14, 2020, at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park, Kansas. Alan was born March 19, 1957 in Wichita, Kansas and was adopted May 23, 1957 by Kenneth Neil and Alberta Elizabeth Briles-Gentry. He was welcomed home by big brother Mike who was also adopted. On August 31, 1961 they all welcomed baby sister Elisa Ann to the family. Alan was united in marriage to Lori Fritts March 25, 1995 in Ottawa where they were fortunate to share 25 years of marriage. He worked for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 30 years, retiring on June 30, 2018. He loved his job and working with the farmers. Alan and Lori traveled extensively. They cruised to Alaska twice, took yearly trips to Branson, Orlando, Wyoming, Ohio, Texas, Iowa, Nebraska, and North Carolina. Alan's favorite vacation spot was Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park, Colorado. They had hoped to travel back there, but God had other plans. Alan is survived by his wife Lori and son Benjamin "Ben" of Castle Rock, Colorado. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Kansas City Research Institute c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas 66067 as Alan participated in their liver research program. |
| **Gibson** | **2020** | Harry J. Gibson, Sr. (82) of Cary, North Carolina passed away March 26, 2020. Harry was born on January 20, 1938 to Onan Edward Gibson and Marjorie Jackson Gibson in Gibson, North Carolina. He graduated from North Carolina State University in January 1962 majoring in engineering. After graduation, Harry accepted employment with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He served the agency in various capacities for over 42 years, culminating as the State Conservation Engineer in North Carolina. He was proud to be a licensed Professional Engineer and licensed Professional Land Surveyor. He is survived by the love of his life, Elaine C. Gibson; his daughter, Martha Anderson (Bryan) of Apex, North Carolina; his son H. J. "Jay" Gibson, Jr. (Jill) of Apex, North Carolina; and five grandsons. |

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| **Giese** | **2020** | Gene Giese (87) of Fargo, North Dakota, passed away June 23, 2020 at Sanford Health, Fargo. Gene began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in 1958 as a Soil Conservationist at Selfridge, North Dakota, then worked at Napoleon, North Dakota and Cavalier, North Dakota. In 1970 Gene moved to Fessenden, North Dakota, as a Soil Conservation Technician, where he worked until his retirement in April 1986. He then worked as a manager for the Soil Conservation District in Fergus Falls, Minnesota and Wheaton, Minnesota. Gene is survived by his wife of 63 years, Hilda Giese (Kramlich); one son Glen (Stephanie), of Fargo, North Dakota; two daughters Audrey (Victor) Nordstrom, and Karla (Darrell) Schlagel, both of Fargo, North Dakota; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. |
| **Goerend** | **2020** | Duane T. Goerend (84) of Salina, Kansas, passed away November 30, 2020. He was born September 1, 1936, in St. Lucas, Iowa. He served in the United States Air Force then worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela Schick and grandson Justin Willingham. Survivors include his wife, Ernestine Goerend, children, Kimberly Willingham, and Linda (David) Rohleder, both of Salina, son-in-law, Bradley Schick, a brother; Frank (Neme) Goerend of Dewey, Oklahoma, 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. |
| **Goodwin** | **2020** | Danny P. Goodwin (70) of Mayflower, Arkansas passed away August 16, 2020. He was born September 19, 1949 to Wilford Goodwin and Betty Jo McDonald in Griffithville, Arkansas. Danny served in the United States Navy during the Viet Nam Conflict. He attended the University of Central Arkansas, earning two Bachelor's degrees, and Memphis State University, where he earned a Master's Degree. Danny spent 30 years as a Groundwater Hydrologist assisting all 50 states and projects in Guam and China. He worked first for the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ASWCC), where he actively engaged and supported the East Arkansas Water Conservation Project, a partnership effort among ASWCC, the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, and United States Geological Survey. He moved over to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in the late 1980s as a water quality specialist. He was a principle planner on the Buffalo River Tribs PL-566 project to help manage animal manure waste in the Buffalo River watershed. He became a hydrologist at the National Water Management Center in the late 90s, assisting state NRCS specialists to further document and assess the need for water conservation efforts and improve water quality. Among those left to cherish his memory are his wife Becky Goodwin and stepson, John Franklin. Danny was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Alicia Franklin. |
| **Gordon** | **2020** | Doretha Gordon (93) of Durant, Oklahoma passed away April 21, 2020. Doretha was employed at the Foundry and Woolworth in Durant after high school. She went to California one summer and worked in the fields. She worked for the Department of Agriculture from 1963 to 1970. Then from 1971 to 2003 she worked in Bryan County for USDA-Soil Conservation Service (until 1989) and Bryan Conservation District (until 2003) as a Secretary and District Clerk. She enjoyed traveling to different cities for the yearly State Conventions with co-workers who became lifelong friends. She was a big sports fan of the Oklahoma City Thunder, Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers. She loved gardening and yard work, cooking and sewing. Doretha was active in First Presbyterian Church in Durant serving as a Sunday School teacher for over 40 years and as a deacon for several years. Doretha married Clifford McDaniel Gordon on October 3, 1953. He preceded her in death. She is survived by her children Daniel (Sherri) Gordon, Gregory Gordon, and Scott Gordon all of Durant, and one grandson. |
| **Graham** | **2020** | Clarence “Cal” Graham (100) of Redmond, Oregon passed away July 29, 2020, just a few months after his 100th 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. |
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| **Gray** | **2020** | Frankie Eugene Gray (80) of Abilene, Kansas passed away May 21, 2020 at home surrounded by family. He was born January 7, 1940 near Miltonvale, Kansas, the son of George W. and Georgia A. (Catlin) Gray. On July 4, 1957 he married Sherryl Shroyer in Miltonvale. Most of their married life was spent in Abilene. Frankie was employed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. Frankie enjoyed spending time with family and friends, hunting, fishing, traveling, and country music. He was a member of the Abilene First United Methodist Church. Frankie was preceded in death by his son, Leland Gray. Frankie is survived by his wife, Sherryl Gray of Abilene; son, Gerald (Jeanine) Gray of Iola, Kansas; daughter, Sherri (Jim) Hohensee of Abilene; four grandchildren, Kelby Garten, Cassie Gragg, Leland Gray, Layton Gray; and five great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorial contributions in his name be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Dickinson County Hospice. |

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| **Griffin** | **2020** | Donald “Donnie” L. Griffin (81) of Shelbyville, Kentucky passed away March 25, 2020 at his Shelby County home. Donnie was born November 24, 1938 in Flemingsburg, Kentucky and graduated from the University of Kentucky. A farmer and civil engineer, he served in federal government for 31 years with the Soil Conservation Service and US Army Corps of Engineers, retiring in 1994. He later worked more than a decade for Ellis Farms. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. He was the husband of long time Shelby County Conservation District Clerk Ann Griffin. In addition to Ann, his wife of 53 years, Donnie is survived by four sons Blakemore of Shelby County; Tod (Ashley) of Owenton, Kentucky; Mark (Dawn) of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky; and Brad (Missy) of Pasadena, California; and seven grandchildren. The family held a private burial at Grove Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville. Donations in memory of Don may be made to the Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, 132 Gray Street, Louisville, KY 40202. |
| **Hadles** | **2020** | Edith K. Hadle (98) of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away July 10, 2020. Edith was born in Halstead, Kansas, on December 1, 1921, to Amelia Bahr and William Mierau. She attended Wichita University (now Wichita State University) and Kansas State University. Edith served in the U.S. Army in the Women's Army Corps as a Laboratory Technician during World War II. On October 5, 1946, she married Fred B Hadle, and together they had two sons. She worked as a Biological Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 17 years until retirement in 1983. Edith was a long-time member of the Ashland Community Church where she also served on the Church Board. Edith is survived by her two sons Gary (Kathleen) Hadle of Topeka, Kansas and Stephen (Diana) Hadle, of Manhattan, Kansas; 13 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Fred Hadle, and one grandson. |
| **Haefner** | **2020** | Ernest Otto Haefner (88) of Wheaton, Kansas, passed away December 27, 2020, at Onaga Health and Rehab in Onaga, Kansas. Ernie was born on October 17, 1932, in Blaine, Kansas, the son of Ernest and Ruth Paxton Haefner. Ernie served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He then graduated in 1961 from Kansas State University with a degree in Agriculture and Applied Science. Ernie worked for six years for Gulf Oil Spencer Fertilizer. He then worked for thirteen years for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Ernie then began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and retired as a District Conservationist in 1995. After his retirement, he did crop adjusting part-time for a rain and hail insurance company. In the years between Gulf Oil and Goodyear, Ernie broke, trained, bred, and raced quarter horses. Ernie enjoyed card games, woodworking, and hunting. He was accomplished at sign language for the deaf and was often called upon to do translating. Ernie married Nila Elaine Kufahl on June 2, 1957, in Wheaton. She preceded him in death in 2019. Ernie is survived by his children; Curtis Haefner (Lori), Wheaton, Kari Kufahl (Randy), Wheaton, and Kevin Haefner (Lisa), DeSoto, Kansas; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and seven step-great-grandchildren. |
| **Handler** | **2020** | Member John F. Handler (69) passed away suddenly at his home in Welch, Minnesota, on February 22, 2020 from a heart attack. John was born March 14, 1950 to Frank and Clara (Cashdollar) Handler of West Homestead, Pennsylvania. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. After marrying Priscilla K Jenkins in 1974, the couple moved to New Hampshire, where their two children were born. In 1990 the family moved to Welch, Minnesota, where John lived ever since. He enjoyed a life-long job as a soil scientist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service culminating with multi-state regional responsibilities as a soil data quality specialist on the regional soil survey staff in St. Paul, Minnesota. He retired in 2010. He maintained an active retirement volunteering for the Goodhue County Historical Society and Habitat for Humanity and took part in various model railroading and other clubs. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Priscilla, in May 2019. He is survived by his son Sam, daughter Emily and son-in-law Tamás, and grandson Ben. |
| **Hanson** | **2020** | Arthur H. Hanson (80) of New Port Richey, Florida (formerly of Betavia, New York) passed away October 20, 2020. He was the District Conservationist in Batavia, New York for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1994. He enjoyed working outdoors, watching hockey and news, and doing jigsaw puzzles with the grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Donna Hanson, two sons, Mark (Abby) and Michael (Lesa); and two grandchildren, Maria and Alexey. |
| **Hanson** | **2020** | Clyde F. Hanson (88) of Grangeville, Idaho passed away December 22, 2020, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Clyde was born April 21, 1932, at Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, a son of Frans and Sarah (Snead) Hanson. He lived the last 60 years in Grangeville. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel. He worked as a Conservation Technician for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He was known in the area for his volunteer work with many organizations and groups. He was a volunteer fireman. He spent many years teaching EMS and CPR classes all around the area. Clyde is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marietta; sons Bruce Hanson of Spokane Valley, Washington, and David Hanson of Juneau, Alaska; daughter Joyce Hanson of Windsor, Wisconsin; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. |
| **Hanson** | **2020** | Theodore Dale “Teddy” Hanson (78) of Lewisburg, West Virginia passed away May 31, 2020 at his home. He was born March 11, 1942 at Clintonville, West Virginia the son of the late Slater Wilson and Winona Maye Kelley Hanson. Teddy was in the National Guard for eight years. He was retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. He was a member of the Lewisburg Baptist Church and the Maxwelton Ruritan Club. He enjoyed gardening and hunting. Teddy loved coaching his grandsons in basketball and baseball. Survivors include his loving devoted wife of fifty-three years, Mary Ruth Keene Hanson; daughter, Darla Beane (Jeff) of Lewisburg; and grandchildren, Isaac, Austin and Lauren Beane. Graveside service will be 11:00 AM, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg, West Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to the Lewisburg Baptist Academy Athletic Fund, 246 Grand Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901. |
| **Harjo-Moffer** | **2020** | David Brent Harjo-Moffer (77) of Wetumka, Oklahoma passed away February 19, 2020 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. David was born September 25, 1942 in Wetumka, Oklahoma to Eddie Moffer and Hazel (Absher) Moffer. He proudly served his country with the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. On September 25, 2007, in Holdenville, Oklahoma, he married Melissa Ann Harjo. David was a construction inspector for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). After retiring from NRCS he worked in real estate for the Sac and Fox Nation and Bureau of Indian Affairs. David also enjoyed searching for and collecting arrowheads and fossils. Survivors include his wife, Mellisa Ann Harjo-Moffer of Wetumka; one son, Brent Tulwv Moffer (Dana) of Norman, Oklahoma; three daughters, Debbie Devine of Nashville, Tennessee, Raquel Moffer of Ft. Thompson, South Dakota and Kim Moffer of North Carolina, and several grandchildren. Committal was at the Moffer Family Cemetery near Wetumka, Oklahoma with military honors. |

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| **Headden** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Glenn Headden (88) of Union City, Tennessee, passed away November 15, 2020, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Glenn was born on March 24, 1932, in Yorkville, Tennessee, son of the late Maury and Velma (Ashmore) Headden and stepson of the late Hazel (Sturdivant) Headden. He married Sherry Vernon on June 8, 1957. He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. He served as the President of the Ag Club and the President of his Senior Class among other achievements. Glenn was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1957 to 1959. Following his Army service, he enjoyed a long and distinguished career with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service (SCS), which he had begun as a student intern while attending college. He held multiple positions over the years throughout middle and west Tennessee, including Obion County Soil Conservationist and coordinator in Jackson for the eight county Chickasaw Shiloh Reserve Conservation and Development Project. His last position with the SCS was Area Conservationist, serving all counties in West Tennessee. He was an outstanding steward of natural resources and received a number of awards for his exemplary performance. In 1970 and 1979, he received the SCS' Special Achievement Award. Glenn retired in 1993 and continued his love of the soil through gardening. He especially loved tilling his garden every spring and working alongside Sherry in the garden every summer. He was a devout Christian and a member of the Exchange Street Church of Christ in Union City since 1966. He was a devoted husband, a sacrificial father, and a dedicated Pop! Survivors include his wife, Sherry; daughters Cindy Gibson (Andy) of Union City and Elaine Kloos (Robert) of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; one granddaughter, Jessica Roney (Mike) of Dickson, Tennessee; two step granddaughters, Allison Vogel (Eric) of Malvern, Pennsylvania and Amanda Moore (Alan) of Hyattsville, Maryland; 6 great grandchildren, Emily, Olivia and Alex Roney, and Audrey, Emilia and Jack Vogel. |
| **Henry** | **2020** | Johnnie F. Henry (82) of North Little Rock, Arkansas passed on to his Heavenly home on July 9, 2020. He was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on May 6, 1938 to parents John and Frances Henry. Johnnie received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas. He enjoyed a 30-year career as a Civil Engineer and as the State Design Engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Little Rock, Arkansas, retiring in 1990. He also served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He was of the Methodist faith and a member of the Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church for 53 years. Johnnie enjoyed sports and worked on the NLR High School chain crew for over 40 years. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 54 years, Linda Alexander Henry of North Little Rock; son, David (Pam) Henry of Conway, Arkansas; daughter, Diane (Russ) Moore of Maumelle, Arkansas; and grandchildren Jakob Henry, Abbey Moore and Zachary Moore. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, 1723 Schaer St., North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114. |
| **Higgin** | **2020** | Danny Higgins (78) of Elkton, Kentucky passed away May 17, 2020 at his home of natural causes. He was born July 1, 1941 in Todd County, Kentucky, the son of the late Ernest E. and Imogene Dunn Higgins. He was a member of the Westside Church of Christ. He was retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service where he worked as a civil engineering technician. He was also a retired farmer. He loved his family, cattle trading, gardening, and tractors. Danny is survived by his wife of 58 years Dianne Higgins of Elkton; three daughters Kimberly Sears (David) of Allegre, Kentucky, Cherie Morris (Mitch) and Brandi Higgins (Coty) both of Elkton; three grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. |
| **Hodges** | **2020** | Jacqueline Theresa Hodges (nee McDermott) (82) of Folsom, Pennsylvania passed away May 21, 2020 due to complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Jacqueline was born on August 3, 1937 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was predeceased by her loving husband Charles, and her son Charles, Jr. She graduated from John W. Hallahan High School in 1955 and worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until her retirement in 2005. She worked on the Soils Staff at the Northeast National Technology Center and later as a computer specialist. Jackie also worked for several years at National Headquarters. Her favorite hobbies were spending time with her family, being at the family shore house in North Wildwood, traveling with her friends, and gardening. Survivors include daughter Cathleen, daughter Patricia (Fran), son Bill (Kathleen), and grandchildren Kristina (Michael), Charles (Lindsay), Francis, Jr. (Amanda), Andrew, Sean, Joshua, Patrick, Victoria, and Ryan, as well as three great grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. |
| **Holmes** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist Daniel E. Holmes (96), former resident of Fort Worth, Texas, and of St. Francis Village (SFV), Crowley, Texas, passed away on July 12, 2020, on the birthday of his beloved, already deceased wife Betty Holmes. Dan was born in Chillicothe, Missouri, and spent his early years on the family farm near Lincoln, Kansas. Dan was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. In 1946 he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Hundertmark. They enjoyed a long, happy union and were blessed with four sons. Dan earned a B.S. Degree in Agronomy from Kansas State University and a mid-career Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. Dan's employment was with the USDA's Soil Conservation Service (SCS), where he devoted his life to providing encouragement and technical assistance for land users to protect the nation's natural resources. He rose through the ranks, serving in positions in Kansas, Iowa, Washington D.C., Missouri, Illinois, Texas, and finally becoming an Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, the position from which he retired in 1980. He received many awards and commendations for his technical expertise and leadership during his career, capped by the USDA's Superior Service Award while serving as State Conservationist of Illinois. He was a Charter Member of the U.S. Government's Senior Executive Service. He was a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America, the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees, the North Texas SCS Alumni Club, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Knights of Columbus, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the St. Bartholomew Prime Time Club of St. Bartholomew, and the American Legion. After his retirement, Dan volunteered his assistance in many activities at St. Bartholomew Church and St. Francis Village. Survivors are his son Richard Holmes (Bronia), of Columbia, South Carolina; son Steven Holmes of Emeryville, California; son Joseph Holmes (Deborah), of Columbia, South Carolina; five grandchildren; and four great granddaughters. In addition to his wife Betty, a son, David, preceded Dan in death at 16 years of age. |

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| **Holmgren** | **2020** | George Holmgren (92) of Palo Alto, California passed away peacefully at home on November 22, 2019, surrounded by family after a short illness. Born in Arlington, Massachusetts, he later moved with his family to Berkeley, California where he attended Berkeley High School. Following graduation, he immediately volunteered for the Navy, serving at the close of WWII. Upon returning home, he attended the University of California, Berkeley and went on to earn a PhD in Soil Chemistry at Washington State University. He worked as a researcher with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, Soil Survey Lab in Lincoln, Nebraska for 30 years. Las Vegas was his home in retirement for three decades, and in 2015 he moved to Palo Alto, California to be near his children. He was married for 62 years to his surviving wife Joyce Holmgren. He is also survived by son Eric, daughter Laura (Frank), and five grandchildren. |
| **Hunter** | **2020** | Iona Catherine (Bennett) Hunter (88) of Taloga, Oklahoma passed away June 28, 2020. Iona was the daughter of Gale Ward and Clara Beatrice (Nordquist) Bennett and was born October 8, 1931 at Eagle City, Oklahoma. On April 23, 1954, Iona married Daniel Osborn Hunter. Iona was the secretary for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and the Dewey County Conservation District, a career spanning 46 years. She enjoyed crocheting afghans, making several for friends and each grandchild. She also enjoyed embroidery work, completing a beautiful state bird quilt for her daughter. In 2006, Iona become a member of the Taloga Precinct Election Board. Iona was preceded in death by her husband Daniel in 2003, son-in-law Wallace Donnelly; and grandson Joseph Gerard Vandeven. Her survivors include children Darrel Hunter of Taloga, and Debra Donnelly of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; three grandchildren and six great grandchildren. |
| **Hurst** | **2020** | Donald Alan Hurst (64) of Richmond, Kentucky (formerly of Springfield, Kentucky and Stanton, Kentucky) passed away May 9, 2020 at his home. He was born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky on June 19, 1955. Donald was a 1977 graduate of the University of Kentucky. He spent his career working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist. He was the district conservationist in Stanton, Kentucky when he retired in 2010. He was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include his wife, Elaine Goode Hurst; a daughter, Rebecca Petrey (Lynn) of Richmond; a son, Alan Hurst (Katie) of Lexington, Kentucky; five grandchildren, Madelynn, Tate and Millie Petrey and Iris and Ivy Hurst; and his mother, Mary Agnes Hurst. |
| **Husa** | **2020** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Veikko Lennie Husa (95) of Spokane Valley, Washington passed away November 7, 2020. Lennie was born July 18, 1925 on the family homestead in the Finnish farming community of Belden, North Dakota. Riding on a wooden box between the two front seats of a Model A, he arrived in Washington State at age 10 with his family after the farm blew away during the dust bowl years. He graduated Rochester High School in 1943, just in time to be drafted for World War II. Lennie served as a Private in Intelligence & Reconnaissance in the 345th Infantry Regiment in the 87th Infantry Division in Patton's Third Army, fighting across France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. He experienced numerous major engagements, including the Battle of the Bulge, though never spoke of his hardships with his family until about 50 years later. On the GI Bill, he attended Washington State College (now University) and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1950. In his first job with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the Puyallup office, he met the love of his life, Florence Seeley. They were married on March 24, 1951. Active in the community, Lennie was involved in the Boy Scouts, the United Methodist Church, the Spokane Professional Engineers, square dancing with the Crosstrailers club, the Spokane Chapter of the Finlandia Foundation, served on the Board of Directors for the Model Irrigation District, and many other activities. He was Engineer of the Year for the Inland Empire Chapter of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in 1975. After retiring from the Soil Conservation Service in 1981 as State Design Engineer, he and Florence travelled widely through the U.S. and Europe. He was preceded in death by grandson Jamie Funke. He is survived by his wife Florence, his son Darwin Husa (Jean), of Poulsbo, Washington, daughter Cheryl Sampson (David) of Spokane Valley, Washington, son Craig Husa (Susan) of Fall City, Washington, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Jackson** | **2020** | Member John Wallace Jackson (88) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away February 16, 2020. John and his twin brother and fellow ARCSE member Calvin Jackson, were born on May 2, 1931, at Maypearl in Ellis County, Texas to Margaret and W. H. Jackson. They grew up on the family's farm near Maypearl. After graduating from Waxahachie High School in 1948, John farmed and attended Texas Christian University before transferring to Texas A&M in 1951. John was a member of the Corp of Cadets and graduated with his brother Calvin from Texas A&M in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering. He received a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon graduating from A&M and served most of his active duty at Fort Hood, Texas. Upon his discharge from active army duty in 1957, John went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), where he worked as a construction engineer. He began his career in Crosbyton, Texas, where he worked for two years before being transferred to Spur, Texas. John moved to the Pampa, Texas SCS office in 1964, where he worked for nine years, and he finished his career in Stephenville, Texas where he worked for fourteen years, before retiring in 1987 after thirty years of service. He moved to Fort Worth in 2002 and was a member of First Baptist Church Benbrook. Survivors include his twin brother and ARCSE member Calvin M. Jackson (Carolyn) of Fort Worth; niece Carol Silver (Ken) of Edmond, Oklahoma; nephew Cal Jackson (Cheryl); and several great nephews. |
| **Jahns** | **2020** | Chester "Chet" Arno Jahns, Jr. (74) of Rockford, Washington passed away on June 20, 2020. Chester was born in Spokane, WA on January 25, 1946. He graduated from Freeman High School and then Washington State University with a degree in Agriculture Engineering. After getting his degree, Chester worked for the Soil Conservation Service and later managed Viewpoint Farm in Rockford, WA. Chester was active with the Washington Farm Bureau, Secretary of Spokane County Crop Improvement, he was on the board of directors for Mica Peak Cemetery, the citizen's advisory committee for the Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority, President of the Spokane Swing Dance Club. Chester was a faithful member of Rockford United Methodist Church. Chester loved to travel to many places including Germany and Ukraine to observe their farming practices and he enjoyed participation in the German American Society. He loved hiking, bicycling, and snow skiing, and of course he loved playing a little black jack! Chester is survived by his son Kelly Jahns, daughter Tamara Scarcello, two grandchildren, as well as his brother William Jahns and his sister Bonita Morrow. |

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| **Jakel** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Dale Ernest Jakel (89) of Adams, Wisconsin passed away on Good Friday, April 10, 2020 at his home. He was the 7th of 9 children born to Anna Theresa (Wasmuth) and Charles Jakel. In 1951, Dale enlisted in the Navy Seabees and proudly served in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Cuba, and Guam. He received an honorable discharge in 1955. In 1952, Dale met the love of his life on a blind date. Dale and Rita (Hirt) exchanged eternal vows in 1956 at Holy Rosary Church in Medford, Wisconsin. Dale graduated from University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in 1959 with a degree in Conservation. After graduation, he worked for the National Park Service. In 1963, Dale obtained his dream job as a Soil Scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Before retiring in 1993, he moved his family 15 times due to transfers with his job. Dale is survived by his wife Rita, four children, John Jakel of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, Ann (Peggy) Jakel Stormoen of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, Karen (Lance) Hover of Friendship, Wisconsin, Laura (Amy) Pascoe of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; granddaughters Mary Parker, Christine Wathke, Dr. Leah Hover-Preiss and Dayle Rhinehart; and 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law Mavis (John’s wife). |
| **Jameson** | **2020** | Carolyn Jameson (79) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away peacefully on March 25, 2020 at home surrounded by four generations of her family. Carolyn was the youngest daughter of Otto and Thelma Daniels of Stuart, Oklahoma. Her father was an original Choctaw enrollee. Carolyn was proud of her Choctaw roots and was a voting member of Choctaw tribe. She married Jimmie Wayne Jameson on May 29, 1970 in McAlester, Oklahoma. She earned an Associate of Arts degree in Computer Science in 1971 from Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, Oklahoma. Carolyn began her career in 1965 as a U.S. Navy civilian employee at the McAlester Naval Ammunition Depot producing bombs, rockets, and gun ammunition in support of the Vietnam War. Later she worked at McCoy Engineering and McAlester Oldsmobile Cadillac as office manager. In 1975 Carolyn opened a Dollar General Store on Main Street and managed the store until 1977 when she returned to civil service with USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Carolyn served as a budget officer and made trips around the country training other budget officers. She retired in 2001. Carolyn is survived by her husband, Jimmie Wayne Jameson; daughters, Vicki Jameson and Trudy Simank of Stillwater, Oklahoma; son, John Jameson (Marina) and daughters Kimberly Young and Pamela Silverthorn of Houston, Texas; step-son, Dennis Jameson (LaDawna) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. |
| **Johnson** | **2020** | ARCSE Member Ottie G. Johnson (89) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away July 25, 2020 in Oklahoma City. Ottie was born in Hughes County, Oklahoma on May 22, 1931 to Goldie and Alta (Free) Johnson. He married Virginia Blevins on December 30, 1950 in Ozark, Arkansas. He was a geologist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1986. For decades, he also wrote a weekly newspaper column. Ottie is survived by his wife Virginia; son Russell Johnson of Greeley, Colorado; daughter Jayne Cross (Kevin) of Newberry, Florida; grandchildren Kenny, Katrina, Alyx, Adam, and Jon; and eight great-grandchildren. |
| **Johnson** | **2020** | Ray Johnson, Jr. (86) of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky passed away December 23, 2020 at the UK Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky due to the COVID-19 virus. He was born in Sonora, Kentucky on December 2, 1934 the son of Ray and Katherine Skaggs Johnson, Sr. He was a veteran of the US Army having served during the Korean War. He worked in many locations across Kentucky for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1993 as Area Conservationist in Mt. Sterling. He was a member of the Rolling Hills Church of Christ. He loved University of Kentucky basketball and was a member of the Optimist and Lions Clubs. He is survived by his wife, Anita Adkins Johnson of Mt. Sterling; one son, James Kevin Johnson of Mt. Sterling; a daughter, Kimbrley Renee Barnes (Steve) of Mt. Sterling; three grandchildren, Justin Mitchell Johnson, Robert Matthew Johnson, and William Fields Johnson. |
| **Jones** | **2020** | Charles "Bill" William Jones (91) of Amboy, Illinois passed away peacefully March 2, 2020, at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center, Franklin Grove, Illinois. He was born, January 2, 1929, in Paw Paw, Illinois, the son of and Clyde and Beatrice (Marlow) Jones. He married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Ila M. Meyer on March 18, 1950. She preceded him in death on November 4, 2016. In the beginning of his career, Bill worked 23 years as a Soil Conservation Technician with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He is survived by one son, Kenneth (Peggy) Jones; two daughters, Linda (Curtis) Harrison, Laurie (Craig) Walter all of Amboy; six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. In addition to his wife Ila, he was preceded in death by son Bernard Jones. |
| **Jones** | **2020** | George J. “Jack” Jones (76) of Luverne, Alabama, passed away June 28, 2020. Jack graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy and Soils. He worked for the USDA-National Resources Conservation Service for 42 years, much of it as a District Conservationist. His love for the beauty of the outdoors manifested itself in the pride he took in taking care of his yard. Jack was a long-time member of the Luverne Rotary Club. He served as the president and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, their highest honor. Jack was devoted to the First Baptist Church of Luverne, where he served in many leadership roles. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Linda Morris Jones; their son & daughter-in-law, Brandon and Dayna Jones; three grandchildren, Hannah Grant, Chris Jones, and Jaiden Jones; and great-grandson, Logan Grant. |
| **Jorgensen** | **2020** | Charlene Vance Jorgensen (89) of Troy, Kansas, passed away June 10, 2020. Charlene was the widow of ARCSE Member and Senior Conservationist George N. Jorgensen Jr. who passed away in 2015. George retired as the District Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1984. In addition to her husband George, she was preceded in death by her sons Eric and Dennis Jorgensen and her grandchild Jesse Lee Jorgensen. She is survived by her son Mark Jorgensen (Loretta) of Leavenworth, Kansas, her daughter-in-law Carol Jorgensen of Troy; 3 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. |

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| **Kennedy** | **2020** | Roseanne Kennedy (72) of Morgantown, West Virginia passed away peacefully at home on January 29, 2020 following a long, hard-fought battle with dementia. Roseanne was born May 18, 1947, in Morgantown and was the oldest daughter of Lawrence Dale and Ella Claudine Stone. She graduated from Morgantown High School in 1965 and soon after began working as the secretary to the West Virginia State Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). Roseanne's smile was the first thing that most visitors to the state office saw. She was consistently acknowledged and honored for her high-level job performance and invaluable devotion to the organization's mission. After 47 years of service, she retired from the NRCS in May 2012. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Dwight Kennedy. She is also survived by her only daughter, Shelly Cardi and her partner, Greg Golden, and two granddaughters. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Amedysis Hospice Care at 5006 Mid Atlantic Drive, Morgantown, West Virginia 26508. |
| **Kenney** | **2020** | District Conservationist Harry Junior Kenney (49) of Newcomerstown, Ohio passed away with his family by his side on November 20, 2020 at Union Hospital, following a battle with coronavirus. He was born November 13, 1971, to Harry Arthur Kenney and Carole Yvonne Lawver. Harry earned a bachelor's degree in Conservation of Natural Resources from The Ohio State University in 1995. "Ham" or "Hammer" as so many knew him, was beloved by those who had the privilege to make his acquaintance. His warm smile and hearty laugh were staples of a vibrant attitude that made him a wonderful husband, father, friend and so much more. Harry spent his time working as a District Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in New Philadelphia, Ohio, earning his rank after his initial employment in 1999. He found the most happiness working on his family's farm, tending to cows that he called his "girls," keeping things running smoothly, and making hay with his father, brothers-in-law, and nephew. Ham is survived by his wife of 26 years, Tracie, who he took care of through sickness and health, and his two daughters, Madison (Nick) McWilliams of Newcomerstown and Allison (Brandon) Anderson of Port Washington; Ohio. Harry was also expected to be a grandfather soon, something he greatly looked forward to. An active member of King's United Methodist, memorial contributions are asked to be made in his memory to the church at 5651 Kings Ridge Road, Newcomerstown, OH 43832. |
| **Kerrigan** | **2020** | Life Member Ronald Joseph Kerrigan (82) of Greenfield. Indiana passed away January 23, 2020 at Greenfield Healthcare. He was born November 16, 1937 in Muncie, Indiana to Harold J. and Thelma M. (Osborn) (Kerrigan) Busby. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Maryland. Ron continued his education at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis and Ball State University. Ron joined the U.S. Air Force in May 1955 and served his country for over 40 years retiring as Chief Master Sergeant, E-9 as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Deputy Commanding General of the District of Columbia Air National Guard in 1996. He was a true company man and was highly decorated for his dedication to the Air Force. Throughout his career he served in several different capacities including the Department of Agriculture, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U. S. Department of Treasury all in Washington, DC. He was also a member of the Indiana Historical Society, Landmarks of Indiana Preservation and Western Wayne Heritage, Inc. In his spare time, he enjoyed researching and genealogy. He is survived by his wife Betty (Brunner) Kerrigan; his children and several grandchildren. Entombment with Military Rites was provided by the U.S. Air Force and the Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard at Crown Hill Cemetery Field of Valor in Indianapolis, Indiana. |
| **King** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist Frances Elizabeth King (99) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away December 30, 2020, one day short of her 100th birthday. She was born around suppertime on a cold evening at her paternal grandparents' home in Plains, Kansas on December 31, 1920. When Frances was eleven, the King family moved to Alliance, Nebraska. Frances blossomed into a responsible and industrious young woman who took her first job at fifteen ironing shirts for three dollars a week. She attended Alliance High School and excelled in gymnastics, yet she was barred from state-wide competitions due to the discrimination against African American athletes at that time. She graduated from high school in 1939. Seven days before her nineteenth birthday, Frances married her high school sweetheart, bearing her first child, Robert Eugene, followed by Barbara Frances two year later. The family left Alliance and settled in Denver, Colorado where Frances worked and raised her children. Unfortunately, after ten years, her marriage ended in divorce. A five-year second marriage followed. Her third marriage, which also ended in divorce after three years, produced her daughter Annette Louise. Unlucky in love, Frances focused her life on raising her children, developing her skills to advance her career with the Federal Government, and living her Christian faith through stewardship. In 1969, Frances moved to Lincoln to care for her ailing parents. Upon their passing, Frances left her job at the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) to relocate to New Orleans, Louisiana in 1972 to work for the National Finance Center. She remained in New Orleans for six years, during which time she developed a taste for soft-shelled crab, gumbo, and down-home, southern gospel music. However, with her children married or away at college, Frances longed for the familiarity of Lincoln and old friends, so in 1978 she returned to the Star City where she remained these past forty-two years. Frances enjoyed a happy, busy, and fulfilled life, rich in good friends and family. A member of Mount Zion Baptist Church since she returned to Lincoln, Frances served as Sunday School Superintendent for nine years, treasurer for twenty years, and Trustee. She retired from SCS in 1988. For the past 33 years, Frances made a home with her daughter Annette and grandson, Lathan Murrell. Besides Lathan, Frances was also the beloved grandmother of Christopher Lewis, Donnis (Cox) Hurd, and Ronneka Cox. To her delight, Frances also had four great-grandchildren: Christopher Lewis, Jr., Jonathan Lewis, Jeremy Lewis and Jaxson Hurd. |

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| **Knutson** | **2020** | Donna Marie Knutson (89) of Boone, Iowa passed away August 29, 2020 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, Iowa. Donna Knutson was the wife of ARCSE Honorary Member Russell Knutson. Russ was a long time Hydraulic Engineer on the USDA-Soil Conservation Service Iowa State Office staff. Her son, Rick, is a retired Design Engineer who worked on the State Office staff. Donna was born on July 21, 1931 to Mae and Alvin Hummel in Cushing, Iowa. She married Russell on September 9, 1951. A stubborn German, like her father, and nicknamed "Speed", she was challenged to be the mother of three boys, became the grandmother of five, having met the youngest great-grandchildren (2-year old twins) for the first time shortly before her death. She lived with her family in Des Moines for many years, retired, and built a house in Boone County, where she has been a resident for the last 35 years, attending Augustana Lutheran Church. Donna had a creative flair and indulged in painting, and was an object of perpetual motion, enjoying music, square dancing, quilting, gardening, bird watching, traveling, camping, hiking (including summiting the 14,259 foot Long's Peak in Colorado), church, current events and taking care of her family which included preparation of their favorite cultural foods, notably lefse (Norwegian potato flatbread) and Kartoffelpuffer (German potato pancakes). She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Russell, their three children, and their spouses: Richard (Lori) Knutson; Steven (Lorrie) Knutson; Gary (Peggy) Knutson. |
| **Kobs** | **2020** | Erwin Kobs (91), husband of Joan Kobs, died September 13, 2020 at Missouri Slope in Bismarck, ND. He was the father of USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Mail Clerk Connie Kobs. Erv joined the North Dakota Highway Patrol in 1957 and worked as a state trooper and airplane pilot. His wife Joan passed away last year. Joan worked in the State Office in Bismarck. He is survived by daughter Connie Kobs, Bismarck, daughter Karen (Bill) Haas, Bismarck; two granddaughters and their husbands; two great-granddaughters; two sisters; two brothers, two brothers-in-law, 4 sisters-in law and granddog Ancho who always shared a treat or two or more with Grandpa. He was preceded in death by his wife Joan; two sisters; five brothers-in-law; sister-in-law and mother-in-law and father-in-law. |
| **Kobs** | **2020** | Joan Kobs (88) of Bismarck, North Dakota, passed away September 1, 2020 at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. In 1989, Joan went to work for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Bismarck and her last position before retiring was as secretary for the State Resource Conservationist. She was a crafter, loved puzzles and games, and walking and camping in her two favorite places, Theodore Roosevelt and Glacier National Parks. Her daughter, Connie Kobs, currently works at the Bismarck State Office. She is survived by her husband Erwin Kobs of 61 years; her daughter Karen (Bill) Haas of Bismarck; her daughter Connie Kobs of Bismarck; two granddaughters and their husbands; and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Koenig** | **2020** | Larry K. Koenig (57) of Fayette, Missouri passed away after a motorcycle accident on April 2, 2020. Larry was the son of retired USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service engineer and State Office Design Section Leader Richard Koenig and Marjorie Koenig. On March 30, 2020 Larry was traveling on his motorcycle on Missouri Highway 5 when he went off the right side of the roadway, returned to the roadway, overturned, and was thrown from the motorcycle. He was flown by MU Air Care helicopter to University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri, but died a few days later. In addition to his parents, Larry is survived by two children and four grandchildren. |
| **Kordick** | **2020** | District Conservationist Kevin Wayne Kordick (55) of Boone, Iowa, passed away suddenly on November 28, 2020, in Ames, Iowa. Kevin was the son of Wayne and Barbara Jeanne (Bryan) Kordick, born on December 8, 1964, in Corning, Iowa. He graduated with a degree in Agri-Business in 1987 at Northwest Missouri State University. Kevin spent his working years as a soil & water conservationist. He worked in a variety of places, including Red Oak and Oakland, Iowa, before taking a position with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1992. Kevin started in the Albia office and later held positions in the Humboldt, Jefferson, Boone and Webster City, Iowa offices. On February 22, 1992, Kevin married Julie Maher at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Corning, Iowa. Kevin and Julie made their home in Boone where they raised two sons, Matthew Austin and Andrew Ryan. Kevin's proudest moments were watching his sons play sports. His passion and love of the outdoors and conservation emanated through teaching his sons to hunt, fish and show respect for the land. He also made great contributions to the local 4-H shooting sports club and assisted with youth baseball in Boone. Kevin was very active in the National Wild Turkey Federation, joining in 2006 and serving as treasurer since 2008. Kevin loved the Kansas City Chiefs and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Kevin was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone. Those left to cherish Kevin's memory include his wife Julie (Maher); sons, Matthew and Andrew; and his mother, Jeanne Kordick of Corning. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the National Wildlife Turkey Federation. National Wildlife Turkey Federation, P.O. Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824. |
| **Kramer** | **2020** | Ivo J. Kramer (82) of Wapakoneta, Ohio passed away November 16, 2020 at Vancrest of St. Marys in St. Marys, Ohio. Ivo was born on May 16, 1938 at home in Wapakoneta, Ohio to John and Emma (Lindhaus) Kramer. On October 25, 1958 he married Camille Frost, who survives at VanCrest of St. Marys. Ivo retired after 52 years of public service with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service. Many know Ivo's son Tony Kramer who held several national leadership positions with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Ivo was a devoted agriculturalist, who was proud to teach evening ag classes at The Ohio State University. Ivo also served his community by being an Auglaize County Commissioner for 12 years. He loved helping people and talking with all the area farmers. When not working or farming, Ivo could usually be found fishing, his favorite pastime. He also loved watching The Ohio State University Buckeyes and the Cleveland Browns football, and the Cincinnati Reds baseball. Ivo was a dedicated member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, but his true treasure was his family. A loyal husband and loving dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa, Ivo will be greatly missed. Survivors also include four children, Tony (Cathy) Kramer, of Front Royal, Virginia, and Laurie (Randy) Barhorst, Kris (Lynn) Gerstner, and Kelly (Jerry) Krebs, all of Wapakoneta, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Allison (Matthew) Patrick, John Kramer, Sarah (John) Okland, Sherri (Justin) Rogers, Jodi (Chris) Wibley, Dr. Emily (Christopher) Post, David Gerstner, Jon (Dr. Megan Rutledge) Krebs, Justin (Tatum Willoughby) Krebs, and Kaitlin Camille Krebs. A Mass of Christian Burial was held November 20, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Father Sean Wilson officiating followed by interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta. |

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| **Kramer** | **2020** | James "Jim" Kramer (76) of Bismarck, North Dakota, passed away October 6, 2020 of multiple myeloma. Jim received a bachelor's degree in agronomy from North Dakota State University (NDSU). He then served in the US Army for two years, nine months and three days, including a year in Vietnam with the 44th Medical Brigade at the 93rd Evacuation Hospital. Upon his discharge, Jim entered graduate school at NDSU earning a Master of Science degree in botany. Jim worked as a soil conservationist and range conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service at Mott, Dickinson, and Mandan, North Dakota and finally in the state office in Bismarck, North Dakota. In 1984 he began employment as a reclamation specialist with BNI Coal, Ltd. in Center, North Dakota, retiring in 2001. After retirement, he was a range management/botanist consultant for five years with Western Plains Consulting of Bismarck. He was a member of the Society for Range Management, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, National Rifle Association, a life member of Disabled American Veterans and charter member of Chapter 150, Vietnam Veterans of America and organized the chapter's Color Guard in 1985. He also volunteered for Heartview Foundation, St Alexis Hospice program, Bismarck VA Clinic, Cub Scouts, a past member of the Dickinson Fire Department and was a published poet. Jim's heroes were all WWII veterans and he loved reading their stories, meeting them, thanking them for their service, and shaking their hand in gratitude for what they did for us and their country. He is survived by his wife Linda Kramer, of Bismarck; his son, Richard (Maren) Kramer, of Fargo, North Dakota; his daughter, Rebecca (Jeremy) Johnson, of Fargo; and six grandchildren. |
| **Kugel** | **2020** | Grace "Marie" Kugel (71) of rural Strum, Wisconsin, passed away May 1, 2020 at her home. She was the spouse of retired conservation engineering technician Ron Kugel who worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. They were high school sweethearts and married June 10, 1966 in Tucson, Arizona. Marie is survived by her husband, Ron; two sons, Wayne (Christine) Kugel and Scott Kugel; and four grandchildren. |
| **Kunz** | **2020** | Elaine Kunz (94), wife of Walter Kunz, died September 2, 2020 in New Salem, ND. Walt Kunz worked in the New Salem Field Office as a Soil Conservation Technician. She is survived by a daughter Kerry Horton, Bismarck, ND; two sons Wayne (Dianne) Kunz, Whitewood, SD and Steve Kunz of Fairbanks, AK; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Walt, son Kurt and son-in-law Bill Horton. |
| **Laber** | **2020** | Doris "Dottie" Walter Laber (84) of Wells, Maine passed away peacefully June 25, 2020, at Avita of Wells Memory Care Community. Doris was born on March 4, 1936, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. In 1958, she graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. After getting her degree, Dottie worked full time for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a public information officer, which led to travel and projects around the country. She enjoyed visiting farms and farmers and writing for publications on soil conservation. On June 9, 1963, Dottie married Larry J. Laber. Dottie and Larry lived many places including Chicago, Illinois, Athens, Georgia, Montana, Wyoming, New Hampshire, and Orono, Maine. Along the way, Maine became their home base. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Larry, in 2018. Survivors include her sister Lynn Walter Meier (Paul) and many loving nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Doris Walter Laber may be made to Animal Orphanage, 71 Airport Rd, Old Town, Maine 04468 or Sarah's House of Maine, 346 Main Road, Holden Maine 04429. |
| **Lee** | **2020** | Abner Amos Lee (91) of Minot, North Dakota passed away January 7, 2020 in a Minot Hospital. Abner was united in marriage to Lorraine Sanda on February 19, 1952. He served in Korea in the US Army. Abner attended North Dakota State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture in 1959. He started with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Jamestown, North Dakota in 1959 and worked in various communities throughout North Dakota until retiring as the Area Conservationist in Minot in 1987. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Lorraine, of Minot; children Sherry (Jerry) Wheeling, of Minot and Mark Lee, of Plymouth, Minnesota; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Licsko** | **2020** | ARCSE Member Francis R. Licsko (85) of Fairview, Pennsylvania passed away on August 30, 2020 at Walnut Creek Health Care. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on October 17, 1934, the son of the late Peter and Mary Felege Licsko. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University (PSU) in June 1957 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education. After graduating from PSU, Francis was employed with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in June 1957. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on September 1, 1957, after graduating from the U.S. Army Finance School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. He then served in the Comptroller's Office at the USA General Depot near Bussac, France, until his discharge on September 9, 1959. Upon his discharge from the military, Francis resumed his employment with the SCS, retiring on January 3, 1987, after a career involving the wise use of our nation's natural resources, including soil, water, woodland, and wildlife. He served in several positions in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Washington, DC. Following his retirement as a Management Analyst, he worked part time for Bob Ferrando Ford World as a parts delivery man for over 25 years. This job was something he genuinely enjoyed doing. He belonged to Holy Cross Catholic Church in Fairview, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, AARP, Natural Resource Defense Council, Sierra Club, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, S.O.N.S. and the 3-CU Trout Association. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Joyce E. Swinarski Licsko of Fairview, Pennsylvania, whom he married on June 23, 1962, in Erie, Pennsylvania; two sons, Mark S. Licsko (Karen) of Crofton, Maryland, and Gary J. Licsko (Tracy) of Milford, Delaware; a daughter, Angela M. Bursler (Dave) of Bear, Delaware; four grandchildren, Kyle J. Moskowitz, Ian P. Shalk, Nicholas R. Licsko, and Grace K. Licsko. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association in Francis' name: Greater PA. Chapter-Erie Office, 1600 Peninsula Dr., Suite 15, Erie, PA 16505 or to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie Fishing Club, PO Box 3605, Erie, PA 16508. |

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| **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 Unites 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.” |
| **Lobrecht** | **2020** | Morris Neal Lobrecht (75) passed away October 10, 2020. Morris was born December 18, 1944 to Tonner and Annie Mae Lobrecht in Navasota, Texas and grew up in Alice, Texas. Texas A&M was his college of choice, but he moved closer to home and graduated from Texas A&I in Kingsville with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. During the summer breaks, he worked as a student trainee for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Upon receiving his degree, he was hired by SCS and began training to become a design engineer. In 1969 he entered the U.S. Air Force Officer Candidate School and served his country as a missile launch officer. After his tour of duty, he returned to his SCS job in Fort Worth. He worked for SCS, later renamed Natural Resources Conservation Service, until he retired 37 years later. His job sent him to various locations around the US, but in 2000 he returned to Fort Worth as a Design Civil Engineer. A coworker commented that Morris was a mentor, teacher, and leader for many people in the dam safety community and that he would be missed. He called Morris a true civil servant in every sense of the word. Morris was a member of Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, Arlington Sportsman’s Club, NRCS retirees and the Association of Dam Safety Officers. He is survived by his wife Kathleen Lobrecht. |
| **Lohmiller** | **2020** | Robert Lohmiller (84) of Bozeman, Montana passed away August 17, 2020. Robert was the retired Montana State Resource Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. https://www.dokkennelson.com/obituaries/Robert-G--Lohmiller?obId=17962146#/obituaryInfo. |
| **Lough** | **2020** | Robert Bernell Lough (95) of Grafton, West Virginia passed away on June 26, 2020 at his home. He was born in Fairview, West Virginia, August 16, 1924, the son of Thomas Samuel and Ellen Marie Brewer Lough. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Mary Ellen Fox Lough on January 26, 2015. Robert was a Veteran of the US Army/Air Force in Iceland from 1943-1946. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1951 with a Degree in Agriculture. He worked at Fairmont Foods for fifteen years and then for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for eighteen years. He finished his federal career as the District Conservationist in Grafton. In addition to his wife, Mary Ellen, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Lough Murray. Robert is survived by one granddaughter, Ashley Lamphere, of Essex Junction, Vermont, and one great granddaughter, Aniyal Lamphere. Graveside services were held at the West Virginia National Cemetery on June 30, 2020 |
| **Louviere** | **2020** | ARCSE Member Don Louviere (75) of Weber City, Virginia passed away after a brief illness on July 5, 2020 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tennessee. Don was born June 21, 1945 to Octave and Frances Ducato Louviere in Beaumont, Texas. Don worked for USDA as a Soil Conservationist for 30 years, retiring in 2002. After his federal retirement he was a food sampler at Food City, Weber City for over 15 years where he was known as “The Voice of Food City.” He served as a District Conservationist in both California and Virginia. He is fondly remembered as a colorful character by many of his colleagues. DrDirt was part of his email address and personalized vehicle license plate number. Don is survived by his daughter, Veronica Guidi-Louviere; son, Vincent Guidi-Louviere (Erin); grandchildren, Owen Kenneth Guidi-Louviere and Luca Vincent Guidi-Louviere; and mother of his children, Karen Guidi. Mass of Christian Burial was held July 10, 2020 at Saint Dominic Catholic Church with Father Michael Cummins officiating. Burial was at Holston View Cemetery. |
| **Lovelace** | **2020** | Former NRCS employee, Anthony (Tony) Benjamin Lovelace (50) of Alva, Oklahoma passed away December 13, 2020 at Integris Bass Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma. Tony was born on May 25, 1970, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Sandy and Michael Lovelace. He went to Northwestern Oklahoma State University where he played football as an offensive lineman all four years. He graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1992 with a Bachelors’ Degree in Ag Business. Anthony continued his education at Oklahoma State University where he obtained his Masters’ Degree in Animal Science. Tony worked as a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for several years in Alva and Clinton, Oklahoma. He then left the agency and became a teacher where taught science and history at Waynoka and Freedom, Oklahoma and taught history in Alva. He also wrote articles for several tractor enthusiast magazines and was an amazing photographer. Tony is survived by his wife, Sherrye Lovelace of Alva, and his daughter and son-in-law, John and Lindsey Carson and their three children, Kadence, Addie, and Eli of Williamsburg, Virginia and his sons Brenden Smith and Trenten Smith of Portales, New Mexico. Additionally, he is survived by his mother, Sandra Lovelace of Mustang, Oklahoma. |
| **Luger** | **2020** | Lawrence "Larry" Luger (84) of Hettinger, North Dakota, passed away at the Hilltop Home of Comfort in Killdeer, North Dakota September 28, 2020. He joined the US Army in December 1954 and served at Fort Riley, Kansas, in Texas as a helicopter mechanic, then Colorado in a mountain climbing rescue unit, and a year in Germany during his enlistment. He attended Dickinson State University and completed his 4-year degree at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. He worked for the USDA-Farmers Home Administration for 3 years, then switched to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he worked as the District Conservationist until he retired in 1986. Larry purchased 10 acres of land which he developed into his "Ponderosa" tree farm. He was fondly known as the "tree man". He took great pride in raising his evergreens for transplanting and also for fresh cut Christmas trees. He also loved to garden and wood-working, golfing and playing cards. He is survived by his wife Barb Lugar of 60 years; his children, Jim (Debbie) Luger, Suzanne (Dennis) Dynneson and Bill (Ana) Luger; three grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and a very special great granddaughter. |

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| **Mathews** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist, Honorary and Life ARCSE Member Richard M Matthews Sr. (101) of Universal City, Texas passed away at home on December 16, 2020. Richard was born in 1919 in Agate, Colorado. In 1947, he married Mildred Reed of Chicago, Illinois. They were married for 67 years at the time of Mrs. Matthews' death in 2015. After high school Richard went to work for the War Department in Washington, D.C. in 1940. In 1943, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Force. He served as a B-17 ball-turret gunner, 15th Air Force, Foggia, Italy from 1944 until the war's end in May 1945. He flew 23 combat missions, including missions to Berlin, Germany. After World War II, he attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1951. After graduation, he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). At the time of his retirement in 1980, he was the Head of the Design Unit in Portland, Oregon for the western U.S. for the SCS. Mr. Matthews is survived by his children - Richard M. Matthews, JR., Roberta J. Edwards, and Elizabeth J. Hobbs; his grandchildren – Richard M. Matthews III, Shannon R. Matthews, David R. Edwards, Michael J. Edwards, Jolene E. Hobbs, and Kaylee A. Hobbs; and great-grandchildren – Caitlin R. Matthews, Kaleah R. Matthews, Evaleigh D. Matthews, and Richard M. Matthews IV. Sadly, Mr. Matthews was proceeded in death by his son, Robert M. Matthews. Richard and his wife Mildred had a dual military funeral service and were interred side by side at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. |
| **McCall** | **2020** | Keith LeRoy McCall (87) of Shenandoah, Iowa passed away July 20, 2020 at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. Keith was born on August 29, 1932 to Jesse and Leta (Mattes) McCall in Hamburg, Iowa. He entered the US Army on December 10, 1952 and served during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in November 1954. Keith married Mary Alice Kish on April 16, 1955 at the First Methodist Church in Shenandoah, Iowa. The couple was blessed with 40 years of marriage. Keith was a long time Civil Engineering Technician in the Shenandoah Engineering Office for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1989. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice. Those left to honor his memory include his children, Kathryn (Ron) Barker of Omaha, Nebraska, Richard (Pam) McCall of Omaha, Nebraska; five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter |
| **McCampbell** | **2020** | James "Jim" Boyd McCampbell, (83) of Norman, Oklahoma passed away in his home in the evening of August 19, 2020 surrounded by his family. Jim was born in Erick, Oklahoma on September 9, 1936 to Harry Robert and Ruth Louise McCampbell. Jim attended Cameron University, where he played football. He finished his education at Oklahoma State University where he graduated with his Bachelor of Science in 1958. Jim served in the Air National Guard from 1959 - 1965. Jim began his 40-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Sayre, Oklahoma in 1960 as a Conservation Technician. Two years later he moved to Walters, Oklahoma where he was promoted to Soil Conservationist. While there, he met his wife of 57 years, Barbara J. (Lee) McCampbell. They were married February 10, 1963. The couple next moved to Hughes County; where they welcomed their daughter, Sheri into the world. The family then moved to Ada, Oklahoma, and finally settled in Norman, where Jim would serve as a District Soil Conservationist, until his retirement in January 2001. In addition to his wife, Barbara J. and his daughter Sheri (John) Vera of Norman; Jim is survived by his grandchildren James and Jennifer Vera of Norman. |
| **McCarthy** | **2020** | Carol Ann (Hall) McCarthy (84) of Columbia, Missouri passed away December 2, 2020. Carol was married to ARCSE Member John Robert McCarthy. John started work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1960, retiring as the State Agronomist in 1996. Carol loved to fish and travel. Each year, she and John took four weeks travelling, two weeks in the Northern states in the summer and two weeks in the Southern states in the winter. Two of her favorite trips were to Hawaii, for their 35th wedding anniversary in 1993, and for their 40th anniversary in 1998. Carol has been a lifelong Catholic, attending Our Lady of Lourdes parish for 44 years. |
| **McClure** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist, Honarary Member and ARCSE Life Member Neal A. McClure (103) passed away April 11, 2020 at Bethany Nursing Home in Fargo, North Dakota. He was born near Grand Rapids, North Dakota, (a small remote North Dakota town between Bismarck and Fargo) November 21, 1916, the eldest child of Charles and Lena (Muske) McClure. Neal was raised on a farm near Bowbells, North Dakota that had been homesteaded by his grandfather, Peter, in 1898. In 1939 he graduated from North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC) now known as North Dakota State University. While in college, he played on the NDAC football team. On June 14, 1941, he married Luella "Lue" Larson of Fargo. During WWII, he was a US Navy non-commissioned officer training new recruits in Idaho and later stationed in San Diego, California. He also spent time overseas during the Korean War as an engineering officer, 3rd Infantry Division in the US Army. He served with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Cavalier, Devils Lake, and Grand Forks, North Dakota. In 1967 he became the Assistant State Conservationist in Bismarck until he retired in 1976. He then worked as Executive Director of Rural Water ND and later, the Burleigh County Water Board. In each city, Neal and Lue formed many lasting, meaningful friendships with many people they truly cherished. They were always involved with the Lutheran Church. Neal was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Luella, who died in 2012. He is survived by two sons, Brian (Dorothy), Ron (Pat), three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Robert "Bob" Bird, who took over from Neal the ARCSE North Dakota State Representative role says about Neil, "He was one of the nicest persons you would ever want to know." |

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| **McElhiney** | **2020** | Life Member Gerald Jerry McElhiney (90) of John Knox Village (JKV) in Lee's Summit, Missouri passed away November 6, 2020. Jerry was born on October 7, 1930, in Bethany, Missouri. He served in the United States Air Force from 1950-1954 and was stationed with the 8th Bomb Squadron during the Korean War. Jerry married Mary Lee Booth on August 19, 1956, in Bethany, Missouri. They lived in Columbia, Missouri, while Jerry attended the University of Missouri. Jerry graduated on June 7, 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He worked as a Civil Engineer for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). During his career, Jerry earned his Professional Engineering license and was named NRCS Engineer of the Year for the state of Missouri. One of his most memorable and favorite projects was being the lead engineer of the 1993 Flood Reclamation of the tie-back levees and drainage ways in counties bordering the Missouri River between Kansas City and Columbia, Missouri. He retired with 43 years of service on January 3, 1997. Jerry and Mary lived in Warrensburg, Missouri, from 1960 to 1998 where he volunteered for Warrensburg United Methodist Church Board and Warrensburg Kiwanis Club. He was also chairman of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights Committee for three years and served on the Mid-America Regional Council of Kansas City. Jerry held his private pilot's license and enjoyed flying. Following retirement, they moved to Tucson, Arizona, and lived there for 14 years. Jerry was president of the board of the Golden Goose thrift store in Catalina, Arizona, and was awarded the Daily Points of Light Volunteer Award created by the administration of President George H. Bush. Jerry and Mary returned home to Missouri in 2012 and moved to John Knox Village. Jerry participated in many JKV activities. In 2014, Jerry had the privilege of taking an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. for Korean war veterans. At the age of 84, Jerry checked an item off his bucket list by completing a tandem sky diving jump. Jerry enjoyed serving the residents of JKV and working in the garden along- side other residents. He rediscovered his love of singing and recorded three CD's: Favorite Songs, a Christmas Album, and Christian music. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and daughters Julie McElhiney (Lee's Summit, Missouri) and Michelle (McElhiney) Midboe of Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Lauren, Grant, Faith, Lance, Joy, and Charity Rose Midboe.The family requests charitable donations be made in memory of Jerry McElhiney to the John Knox Village Foundation, 400 NW Murray Road, Lee's Summit, MO, 64081. |
| **McLean** | **2020** | Daniel Lyle McLean (72) peacefully passed away April 6, 2020, at the Spring Creek Inn Memory Care Community in Bozeman, Montana. Dan had battled Parkinson's disease for over 25 years. Dan was born April 3, 1948, in Great Falls, Montana. He was the son of Johnnie and Betty McLean. Dan served in the Montana Air National for 6 years during his college studies and received his master's degree with honors from Montana State University in Soil Science. On June 22, 1968, Dan was married to Jueleen "Juelie" Torske in Conrad, Montana. They shared almost 52 years of marriage together. Dan was employed as a Soil Scientist with the USDA/ NRCS. He mapped soils in several locations in Montana, was on the Montana State Soils Staff and instrumental in getting soil interpretation information current and ready for the Food Security Act (FSA) implementation in the early 1990's. He retired after 30 years of service. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, skiing, fly fishing and antiquing. Dan is survived by his wife Juelie, and sons Luke and Matthew. |
| **McManus** | **2020** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Kenneth G. McManus (97) of Fort Myers, Florida passed away July 23, 2020. After high school he married his wife of 63 years Lois A. McManus. She preceded him in death in 2005. Soon after marrying Lois, Ken served in the Marine Corps during WW II in the Pacific Theater. He was a Michigan State College graduate and strong Spartan. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service first in Michigan and Iowa where he was an Area Conservationist and Assistant State Conservationist. He then served as Deputy Director of the South National Technology Center in Ft. Worth, Texas before going to Missouri as State Conservationist. After retiring from federal service in 1981, he moved to Sun City, Arizona. There, his son Greg McManus reports, he started "a 30-year career in golf. A new putter became an annual event. My mother, Lois, and dad started a bridge club and played frequently." He would have been 98 years old on September 8, 2020. In 2015 he moved to Fort Myers, Florida to be near his son. There he lived in American House, a senior facility that strongly supports veterans and where he told old war stories. He was proud of his marine years in WWII. He was always a gentleman, well dressed and a great supervisor and a great golfer. Ken is survived by son Greg, daughter Debra and three grand kids Erica, Alex and Ben. |
| **Melton** | **2020** | Judson L. Melton (85) of Post Falls, Idaho passed away at home November 17, 2020. Jud was born on December 30, 1934 in Cordova, Alabama to Floyd and Grace Melton. During WWII, the family moved to the west coast so Floyd could work in the ship-works and at Hanford, California. They moved to Cheney, Washington after the War. Jud graduated from the State College of Washington (Now Washington State University) in 1958, with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. While in college, he joined the Washington Air National Guard and served in the Guard for 20 years, retiring in 1978. He married Jerry Graham in 1958 and went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). In 1962, while working for the SCS, he had the opportunity to attend flight school and flew in fighter interceptors for the Air National Guard. He and Jerry had three children: Jeff Melton, Jennifer Valdez, and Julie Reathaford. In 1977, Jud married Karen Morrison and added two more daughters, Sherry Morrison and Debbie Edmiston. In 1983, the family moved to Post Falls and began a thirty+-year remodel on an old home. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1994. Jud is survived by his wife, children, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter. Jud enjoyed gardening, water-skiing, football, and his grandchildren. |
| **Milan** | **2020** | Husband and wife Jose Milan (48) and Sara Milan (44) of Austin, Texas were killed instantly in a head-on collision with a pickup truck driven by an allegedly drunk driver on November 24, 2020 near Haskell, Texas. The driver of the pickup committed suicide at the crash scene, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety news release. Sara was the daughter of retired SCS/NRCS State Soil Scientist, Mike Risinger. Jose and Sara's 9-year-old son Eli was in the back seat and only sustained seat belt burns and associated bruising. He is doing ok. Their other son, Ander, had stayed at Sara's mother's house and was not in the car. A GoFundMe site has been established for the benefit of Eli and Ander: https://gf.me/u/zad43a. |

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| **Miller** | **2020** | Beverly J. Miller (81) of Des Moines, Iowa passed away peacefully on November 14, 2020, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa. She was born in Leon, Iowa, on November 18, 1938, the middle child and only daughter born to James Lavonne and Edith Smith. Beverly graduated from Lincoln High School where she met Darhol Miller. They were married in 1955. Together they enjoyed camping and spending time with one another. Beverly worked in the Administrative Section of the State Office for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Beverly loved tending to her flowers, caring for her little home, and had a special place in hear heart for her beloved cat, Toby. She was also an Iowa Hawkeye fan. Beverly is survived by her daughter, Deborah (Rick) of Des Moines; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Darhol, who passed away in 2013. |
| **Miller** | **2020** | Duane Rolland Miller (99) of Stockton, Kansas passed away March 11, 2020. Duane served in the Army Air Force during WWII, serving from October 1942 thru December 1945. Duane retired in 1979 from the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was a Soil Conservation Technician in the Stockton Field Office with 30 years of service. He was preceded in death by his daughter Pam McCormick and his son-in-law DeWayne McCormick. He is survived by his wife Veda Miller (Orr); his children, Kathy Smith (Greg) of Fort Worth, Texas, and Danny Miller (Thui) of Topeka, Kansas; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. |
| **Mitchell** | **2020** | Harvey Oliver Mitchell (77) of Ripley, West Virginia passed away on September 16, 2020 at his home. He was born February 4, 1943 in Moyers, West Virginia, and was the son of the late Cecil Guy Mitchell and Madeline Florence (Sinnett) Mitchell. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 36 years as a civil engineer. He and his family lived in Spencer, Moundsville and Ripley, West Virginia. Harvey worked flood recovery out of Franklin, West Virginia after the 1985 flood. He was methodical, careful, and complete in his work. He got along with everybody and made friends with all the people he worked with. On August 28, 1965, he married Patricia (Dahmer) Mitchell, who survives in Ripley. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Harvey O. Mitchell, Jr. (Joelle) of Madison, Alabama; a daughter, Connie Mitchell-Joe of Ripley; and two grandchildren |
| **Moebius** | **2020** | Minnie Carol Moebius (82) of Duncan, Oklahoma passed away on December 19, 2020, surrounded by her loving family at her home. She was born on November 19, 1938, to Edith Odetta (Robinson) and Clayton Leroy Rains, Sr. in Fairfax, Oklahoma. Minnie Carol was the wife of Gordon Eugene Moebius, who retired in 1994 as a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. They were married 61 years. She was a passionate Bible student and teacher. She was active at the Duncan Christian Center and worked as a volunteer to bring the first Christian station to local TV. |
| **Mongomery** | **2020** | Charles Francis “Butch” Montgomery (79) of Auburn, Alabama, passed away August 27, 2020. Charles was a graduate of Auburn University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics. He had a 30-year career as a Soil Scientist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. During this time, he mapped and classified soils on over one million acres in Alabama. In 1978 he started a ‘Choose and Cut’ Christmas tree farm, which the Montgomery family operated for over 30 years. As a 37-year member of Craig Memorial United Methodist Church, Charles served in multiple leadership roles and was always available when called upon. He was an avid outdoorsman with a love of fishing and a vast knowledge of Alabama flora and fauna. He is survived by his wife Billie Joyce Hulsey Montgomery; his children, Mary Alene Stump, Charles Christopher Montgomery and Lori Allyson Montgomery; three grandchildren, one great grandchild; and his parents, Charles William and Mary Frances Montgomery. |
| **Mowrey** | **2020** | Helen I. Mowrey (92) of Logan, Ohio, passed away June 24, 2020 at her granddaughters' residence in Logan, Ohio following an extended illness and hospice care. Helen was preceded in death in 2013 by her husband Senior Conservationist Noel Richard "Dick" Mowrey who worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. Helen was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Hocking County Historical Society; volunteered at the Hocking Valley Community Hospital; and retired from the Logan Clay after 40 years. Surviving are her daughter Melissa Howell; granddaughter Crystal (Justin) Kerns; great-grandchildren, Abigail and Olivia Kerns. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 P.M., Monday, June 29, 2020 at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Logan, Ohio with Pastor Scott Smith officiating. |
| **Mowrey** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist Noel Richard "Dick" Mowrey (89) of Logan, Ohio passed away peacefully February 4, 2013 at home. He had lived with Parkinson’s disease for more than 25 years. Dick was born April 20, 1923 in Hocking County Ohio to William and Birdie Mowrey. He served with the U.S. Army in Guadalcanal during World War II. He worked 32 years with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), and designed many of the county’s ponds and spring developments; he assisted farmers in implementing erosion control practices and in managing their forests; he planted thousands of evergreen trees in the area. He also farmed with his brother Everett for more than 50 years. After retiring from SCS, he enjoyed restoring Ford and Allis-Chalmers Tractors with his friend Frank Holcomb; was active with the St. Matthew Lutheran Church, the Hocking Valley Community Hospital Board, the Hocking County Historical Society, the Hocking County Fair Board, and served as Honorary Supervisor on the Soil and Water Conservation Board. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen I. Mowrey; daughter, Melissa Howell; granddaughter, Crystal (Justin) Kerns; and two great-grandchildren Abigail and Olivia Kerns. |
| **Mozingo** | **2020** | Billy Fred “Bill” Mozingo (82) of Grant City, Missouri passed away at the Mozingo family home on the evening of September 15, 2020. He was born July 10, 1938, in Grant City, Missouri to Estelle Myrtle (Porter) and Fred Bertram Mozingo. Amidst his collegiate studies, he wed Judith Ann Stevenson, with whom he shared 61 years of partnership, on August 30, 1959. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Agriculture in 1960. After Bill's graduation, he took a job with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Neosho, Missouri, beginning a long career with the SCS. Bill's career with SCS led him to live in El Dorado Springs, Missouri; Montgomery City, Missouri; Audubon, Iowa; Lincoln, Nebraska; and Washington, D.C. Bill retired from the SCS in 1994 and returned to his boyhood home in Grant City, where he served as Presiding Commissioner for Worth County from 1999 to 2009. Additionally, Bill worked as a consulting inspector of hog confinement facilities for the Iowa Pork Producers Association. Bill is survived by his wife, Judith; son, Jeffrey (Barb) Mozingo; daughter Cheryl (David) Plate; grandchildren: Tyler (Christy) Mozingo, Samantha Plate, Corey Mozingo, Hannah Plate, and Rebecca Plate. |
| **Neel** | **2020** | James "Jim" D. Neel (78) of Lakewood, Colorado passed away October 2, 2020. Jim was the husband of Linda Neel who worked many years with the National Association of Conservation Districts and then later with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. |

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| **Neff** | **2020** | Clinton Edgar Neff (92) of McClusky, North Dakota, passed away on his 65th wedding anniversary, June 18, 2020, at Augusta Place in Bismarck, North Dakota. Clinton lived in McClusky, North Dakota his entire life, except for the years he served in the military from 1944 to 1954. After this service he began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in McClusky as a soil conservation technician for thirty years until he retired in 1988. He volunteered at his church and on several boards in the community, as well as serving throughout his life on the McClusky fire department, including a period as fire chief. Clinton is survived by his wife Mary of 65 years; and their sons, Michael (Cindy), Bismarck, and their children, David, Daniel (Jenny) and Rachel; Steven (Nancy), Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and their children, Blake, Abby (Tyler) VanLiere, Mandy (Joel) Haas and Ryan; and Paul (Luisa), Cleveland, Ohio, and their children, Cory and Olivia. |
| **Nicholson** | **2020** | John Charles Nicholson (71) of Lynchburg, Virginia passed away November 27, 2020. John was born in Washington, D.C. being the youngest son of the late Robert and Mary Nicholson. He was the husband of Betty Nicholson of Lynchburg. He retired as a resource soil scientist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2015. He is survived by his wife and his children, John Nicholson Jr., and Cathleen Key. He is also survived by four grandchildren, John, Lena, John III and Zella, who were the light of his life. John was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. |
| **Nicholson** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist Henry Lee Nicholson, Sr. (87) of Denmark, South Carolina, passed away on December 3, 2020. Henry was born in 1933 to the late James R. Nicholson, Sr., and Lena Richardson Nicholson. He graduated Oakway High School, attended Clemson University and served in the United States Army. Henry worked for West End Dairies and owned Nicholson Dairy Farm. He retired from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a soil conservation technician in 1998. Henry was an avid fisherman and boat navigator. He loved coon hunting, spending time outdoors, cooking cane syrup and having fish fries. Henry was a dedicated Clemson football supporter. He was an easy-going southern gentleman and never let the world get to him. As a Christian who dedicated his life to his Lord Jesus Christ, he also served as a deacon at Ghents Branch Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of sixty years, Benny Lynn Nicholson; one daughter, Elizabeth (Fred) Tritapoe of Bamberg, South Carolina; one son, Henry Lee (LeAnn) Nicholson, Jr. of Newberry, South Carolina; five grandchildren, Allison (Josh) Carroll of Olar, Nick Tritapoe of Chapin, Rebecca Tritapoe of Bamberg, Daniel and Matthew Nicholson of Newberry; and one great-granddaughter, Breanna Carroll. |
| **Nolte** | **2020** | Ardith E. Nolte (83) of Upper Arlington, Ohio passed away November 30, 2020 at Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio. Ardith was the wife ARCSE Life Member and Senior Conservationist Byron H. Nolte, who retired in 1988 as Area Engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservationist Service. Ardith was born September 21, 1937 in Holstein, Missouri, the daughter of Werner and Lillie Knapheide. She graduated from the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, Missouri in 1958. Later she completed a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a master of arts degree in Health Education from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Ardith was employed as a school nurse in Columbus Public Schools for 27 years. In her retirement she served as a Stephens Minister and a Facilitator for an Alzheimer's support group. She was a member of Riverside United Methodist Church and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honorary Society. In addition to her husband Byron, Ardith is survived by daughters Ann (Mark) Albers and Jan (Pete) Ruma, Jr., and grandchildren: Christopher and Nicholas Albers, and Nicholas and Monica Ruma. |
| **Ohland** | **2020** | Marguerite E. Ohland (86) of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away January 24, 2020. Marguerite was the spouse of ARCSE life member Paul Ohland, who survives. Paul retired in the mid-1990s as a project manager at the USDA-N Information Technology Center in Fort Collins, Colorado. Marguerite, known for her cooking during holidays and over campfires, and Paul could be seen second row center during the theatre season in town. |
| **Palalay** | **2020** | Maria Gloria Palalay (82) of Newark, Delaware, passed away peacefully in her home on May 13, 2020. Maria was the wife of Salvador "Sal" Palalay, retired Planning/Hydraulic Engineer at the Northeast National Technical Center for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Maria was born in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. She became a United States Citizen on January 26, 1972 in Honolulu, Hawaii, and had a phenomenal and illustrious career raising her three children: Dennis, Heidi, and Noel (Died December 1994). She is the daughter of the Honorable Agripino Santos (Mayor of Laoag 1933-1942) and Pantaleona Lagpacan Santos. Maria was a member of the Filipino Cultural Dance Troupe, "Saniata Ti Amianan" or Jewel of the North which toured the United States from 1964 to 1965, which is when Maria and Salvador met for the first time after months of letter writing. She was a woman of great faith and a Franciscan. Maria is survived by her loving husband, Salvador, and her son, Dennis (Casey), and their six children: Mellissa, Kyle, David (Rachel), Luke, Kamaha'o, and Kawai. Maria is also survived by her beautiful daughter, Heidi and her wife Christina, and the twins, Kona and Bowie. |
| **Palmer** | **2020** | Cecil Dean Palmer (84) of Ellis, Kansas passed away August 7, 2020 in Ellis. He was born May 27, 1936 in rural Osceola, Iowa, to Ralph and Esther (Foland) Palmer. He graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agronomy. Following graduation, he served as a high school science teacher in Russell, Iowa where he met his wife, Marilyn (Ford). He also served six years in the US Army with a combination of Active Duty and reserve time. Shortly after, he began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist, where he stayed until retirement in 1994. He worked in Fort Dodge, Iowa and in Norton, Stockton, Hiawatha, and Salina, Kansas. Cecil is preceded in death by his wife Marilyn. Cecil's surviving family include daughter, Melissa Robb of Ellis, Kansas; son, Dennis Palmer (Adrina), of Little Elm, Texas; and daughter, Deborah Palmer, of Salina, Kansas; six grandchildren Kerry, Kevin, Kelly, Patrick, Gabrielle, and Alexis; and one great-grandson. |
| **Patterson** | **2020** | Michael D Patterson (61) of Norwalk, Ohio passed away April 8, 2020 at Hospice of Central Ohio in Columbus, Ohio after a long battle with cancer. He was born July 30, 1958, in Columbus. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin. Mike worked 32 years for the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. He was the Wetland Team Leader for Ohio's Area 2 and past Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator for the Erie Basin RC&D. He served in ministry to children and their families at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio as the clown, Dr. IC Giggles, as well as in his home church, New London Alliance. In retirement he enjoyed working with the Erie Basin Resource Conservation and Development Council. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 31 years, Victoria (Alexander) Patterson. Other survivors include his daughters Angela (Todd) Hester-Gundrum of Sylvania, Ohio and Michelle (Dan) Tiffany and Casie (Clint) Troxel both of San Diego California; sons Richard Patterson and David Patterson both of Norwalk, his mother Roberta Rideout of Marion Ohio; and four grandchildren. |

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| **Persinger** | **2020** | Claude Calvin Persinger (76) of Winchester, Virginia passed away at his home surrounded by loved ones on June 23, 2020. Calvin was born May 15, 1944 in Burnsville, West Virginia. He promptly married his sweetheart Judith Eileen Skinner after graduating from high school. They moved to Morgantown where he started his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Sciences at West Virginia University. He graduated in 1967. He then began his career with the federal government working as an economist and procurement officer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Services and Federal Aviation Administration. He retired in 1994 from the General Services Administration in Washington, DC as the director of IRM Service's Planning and Support Division. After retirement Calvin became President of Net.Works in Chantilly, Virginia. He suffered a devastating stroke in 1999 and was cared for by his wife, family, friends and many wonderful medical professionals and caregivers. Calvin is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years Judith, daughter Lisa Robertson (Kelly), son Shawn, and grandchildren Claudia and Atticus. |
| **Petermann** | **2020** | Viola Ladonna Petermann (77) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away February 1, 2020. Ladonna was married to retired USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service engineer Bill Petermann. She graduated college at Panhandle State University in 1964 and became a teacher at Rosston, Oklahoma. She and Bill were married July 4, 1965. In addition to Bill, Ladonna leaves behind three daughters, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter. |
| **Pewthers** | **2020** | Phyllis Joy Pewthers (82) of Waurika, Oklahoma passed away June 25, 2020 in her home. Joy was the loving wife of John Pewthers, retired Waurika District Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Joy and John married September 25, 1955. Joy was a homemaker while their 3 daughters were growing up and later worked at a bank and was a bookkeeper. She was avid Earth Team Volunteer with the SCS. She is survived by her husband John and three daughters: Janice Mackiewicz (Jake) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Kim Duell (Doug) of Burlington Colorado; and Terri Moore (David Morelos) of Amarillo, Texas. |
| **Philipps** | **2020** | Phyllis Ann Philipps (61) of Conrad, Montana passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on August 5, 2020 after a long battle with breast cancer. Phyllis was born December 28, 1958 in Alhambra, California to Anthony and Josephine Caputo. She attended Humboldt State University where she followed her passion for performing arts, nature, and John Denver. Phyllis was active in the Sierra Club and US Youth Conservation Corps where she explored the mountains and maintained trails. She married her first husband, Andy Faulkner, in California in 1980 and gave birth to her daughter, Lauren, in April of 1981. In 1982 she received a bachelor's degree in Art. She found her calling in the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and excelled at her job. She began her work in Washington DC and in 1984 she and Lauren moved to Conrad where she became a soil conservationist. She moved to Townsend, Montana in 1987 to continue her work as a soil conservationist until she moved back to Conrad as a District Conservationist. In 1988 she married her second husband, Jerry Philipps, a local producer in the Conrad area. In 1991 she gave birth to their son, Brandon. In 2002 she was selected to be the Assistant State Conservationist for the NRCS and began working out of Great Falls, Montana. In 2007 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Despite her diagnosis, Phyllis did not let anything slow her down. She did multiple stints in Washington DC working closely with top officials in the United States Department of Agriculture. She became a Regional Conservationist, and she oversaw multiple states in the American Northwest. During the latter part of her career she was the State Conservationist for the state of Colorado. After retiring from the NRCS in 2014 she returned home to the farm in Conrad. Phyllis loved to travel and see new and exciting places. Her love for life was contagious to many around her, and she was an inspiration to all. Her amazing work ethic and high energy, despite her illness, gave many people hope and kept her doctors baffled. Phyllis was truly an extraordinary woman who touched many lives. Phyllis is survived in death by her husband, Jerry Philipps of Conrad; children, Lauren (Gareth) Morrissey of Delaware and Brandon (Nicole) Philipps of Conrad; and her four grandchildren, Nora, Saorise, River and Poet. |
| **Phillips** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary Life ARCSE Member Richard "Dick" Lynn Phillips (95), formerly of Gibsonville, North Carolina, passed away on November 29, 2020, in Maplewood, Minnesota. Dick was born on June 21, 1925, in Des Moines, Iowa, son of Lynn Irwin and Ruby Cain Phillips and raised on a farm near Pleasantville, Iowa. After service in the United States Navy, he graduated from Iowa State University. Then in 1975, he earned a Master's degree from North Carolina State University. He was a dedicated soil conservationist and engineer, serving 35 years with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). After "retiring" from his first job, he worked briefly for the University of Maryland, then the Guilford County Planning Department (North Carolina), and lastly for North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in the Bioenvironmental Engineering program. He was also a registered Professional Engineer in four states. He loved the land, the farms, and farm ways. He worked diligently with SCS to develop new soil erosion control methods, and ways to mitigate agricultural pollutants. His second love was teaching, thus he always enjoyed working with students. He is survived by his wife Judy, son David and wife of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, son Timothy and his wife of Plano, Texas, and grandchildren Teresa, Lisa, Heather, Justine, and Brandon, and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Douglas, and sister Shirley Ann Bolie. |
| **Pranger** | **2020** | Robert Joseph Pranger (83) of Cornelius, Oregon passed away July 8, 2020. Robert was born in Hillsboro, Oregon to Francis (Frank) and Anna Pranger. Robert graduated with University of Portland Class of 1958. He entered the US Air Force as a Second Lieutenant in October 1958, was promoted to First Lieutenant, and served until 1963. Robert designed and tested parachutes while in the Air Force. He made 101 jumps. He dreamed of being an aeronautical engineer at NASA. Unfortunately, his military career was cut short when he developed type 1 diabetes. Robert married Judy Grubbs in Pendleton, Oregon, and they had seven children. He was faithfully married to Judy for 58 years. Robert worked as a general engineer for Boeing and then as a civil engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, designing bridges and dams all over Oregon for 35 years, until his retirement in 1993. Robert was the owner of Pranger Tree Farm for 40 years. Robert is survived by his wife, Judy; sons, David Pranger of Heppner, Oregon and Charles Pranger of Beaverton, Oregon; daughters, Karen Hoholik of Kihei, Hawaii, Gretchen Powell of Marysville, Washington, Julie Pranger Talty of Hillsboro, Oregon, Susan Smullen of Branchburg, New Jersey and Mary Corcoran of Tigard, Oregon; 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Remembrances may go to Hertel Center, St. Matthew's Catholic School, and the American Diabetes Association. |

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| **Rahe** | **2020** | Life member David Bustamante Rahe (64) of Hillsboro, Illinois (formerly of Valmeyer, Illinois) died suddenly on April 2, 2020, at his family's home farm in rural Valmeyer. He was struck down while he and his brother Daniel Rahe were spring burning a dead cover crop off a field. Dave was born August 19, 1955, in Red Bud, Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois graduating in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy. After college Dave went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service as a soil scientist and later soil conservationist. He also worked on loan to the St. Louis District, US Army Corps of Engineers and after retirement served as a contract worker for the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; worked for Soil-Right Consulting Services, Inc.; and then founded his own soil testing company, RPM LLC. This job took Dave all over the states of Illinois and Missouri. During his travels Dave photographed every county courthouse in Illinois, completed in 2018. Dave's survivors include his wife Maribeth, nee Nabers, Rahe; sons Nathan Rahe (Courtney) and Zachary Rahe (Rebecca); granddaughters Eleanor and Rhiannon Rahe; and parents Henry and Elizabeth "Belle" Rahe. |
| **Ralson** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist and member David Cornell Ralston (89) of Fairfax, Virginia passed away January 15, 2020 at his home. David was born May 6, 1930 in Beloit, Wisconsin, and grew up in Roscoe, Illinois. He and his brother Harold Ralston (Racine, Wisconsin) graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering, specializing in soil and water conservation and mechanical engineering, respectively. David received a master's degree from the University of Illinois in Civil Engineering. David entered the military service soon afterwards with overseas service in South Korea. His professional career was spent working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, ending as the chief design engineer for the agency. His service to the federal agency included designing and providing oversight of flood control projects and providing dam safety evaluations for the Great Plains, Mid-Atlantic, and Western regions of the country. He was also involved in developing training programs for engineers within the agency. Outside of his professional career, David was an avid gardener at both his home and at his church, Fairfax Presbyterian Church. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Margaret S. Ralston, four children Roger (Lisa), Peter, Barbara (Paul) and Andrew (Shannon), one granddaughter Grace, three brothers (Larry, Harold and Duane and their spouses), one sister (Mary Jane Alexander) and many nieces and nephews. Donations in his name may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation (Parkinson.org) or to Fairfax Presbyterian Church. |
| **Rasmussen** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist Jack J. Rasmussen (96) of Spokane Washington passed away June 27, 2020 just 12 days after his wife of LaRee C. Rasmussen (94) passed away on June 15, 2020. LaRee was born near Richfield, Utah to Parley and Iona Shelton Christensen. Jack was born in Monticello, Utah, raised in Ephraim to John "Jack" and Bertha Colby Rasmussen. Both were blessed with close-knit, loving families who knew sorrow early, as LaRee's father died when she was seventeen, and Jack's father died when Jack was only thirteen. After high school, Jack helped his older brother Thad run a cafe in Delta, Utah. Everything changed December 7, 1941 when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Jack went to the recruiter the next day and in January 1942 started four years' service in the 3rd Division of the Marine Corps. He was in the first group of Marines ever trained at Camp Pendleton. Jack was involved in military action on the islands of Bougainville, Guadalcanal, and the battles of Guam and Iwo Jima, where he was wounded. He finished his tour of duty as a Drill Instructor back at Camp Pendleton. Meanwhile, LaRee finished high school and attended one year at the University of Utah. Her cousins from Ephraim introduced her to the handsome Marine. They courted and finally married on September 1, 1948. As a result of her writing a winning essay, Jack and LaRee were married on a radio show in Hollywood and got gifts and a dream honeymoon. Jack finished his degree in Soil Science at Utah State Agricultural College (now Utah State University) and started work in Bellingham, Washington for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1949. He retired in 1982 as State Soil Scientist in Spokane. Daughter Terese and son Thad were born in Bellingham, Washington. Sorrow struck again when their newborn baby was severely brain-damaged by RH blood incompatibility just a few days after birth. Despite many hospitalizations, he lived almost three years. Jack's work took him to Prosser and Toppenish, Washington and finally a big promotion to Spokane. He completed soil surveys of Whatcom County, Benton County, and most of Yakima County. LaRee resumed her college studies while in Prosser, earning an Associate of Arts degree from Columbia Basin College, then finished a Bachelor's degree in English and Elementary Education. Continuing on, she received a Master's degree in Education. She worked as a reading specialist for Nine Mile Falls School District and Spokane School District. Jack and LaRee were life-long members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Jack where he held leadership positions. In 2011, due to LaRee's increasing forgetfulness, Jack decided to move down the street to Touchmark Senior Living. They enjoyed many activities and freedom from housework there. This April, Terese was finally able to move her parents to the Tri-Cities. They are survived by daughter Terese (Roger) Pratt, grandchildren Jonathan (Julie) Pratt and Jennifer (Richard) Pruiett of Kennewick, Washington, Rachel (David) Ritchey of San Jose California, Kristen (Carlos) Canalessi of Sandy, Utah; and grandchildren Sarah, Sam, Michael, Amilyn, Cielo, Rey, and Jack. |
| **Reh** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist John W. Reh (84) of Salina, Kansas passed away April 6, 2020. He was born July 2, 1935 in rural Saline County Kansas to Leslie and Vera (Snyder) Reh. John graduated from Kansas State University. He married Judith A. Kirkland on June 1, 1957 in Minneapolis, Kansas. John took great pride in the work he did during his 35 plus years with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He retired in 1992 as the Assistant State Conservationist (Water Resources). After retiring from SCS he did 15 years of consulting engineering service through his own company, REH and Associates, Inc. His body of work was recognized when he was awarded the NSPE Award by the National Society of Professional Engineers at their annual meeting in Chicago in 1992. John enjoyed playing golf. After retirement he joined the Salina Municipal Senior Men's Golf Association and continued to play until a broken hip and complications from Parkinson's Disease forced him to quit. He was preceded in death by his wife Judy in 2013 and by a granddaughter. Survivors include his daughter Elaine (Jay) Edwards of Salina, two sons Jeffrey (Vickie) Reh of Arlington, Virginia, and Kirk (Teresa) Reh of Overland Park, Kansas; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. |

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| **Reichenbach** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member William Herbert “Bill” Reichenbach (90) of North Vernon, Indiana passed away on October 17, 2020 at Majestic Care in North Vernon. Bill was born November 18, 1929, in Middletown, Kentucky, the son of Herman and Lena (Leunberger) Reichenbach. He married Hulda Mae Hans on August 2, 1974 at the First Baptist Church in North Vernon; she preceded him in death on December 13, 2014. Bill was a 1952 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he earned a degree in agriculture. He served in the Army Reserve. Bill worked 37 years for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, including many years as the Area Conservationist for Southeastern Indiana, before retiring in 1989. He was a board member of the Jennings County Players and served on the board of the Park Theatre Civic Centre. Bill was a member of First Baptist Church and the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He was also a Kentucky Colonel and was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash. He enjoyed golfing and loved to spend his time at the Park Theatre seeing to its daily operations. Survivors include his children, Peter Hobson “Hob” (Mary Beth) Reichenbach of Chicago, Illinois and Sally Scott DiLaura of Louisville, Kentucky; stepchildren, Michael Marshall, Patty (Bruce Johnson) Yount, and Diana Marshall, all of North Vernon, Indiana; grandchildren, Andrew Reichenbach, Grant Reichenbach and Christian Reichenbach, all of Chicago, Illinois; step-grandchildren, Robb (Martin Gregory Yount) Yount Gregory, of Sacramento, California, Amanda Yount Nott and Jessica Marshall, both of Columbus, Indiana, Annie (B.J.) Bingham, Lucy Goins, and Allison Bowling, all of North Vernon, Indiana, Bernie (Natalie) Marshall of Tampa, Florida, Chris Marshall of New York City, New York, and Trey Goins of Texas; step-great-grandchildren, Tristan Nott, Eli Nott, Lilly Nott, and Jaden Marksberry, all of Columbus, Indiana, Zach Bingham, Ruth Bingham, Bridget Bingham, and Sawyer Patterson, all of North Vernon, Indiana, and Aidden Foist of Scipio, Indiana. In addition to his wife Hulda, he was preceded in death by his stepson, Robert Marshall. |
| **Renfro** | **2020** | Marvin “Bo” Renfro (65) of Paint Lick, Kentucky passed away June 9, 2020 at his home after a long battle with cancer. Bo was born in Danville, Kentucky to the late Dallas and Virginia Palmer Renfro. He received his college education at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. Bo retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service after almost 40 years of service. He was the district conservationist for Lincoln County Kentucky when he retired. He was a member of Wallaceton Baptist Church and a member of Gideon’s International, Berea Camp. He is survived by his loving wife Joy Renfro; two children, Kara Taylor (Sam) and Rodney Renfro (Kacie); and three grandchildren, Tahirih Joy Renfro, Tristan Renfro, and Lucille Taylor. |
| **Rhoads** | **2020** | Clifford “Bud” Rhoads (88) of Ardmore, Oklahoma passed away November 2, 2020. Bud was born December 12, 1931 to Mary Ellen (Bryant) and Roy Herman Rhoads in Grandfield, Oklahoma. He grew up in Randlett, Oklahoma. He attended Cameron University before enrolling at Oklahoma A&M. On December 24, 1953 he married the love of his life, Vallene “Val” Perryman in Burkburnett, Texas. In 1956 Bud began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation and remained there until his retirement in 1993. He worked as a Soil Scientist and then District Conservationist in Shattuck, Fairview, Frederick, Hinton, and Chandler and finally Ardmore, Oklahoma. Bud and Val were members of the First Baptist Church of Ardmore. Bud enjoyed watching all sports, especially football, fishing, and watching Fox News. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Vallene Rhoads; daughters Terri (W.R.) Howard and Sherri (Rod) Brown; grandchildren Cary Howard, Creede Howard, Allison Medrano and Abby Dorcene; 6 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild. |
| **Rice** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist C. Erwin Rice (98) of Marcellus, New York passed away at home May 15, 2020. Erwin was a Navy Veteran of World War II and Korea, where he was a Lieutenant Commander and a pilot instructor. In between he graduated in 1949 from New York State College of Forestry (known today as State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, or SUNY-ESF). He worked 28 years for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1979 as a Soil Survey Project Leader. Erwin was one of two people in New York State to receive The Million Acre Award, for individually mapping over one million acres of soils. He was a member and past Deacon of the Marcellus First Presbyterian Church. His wife Gwenn of 62 years died in 2018. Surviving are his children June (Bruce) Bigler; David (Judi) Rice and James (Claire) Rice; five grandchildren Amanda and Benjamin Bigler, Katie Onderdonk, Jacqueline and Jonathan Rice. |
| **Richardson** | **2020** | James H. Richardson (86) of Columbus, Ohio passed away December 7, 2020. He was born in Versailles, Kentucky, the son of H.K. and Ruth T. Richardson. Jim was a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He had a long career with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS). He retired as Assistant State Conservationist for Administration at the Ohio State Office in Columbus. After retirement, he worked for several years as a legal assistant. James was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Betsy Paynter Richardson in 2017. They were the parents of three children and several grandchildren who survive him. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He served as a volunteer at Mt. Carmel East Hospital following his retirement. |
| **Sarasio** | **2020** | Jack Sarasio (89) of Plainfield, Iowa passed away February 2, 2020 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa. Jack was the husband of ARCSE member Maralee Sarasio. Jack was born on May 9, 1930. He served in the Army in Germany from 1951 to 1953. After his honorable discharge, he worked at Meredith Publishing Co. as a bookbinder for more than 40 years. In addition to his wife of 61 years, Maralee, Jack is survived by two daughters, Kathleen (Marty) Hobson and Carolyn (Chris) Monahan. |
| **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 thing’s 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. |

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| **Schott** | **2020** | Thomas E. Schott (68) of Willits, California passed away on July 4, 2020 in Willits, California, after living with esophageal cancer for six years. He was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana but spent most of his early years in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota's College of Forestry in March 1974. During and after college Tom worked for four different federal agencies: US Postal Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Tom moved to Mendocino County, California in 1974 where he met his wife of 41 years, Shirley Schott. Tom spent many years working for NRCS as an area forester and District Conservationist. In 2004, Tom transferred within NRCS, to Riverside, CA where he was the Emergency Watershed Protection Coordinator of the multimillion-dollar, multi-year Southern California Watershed Restoration Project. Tom retired in 2008 and returned to Mendocino County in 2011, working part-time as a forestry consultant and a forester for the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District until January 2019. He also served on the Board of Willits Community Services, was active in the Willits Community Theater and St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church. In addition to his wife Shirley, Tom is survived by two sons and a granddaughter. |
| **Schrader** | **2020** | Darwin Schrader (89) of San Antonio, Texas (formerly of Santa Anna, Texas) passed away November 15, 2020 at his residence in San Antonio with his family by his side. Darwin was born in Coleman County, Texas, on November 11, 1931. He served in the U. S. Navy aboard an aircraft carrier during the Korean Conflict 1950-1951, and was a graduate of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Darwin's first wife Ruby Nell Jordan Schrader passed away in 1968. Ruby was the mother of two children, Sheila and Curtis. On April 22, 1969 Darwin married Patricia Ruth Thomas, who is the mother of his daughter Amy, in Sanderson, Texas. They have celebrated 51 years of marriage. Darwin began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1954 in Marfa, Texas. He later held duty stations as a range conservationist in Sanderson, Texas, Hondo, Texas, and Big Lake, Texas, before becoming the district conservationist in Sterling City, Texas. He retired on May 15, 1989, after 35 years of service. Survivors include his wife Pat Schrader of San Antonio, Texas; two daughters Sheila (Robert) Abel of Bellville, Texas and Amy (Robert) Liddell of San Antonio, Texas, and one Son Curtis Schrader of Knox City, Texas; 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. |
| **Sherraden** | **2020** | Kenneth Sherraden, (73) of Chapman, Kansas, passed away December 17, 2020, at Geary Community Hospital in Junction City, Kansas. Ken was born in Salina, Kansas on August 17, 1947, the son of Eythel Evelyn "Teed" (Freeman) Sherraden and William Eugene "Bill" Sherraden. Ken joined the Navy after high school and served as a radioman in the Vietnam War. Upon completion of military service, he graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Zoology. He was married to Janet Lorraine (Drinen) Sherraden on March 22, 1967. He worked as a Natural and Cultural Resources Specialist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Ken is survived by his wife Janet; four children, Scott (Cindy) Sherraden of Hutchinson, Kansas, Staci (Jeff) Rice of Hutchinson, Stephanie ("Brandon") Chance of Tennessee, and Shawn (Melissa) Sherraden of Chapman; and 5 grandchildren. |
| **Shuler** | **2020** | Betty Bagwell Shuler (92) of Columbia, South Carolina passed away August 15, 2020. She was born May 9, 1928 in Columbia, South Carolina. Betty was the wife of retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service Assistant State Conservationist Norman Ernest Shuler, who passed away in 2005. Betty was a graduate of Winthrop University after which she became a teacher for 34 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Ernest Shuler and son, Norman Fred Shuler. Left to cherish her memory are her two grandsons, Robert Shuler and Jeffery Shuler. |
| **Smith** | **2020** | James "Smitty" Smith (89) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away March 24, 2020. He was born in Indian Fields, Kentucky to William S. and Eva Miller Smith. After moving to Lexington in the middle 1950's he became a faithful member of First African Baptist Church. He became well known as "Smitty" as he worked in his many jobs, i.e. bartending, serving parties, throughout his life with his infectious smile and "gift of gab". Smitty retired as a supply clerk for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service Lexington state office. He also worked as a Maitre'd at Columbia Steakhouse and Deputy Sheriff at the Fayette County Sheriff Department. Smitty was a legendary figure of Lexington. Television station ABC 37 -WTVQ had a story on Smitty's passing on March 26, 2020: https://www.wtvq.com/2020/03/26/legendary-lexington-figure-james-smitty-smith-dies/ Smitty's survivors include his son, Goria Cunningham, daughter, Joyce Smith, 3 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. |
| **Smith** | **2020** | Senior Conservationist Volney Hammers Smith (92) of Harlan, Iowa, and formerly of Waukee, Iowa and West Des Moines, Iowa passed away November 16, 2020, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan after contracting COVID 19. Volney was born on June 11, 1928 in Ames, Iowa, the son of Claude Wallace Smith and Frances Marion Hammers Smith Kemp. His parents divorced at a young age and he grew up on his grandfather's farm in Malvern, Iowa. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1949, from Iowa State College, now Iowa State University. In 1950, Volney enlisted in the US Air Force, where he served until his retirement from the Air Force Reserve in 1973. He attained the rank of Major and was the recipient of the Air Force Commendation medal. Following his tour of active duty, Volney began his extensive career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he retired in 1988 as the Assistant State Conservation Engineer in Iowa. Volney was united in marriage to Margaret Wilma Young in Des Moines, Iowa on April 3, 1954. They were blessed with three children. Upon retirement, they enjoyed traveling and were able to explore all 50 of the United States. He was actively involved in the Johnston Evangelical Free Church and Grace Baptist Church. His hobbies were: genealogy, gardening, reading, watching Jeopardy!, and traveling, He thrived on maintaining personal relationships with friends and family, always ready to attend special events; especially for his grandchildren. Volney was preceded in death by his wife Margaret in 2002. Left to cherish his memory are his children: Kathryn Smith of Des Moines, Paul (Gina) Smith of Harlan, Neal (Cindy) Smith of Harlan; grandchildren: Jason Smith of Chicago, Illinois, Alissa Smith of South Hadley, Massachusetts, Austin Smith of Ankeny, Iowa, and Grant Smith of New London, Connecticut. |
| **Spieth** | **2020** | James Wayne Spieth (85) of Fort Meade, Florida passed away April 3, 2020 in Winter Haven, Florida. James was born November 17, 1934 in Fort Meade, Florida. He graduated from the University of Florida and returned to Fort Meade where he became a teacher at Fort Meade High School. Mr. Spieth later assumed a position with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where his job connected him to many people while working in Florida, Virginia, and Texas. He retired from the Soil Conversation Service as Associate Director of the National Technology Center in Fort Worth, Texas. After retirement he returned to Fort Meade in 1996 where he has resided for the last 24 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Alice Hedden Spieth, of Fort Meade, Florida; sons, Kenneth Spieth, of Lexington, South Carolina, Samuel (Tracey) Spieth of Richmond, Virginia, and George (Barbara) Spieth of Fort Meade, Florida; daughter, Mary (Mark) Robitaille of Plantation, Florida; and grandchildren, Sandy, David, Mary, Rachael, Dylan, Taylor, Michael and Miles. |

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| **Spurlock** | **2020** | Dorsey Eugene “Gene” Spurlock (88) of Chelsea, Oklahoma passed away on February 21, 2020. Gene retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Technician and then went to work for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission as an inspector in the Abandoned Mined Lands Program for several years. |
| **Thiele** | **2020** | James H. "Jim" Thiele (83) of Bismarck, North Dakota, completed his journey through life on July 21, 2020. Jim lived all over North Dakota during his career as a Soil Scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Jim married the love of his life, Carolyn Freise, on February 8, 1959. He, Carolyn, and their three children lived in Bismarck, Crosby, Bowbells, Rugby, and Bottineau, before he settled down again in Bismarck as his final home. He ended his career with the SCS as the State Soil Scientist for North Dakota in 1995. Jim is survived by his children, David (Kelly) Thiele; Dan (Connie) Thiele; and Sue (Troy) Borud; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn, and a great-grandson. |
| **Thompson** | **2020** | James R. "Jim" Thompson (92) of Devils Lake, North Dakota passed away March 4, 2020 at a Devils Lake Hospital. After graduating from High School in 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in General Douglas McArthur's Honor Guard while stationed in Tokyo, Japan. After his discharge, he attended North Dakota State University where he earned an agriculture degree and started a long career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. During that 33-year career he worked in the North Dakota towns of Cooperstown, Cavalier, Mayville, and Grafton. He finished his career as Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator in Devils Lake, North Dakota, retiring in 1984. Jim is survived by his three children, James C. (Peach) Thompson of Houston, Texas; Nancy D, (Dale) Woolhiser of Missoula, Montana; and Paul J. (Amy) Thompson of Devils Lake, North Dakota; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosella "Sally" |
| **Townsend** | **2020** | Mark Anthony Townsend (72) of Muskogee, Oklahoma, former resident of Holdenville, passed away January 30, 2020. Mark worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He was an area soil scientist in Claremore, Oklahoma, then switched over to the resource specialist position. He retired in 1994. |
| **Vrana** | **2020** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Verlon K. “Tony” Vrana (95) of Seward, Nebraska passed away on November 8, 2020 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was born in Seward on June 25, 1925 to Anton and Florence (Walker) Vrana. The family moved to the Vrana farm north of Garland, Nebraska when Tony was 6 years old. He farmed with his parents until joining the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1948. He was united in marriage to Elaine Flowerday on June 5, 1949 and they lived in Seward where their four children were born. In 1958 he transferred with SCS to Lincoln, where he also attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 1962 he was promoted to USDA SCS national headquarters in Washington D.C. and attended George Washington University where he received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees. He advanced to the Senior Executive Service as SCS Associate Deputy Chief for Administration. Following over 32 years of federal service, he and Elaine returned to Nebraska where Tony served as Director of the Planning Division for the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission for 9 years. He then served for three years as Executive Vice President of the Soil and Water Conservation Society in Ankeny, Iowa. Following their time in Iowa, Tony and Elaine returned to Seward and enjoyed wonderful retirement years. He was active in environmental, civic, religious, and fraternal organizations. A long-time board member of the Cattle Bank & Trust, he also served several terms on the Seward City Council He was also proud to be a part of the planning committee for the new Seward library. He loved interacting with other people and was well respected for his compassionate and common-sense approach to various issues. He was recognized with numerous awards including the Masonic Grand Master’s Humanitarian Award, wasinducted into the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement, and selected for the 2017 Seward County Community Service Award. Tony and Elaine’s travels took them to all 50 states, most of Europe and North America, as well as China. He took great joy in connecting with locals and fellow travelers. Tony is survived by his wife of 71 years, Elaine, and their children: Verlon Vrana of Richmond, Virginia; Tim (Laura) Vrana of Columbus, Indiana; Carolyn (Ben) Hughes of Seward, Nebraska, and Jon (Mary) Vrana of Burke, Virginia; grandchildren: Julie (John) Owens of Seward, Nebraska; Heather Vrana of Gainesville, Florida; Tony Vrana of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Maggie Vrana of Atlanta, Georgia; and Anna Vrana of Burke, Virginia; and Great-grandchildren: Sadie and Jack Owens. Memorials to Seward Memorial Library or The Center for Rural Affairs. |
| **Waggoner** | **2020** | Mark Andrew Waggoner (67) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away August 1, 2020 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born January 14, 1953 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Harold K. and Hettie B. Hall Waggoner. Mark was a veteran of the US Navy. He received a Masters’ degree in Soil Science from the University of Kentucky; and was retired from the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service. He was the State Resource Conservationist for Kentucky when he retired. Following his retirement, Mark enjoyed his “job” of handicapping horse races. Along with his wife of 38 years, Jennifer C. Waggoner, he is survived by his son, Michael Andrew Waggoner. Contributions in honor of Mark are suggested to the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, www.pdjf.org. |
| **Wahrmund** | **2020** | Kermit Adolph Wahrmund (85) of Brenham, Texas passed away March 21, 2020 after losing a battle with cancer. He was born in Fredericksburg, Texas on September 10, 1934. Kermit proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He married Barbara Haby Wahrmund on May 5, 1962 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in San Antonio. Kermit was a proud graduate of Texas A&M University majoring in Animal Husbandry. For 30 years he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, the majority of his career spent in Washington County as the District Conservationist. He knew every highway and by-way in this county and much of the land is fertile and green because of his devotion to its preservation. Kermit was preceded in death by his firstborn son Larry. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, stepdaughter Theresa and three children Gary (Melanie), Sherry (Keith) and Bernadette (Gerald); and 10 grandchildren. |

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| **Waldrip** | **2020** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Byron Thomas Waldrip (103) of Kingston, Tennessee passed away May 31, 2020 at his home. This beloved husband, father, brother, and friend was born in Independence County, AR on August 8, 1916, the only son of Thomas Revery Waldrip and Monnie Smith Waldrip. After attending the University of Arkansas and graduating in 1939, he married the love of his life, Flo Dena Pollard, on Christmas Day, 1940. He served proudly with the U.S. Army during World War II and enjoyed a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. During his career, he provided loving homes for his family in Columbus, Mississippi; Spartanburg, South Carolina; Lexington, Kentucky; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and North Little Rock, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by wife, Flo Dena Waldrip and son, Byron Thomas Waldrip, Jr. He is survived by daughter, Deanna Karen (Joe) Williams of Bixby, Oklahoma; son, William Gary Waldrip (Sandy) of Kingston, Tennessee; grandchildren: Deanna Lynn Coberly of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Pamela Jean Williams of Frisco, Texas; Bonnie Jean Waldrip of Brunswick, Georgia; Graham Thomas Waldrip of Knoxville, Tennessee; Sarah Morganne Waldrip of Stuttgart, Germany; and great-granddaughter, Cadence Jo Coberly, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Byron was a member of the Kingston Church of Christ. Interment was in Blue Springs Cemetery at Magness, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Kingston Church of Christ. |
| **Webber** | **2020** | Honorary and Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist (Ray) Dale Webber (96) of Logan, Utah passed away October 26, 2020 at his home. Dale was born May 5, 1924, in Logan, Utah, to Albert Webber and Marie Havertz Webber. During his senior year in high school, he took night classes in aircraft mechanics at Utah State University. When he joined the United States Army Air Corp, he was well trained to lead a team of mechanics whose responsibility was to keep the airplanes in top condition. Dale was very diligent and checked each plane after it had been made ready for another mission. Dale served in the Pacific where he was on the islands of Laite in the Philippines, Beiat, and other islands on the way to Japan. When they flew into Japan, there were Japanese planes on the runway. Dale hoped they knew the war was over! Dale studied soil conservation at Utah State University and graduated in 1950. He was hired by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where his employment took him to several locations in Utah. Eventually, he was asked to work in the United States Secretary of Agriculture's office as a Foreign Affairs Officer to oversee the foreign program. Dale spent time in many countries, especially in Asia. After his retirement, he returned to Logan. He would always correct you if you talked about dirt. It was soil. Dale married Bobbie Lou Painter on November 19, 1949. Bobbie died of cancer. He married Shirley Baugh on March 22, 1980. She died of cancer, also. He eloped with Mattie Ann Robison to Europe where they spent their honeymoon after being married by the ship's Captain. She died of causes incident to age. Dale was active in the Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the Boy Scouts. He contributed often to Utah State University and was a member of the Old Main Society. Dale loved to play golf until later in life when he injured his back. He was proud of his hole-in-one at the Bloomington Country Club and the Logan Country Club. |
| **Weber** | **2020** | Mary Louise Wills Weber (88) of Keizer, Oregon passed away February 29, 2020. Mary was the wife of Life Member and Senior Conservationist Edward Weber, who retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1988. Mary was born on March 12, 1931, in Green River, Wyoming to Earl Wills and Zelma Wills. She and Edward wed on December 25, 1949, and they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, 2019.During her working years, Mary worked mainly in retail. She started at Western Auto in Hermiston, Oregon. She held several positions with Fred Meyer in Corvallis and Roseburg, Oregon, and retired from the Fred Meyer in Salem, Oregon. Mary also worked for Harry and David in Ashland, Oregon. In addition to her regular job, Mary was an Avon Sales Representative. Mary was active in Campfire/Blue Birds, Hermiston PTA, Teton County Montana Home Demonstration Club, Square Dance Clubs, and The Daughters of the American Revolution. She was an avid reader, loved knitting and crocheting, and making dresses. Mary is survived by her husband of 70 years, Edward Weber; daughter Edith Cano (Bob) of Vancouver, Washington; son Leslie Weber (Deena) of Meridian, Idaho; grandchildren Shelly Cano Kurtz (Nate), Nathan Cano, Matthew Weber, and Shyla Paradis (John); and 10 greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughter Myrna Weber. |
| **Wesoloski** | **2020** | Betty Louise (Bushnell) Wesoloski (92) of Hadley, Massachusetts passed away June 19, 2020 at her home with her loving husband, James Wesoloski at her side. James, or Jim as he is better known, is a retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service engineer who retired in 1997. He is the ARCSE state representative for Massachusetts/Rhode Island. James, or Jim as he is better known, is a retired USDA-Soil Conservation Service engineer who retired in 1997. Betty was born on November 13, 1927 in Spokane, Washington the daughter of Crystal (Jackson) Bushnell and Milo Homer Bushnell. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Whitworth College and Deaconess School of Nursing in Spokane, Washington and took advanced courses in Public Health training at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. After graduation, she was employed by the Indian Health Service on the Colville Indian Reservation in eastern Washington where she met Jim. They were married on October 6,1973 at Newman Catholic Center in Amherst, Massachusetts. Betty also did Public Health work among the Pima/Maricopa and Apaches in Arizona and she worked as a Registered Nurse at the Veterans Administration hospitals in Spokane, Washington and Prescott, Arizona. Betty worked for the Amherst Board of Health for several years and retired as the Hampshire Regional High School Nurse in 1989. She is survived by her husband, Jim; a half-brother, Bryce Abraham of Walla Walla, Washington, a half-sister Crystal Faye (Abraham) Hudson of Vancouver, Washington; a brother-in-law John Wesoloski of Greenfield, Massachusetts; a step-sister, Leona Mellott of Vancouver, Washington, and many nieces and nephews whose birthdays she seldom forgot. |
| **Williams** | **2020** | Bobbie Vernell Williams (85) of Sayre, Oklahoma passed away January 19, 2020. She was married to ARCSE Life Member Clifford Lee Williams for just a few days short of 67 years. Vernell was a faithful wife and mother, and always supported Clifford's transfers and the families' moves to different states. She was active in the Sayre Church of Christ. Two of the highlights in her life were serving as a volunteer in the Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas and being allowed the privilege of serving as president of the Auxiliary. |

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| **Wilson** | **2020** | James E. “Jim” Wilson (81) of New Martinsville, West Virginia passed away September 11, 2020 at his home. He was born August 16, 1939 in Kingwood, West Virginia, the son of the late Clarence J. and Vivian Ernestine Benson Wilson. Jim served four years in the US Navy and was aboard the ship that recovered the first astronaut in space, Alan Sheppard. He was a retired Soil Conservation Service Technician with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and a 21-year employee of Grisell Funeral Homes & Crematory. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Lea Hoffman Wilson. Survivors include his son, James Michael (Lisa) Wilson of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; and his daughter, Jo Beth (Mike) Simmons of New Martinsville, West Virginia; and four grandchildren. |
| **Wilton** | **2020** | ARCSE Member Neil Douglas Wilton (78) of Eagle, Idaho passed away December 24, 2020. Neil was born January 5, 1943 in Lowell, Massachusetts to Eric and Pauline Wilton of Billerica, Massachusetts. After high school he enlisted in the United States Airforce. He graduated from New England College with honors in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and then graduated from the University of New Hampshire with another Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Neil also studied Soil Mechanics at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 1965 Neil married Susan Hicks Wolf. Within a few years, they were joined by five children. Neil’s engineering career with the USDA took the family from Concord, New Hampshire, with many layovers ending in Boise, Idaho. He retired in 1995 while an Irrigation Engineer. Sue passed away in 2002. Neil was once again blessed with love and married Janet Kurland of Boise on January 21, 2006 and added two children to his family. Neil enjoyed reading, traveling and being outdoors: Neil is survived by his wife Janet; and children Kristin Scott (Rick) of Meridian, Idaho; Jana Miranda (David) of Phoenix, Arizona; Heidi Mansfield (Ken) of Boise, Idaho; Noel Wilton (Tracy) of Hayden, Idaho; Jennifer Hollis (David) of Oceanside, California, Antoinette Wilton of Post Falls, Idaho, Michael Delaney (Jen) of San Diego, California; and 8 grandchildren. Neil is preceded in death by his first wife Susan and his son Jim Wilton. |
| **Wohl** | **2020** | Shirley Mae Wohl (91) of Bismarck, North Dakota passed away June 19, 2020. She was the wife of Senior Conservationist Art Wohl, a former soil conservation technician, in Washburn, North Dakota. Art retired in 1983 and passed away in 2009. Shirley received a teaching certificate from Minot State Teacher’s College. She later went back to Minot State and received her bachelor’s degree in her late 40s. She taught school for many years. Shirley is survived by her children, David, Larry (Jan) and Kari (Mike) Kramer; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Wright** | **2020** | David Lee Wright (64) of Hermitage, Missouri passed away November 30, 2020, at Citizens Memorial Hospital, Bolivar, Missouri. David was born Nov. 1, 1956, in Waynesville, Missouri, the son of James E. and Lois Allen Wright. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1976-1979. He had retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as District Conservationist for Hickory and St. Clair Counties. Survivors include his wife, Karen Wright; two sons, Brian Wright of Hermitage, and Bradly Wright of Warsaw; Missouri; and five grandchildren. Burial with full military honors was held at Nemo Cemetery, Hermitage, under the direction of Hathaway-Peterman Funeral Home, Wheatland, Missouri. |
| **Wright** | **2020** | Eugene F. Wright (87) of Hood River, Oregon passed away on Jan. 19, 2020 with his wife of 64 years by his side, as well as his daughter and granddaughter. He was born in Ione, Washington on August 2, 1932. After high school Gene served with the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean conflict. He married Bonnie Brown in 1955, and they had three children, Michael, Julia and Brian. He discovered in 2017 through DNA testing that he had another daughter born in 1953, Pam Gilbert. Gene retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, after working in Oregon and Washington as an engineering technician. Gene was very active in the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum in Hood River, Oregon, which contributed to his enjoyment in retirement. Gene was preceded in death by his son Michael in 2000. He is survived by his wife Bonnie and their children Julia and Brian, his daughter Pam, six grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. The Hospice of the Gorge in Hood River and Hood River Nazarene Church were a special blessing to him and Bonnie for the last six months. |
| **Yankey** | **2020** | Richard Lynn Yankey (72), of Meridian, Idaho (Formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho), passed away peacefully March 10, 2020. Rich was born to Lester and Mildred Yankey on December 16, 1947 in Weiser, Idaho. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and was an active member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. After graduation, Rich joined the National Guard and continued his military service for 6 years. He was proud of the time and energy he spent in support of his country. Rich secured a position with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Within a short period of time, he became the youngest person in Idaho to achieve a district conservationist position. He had many accomplishments along the way and retired in 2003. Rich married Donna Bower in 1969 and was married for 14 years. Together they raised two children, Lyndi and Justin Yankey. During that time, Rich constructed a log cabin in Star Valley Ranch Wyoming. It was an extraordinary effort in which he harvested and hand hewed the logs himself. Rich married Linda (Lynn) Martens in 1990 and together they enjoyed many years of outdoor adventures and traveling the country before Lynn passed away peacefully in 2017. Rich and Lynn were both very active at their church, Peace Lutheran in Filer, Idaho. Rich is survived by daughter Lyndi Yankey of Redondo Beach, California, son Justin (Rhia) Yankey and two grandchildren Maya and Julian of Meridian, Idaho, and two stepsons Jared (Lisa) Martens of Star, Idaho, and Dane Martens of Pasadena, California. |

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| **Zinszer** | **2020** | Robert Hans “Zip” Zinszer (81) of, Tyler, Texas (formerly of Pocatello, Idaho), passed away June 5, 2020 surrounded by beloved family members. He was born October 13, 1938 in San Pedro, California, the son of Richard “Dick” H. and Mildred “Mitzy” R. (Hall) Zinszer. Robert attended high school in Rome, Italy while his parents lived in Saudi Arabia. In his youth and early adulthood, he spent time in Hays, Kansas and was fond of living and working on his Hall grandparents’ Sweetwater Ranch. Later he joined the military, enlisting in the United States Army, where he served as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne, stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. After leaving his service in the U.S. Army, he graduated from Fort Hays State University. He married Margo Matlock on April 16, 1960 in Parkers Settlement, Indiana, and they celebrated 60 years of marriage this year. Prior to moving to Tyler in 2018, Robert and Margo lived in Pocatello, Idaho for 31 years. In 1994 he retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as an Assistant State Conservationist. Other locations he served and lived during his career were the Kansas communities of Smith Center, Greensburg, Osborne, Strong City, and Emporia, as well as Carbondale, Illinois. Robert was an avid gun enthusiast, fisherman, ham-radio operator, and card player with a special fondness for cribbage, poker, and “hand & foot.” He especially enjoyed motorcycling and camping and was a frequent visitor to Yellowstone National Park and its surrounding area. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Randy Zinszer (Cheryl) of Flower Mound, Texas, and Shawn Zinszer and (Kori) of Jacksonville, Florida; a daughter, Kimberly Stapp Gary) of Tyler, Texas; seven grandchildren, Lacey Stapp, Taylor Stapp, Riley Zinszer, Carly Zinszer, Brennan Zinszer, Dallon Zinszer, and Kelsey Zinszer. |
| **Askew** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Elton Washington Askew, Jr. (93), formerly of Edenton, North Carolina, passed away July 14, 2019, in Zebulon Rehabilitation Center, Zebulon, North Carolina. Elton was a veteran of World War II. He served in the European Theatre in Gen. George S. Patton’s Third Army and was a squad leader of a .30 caliber water-cooled machine-gun outfit in the 1st Infantry Division, 16th Infantry Regiment. A retired civil engineering technician, he worked with the Soil Conservation Service for 30 years and was known for his self-reliance, work ethic, and ingenuity. He was a member of Edenton Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence "L.C." Askew, and by his beloved wife of 47 years, Sandra Freeman Askew. Surviving are his three sons, Elton Jesse Askew (Kathy) of Raleigh, North Carolina, Paul Freeman Askew (Julie) of Smithfield, North Carolina, and David Thomas Askew of Washington, DC; and five grandchildren, Daniel, Emily, Lauren, Katelyn, and Paula Ann Askew. Graveside services were held at Beaver Hill Cemetery in Edenton, North Carolina on July 17, 2019. Memorial contributions may be made to the Edenton-Chowan Senior Center, 204 East Church Street, Edenton, North Carolina 27932. |
| **Austin** | **2019** | Honorary Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist William (Bill) E. Austin Sr. (93) passed away on April 19, 2019 at his home in The Village at Gainesville, Gainesville, Florida. Bill was born on November 2, 1925 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was the only child of the late Culpepper and Eddie Smith Austin. He received an AA degree from Lees McRae Junior College, Banner Elk, North Carolina in 1944. Immediately following his graduation from Lees McRae, he entered the U.S. Army and served in both the European and Pacific Theaters. His unit was involved in the “Battle of the Bulge” and was redeployed to the Philippines after the German surrender. After serving with the Japanese occupation forces, he was discharged and returned home in May of 1946, having achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. He also served for a year as an activated reservist during the Korean conflict. Returning to North Carolina, he briefly attended University of North Carolina Charlotte and The Citadel before graduating from North Carolina State in 1950 with an engineering degree. His professional career was devoted to agriculture and natural resource conservation. He served with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS/NRCS) in various states including North Carolina, Indiana, Alabama and Florida. His last position with the agency was in Gainesville, Florida, serving as State Conservationist. He returned to Raleigh, North Carolina, following retirement from SCS to head the North Carolina Division of Soil and Water Conservation for two years. He was a member of several professional and civic organizations including Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Soil Conservation Society of America, American Society of Agricultural Engineers and American Geophysical Union, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a Protestant and spent his retirement years in Gainesville and Welaka, Florida. His late wife, Anna C. Austin and he are survived by three children, five Grandchildren and seven Great-Grandchildren. They are: Son, Bill Jr. (Peggy) of Palm City, Florida, and their children Molly and Paige; Daughter Terry A. Howard of Gainesville, Florida, and her children Christine (Jason) Shoop, Holly Springs, North Carolina, and their children Hailey and Holly; and Amanda (Kyle) Hogg, High Springs, Florida, their children Cambell, Cailyn and Karlee; and son Randy (Amy) of Dacula, Georgia and their child Aaron (Erika) of Bainbridge, GA, and children Aiden and Emmit. Interment was at the Jacksonville National Cemetery in Jacksonville, Florida. Expressions of remembrance may be sent to the American Red Cross. |
| **Baldwin** | **2019** | Donald M. Baldwin (73), of Enterprise passed away at his home on Dec. 1, 2000. Don was born July 11, 1927, in Portland, OR to Melvin and Emma Baldwin. He married Dolores Jeanne McClymond in Newberg, in 1950, and graduated in 1951 from Oregon State University. He also served in the US Army. Don worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, before retiring in 1988 as District Conservationist in Enterprise. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1990, and a son, Scott. Survivors include daughter Kathy Strom. |
| **Beaty** | **2019** | James "Jim" Clarence Beaty (87) of Sayre, Oklahoma passed away August 31, 2019 at his home. Jim was born to Frank and Marie (Powell) Beaty on April 10, 1932 at the family farm near Durham, Oklahoma. He grew up in Roger Mills County and graduated from high school at Crawford, Oklahoma. After graduation he began working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service retiring in 1986 after 36 years of service. He married the love of his life Betty Jo (Barrett) Blanscet in June of 1963. He was an avid quail hunter and outdoorsman and a rancher who had unprecedented love and respect for his land and livestock. He is preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Betty. He is survived by his son, James Blanscet (partner Judy Branch) of Reydon, Oklahoma; daughter, Carolyn (Blanscet) Potter and husband, Bill, of Shamrock, Texas; two grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. |
| **Behner** | **2019** | Donald Behner (94) passed away on February 16, 2019 at Brookdale of Salem, Ohio. He was born August 13, 1924. Donald retired from the SCS about 1984. He is survived by the love of his life, Edna (Thompson) Behner whom he married December 1, 1952; daughters Debra (Roger) Elder, and Donna (Darrell) Baker; son Gary Behner; brothers Dwight and Bruce Behner; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Preceded in death by brother Harold, sister Dorothy and daughter-in-law Lynn. Per request a private service will be held. In lieu of flowers family request donations be made to Goshen-Butler Township Community Fund, PO Box 33, Damascus, OH 44619. www.greatnonprofits.org |

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| **Beneke** | **2019** | Patricia Ann “Pat” Beneke (70) of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away June 27, 2019 at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach, Missouri. She was recovering from surgery and suffered a major heart attack. Pat was born August 23, 1948 in Willmar, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Robert and Beatrice (Hjelle) Mark. Pat was united in marriage to William M. “Bill” Beneke on June 9, 1967 in Spokane, Washington,. After graduating as class salutatorian with a bachelor’s degree in Agriculture from Lincoln University, Pat worked as a Resource Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. After retiring to the Lake of the Ozarks, she enjoyed living the lake life. She loved spending days outdoors boating on the lake and tending to her flower garden. Pat is survived by her loving husband Bill; her sons Michael Beneke (Christy) of Jefferson City, Missouri and Jeff Beneke (Arla) of Peculiar, Missouri; and three grandchildren. |
| **Bieber** | **2019** | Gene L. Bieber (83) of West Lafayette, Ohio passed away November 11, 2019. Gene was born August 15, 1936 in Lafayette, Indiana and was the son of Fred M. and Lena (Boyce) Bieber. He was a graduate of Purdue University, Kansas State University, and Auburn University. On June 21, 1969 he married Shea Dawn Cedarquist. From 1960-1963 he served in the United States Air Force as a meteorologist at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. He was an Agriculture Professor at Mississippi State University from 1967-1972, an Agriculture Professor at SE Missouri State from 1972-1974, Extension Agent at Daviess County, Indiana from 1974-1983 and the Area Agronomist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service from 1984 until he retired in 2002. Gene was an active member of the West Lafayette United Methodist Church, West Lafayette, Ohio, past president of the Kiwanis Club in Washington, Indiana, and singer/guitarist in the Jim Patterson Band. He owned and operated Bieber's Backyard Produce. In addition to his wife Shea, Gene is survived by three children: Cara Bieber (Greg) Noyes of Newark, Ohio; Zane Christopher Bieber of West Lafayette; and Lana Bieber (Opha, Jr.) Lawson of Coshocton, Ohio; and three grandchildren. |
| **Black** | **2019** | Talitha Jean Bradshaw Black (83), formerly of Athens, Georgia, passed away October 13, 2019, in Marietta, Georgia. She was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, on July 12, 1936, to James Beasley and Jeannie Brunetti Busha Bradshaw. Jean worked as an Administrative Assistant with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1991 with 35 years of service. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Charles Bowen Black in 1966. Surviving are her two daughters Kathy Henson (Allen) and Karen Thayer (Marc); three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Bradford** | **2019** | Robert "Bob" Jordan Bradford (82) of Louisville, Kentucky passed away unexpectedly on June 6, 2019. He had just returned in May from a long-planned visit to Normandy, France. Ironically, he passed on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Living almost his entire life in Kentucky, his love of the Bluegrass state was at the heart of everything he did, from serving its farmers during his long career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, to staunchly rooting for his beloved UK Wildcats. Bob was born in Flemingsburg, Kentucky to Minnie Reeves Bradford and Hollis Aiken Bradford. He received his degree in Agriculture from the University of Kentucky where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the National Award-Winning Cattle Judging Team. In 1963, he began his Soil Conservation Service career. Bob spent most of his career as the District Conservationist in Shelbyville, KY, and was also a Resource Conservationist with the Cynthiana, Kentucky Area Office. He retired in 1994. After retirement, Bob relocated to Louisville. He is survived by his loving and devoted partner Pamela Capuder, and his children Lt. Col. (Ret) Christopher (Kit) Bradford (Susan), St. Matthews, Kentucky; Robin Bradford Carlton, Fisherville, Kentucky; Holli Bradford Christman (Erik), Greenwood Village, Colorado; and six grandchildren. A celebration of life was held June 12, 2019, at Ratterman Funeral Home, in East Louisville, Kentucky. Contributions can be made in Bob’s memory to the American Diabetes Association or the Crusade for Children. |
| **Brax** | **2019** | Connie Jane Brax (85) of Salina, Kansas passed away July 25, 2019. She graduated from Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina, Kansas in 1952. She worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service for 45 years in the word processing department and on the Water Resources Staff of the Kansas State Office. She was particularly proud of her role in deploying one of the first automated word processing applications. She retired in 2000. She is survived by her daughter Lori (Jack) Brax of Hays, Kansas; son Jon (Judy) Brax of Leawood; 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Services were held July 30 at First United Methodist Church, Salina. Donations in honor of Connie may be made to the Saline County Humane Society. |
| **Breckel** | **2019** | Margaret "Maggie" Breckel (83) of Malcolm, Nebraska passed away September 17, 2019. Maggie was hired as a Clerk Stenographer by the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1978 working with the Public Affairs Specialist for Nebraska. She was the lead person in coordination and use of photographs and other visual material used in the outreach program for SCS in Nebraska. She retired in the late 1990s as a clerk-stenographer with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Maggie was well known throughout the state, as she worked with many field SCS/NRCS staff in providing photos and other resource material for the agency’s outreach programs. She is remembered by her co-workers as always cheerful and was well-liked by all. She lived on an acreage and was very active in planting trees, gardens and other activities to enhance the environment. Memorials can be directed to Lincoln Lutheran High School Scholarship Fund. |
| **Brown** | **2019** | Thomas “Tom” James Brown (100) of Fairfield, Iowa passed away Monday, April 1, 2019, at his home in Sunnybrook Assisted Living at Fairfield. Tom was born August 5, 1918, in Garden Grove, Iowa to Murice and Harriett (Schooler) Brown. Tom graduated from Iowa State with a BS degree and continued being an avid Iowa State sports fan. After college he served in the Army Corp of Engineers during WWII for 4 years in the South Pacific and retired as a Captain. He married Violet Leah Greene on October 8, 1950, in Humeston, Iowa. This year they would have been married 69 years. He worked 31 years for the Soil Conservation Service as an Agricultural Engineer in the Fairfield Area Office before he retired in 1984. A Masonic Service was held April 4, 2019, at Behner Funeral Home, followed by a funeral service April 5, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church, Fairfield. Burial with Military Honors was at Humeston Cemetery, Humeston, Iowa. Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church or Lord Cupboard. Cards and memorials may be mailed to Violet Brown, 3000 W. Madison Ave., Apt 409, Fairfield, Iowa 52556. Survivors include his wife, Violet; and nephews, Terry Legvold of North Carolina and James Legvold of Fort Worth/Dallas, Texas. |

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| **Brune** | **2019** | Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist William John Brune, (92) of Victoria, MN passed away on February 7, 2019. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, which included serving as the Deputy State Conservationist in Minnesota and the State Conservationist in Iowa, the position from which he retired in 1984. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1948. In addition, he was an honorably discharged veteran of the US Navy. Preceded in death by his parents, August and Marie Brune. Survived by wife of 69½ years, Ruth E. Brune; children, Nancy Linn and Scott (Patti) Brune; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation (https://parkinson.org/). |
| **Bruns** | **2019** | Edward L. Bruns (85) of Hugo, Minnesota, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 17, 2019 at his Keystone Place residence. Before retiring, Edward was a soil scientist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. His positions included being an Assistant State Soil Scientist in Minnesota during the 1980s. He was recognized for personally mapping soils on over 1 million acres in several Midwestern states. He was preceded in death by parents William and Bernice Bruns; brother Richard; sisters Dorothy Sdeaton and Betty Wubbena; and son Ronald. Survivors include Edward's wife of 64 years Rosabel (Randi); children Steven Bruns (Shari), Kathleen Bosse (Jim), Clifford Bruns (Heather), Elizabeth Okerstrom (Brian); 8 grandchildren; 2 great grand-children; and sisters Minetta Jones and Marge Freeese (Darwin). In lieu of flowers the family request that you give to your favorite charity, and they offer special thanks to the caring Staff at Keystone and Allina Hospice. |
| **Bullard** | **2019** | Gary Bullard (77) of Sacramento, California passed away December 26, 2019. Gary was born July 9, 1942 in Weatherford, Texas to George and Millie Bullard. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Gary served nearly three years in the US Army and several years in the Army Reserves and holds Captain's rank. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 30 years serving in various positions in two different states and on ten different staffs including leadership positions in resource conservation planning at the farm and ranch level, watershed and river basin planning, water quality projects and environmental planning and has worked in every county in California. In 1976, he received the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year award in Oklahoma presented by the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation and the Governor. After retiring Gary taught school for the Sacramento Local Conservation Corps from September 2001 through September 2002. He then wrote grants for the California Dairy Campaign for ten years. Gary's survivors include his loving wife of 34-1/2 years, Linda Bullard, his four children Derek, DeDe, Deborah and Kris; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. |
| **Button** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Louis "Curly" Stanley Button Jr. (94) of Richmond, Virginia passed away on September 12, 2019. Curly was born on April 1, 1925, in Jeffersonton, Virginia. During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps at the age of 17 and served through the end of the war. After the war, he attended University of Georgia and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in engineering. In July of 1951, Curly married Helen Louise Connelly of Blacksburg, Virginia. Curly was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service from 1952 through 1989 and served as State Conservation Engineer in Richmond from 1966 to 1989. After a career with USDA, he had a second career with the State of Virginia from 1989 through 1995 as Manager of the Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Protection, Department of Conservation and Recreation. He was an avid skeet shooter and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and his son, Louis Stanley Button III of Richmond. He is survived by his daughter, Rebecca Button Cournow (Thomas) of Kent Island, Maryland, and sons John Connelly Button (Rosemary) of Madison, North Carolina and Thomas Robert Button (Heather) of Milford, Virginia; and four grandchildren. |
| **Campbell** | **2019** | Richard Lee Campbell (71) of Palmdale, California passed away September 30, 2019 at home surrounded by his family. Rich was born September 15, 1948 in Kilmichael, Mississippi. He attended Alcorn A&M University where he earned his degree in Agricultural Education. In 1970 he began his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Bismarck, North Dakota as a Soil Conservationist and met the love of his life and future wife, Nancy. Rich and Nancy were married in Colorado on December 10, 1973 and blessed with 46 beautiful years together. The next year he was promoted to District Conservationist for Yuma County, Colorado. He went on to become the Resource Conservationist of ten counties in Colorado. In 1977 he transferred to The Dalles, Oregon to serve as District Conservationist for Wasco County. In 1983 he was promoted to District Conservationist of Los Angeles County based out of Lancaster, California. In 1992 he was a key founder of the Dustbusters Task Force. He was actively involved in countless other community environmental projects. Richard's Christian faith was very important to him, and he served in several leadership positions in churches during his life. Richard was preceded in death by his son Michael Matson. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy, son Matthew Matson (Sarah), daughters Carrie Campbell, Cammie Szabo (Aaron), eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. |
| **Campbell** | **2019** | Toy Noah Campbell, Jr. (87) of Jefferson, North Carolina passed away December 7, 2019 at St. Charles Hospital in Bend, Oregon. Toy was born in Catawba County North Carolina on January 4, 1931 to the late Toy Noah and Blanche Plumley Campbell. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. Toy was a long time District Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Jefferson, North Carolina where he retired. Toy was a Hospice Volunteer for many years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hallie Marie Thompson Campbell. Toy is survived by a son, Jeffrey Toy Campbell (Penny) of Bend, Oregon; two daughters, Sheri Lynn Campbell (Bill Baer), of Salt Lake City, Utah and Donna Campbell Michaels, of Coco, Florida; and two grandchildren. |

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| **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. |
| **Cashman** | **2019** | Stephen L. Cashman (66) died February 27, 2019 at Caribou, Maine following a brief valiant fight with cancer. He was born in Danvers, MA, February 8, 1953, the son of the late William and Doris (Bouchard) Cashman. He served with the U.S. Army and married Jean Hibbard Cashman on May 14, 1983. He was a graduate of Essex Aggie (Danvers, Massachusetts) with an Associate's Degree and the University of Connecticut with a B.S. Degree in Natural Resources. Stephen was employed by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services in the Fort Kent office for over 34 years. He was a member of the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church. In addition to his wife Jean, he is survived by three sons, Joshua of North Dakota, Andrew of Brewer, and Christopher of Woodland, Maine; and his grandson Trey. |
| **Cissell** | **2019** | Lisa Ann Cissell (56) of Bardstown, Kentucky passed away peacefully August 10, 2019, at her home surrounded by her loving family and beloved dog, Sherman. Lisa was born in Lebanon, Kentucky on March 8, 1963 to Howard and Sue Ella Cissell. She received a degree in Agriculture from Eastern Kentucky University. She retired just four months ago as a resource conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service with nearly 32 years of service. Despite living with cystic fibrosis and receiving a double lung transplant eight years ago, Lisa lived life to the fullest. She was grateful for her second chance at life and donated many hours as a Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) Ambassador Volunteer. She had a special bond with animals, especially horses and dogs. Lisa was preceded in death by her mother, Sue Ella Thomas Cissell, and one sister, Mindy Filiatreau. Survivors include her father, William Howard Cissell (Phyllis) of Holy Cross, Kentucky; four sisters – Shannon Duvall (Jonathan) of Queenstown, Maryland; Renee Kaminski (Mike) and Cara Brahm of Lebanon, Kentucky; Terri Voils of Bardstown, Kentucky; one brother, Michael Cissell of Loretto, Kentucky; her brother-in-law, Chris Filiatreau (Pam) of Bardstown, and many friends from all over the world. A Mass of Christian Burial was held August 15 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 59 New Haven Road, Loretto, Kentucky. Expressions of sympathy can be made as contributions to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) or to Barktown Rescue in Nelson County, Kentucky. |
| **Clendenon** | **2019** | Douglas Fred Clendenon (46) of Fayetteville, Tennessee, passed away February 3, 2008. He was a native of Akron, OH. He was the son of Fred W. Clendenon of McMinnville and the late Mildred Dilllmore Clendenon. He was married to Judy Darlene Turnbo Clendenon. Douglas worked as a soil scientist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He was a member of the Fayetteville First Baptist Church. In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by one son, Kyle Clendenon and one daughter, Callie Clendenon; and a brother. |
| **Coggin** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Norma Sturdivant Coggin (90) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on October 1, 2019 after an extended illness. She was born November 29, 1928 in Chatham County, North Carolina to Robert and Lena Andrews Sturdivant. Norma attended Crofts Business School in Durham in 1945 and began her career as a medical secretary at Duke Hospital at age 17. Norma met her husband John Rod Coggin, Jr. while in Durham, and they were married December 17, 1954. They were married for 40 years until his death in 1994. Norma worked as a medical secretary for many years and continued her career as a secretary with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1989. Norma was active in United Methodist Women and The Woman's Club of Raleigh. She was preceded in death by her husband John. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Coggin Barker (William); three grandchildren, Will (Megan Bair), John (Anna Knott) and Blair Hunt (Quinn); and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a special friend, Nancy Chance who lovingly cared for Norma over the last 10 years. |
| **Cole** | **2019** | Everett Lee Cole (85) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away on April 29, 2019. Everett was a soil scientist and retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service Oklahoma State Office in 1990 after 35 years of service. Everett was always active in the annual National Land and Range Judging Contest. Everett is the father in law of Gerry Cole who currently works in Financial Management at the State Office. He was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He enjoyed farming and ranching all his life. He loved being with family and friends. He is survived by his wife Helen. |
| **Conner** | **2019** | Clarence Thomas Conner (71) of Knoxville, Tennessee passed away on November 13, 2018. He was born in Moscow, Tennessee. Clarence was a longtime member of Lennon-Seney United Methodist Church. He was employed as a soil scientist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for 40 years. He graduated from W.P. Ware Comprehensive High School (Fayette County, TN) in 1966 and from Tennessee State University in 1970. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and sports enthusiast and played baseball in high school and college. He is survived by his wife of almost 47 years, Bernice; four children, four siblings and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Lennon-Seney Men of Praise Gospel Choir, 2084 Dandridge Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37915. |

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| **Conradi** | **2019** | Arlin "Al" J Conradi (85) of Baxter, Tennessee passed away April 16, 2019 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family and friends. Al was born August 9, 1933, in Homestead, Oklahoma to the late Carl and Martha (Winter) Conradi. He started his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist in Oklahoma. He later became the District Conservationist in Oklahoma City and then was promoted to Area Conservationist in Cookeville, Tennessee where he worked until his retirement. Al is survived by his wife Pat Conradi, his daughter Sally (Nelson) Minton, son Roger (Angela) Conradi, and four grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service was held April 25, 2019 at the Outreach Center of Trinity Assembly of Algood, Tennessee. |
| **Cox** | **2019** | Betty Jarman Cox (80) of Edenton, North Carolina, passed away on February 14, 2019, in Three Rivers Health & Rehabilitation Center, Windsor. Betty was married to retired Area Conservationist G. Samuel Cox for 59 years. She was employed as an Administrative Secretary with the North Carolina Co-Operative Extension Service, where she retired after more than 30 years of service. She had a love for flowers and gardening, especially her roses. In addition to her husband, she is survived by sons Graham (Samantha), John (Susan) and Andrew (Lisa); three sisters, two brothers and three granddaughters. Memorial contributions may be made to Edenton Baptist Church, 200 S. Granville Street, Edenton, NC 27932, or to the Jimmy V Foundation, in care of the V Foundation for Cancer Research online at jimmyv.org/donate. |
| **Cox** | **2019** | G. Samuel Cox (82) of Edenton, North Carolina passed away on September 4, 2019. Mr. Cox was born in Onslow County, North Carolina on November 26, 1936, the son of the late Willie Crawford Cox, a farmer, and Sadie Kellum Cox, a schoolteacher. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1958 with a degree in Animal Husbandry. Known to many as “Sammy” or “Sam,” he married the former Betty Lou Jarman on October 24, 1959, and they were married for over 59 years until her death earlier this year. Sam worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Soil Conservation Service for 35 years. He served in different roles and locations during his career, with the last 19 years as area conservationist for the northeastern area of North Carolina, based in Edenton. He was a faithful member of Edenton Baptist Church and was also active in community organizations, including the Edenton Jaycees and the Edenton Lions Club. Survivors include three sons and their families: Graham S. Cox II (Samantha) of Newman, Georgia; John C. Cox (Susan) of Holly Springs, North Carolina; and Andrew Cox (Lisa) of Holly Springs, North Carolina; and three granddaughters. |
| **Crane** | **2019** | Richard Louis Crane (80) of Hurontown, Michigan passed away at home on July 12, 2019 of an apparent heart attack. He was born the son of Richard Crane, Sr. and Margaret Sardish on May 5, 1939. Richard grew up on a dairy farm with his grandparents, Louis and Caroline Sardish, in Menominee County. He served in the US Army as a paratrooper. After his military service, Richard worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 44 years. He was honored for his work in Washington, DC with a national Soil Conservation Service Technician of the Year award. Richard was an avid runner for two decades, often running competitively. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Kenlyn Crane (Rivard); his children, Michael Crane (Sarah), Dan Crane (Mary), and Becky Crane; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. |
| **Creech** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Harold F. Creech (99) of Linton, Indiana, passed away peacefully November 26, 2019, at Hearthstone Health Campus in Bloomington, Indiana. He was born near Danville, Indiana on January 26, 1920, the son of Fred M. and Florence (Hardwick) Creech. Harold was a 1941 graduate of The School of Agriculture at Purdue University with a degree in soil science and a minor in chemistry. Following college, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp where he served in World War II. Harold retired in 1975 after 34 years of federal service employment as a District Conservationist for the UUSDA- Soil Conservation Service in Bloomfield, Indiana. Harold was a member of Glenburn Methodist Church and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl (Ron) Stevenson of Peoria, Illinois, a son, Stephen (Peggy) Creech of Bloomington, four grandchildren, Angie and Jeff Stevenson, Wendi (Garth) Goodlett and Christin (Rob) Schippnick, and five great-grandchildren, Baileigh and Sydne Goodlett, and Ashlin, Tyler, and Landon Schippnick. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lenora M. (Wheeler) Creech in 2009. |
| **Cullison** | **2019** | Cecilia “Cec” Anne Cullison (68) July 9, 2019 of Canby, Oregon passed away on July 9, 2019. She attended Portland Community College and Oregon State University before marriage. She married her soulmate, Robert (Bob) Cullison on June 10, 1972. Bob and Cec had just celebrated their 47th anniversary. They had one child, Troy. Cec and Troy accompanied Bob in his Air Force travels. Cec held military, civilian and federal jobs in Germany and Washington D.C. during these assignments. Once Bob retired from the Air Force, they moved back to Canby where Cec continued her federal work service in Portland as the Executive Assistant to the Oregon State Conservationist for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. She retired from NRCS in 2012 after 32 years of service. Cec fought the good fight against her pancreatic cancer and took up coloring to take her mind off the chemo and pain during her 10-month battle. Cec is survived by her husband, Bob; son, Troy; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her twin sister, Cathy; and two brothers, Tom and Toby. Please consider donating to Habitat for Humanity to honor Cec’s lifelong penchant to help everyone. |
| **Darby** | **2019** | Honorary Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist Gerald “Gerry” Marlin Darby (93) of Blacksburg, Virginia passed away April 20, 2019. Born February 7, 1926 in Ponta, Texas. Mr. Darby retired from the Soil Conservation Service, (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service), in 1986 as National Agronomist. At the time, his headquarters was in Washington, DC. He was a member of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Conservation Society of America. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy Hospital Corps and the U.S. Army Field Artillery, during World War II and the Korean War, respectively. After naval service he returned to Texas A & M University and graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy and received his commission in the U. S Army Reserve. He returned to Texas A & M in the early seventies and received a Master of Agriculture degree. During Mr. Darby's career in the Soil Conservation Service he served in Texas; two years in Nicaragua; short periods in Kenya, Zambia, Malawi, and Iran; and several years in Washington, DC. Mr. Darby was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Christiansburg, Virginia. Survivors include his wife Jean Cummins Darby, whom he married in 1951; two sons, Dan and Bruce; daughters-in-law, Martha and Vicki; two daughters, Diana Carlson and Betsy (Gail) Stuart; son-in-law, Wayne Weade; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; brother, Mr. B. R. Darby, Jr. of Jacksonville, TX. Funeral services were conducted April 25, 2019 at the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel, Blacksburg, VA. |

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| **Deal** | **2019** | Jack M. Deal (84) passed away February 11, 2019. He was born August 16, 1934 in Marion, Indiana to the late Riley and Hannah Huntington Deal. Jack received a B.S. in Agriculture from Purdue University and was a Professional Certified Soil Scientist. He received Certificates of Recognition from the U.S. Senate in 1987, the Hoosier Chapter Endowment Fund, and the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation for outstanding leadership and devotion toward resource conservation and development. Jack loved nature and the outdoors, gardening, traveling the world with his wife – especially Canada and Alaska. Jack was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Tom and Nancy Deal. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Lesley Jo Deal; children, Wendy Forsythe (John), Cindy Wuthrich (Ben), Mindy Coon (Jim), Brad Deal (Amy), and David Deal (Laurie); 10 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; step-children, Jason Schulz, Brian Schulz (Kelli), and Thomas Schulz (Jacqueline); and 6 step grandchildren. |
| **Dester** | **2019** | Daisy Irene Dester (Savuyers) (85) of Abilene, Kansas passed away October 1, 2019. Daisy was preceded in death by her husband Eugene P. Dester in 2014. Eugene was District Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Abilene for 16 years until he retired in 1992. Daisy and Eugene are survived by their son Steve Dester (Janice) of Solomon, Kansas; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Dingle** | **2019** | Stanley O. Dingle (81) of Verona, Wisconsin passed away suddenly after suffering a heart attack on May 31, 2019. Stan graduated in 1961 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with degrees in Civil Engineering and Agricultural Engineering and began a job with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. On June 24, 1961, he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Marlene Anderson. Instead of waiting for the draft, he joined the 32nd Red Arrow Division National Guard Unit in Eau Claire, only to be called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis that October. He was discharged from active duty in August 1962 and returned to Eau Claire to continue work with the SCS. In 1969, he was honorably discharged from the National Guard after serving an eight-year enlistment. In 1976, Stanley was transferred to the SCS State Office in Madison, as a design engineer. He retired in 1994. Stan is survived by his wife, Marlene; four sons, Richard (Jodi) Dingle, of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, Mark (Jody) Dingle of Verona, Steve Dingle of Madison, Wisconsin, and John (Carrie) Dingle also of Madison; and nine grandchildren. |
| **Dull** | **2019** | Harold B. Dull (97) of Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin passed away peacefully at home on December 27, 2019. Harold was born July 3, 1922, in Soldiers Grove to Earl Edward Dull and Anna Bell (Bailey) Dull. On Oct. 8, 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during World War II as a medical technician and later as a clerk/secretary. He was chosen for Army specialized training and attended Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan where he took general college courses in engineering. In 1945, he was sent overseas to Calcutta, India. He was a member of a convoy unit hauling supplies, ammo and goods across the Ledo Trail, through Burma into Kunming, China. At this time, he and other members of the convoy were caught between Nationalist China and Communist China. They were cut off from other Allied troops for approximately six months. Finally, they were rescued and flown back to India, On April 25, 1946, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army at Fort McCoy. Harold was very proud of his military service. Harold was also proud of being a farmer; and when he returned home, he began farming with his father. While farming he also worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Vernon County, Wisconsin as a soil conservation technician for 30 years. Harold is survived by four daughters, Sue (Lee) Knoche of Wetmore, Michigan, Claudia Dull of Readstown, Wisconsin, Kit Hartman of Aurora, Illinois, and Beth (Tom) Eder of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; three sons, Craig Dull, Wade (Colleen) Dull and Peter Dull, all of Soldiers Grove; one daughter-in-law, Elaine (Clay) Dull of Maquoketa, Iowa; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Harold is preceded in death by his wife, Lola, and son, Clay. |
| **Dunn** | **2019** | Sue Ann Dunn (78) of Morgantown, West Virginia passed away June 28, 2019 at WVU Medicine with her family by her side. She was the wife of retired USDA Soil Conservation Service State Engineer Paul Dunn. Prior to her illness, Sue was actively involved in many community organizations and at Harner Chapel United Methodist Church, including United Methodist Women. She was a devoted wife and mother, who was highly involved with her children and all their activities. |
| **Dyer** | **2019** | David Allen Dyer (81) of Brandywine, West Virginia passed away June 8, 2019, at Sentara RMH Medical Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He was a graduate of Potomac State College and West Virginia University. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 20 years, then worked for and retired from Grafton Coal Company in 1992. He then moved back to the family farm at Fort Seybert, West Virginia and became a farmer. For a while he was the Area Engineer at Philippi, West Virginia. He also worked as a Project Engineer on several projects. He was a member of the Fairview-Bethel United Methodist Church. David was preceded in death by his wife, Naomi Simmons Dyer. Survivors include daughter Jody (Danny) Fultz, of Stuarts Draft, Virginia; son Greg (Toniue) Dyer of Brandywine, West Virginia; four grandsons and one great-grandson. |
| **Eacker** | **2019** | Clark A. Eacker, Sr. (82) of Blue Springs, MO passed away on February 5, 2019. He was born November 15, 1936 in Muskegon, MI. Clark grew up on a farm in Montague MI. Clark began his college career as a music major, playing saxophone in the marching and concert bands at Michigan State. After three years at Michigan State he entered the US Navy and served in the Navy as a guided missile technician on the USS Norton Sound and USS Lynde McCormick. After leaving the Navy, Clark completed a degree in agriculture and conservation at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI. He worked in Michigan and Missouri during his a 32-year career with the SCS/NRCS. He retired in 1996 as Area Conservationist in Warrensburg, MO overseeing 17 counties. After retirement from the NRCS, Clark began a second career as a job coach at The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City in their Warrensburg office. Clark is survived by Ruth, his wife of 58 years, son Clark Eacker Jr. of north Texas, daughter Rhonda Becker (Steve) of Blue Springs, two grandsons and two brothers Dale (Faye) Eacker of Tallahassee, FL and Glen (Nancy) Eacker of Spring Lake, MI. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Don and Eve Eacker of Muskegon, MI. |
| **Edwards** | **2019** | David Edwards (87) of Baker City, Oregon passed away on December 19, 2018, at his home. There will be a private family memorial in the future, or as Dave would say, “when we get a round tuit.” Dave was born at Douglas, Wyoming. He graduated from Centralia High School in Washington and from Washington State College. He worked as a civil engineer for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and retired in 1986 as the area engineer in Baker City. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Wilma Edwards; his three daughters and three sons, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Dave, the family suggests a charity of one’s choice through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at https://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com/ |

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| **Ellifritz** | **2019** | Phyllis Katherine Ellifritz (78) of Keyser, WV, died April 3, 2018 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center, Cumberland, MD. She was born on October 8, 1939 at Junction, WV, the daughter of the late John Jasper and Katherine Caroline (Southerly) Stickley. She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Hartman and two brothers, Johnnie and Roger Stickley. Phyllis retired from the SCS in Keyser. She was a member of the Duling United Methodist Church, Keyser and Chapter # 9, Women of the Moose, Keyser. Surviving is her husband of 56 years, Harold Kenneth Ellifritz; her daughter, Tamara Kay Valdez (Kevin) of Winchester, VA; two grandchildren, one great grandchild; two brothers; and three sisters. Also surviving are three sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews. |
| **Erickson** | **2019** | Jerald “Jerry” Erickson (83) of Leonardville, Kansas passed away December 6, 2019 at the Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. He retired in 2001 as a soil conservation technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, in the Manhattan Field Office. His wife, Patty Erickson, survives. |
| **Evans** | **2019** | Harry Scales Evans (65) of Eubank, Kentucky passed away suddenly on May 6th, 2019. Harry was a Soil Scientist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for many years. He held positions as field soil scientist and project leader. Harry retired at the end of 2012. After retirement he devoted much of his time to the Pulaski County Humane Society. Harry was also very involved with “Love on A Leash” visiting various Hospitals, Schools, Nursing Homes, and other facilities with his close companion Hatty. He was proceeded in death by his parents, Grace and Adolf Evans. He is survived by his wife Cathy Evans of Eubank, Kentucky and two brothers who live in Maryland, John (Jennifer) Evans and Joe (Dorothy) Evans. Harry has numerous nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. Donations are requested to the Pulaski County Humane Society. |
| **Evans** | **2019** | Sandra “Sandy” Hill Evans (77) of Fairfax County, Virginia passed away on June 7, 2019 after a long battle with pulmonary complications. She grew up in rural Idaho, an area she loved her whole life. Sandy was the wife of Gary Evans who was a USDA Soil Conservation Service resource/range conservationist at National Headquarters and later headed the USDA Climate Change Office with the Agricultural Research Service. |
| **Everett** | **2019** | Joseph “Joe” H. Everett (73) of New Haven, Missouri passed away March 21, 2019 at Mercy Hospital, Creve Coeur, Missouri. Joseph was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 22, 1946 to Vasco Theo and Helen Clara (O'Day) Everett. He was united in marriage with Janice K. Middaugh on May 22, 1962, in Fulton, Missouri. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in a career that included assignments as area resource conservationist in the Washington Area Office and district conservationist in the Hillsboro, Missouri Field Office. Joe retired in 1993 or 1994. After he retired from federal employment, he worked as a truck manager of sales for Chris Auffenberg Ford in Washington. Joseph is survived by his wife, Janice; three daughters, JoAnn Smothers (Eddie) of Bartlett, Tennessee; Jennifer Buwalda (Paul) of Canadian Lakes, Michigan; and Joyce Everett of Linn, Missouri; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Julie Everett; and a son, Joseph Jonathan Everett. |
| **Fechter** | **2019** | Margaret “Beecie” Felice Fechter (75) of Helena, Montana, passed away March 23, 2019. Margaret was the sister of ARCSE member Stefan Fechter. She served in the U.S. Army as a medical records librarian. After discharge, she worked for St. Peter's Hospital in Helena. |
| **Ferwerda** | **2019** | Honorary Member John A. Ferwerda (94) of Bangor, Maine passed away May 21, 2019, at a Bangor hospital. He was born May 18, 1925 in Whitensville, Massachusetts, the son of Martin and Annie (Hockstra) Ferwerda. John married his beloved wife, Lola (Youngsma) Ferwerda on September 11, 1947. John was a Navy Veteran of WWII and an Army Veteran of the Korean War. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Science from the University of Vermont, Class of 1950. He then attended Cornell University and received his Master's Degree in Soil Science in 1963. He spent his career working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service. He retired in 1983 as the Main State Soil Scientist. John was always active in his local church community. He was an avid gardener and loved the outdoors. He raised African violets, love to hike, bike, and walk to the Penobscot River in Veazie. In his later years, he taught his great-grandchildren the love of gardening, bird watching, and rock collecting. In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by his five siblings, and a granddaughter, Jessica Mildner. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Lola Ferwerda; a son, Martin Ferwerda; daughters, Loralie Mildner, Jean McLeod, and Judy Kelly; 7 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Interment with military honors was held in Fairview Cemetery in Veazie, Maine. |

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| **Fox** | **2019** | Honorary Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist Roy Linwood Fox (97) of Salem, Oregon lost his battle with old age on March 8, 2019, eleven days before his 98th birthday. He was born in Winner, South Dakota, the third son of Luther Leroy and Lorena (Wilmoth) Fox. As a child, he barely survived a fire that burned down the family home. He was subsequently raised in the back room of the family plumbing business, and he graduated from Winner High School in 1939. Roy was smitten with a local girl, Avis Marlene DeBuhr, who made it clear his romantic overtures were unwelcome unless he earned a college degree. Accordingly, he enrolled in the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, in Rapid City, and worked his way through school with a variety of interesting jobs such as cleaning the restrooms in a filling station in exchange for a room in the basement. After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Roy volunteered to enlist in the Navy, hoping his experience in the family business would allow him to enter the service above the lowest rank. He was surprised when the Navy enrolled him in an officer training program and told him to finish his civil engineering degree. He graduated in 1943 and shipped out for Guam after completing Midshipmen's School. Roy served as an engineer and officer in the 49th and 134th Naval Construction Battalions (Seabees) and spent most of the war building large aircraft hangers for the bombers flying missions to the Japanese mainland. He was discharged in 1946 and promptly married Avis in Madison, Wisconsin. He worked the following three decades in various engineering and management positions with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Terry, Montana; Rock Springs, Wyoming; and Albany, Salem and Portland, Oregon. He retired in 1977 as the State Conservation Engineer, having designed and overseen the construction of dams and irrigation projects throughout Oregon. He also served as an officer in the US Naval Reserve until 1964, retiring as a Lieutenant. In 2018, Roy was honored to travel to Washington D.C. on a Journey of Heroes (for World War II veterans), sponsored by Wish of a Lifetime and the Vital Life Foundation. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Roy was a dedicated family man, faithfully married to Avis for 57 years. Roy and Avis were blessed with four children: Lana, Pamela, John, and Amy, along with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Roy was active in many organizations including the Episcopal Church, Toastmasters International, Association of NW Steelheaders, Federation of Fly Fishers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Masons, and Elks. In 1994 Roy and Avis relocated from Portland to South Salem to be closer to family. They spent many happy days together with their children and grandchildren. Following Avis' death in 2003 at age 80, Roy began volunteering in the computer room at the South Salem Senior Center. In 2017, due to declining health, Roy moved to the Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon where he made many new friends among the residents and staff. The family is grateful for the excellent care he received there. Roy was laid to rest with his beloved Avis in a private interment at Willamette National Cemetery on March 15, 2019. Memorial contributions may be made to the Association of NW Steelheaders nwsteelheaders.org/donate/. |
| **Francis** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Lloyd "Verlin" Francis (94) formerly of Wayne, Nebraska, passed away April 14, 2019, at CHI Health St. Francis in Grand Island, Nebraska. Francis was born on July 10, 1924, to Oren Bruce and Lelah Edna (Warren) Francis at the farm home in Burr Oak, Kansas. He attended Midland College in Fremont, Nebraska. While in college, he worked at a mausoleum. In 1942, Verlin went to California to work in a Consolidated Aircraft Factory. He returned to help his brother on the farm in 1943. Verlin enlisted with the US Army in January 1945 and left for Japan later that year. He was with the 1777 Construction Engineers while stationed in Fukuoka, Japan. He was honorably discharged November 17, 1946. He was united in marriage to Nelva 'Elaine" Downing on March 2, 1947. In 1948, he was employed by the Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservation technician and they moved to Blair, Nebraska. He later worked in Lyons, Nebraska for 10 years before going to Wayne, Nebraska. He retired in 1984. Throughout his life, Verlin would donate his time to fix anything that needed repairing for family or friends. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. After his retirement, Verlin drove the Wayne-Carroll school bus for eight years and then drove escort for Heritage Homes. He loved collecting toy tractors and wrenches. Verlin enjoyed numerous camping trips with his family and traveled all over the US. Verlin and Elaine were able to enjoy their 50th wedding anniversary in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Verlin is survived by his wife of 72 years, Elaine of Grand Island, Nebraska; son, Mark (Deana) Francis of Lincoln, Nebraska; daughters, Carol Larsen of Bancroft, Nebraska, and Lori Francis (Randy Barling) of Grand Island; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Richard Francis and son-in-law, Jeffrey Larsen. |
| **Gallup** | **2019** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Darrell Love Gallup (93) of Boise, Idaho passed away on October 6, 2018. Darrell was born in LaBelle, Idaho. He grew up in LaBelle and graduated from Rigby High School. He then attended the University of Idaho before being drafted into the United States Army during World War II. During the War, he served as a surgical technician with the 1883rd Medical Detachment in El Paso, Texas. Following his discharge, he returned to the University of Idaho where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1948. At a University dance, he met the love of his life, Gladene Florence Brown. They were blessed with three children, Tamara (Rob) Williams, Darrell (Carolyn), and Michael (Brenda). During their 66 years of marriage, they lived in Idaho, Maryland, Colorado, Thailand, and Indonesia, and traveled extensively throughout the world. Initially, after graduation, Darrell taught agriculture classes at Grace, Idaho High School from 1948 to 1950. He then joined the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1950 as a soil scientist. He retired from the SCS in 1980 and then worked as a consultant for the United Nations in Indonesia and Egypt. He was a lifetime member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He enjoyed building a cabin in Smith's Ferry, ID, being outdoors, and snowmobiling. He was proud of his "big" king salmon caught while on vacation in Alaska. During recent years he enjoyed participating with Cub Scout day camps. He was designated as an honorary range master. As a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he faithfully served in many capacities. He served 11 years as an ordinance worker in the Boise, Idaho Temple. He was meek and a true "gentle" man. Survivors include his children and spouses, 13 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and one brother. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents; three sisters, and a brother. |

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| **Gamble** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Erling Edward Gamble (94) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away July 21, 2019. Born August 29, 1924, Erling grew up in the Quaker (Society of Friends) faith and lived as a boy within a caring circle of extended family in the farming community of Winona, Ohio. Although he spent most of his adulthood outside of Ohio, these deep roots sustained him throughout his life. During World War II, Erling served in the tradition of Quakers, performing his alternative service notably as a smokejumper stationed at Seeley Lake, Montana. Later, Erling attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and developed an interest in soil science and geomorphology. He received both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from Earlham before moving with his wife Mary "Polly" Alden Gamble and daughters to Raleigh, North Carolina in 1959. Subsequently, he earned a PhD in Soil Science from North Carolina State University while employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service Division of Soil Survey Investigations. Erling continued his work at the SCS in Raleigh and then in Lincoln, Nebraska, co-authoring several well-received scientific articles and consulting on soil survey issues across a wide region of the country. No doubt influenced by his parents' service work in Poland after World War I and II, Erling came to regard the service aspect of his professional life as the most meaningful and sought to instill this ideal in his children and grandchildren. Erling was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Polly, in 2016. Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Don and Tricia Scales, Ellen R. Gamble, Roy and Ann Huntley, and Cynthia Gamble-Nordskog; his eight grandchildren: Donald Scales, Margo Scales, Ginnie Huntley, Harry Huntley, Johnny Huntley, Thomas Nordskog, Jacob Nordskog, and Amelia Nordskog. |
| **Gardner** | **2019** | John E. Gardner (71) of Lincoln, Kansas passed away on June 5, 2019. John was inspecting a dam in the Salt Creek Watershed when he realized he might be experiencing a heart attack and called for help. Although help arrived, he did not survive the attack. John retired December 31, 2011, as a Civil Engineering Technician on the Hutchinson Area Office Technical Staff and worked in the Lincoln Management Unit in Lincoln, Kansas. After retirement he was employed by the Salt Creek Watershed District. He is survived by his wife Patricia (Dunlap) Gardner, sons Ian Gardner (Lindsay), of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Jake Gardner (Kati), of Lincoln, Kansas; daughter, Cameo Ibsen, of Kansas City, Missouri; and seven grandchildren. |
| **Gembala** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Henry Gembala (90) of Fair Oaks, California, passed away April 15, 2001. Henry was born August 23, 1910, in Tarnov, Nebraska to Joseph and Veronica (Silver) Gembala. He studied civil engineering at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln from 1928 to 1933 and was a cadet officer in the Army ROTC program. After college, he joined the U.S. Civil Conservation Corps as a civil engineering leader and transferred into the Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (SCS), living and working in many South Central Nebraska towns. He held several engineering and management positions with SCS including serving in North Africa during the mid- and late- 1960s, assigned to the U.S. Agency for International Development. He retired from the USDA in 1973 at the Lincoln Nebraska Regional office and moved to Rialto, California. He then consulted for White Engineering Corp. as a civil engineer and performed soil and water engineering studies and did hydrology engineering consulting for the governments of Haiti, Jamaica, Indonesia, Burma, Mauritania, and Afghanistan during 1974 to 1980. He fully retired in 1981 and moved to Fair Oaks in 1994 to be near his family. Survivors at the time of his death included his wife of 66 years, Ruth G. (Brown) Gembala Fair Oaks, California; one son, Roger, also of Fair Oaks; one daughter, Barbara Ann (Mrs. Terry) Miller of Colorado Springs, Colorado; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters. He was preceded in death by one son, Eugene R. Gembala in 1993; and two brothers and two sisters. |
| **Gerbaz** | **2019** | Honorary Member Olice (Ted) Theodore Gerbaz (93) of Orangevale, California passed away on Monday May 27, 2019. Olice was born February 10, 1926 in Woody Creek, Colorado to Olice Achilles Gerbaz and Lena Cassie (Albany). He was a veteran of the US Air Force. He married Ila Marie Brooks in Glenwood Springs, Colorado on August 28, 1946 and remained married to her for 73 years. He graduated from the University of Colorado as a Civil Engineer. His career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service started in Colorado where he worked in Fowler, Rocky Ford and Lamar. In 1961 he transferred to Sacramento, California. He retired in 1988 as the California State Soil Conservation Engineer. After retirement, he moved to Orangevale, California where he became an Associate Pastor of the Methodist Church, now Pathway Fellowship. Ted's survivors include his wife Ila; two daughters Janice Goodyear (Mike), of Orangevale and Pamela James (Robin) of Laurel, Delaware; 5 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren. |
| **Geter** | **2019** | Member John A. Geter (90) of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away on February 2, 2019 in Fort Collins. John was born in Mississippi and served in the US Navy at the end of WWII. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering and began working for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1952, employed in Oklahoma to work on watershed dams. He spent most of his SCS career as a Conservation Engineer. In 1954 he married Bonnie Foust. His SCS career then took him to Phoenix and Indianapolis. In 1975, he packed his family up for Lashkargah, Afghanistan where he worked as a team leader on a project to reduce salinity on irrigated farm lands. The project lasted four years, until they were evacuated following political turmoil in the area. John then settled his family in the Washington, DC area before taking positions in Puerto Rico, Haiti, and Mexico City. After John retired from SCS, he took on international contracting jobs in St. Kitts, Indonesia, and Egypt, working on various conservation projects. John was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Emily Geter, his daughter Deborah Green, and his son John A. Geter, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bonnie Geter; his sons Frank Geter, Leo Geter, and Kenneth Geter; his grandchildren Laura Green, Stephanie Young, James Green, Dana Bauer, Michelle Geter, and Christina Wetherington; and his great grandchildren Milton Young and Seamus Young. |
| **Glenn** | **2019** | Phillip Andrew Glenn (68) of Newalla, Oklahoma passed away July 16, 2019. Phil joined the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2009 as a Construction Inspector at the Pauls Valley Watershed office. In 2013 he began assisting the Shawnee Field Office with their Technician workload until he retired in 2017. He was preceded in death by his wife, LaReina. Phil is survived by his three daughters, Lisa Davidson (Jeff), Julie Haworth (Todd), and Valerie Johnson (Kyle); and 5 grandchildren. |
| **Goins** | **2019** | Dorothy Louise Goins (71) of Zanesville, Ohio went to be with her Lord, August 6, 2019 at Genesis Morrison House, surrounded by her family. She was the wife of Dale Goins, retired Natural Resource Conservation Service Area Civil Engineering Technician for Eastern Ohio. She worked for Tri-Valley School District for thirty-five years. |

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| **Goode** | **2019** | Rodney "Rod" Keith Goode (70) of Pell City, Alabama passed away October 14, 2019. He was born on July 2, 1949 in Glencoe Alabama. He married his high school sweetheart, Retha Marker Goode, and was married for 49 years. He graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972 and Master of Science degree in 1974. He loved his Alma Mater and was an enormous Auburn football fan. He loved his job with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and retired after 42 years of service at the end of 2016. He was District Conservationist for Jefferson and St. Clair Counties in Alabama for many years. Rod was actively involved in many conservation and civic organizations. He won the Jerry L. Johnson award for excellence in public service. Rod was a member of First Baptist Church of Pell City for 44 years. He led a life of service and volunteered to help his church and community in many capacities over the years. Survivors include his wife Retha, daughter Amy (Chris) Bain, and two grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Pell City on October 18, 2019. |
| **Grandy** | **2019** | Marvin W. Grandy (93) of New London, Missouri, passed away November 6, 2019, at Clarence Care Center in Clarence, Missouri. Marvin was born March 1, 1926, in Blair, Nebraska to Clarence W. Grandy and Jewell W. Weissen Grandy. Marvin served his country proudly in the Army Air Corp during World War II as a tail gunner on a B-17. He was a graduate from Texas Tech College with a degree in 1949. He married Kathryn "Kathy" Luna on April 13, 1963, in Goodman, Missouri. Marvin worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist. He was the district conservationist in New London, Missouri when he retired in the 1970s. After he retired, he worked part time for the YMCA and for the United States Post Office in New London. He was also a cattle farmer. He is survived by his wife Kathy; daughters Linda K. Epperson of New London, Missouri, and Patricia O'Boyle (Bill) of Harmony, Florida; and four grandchildren. |
| **Haefner** | **2019** | Nila Elaine Haefner (81) of Wheaton, Kansas passed away November 7, 2019. Nila was the spouse of Ernest Haefner, who survives. Ernest retired in 1995 as the District Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service Junction City Field Office. |
| **Hale** | **2019** | Alan Randall "Randy" Hale (69) of Troy, Alabama passed away February 1, 2019 at his home following a massive heart attack. Randy was an Eagle Scout, a graduate of Auburn University and an active Methodist in his local church. He is survived by his wife Gail and son Matthew, his mother Seydell and brother Steve. Randy retired from the USDA-NRCS after an outstanding career serving as District Conservationist in Pike County and before that in Walker County. He helped implement a land conversion program on highly erodible land in Pike County a couple of years before passage of the 1987 Farm Bill. Lessons learned in the Pike County program helped the Alabama staff with successfully implementing the Conservation Reserve Program. |
| **Hall** | **2019** | Marian Jane "Babe" Hall (82) of Sioux City, Iowa passed away unexpectedly May 28, 2019, at a local hospital. Marian was the wife of ARCSE member and Senior Conservationist Richard Hall. Marian and Richard were united in marriage on July 16, 1955. Marian's work career included Fremont County Savings Bank, an Avon representative, Apple Tree Day Care, and a food demonstrator for Sunshine Foods. She was an active member of Holy Cross Parish-St. Michael Catholic Church. She volunteered at the cancer center and the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. She had a special place in her heart for the lonely. In addition to her husband Richard, her survivors include son, Jeff (Mary) Hall of Columbus, Nebraska; daughters, Janet (Jay) Freng of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Theresa (Robert) Schoonover of McLoud, Oklahoma, Mindy (Don) Oberle of Sioux City, Iowa and Jenny (Mike) Jelken of McCook Lake, South Dakota; 17 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. |
| **Handler** | **2019** | Priscilla Kate (Jenkins) Handler (69) passed away peacefully at her home in Welch, Minnesota on May 9, 2019 from Alzheimer's disease. Priscilla was married to ARCSE member and retired USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service soil scientist John Handler who passed away 9 months later in February 2020. |
| **Harner** | **2019** | Nancy Jean Harner (90) formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away March 23, 2019, in North Platte, Nebraska. Nancy was the wife of Senior Conservationist Rodney “Rod” F. Harner. Nancy was born October 30, 1928 in Great Bend, Kansas. She obtained her Bachelor in Education degree from Washburn University in 1950. Following graduation, she taught in Topeka and in Garden City, Kansas where she met Rod. They were married in Topeka, Kansas June 12, 1954. Nancy and Rod returned to Garden City as Rod began his career in the Soil Conservation Service, and Nancy resumed teaching. Nancy was a caregiver her entire life, beginning with her baby and younger sister when their father passed away. Nancy then raised her children in Kansas, Michigan, and Nebraska as Rod’s career advanced over the years. Her caregiving continued with her seven grandchildren. Nancy transmitted her love of music, reading, cooking, games, crafts, and family to all she touched. Nancy is survived by her spouse, Rod; children, Kent, of Omaha, Nebraska, Brian, of Arlington, Virginia, and Ann (Steve) Wade of North Platte, Nebraska; grandchildren, Jay (Jerri) Harner, Ryan (Beth) Harner, Andrew (Meaghan) Wade, Nathan (Jamie) Wade, Sarah (Sam) Sweley, Isabel Harner and Genevieve Harner; great grandchildren, Malayka, Kyler, Bode, Austin, Alex, Chloie, Jacob, and Kolton. She is also survived her beloved sisters, Carolyn Huffman and Kathy Maag, both of Topeka, Kansas. A celebration of Nancy’s life was held March 27, 2019, 10am at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, 6800 South 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. |
| **Harner** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Rodney Franklin Harner (90) formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away June 29, 2019, in North Platte, Nebraska. Rod was born December 19,1928, to J N and Bernice Harner on the family farm near Green, Kansas. Immediately following high school Rod enlisted in the United States Army and served in Okinawa for 16 months and was honorably discharged in 1948. He then enrolled in Kansas State University and graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Following graduation, Rod joined the USDA Soil Conservation Service where he excelled and spent his entire 42-year career, retiring in 1989. Rod met the love of his life, Nancy Covert of Topeka Kansas, in Garden City, Kansas, where he was working and Nancy was teaching. They were married 64 years until Nancy’s death in 2019. Rod’s career took them from Garden City to Manhattan, Kansas, Salina, Kansas, Okemos, Michigan, and finally Lincoln. Rod is survived by his children, Kent, of Omaha, Nebraska, Brian, of Arlington, Virginia, and Ann (Steve) Wade of North Platte, Nebraska; grandchildren, Jay (Jerri) Harner, Ryan (Beth) Harner, Andrew (Meaghan) Wade, Nathan (Jamie) Wade, Sarah (Sam) Sweley, Isabel Harner and Genevieve Harner; great grandchildren, Malayka, Kyler, Bode, Austin, Makenzie, Alex, Chloie, Jacob, and Kolton. |

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| **Hart** | **2019** | Gerald Norman Hart (85) passed on March 28, 2019, at Baptist Health Lexington, Kentucky following a brief illness. Gerald served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean War. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a member of Greenland Baptist Church. He retired from the USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in 1994 after service in various capacities in eastern and central Kentucky including area conservationist. Following retirement Gerald became a full-time farmer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie Eaton Hart; son, Gerald Allen Hart; and son-in-law, Martin J. Cunningham III. Gerald is survived by his daughter, Sheree Hart Cunningham; two grandchildren and one great grandchild. The family requests memorial donations to The Gerald Hart Scholarship Fund/Whitley County Farm Bureau, PO Box 209, Williamsburg, KY 40769 or a charity of your choice. |
| **Hartwig** | **2019** | Edgar Carl “Easy” Hartwig (94) of Auburn, Nebraska passed away November 12, 2019. He was the son of Carl and Martha (Schenkel) Hartwig, born July 6, 1925 in Firth, Nebraska. After high school, “Easy,” as he was known, worked as a welder at the Martin Bomber Plant from 1942 to 1943. On December 28, 1944, Easy enlisted in the United States Army. While in the Army, Easy served as a Paratrooper during World War II. He was honorably discharged on May 17, 1946. On December 31, 1946 Easy was united in marriage to Ileene Smith. Easy worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Nemaha County as a soil conservation technician from 1962 until he retired in 1991. Easy was involved with several civic and service organizations in Auburn. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Ileene. He is survived by his son Chet (Judy) Hartwig of Lincoln; sons-in-law Mark Bresley, David Bals, Mitch Mehuron; daughter-in-law Margy Hartwig; 7 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren. According to his wishes, Easy's body was donated to the Nebraska Anatomical Board. |
| **Haynes** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member George Thomas Haynes, Jr. (100) of Eaton, Ohio passed away April 28, 2019, at his residence. He was born August 8, 1918, in Dillonvale, Ohio to the late George Thomas and Marjorie (Burriss) Haynes, Sr. He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served during World War II; he retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist and farmed for many years. He participated on three mission trips to Africa; and he attended Grace Lutheran Church in Eaton, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy “Dottie” H. Haynes. He is survived by his son G.T. Haynes of Eaton, Ohio; daughter Kathy (John) Danner of Prudenville, Michigan; grandchildren: Johnna (Erik) Balk of Farmington, Michigan, Jenifer (Jamie) Sorrell of Evansville, IN and Jeffrey (Melissa) Danner of White Lake, MI; great grandchildren: Jackson, Riley, Sydney, Cameron, Addison, Brody, Paige and Grace. Funeral services were held May 6, 2019, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Eaton, Ohio with Pastor Dwight Hanson officiating. Burial was at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton with full military honors provided by the Preble County Honor Guard and U.S. Army. |
| **Hays** | **2019** | Peggy Hays (81) of Tecumseh, Oklahoma passed away October 30, 2019 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Peggy was the wife of retired USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service technician, Larry Hays for 63 years. Larry retired over 20 years ago from Shawnee. Peggy worked for the USDA and Oklahoma Well Sample Service for many years. She is survived by her husband Larry, two sons and six grandchildren. |
| **Hedgpeth** | **2019** | David Wayne Hedgpeth (80) of Fairmont, North Carolina passed away October 7, 2019 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was born November 9, 1938 in Robeson County, North Carolina. David worked as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at the Lumberton Field Office in North Carolina. Friends described him has having a big heart and always a smile on his face. David’s survivors include his wife, Carolyn Holt Hedgpeth of the home; two daughters Denise Whitley (Terry) of White Lake, North Carolina, and Wendy Hedgpeth of Fairmont; and three grandchildren. |
| **Henry** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Wallace Lanier Henry (93) of Pontotoc, Mississippi passed away peacefully at his home on November 27, 2019, with his entire family and loved ones at his side. Wallace was born September 22, 1926. During World War II, Wallace served as an Honor Guard for General Douglas MacArthur and lived at the United States Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. While difficult at times, his service was a tremendous source of pride throughout his life. Wallace completed high school upon returning from the war, then continued his studies and earned a degree in vocational education from Mississippi State University in 1951. Wallace taught veterans classes in Randolph and Pontotoc, Mississippi for five years before moving to Tunica, Mississippi to teach vocational-agriculture classes and served as fire-chief at the Volunteer Fire Department. Wallace taught in Tunica until 1966, then briefly worked with Delta Steel in West Memphis, Arkansas before starting work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Wallace advanced to District Soil Conservationist for Lee County and continued to serve for a total of twenty-eight years. Wallace was raised on his family’s farm and operated his own cattle, soybean, corn and tree farm throughout his time in Pontotoc. He was an avid gardener and always had a large garden filled with a variety of family favorites. Wallace loved giving corn, tomatoes, and turnip greens to friends and family (and anyone else). He was well-respected as an authority on farming techniques, land-management, erosion-control, and many other topics. He was always willing to help anyone who needed him. Wallace was a member of the Masonic Lodge for sixty-three years. He was also active with Lee County Civitan Club for decades while working in Tupelo. He was an ordained Baptist deacon at Green Valley Baptist Church and was a member of First Baptist Church of Pontotoc. Wallace is survived by his wife of over sixty years, Patricia Young Henry. He is also survived by daughter Alma Jo Henry of Flowood, Mississippi; son Wally Henry (Jodi) and three sons Trey, Ryan and Joseph of Pontotoc: son, George Henry (Kristian) and daughter Ashlyn of Cleveland, Tennessee. |
| **Hilpmann** | **2019** | Doris Ann Hilpmann (87) of Gering, Nebraska passed away on March 07, 2018 at the Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff with her family at her side. Doris was born in Cody, Wyoming. She received her early education in Cody, including her high school diploma. She continued onto college in Powell, WY and received her degree in teaching. Doris worked as a Legal Secretary for George Sawyer in Torrington, WY for 17 years and at the Farmer’s Home Administration in Torrington, WY for several years. She was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Torrington, WY. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Heinz G. Hilpmann of Gering, daughter Jennifer Ann Hilpmann of Gering, a sister and many nieces and nephews. Hienz Hilpmann was District Conservationist in Lingle for the Lingle/Fort Laramie Conservation District in the 1970’s and retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1980. |

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| **Hire** | **2019** | Dean (Keet) Frederick Hire (78) of Athens, Ohio passed away on December 8, 2019. Dean was born February 26, 1941 to Milton and Lucille (Kuns) Hire in Sandusky, Ohio. After high school he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served four years. He attended Ohio State University earning his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering in 1969. His first job with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service was in Coshocton, Ohio, and he transferred to Athens in 1972 where he worked until he retired in 1994. He was involved in a multitude of reclamation projects all over southeastern Ohio and became area engineer. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Barbara Ann (Sass) Hire. He is survived by his four children, Tanya Wandling (Dave) of New Marshfield, Ohio; Tammy Hawk (Matthew) of Chauncey, Ohio; Michael Hire (Nicole) of McArthur, Ohio; and Tara (Lord) Kole of Monhegan Island, Maine; and seven grandchildren. |
| **Hoang** | **2019** | Vinh Hoang, former USDA-Soil Conservation Service Nevada state conservation engineer, suffered a stroke in early May 2019 and passed away on July 20, 2019. He had developed brain cancer and retired in 2018. He is survived by his wife and three children. Nevada ARCSE representative Liz Warner reports that Vinh was a kind and gentle soul and will be dearly missed. An obituary by the family was not published. |
| **Hollins** | **2019** | Rachel Hollins (74) of Bumpass, Virginia passed away September 11, 2019. She was born November 2, 1944, in Middleburg, Virginia. Rachael worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for 40 years. She was a contract specialist when she retired in 2003. Rachel was an avid bowler, loved to dance and loved music. She loved travelling, especially cruising, with 26 cruises completed. Her remains were donated to the Virginia Anatomical Program. Rachael is survived by her husband, George H. Hollins Sr.; children Charles Robinson Jr., Darrell Robinson, and Renee Lickey Davis; and stepchildren Linda Lickey Tribby, Sandy Lickey Welfel, Kenneth Hollins, George Hollins Jr., and Kim Hollins Humphries. She also leaves 19 grandchildren and 15+ great-grandchildren. |
| **Howell** | **2019** | Louis Arnold Howell (85) of Watkinsville, Georgia, husband of Jeanette Rathburn Howell, passed away June 26, 2019. He was born in Iron City, Georgia. He served in the U.S. Navy. Louis was a graduate of the University of Georgia in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering. He worked with the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Civil Engineer. Survivors in addition to his wife include two children: Beth Howell Loyd of Bainbridge, Georgia and Bill Howell of Fayetteville, Arkansas; two siblings: Don Howell and Sandra Howell and one granddaughter, Laurie Loyd. In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to the American Cancer Society. |
| **Hudson** | **2019** | Conservation partner Lee Roy Hudson (86) of Hollis, Oklahoma passed away January 6, 2019 at the North Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He leaves behind his wife of 66 years Sylvia (Byrd) Hudson. Lee Roy served on the Harmon County Conservation District Board for 30 years, serving as both member and chairman. While on the local board, Lee Roy was elected president of the Oklahoma State Conservation Commission. Mr. Hudson went on to serve as chairman of the South Central Region of the National Association of Conservation Districts. |
| **Hudson** | **2019** | Jeanette Hudson (92) of Corbin, Kentucky passed away Jan. 25, 2018, at Baptist Health Corbin. During World War II Jeanette worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and later for the Selective Service. Jeanette retired as a Resource Conservation and Development Program Clerk in 1994. She continued as an Administrative Secretary for Whitley County Conservation District. She was a member of Parkway Church of God. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Hudson, Sr., and by several siblings. She leaves behind her daughter, Hazelle Ann Smith (Ron); her son Kenny Hudson (Beverly); six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; two sisters; and three brothers. |
| **Hughey** | **2019** | Lifetime Member William “Bill” Allen Hughey (71) of Shelton, Washington passed away on October 13, 2019. He was born to Aubra and Louise Hughey in Belle Rive, Illinois on January 24, 1948. On October 1, 1966, Bill married his high school sweetheart Kathryn Jean Woodman. In 1967, Bill received his draft notice and then enlisted into the United States Air Force. After honorable discharge, Bill used the GI Bill to attend college. He received an Engineering degree studying at Centralia College and Oregon Institute of Technology. After graduation, Bill worked 32.5 years at 5 locations with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He served as a design/soil mechanics engineer for four years where he assisted the Northeastern Region’s thirteen States with soil foundations and embankment design for small dams. Bill served as agency representative in the selection and oversight of professional services for the design and construction of a large Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) dam and subsequent water treatment facility in West Virginia. Bill received an International Honor Award from the US Agency for International Development for leading the first technical assistance team to the African nation of Eritrea. Bill ended his career with NRCS with 8 years of service as the National Agricultural Engineer in Washington DC. While working in Washington, DC, Bill maintained relations with several engineering schools. He was affiliated as a member and Committee Chair for: American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), American Society of Agricultural Engineering (ASAE), and International Erosion Control Association (IECA). Bill and Jean have made Shelton, Washington their home for the past 15 years. After retirement, they enjoyed RV camping, international travel, and cruising. In addition to his wife Jean, Bill is survived by sons Codey Hughey (Alicia) of Chicago, Illinois and Tony Hughey (Rita) of Federalsburg, Maryland; and grandchildren Maggie, Kaylyn, and Kevin. Bill is preceded in death by his parents and brother John Hughey. |
| **Hvizdak** | **2019** | David J. Hvizdak (66) of Chippewa Falls,Wisconsin passed away February 25th, 2019 after living with colon cancer for three years. And live he did. Dave enjoyed many adventures with his wife and children despite the brutal cancer treatments. Dave’s career as a soil scientist with the SCS/NRCS began in 1978 in New York. He was then stationed in Wisconsin for 28 years, 21 of them in Spooner. In 2008, he was promoted to State Soil Scientist, and Regional Soil Survey Leader position at Amherst, Massachusetts. He retired to Chippewa Falls in 2012. Dave was passionate about the environment and continued to do volunteering and contract work for his former employer until his death. Dave is survived by Jane, his wife of 40 years; daughter, Erin of Idaho; sons, Mark (Mary) of Minneapolis, and Michael of Chippewa Falls. He is also survived by his mother, Carol Hvizdak; brothers, Ron (Barb) of Montana, Tom (Don) of Edgar, Bob (Anne) of Hawaii; and sister, Cathy (Mark) Nevala of Oregon. Dave was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Hvizdak in 2004. A memorial service will be held at 11am, Saturday, March 2nd at the English Lutheran Church of Bateman, town of Lafayette, Chippewa Falls with the Rev. Rick Biedermann officiating. Visitation with family will be held one hour prior to the service Saturday morning at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite environmental organization. |

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| **Johnson** | **2019** | Honorary Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist Ralph C. Johnson (98) of Sparta, Kentucky passed away on February 24, 2019. He was born in Akron Ohio on July 13, 1920 the son of the late Ray and Katie Johnson. Ralph spent three years and three months overseas during World War II. He attended college on the G.I. Bill, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Western Kentucky University in 1948. Ralph was employed by the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in 1948 and retired as district conservationist in 1977. Ralph enjoyed flying his small plane that he called “Blue Goose.” He loved to travel and see historical places in the USA, Mexico and Canada. His travels took him to all 50 states and some of the Caribbean islands. Ralph married Mildred Hendren on December 10, 1971. After he retired, their home was on the Hendren Farm in Gallatin County, Kentucky. Ralph was preceded in death by two brothers Garland and Vanley Johnson; and three sisters Loretta Taylor, Mary Lee Gooden and Edith Mae Henderson. Ralph is survived by his wife Mildred; four brothers, Ray Jr, Jesse, Alan and Kenny; and one sister Vonda Tabb. Ralph was a member of the Oakland Baptist Church, and the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Oakland Baptist Church, 410 Church Street, Oakland, KY 42159. |
| **Johnson** | **2019** | Member Robert W. (Bob) Johnson (88) of Gainesville, Florida passed away April 11, 2019 in Gainesville. Bob, son of Margaret and Ted Johnson, was born in Michigan in 1931. He attended Michigan State University and received his degree in Resource Development. After graduation he went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist, doing field engineering work in northwest Michigan. In 1953 he was called to serve in the Military during the Korean War. After discharge, he resumed his work with the Soil Conservation Service. Bob’s work took the family from Lower Michigan, to the Upper Peninsula where they enjoyed the area’s beauty and outdoor environment. They moved to East Lansing in 1968 where Bob was given the responsibility for the Soil Survey program for the entire state and was appointed to the position of Adjunct Professor in the Soil Science Department at Michigan State University. While in East Lansing, he earned his Master’s degree in Soil Science. In 1971, the family moved to Gainesville, Florida, where Bob was responsible for the Soil Survey Program in Florida and later assumed a management role for the SCS. In addition to his duties with the USDA he was appointed to serve as Adjunct Professor in the Soil Science Department at the University of Florida. Bob retired from SCS after 30 years and worked as a consulting Soil Scientist for a period of time before fully retiring to the things he loved best: golfing, fishing and family. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Ardith Erhardt Johnson. Bob will be lovingly remembered by his children, Dennis (Andi), Patricia Rosenlund (John Sigrist), and Barbara (Bill) Rocktoff, as well as his grandchildren, Zachary, Rachel, Emily and Sarah. |
| **Jones** | **2019** | Alvin (Butch) Jones (69) of Meeker, Colorado passed away on November 18, 2018 among family and friends. A graduate of Colorado State University in range ecology, he spent his entire SCS/NRCS career in western Colorado, including many years as district conservationist at Meeker. An active member of the community, he was “well-known and respected by ranchers, farmers, water providers, and land owners for his expertise and the assistance he provided them.” He continued to be active as a guide and teacher in several outdoor organizations and activities after retirement in 2006. He is survived by his wife Linda of 49 years, sons Vaughn and Don and their families. |
| **Jones** | **2019** | Member and Senior Conservationist Billy Hobbs Jones (88) of Hertford, North Carolina passed away December 27, 2019 at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center. He was born in Perquimans County, North Carolina on July 28, 1931, the son of the late Thomas Hoyle Jones and Sally Mae Hobbs Jones. Billy served in the US Navy for four years during the Korean Conflict. He then returned to North Carolina and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural and Biological Engineering from North Carolina State University. Billy was an engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina and Goldsboro, North Carolina for thirty-four years and was a registered professional engineer. He was a member of Hertford Baptist Church. He was also a member of the William Clarence Jackson VFW Post #6060, the Hertford Ruritan Club, and the Hertford American Legion. He is survived by Valna Alexander Jones, his wife of sixty-two years; daughter, Jennifer Nixon, PhD (Andrew); and grandchildren, Joshua Nixon and Abigail Nixon of Durham, North Carolina. |
| **Kelly** | **2019** | Hugh David “Dave” Kelly (91) of Florence, Alabama passed away November 23, 2019. He was born on June 1, 1928 in Scottsboro, Alabama. Dave was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force during the occupation of Japan. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, known today as Auburn University. On September 16, 1951, David married Betty Nell Johnson. His distinguished career as a fishery biologist began with the Alabama Department of Conservation and ended as State Biologist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Auburn, Alabama when he retired in 1994. Dave provided technical assistance in the 1980s and early 1990s to fish farmers in the Blackland Prairie resource area of Alabama. During this period, fish farming in Alabama became a multimillion-dollar industry with production of over 20,000 acres of ponds constructed and managed for intensive culture of catfish. Dave was a member of the Madison Church of Christ in Madison, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Leigh Ann. He is survived by his wife Betty, his son Mark Kelly (Becky), three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to CASA of Madison County at https://casamadisoncty.org/donate/ |
| **Kile** | **2019** | Honorary Member David Oliver "Dave" Kile (92) of Kendallville, Indiana passed away August 1, 2019 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Dave was born June 20, 1927, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to Howard and Mary Kile. He attended Ohio State University and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in agriculture education. Dave was a World War II veteran and served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Area. He was united in marriage to Marjorie Ann Barton on June 12, 1949, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He taught high school in Edison and Caledonia, Ohio, for three years. Then Dave worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 30 years, serving as district conservationist in Scioto and Green counties in Ohio. He was area conservationist in 13 counties in northeast Indiana and 16 counties in northeast Ohio. In 1974, he became assistant state conservationist at the state office in Columbus, Ohio. He retired in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, of Kendallville; daughter, Kathy (Kevin) Buckingham, of West Lafayette, Indiana; daughter-in-law, Janis Kile, of West Palm Beach, Florida; and he was blessed with six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Howard Barton Kile. A memorial service was held in David's honor August 3, 2019 at First Christian Church in Kendallville, with a gathering of family and friends. Memorial donations may be made to First Christian Church or to Community Foundation of Noble County, David O. and Marjorie B. Kile Scholarship. |

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| **Kile** | **2019** | Raymond Newton Kile (70) of Petersburg, WV, passed away on Friday, February 8, 2019, in Rig, WV. He was born in Cumberland, MD. On June 23, 1973, Raymond married Nancy (Kisamore) Kile, who survives in Petersburg. He was a former Engineering Assistant with the SCS and had also worked at Pilgrim's Pride. Raymond was a Veteran of the US Navy, where he had served for 21 years and completed three tours in Vietnam on aircraft carriers. In addition to his wife, Raymond is survived by sons, Matt B. Kile of Charleston, WV, Eric Kile (Amber) of Pikeville, KY; 5 grandchildren; brother, Andrew L. Kile (Brenda); and several nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly. |
| **Kleckner** | **2019** | Member Lowell Henry Kleckner (86) of Dennison, Iowa, passed away March 20, 2019 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. He was an engineer in the Denison Engineering Office for most of his Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation service career. He was the son of Henry Clarence Kleckner and Opal Merle (Torney) Kleckner, born February 9, 1933, near Riceville in Northeast Iowa. Lowell attended a rural one-room school (Jamestown No. 8) through the 8th grade and then graduated from Riceville High School in 1951. After being drafted, he served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955. He attended Iowa State University from 1956 to 1960 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1960. His position as a civil engineer with the Soil Conservation Service brought him to Denison in 1961. His work involved designing many dams and ponds in Crawford, Harrison, and Shelby counties. He was also involved in the design of the dams at Yellowsmoke and Nelson Parks. On December 28, 1968, Lowell was united in marriage with Sharen Claussen at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, Iowa, and they were blessed with four children: Kelly, Shawn, Heidi and Lance. After Lowell retired from the Soil Conservation Service in December of 1988, they became involved in farming and had a beef cow-calf operation and a dairy goat enterprise near Dennison. Lowell was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Denison where he served as treasurer for more than thirty years. He was also a member of the American Legion and the local genealogy society. Lowell enjoyed the peacefulness of rural living and playing his guitar. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Diego Ceballos-Kleckner; and one brother, Richard Kleckner. Survivors include his wife of fifty years, Sharen Kleckner of Denison, Iowa; two daughters, Kelly Kleckner of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Heidi Standridge (Daniel); two sons, Shawn Kleckner (Phenister) of Boone, Iowa, and Lance Kleckner (Sandy) of Denison, Iowa; eleven grandchildren; two brothers, Gordon Kleckner (LaRae) and Wilbur Kleckner (Laura) all of Riceville, Iowa; and other relatives and friends. |
| **Kluth** | **2019** | Robert Kluth (79) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on April 5, 2019 at his home. Bob was born on May 13, 1939 in LaGrange, Illinois to Raymond and Libuse (Stulik) Kluth. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1961 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. In 1967 Bob married Charlotte Jane Wilbur. They had two daughters, Karen and Kim. He worked for 34 years as a hydrologist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Bob enjoyed gardening, playing golf, and rooting for his Cubbies! Bob was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Karen. Survivors include his wife Charlotte Jane; daughter Kim Harris (Mike) of Bellevue, Nebraska; son-in-law Steve Gaul of LeRoy, Illinois; and five grandchildren. |
| **Kohnke** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist and Lifetime and Honorary Member Robert "Bob" Earl Kohnke (93) of Springfield, Virginia peacefully passed away on October 7, 2019. He was born on March 5, 1926, the son of John and Esther Kohnke. Bob received degrees from Iowa State University and the University of Wisconsin. Bob started with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1952 as an agricultural engineer. He became a hydrologist on the Iowa Watershed Work Party in 1955. He later served as a hydrologist in regional offices in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Upper Darby Pennsylvania and Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1970 Bob was appointed Assistant Director of the SCS River Basins Division and later promoted to Division Director. He retired from SCS in 1982. He then continued his conservation work with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. He was one of their first Urban Conservation Engineers. In this role, Bob provided his technical expertise with drainage and erosion concerns, the development community with understanding and implementing erosion and sediment controls, and supported the Fairfax County government through plan review, the engineering standards review committee, and the closeout of the PL-566 Pohick Creek Watershed Projects. Bob is preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Donna Kohnke; his second wife Kitty Kohnke; and his brothers Laverne and John Jr. Bob is survived by his three children, Kay, Scott, and David; his daughter-in-law, Betsy; two granddaughters, Katie and Elise and Kay's partner David Seidman; as well as stepson, John Schafe. Services were held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on October 18. The family is requesting donations in memory of Bob be given to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22152. |
| **Kraut** | **2019** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Harold John "Boge" Kraut (105) of Batchtown, Illinois passed away on January 14, 2019 at his home with family by his side. He was born in Gilead, Illinois. Boge married Helen B. Staats on Jan. 10, 1938 at St. Norbert's Catholic Church in Hardin, Illinois. Boge worked as a soil conservation tech for the Soil Conservation Service in Calhoun County Soil and Water District, retiring in 1975. He was instrumental in the creation and initiation of the soil and water conservation program in Calhoun County. He was responsible for the re-introduction of the wild turkey program in Calhoun County. Boge also farmed much of his life. He had an apple orchard, Christmas tree farm, horses, mules, donkeys, hogs, sheep and beef and dairy cattle. Boge was an avid traveler, wildlife viewer, conservationist, rock hound, and gardener and was well known for his ice skating abilities. He last laced up his skates at age 80 and skated with his great-grandchildren. He loved to four-wheel ride with his neighbors and friends and did so until he was 104 years old. He traveled to all 50 states, including Hawaii and driving twice to Alaska — the second time at the age of 80. He also traveled to Mexico and Canada. After World War II in 1946, he took charge of the Carrico Plummer Cemetery and loved spending time with family every Memorial Day, decorating every grave on the cemetery. He was a World War II Navy Veteran, the oldest living Veteran in Calhoun and a member of the American Legion Post 632 in Batchtown for 72 years, a trustee of St. Barbara's Catholic Church for many years, member of Calhoun County Soil and Water District Board, and served as a board member of the Calhoun Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He received the Illinois State Farmer's award in 1954 at the Illinois State Fair. His life story is memorialized at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. He is survived by daughters, Linda Butler, Sue Sweetman, June Bizaillion and Debbie (Ben) Heimann and sons Jim (Diane) Kraut, Mike (Anita) Kraut and John Kraut; 18 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen "Staats" Kraut; three siblings, two sons-in-law, and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Calhoun Ambulance or Family Choice. Online condolences and guest book can be found at www.gresskallalschaaf.com. |

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| **Laborie** | **2019** | Robert "Bob" Ellsworth Laborie (87) of Elyria, Ohio, passed away on March 13, 2019 at Life Care Center of Elyria under the care of Crossroads Hospice. Bob was born in Ashland, Ohio on April 8, 1931. He was employed for 45 years as a Conservation Engineering Technician for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He served as a multi-county technician in Medina, Ohio for about 15 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and he enjoyed gardening, all Cleveland sports, and he coached at Little League West. Everyone Bob met became his friend. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Mary Ann (nee Zgoda) Laborie; children, Michele (John) Hunt, Jayne (Steve) Poff and Greg (Sheree) Laborie; a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter, and a brother. Memorial contributions may be made to the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, 5510 Baumhart Rd., Lorain, OH 44053. |
| **Lawyer** | **2019** | Member Courtney Merle Lawyer (84) of Harlan, Iowa passed away May 9, 2019 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan. Courtney Merle Lawyer was the son of Courtney Hulbert and Leona Christine (Benjegerdes) Lawyer. He was born on September 12, 1934, in Mason City, Iowa. He grew up on a farm located west of Manly, Worth County, Iowa. He attended Iowa State College and graduated with a degree in Agronomy in 1956. Upon graduation, Merle received a commission in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant, and served two years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Ord, California. He transferred to the US Army Reserves, and retired in 1983. Following active duty, Merle began a career as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He worked in LeMars, Anthon, and Harlan, Iowa where he was the district conservationists for several years. He retired in April 1994. Merle married Marcella Katherine (Knapp) on July 30, 1961, in Le Mars, Iowa; this marriage ended in divorce. On January 9, 1981, he married Betty Lou (Trent) Cook. Betty died in 2006 after a long illness. Finally, Merle and Cleopha Krantz Garrison were married on July 11, 2009. Merle was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, Iowa. He enjoyed membership in the Harlan and Harlan Golden Key Kiwanis Clubs, and served as president of both clubs. A member of the Eastern Star, Merle was also a 50-year Mason (Parian Masonic Lodge 321 AF&AM), and served as Master in Harlan for a year. He was also a member of the Shelby County Historical Society and had served on its board and as president of the board. Merle enjoyed family genealogy, history, and travel. He is survived by his wife, Cleo Lawyer of Harlan, Iowa; one daughter, Charisse (Marc) Lawrence of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; two sons, Courtney (Beth) Lawyer of Glendale, Arizona, and Brad (Stacey) Lawyer of Portsmouth, Iowa; six step-sons, Jerry Cook and Jeff Cook, both of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dr. Dan (Anne) Cook of Richmond Heights, Missouri, Tony Cook of Denver, Colorado, Dan (Jayne) Garrison of Harlan, Iowa, and Jeff Garrison of Irwin, Iowa; one step-daughter, Julie (Troy) Petry of Council Bluffs, Iowa; one brother, David (Caryl) Lawyer of Manly, Iowa; and many grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held on May 14, 2019, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, Iowa. |
| **Leidner** | **2019** | Mary Currier Brown Leidner (62) passed away September 8, 2015, at her home near Tifton, Georgia. Her three children and husband were with her when she passed from this life to the next. Mary was born on Sept. 19, 1952 in Concord, New Hampshire, but grew up in the Chicago, Illinois area. Mary attended Texas A&M University and graduated in 1974 with a degree in plant and soil science. She spent her professional career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (SCS), later named the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). She worked as the agency's first female agronomist and spent most of her career as the district conservationist for Tift and surrounding counties in Georgia. She was an expert on the identification of wetlands and served on numerous national committees for SCS and NRCS. She is survived by her husband and children. |
| **Leuthold** | **2019** | Erma Jean Leuthold (80) of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away February 21, 2019 at her home. Erma was born on January 21, 1939 in Manhattan, Kansas to Donald and Marjorie (Visser) Hartner of Riley, Kansas. She attended Washburn University. On July 31, 1960 she married Larry D. Leuthold in Riley, Kansas. She worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resource Conservation Science, Plant Materials Center, for almost 40 years, retiring at the age of 73. Survivors include her two children: a son Mark Steven Leuthold (Ginger), of Manhattan, Kansas; and a daughter, Lisa Rae Casey (Michael), of Springfield, Missouri; and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Liggett** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member Francis Eugene "Gene" Liggett (99) of Vancouver, Washington, passed away November 27, 2019. He was born February 19, 1920, in Almena, Kansas. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in January 1943. He served in the US Army in World War II, European Theater with the 45th Infantry Division, directing artillery as a Forward Observer. In Italy he was wounded twice. In southern France he was captured by the Germans. He spent 8 months as a German Prisoner of War in Poland. He also served during the Korean War, 1951-1952. Gene was a County Agricultural Extension Agent and later a District Conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Nebraska, where he was responsible for the design and implementation of thousands of acres of contour farming, retiring in March 1975. He moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1979 and was active in the Master Gardening Program. Gene also helped organize and was President of the Ft. Vancouver Chapter of American Ex-POW's. He was a lifetime member of the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees, Disabled American Veterans, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus. Gene is survived by his beloved and devoted wife of almost 74 years, Rosalie (Wiese) Liggett; two sons, James Raymond of Cornish, New Hampshire and Ronald Dale of Littleton, Colorado; and two daughters, Dorothy Jean Tilka of Vancouver, Washington and Marianne Liggett Merriam of Reno, Nevada. He also leaves six grandsons, two granddaughters and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his oldest son, Joseph Wayne. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vancouver. He was interred at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. Donations may be made in his memory to the Oflag 64 "Museum of POWs" being built in Szubin, Poland that will display his WWII/POW artifacts. Donations can be sent through the following link: https://friendsofoflag64.org/. |

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| **Lile** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Harold Leon Lile (86) of Durham, North Carolina passed away December 13, 2019 at his home. He was born in Jackson, Tennessee, the youngest of five children, of the late Harry and Mary Lile. He met his wife Jeaneen Edwards Lile while attending the University of Tennessee Martin (UT Martin). Harold graduated from UT Martin in 1951 with a degree in Agriculture and completed a master's degree from North Carolina State University in 1966. He played football and basketball while attending UT Martin and was President of the Senior Class. He served two years in the US Army in Japan. Harold worked 35 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Tennessee and North Carolina, including serving as the North Carolina State Administrative Officer for over 20 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ and very active in many congregations in Tennessee and North Carolina. Most recently, he was a member of the Triangle Church of Christ. Harold was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Jeaneen, in 2012. He is survived by his daughters, Lisa Lile Clay (Neil) of Durham; Amy Lile Baradell (Don) of Greensboro, North Carolina; sons, Dan Lile (Jodi) of Summerville, South Carolina, Drew Lile of Durham; and nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. |
| **Long** | **2019** | Lauren Hubbard "Larry" Long (90) of Holden, Maine passed away October 21, 2019. Larry was born June 8, 1929 in Randolph, Vermont. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and began a career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Vermont. He subsequently settled in Orono, Maine in 1966. He was an Assistant State Conservationist and then later held the position of Maine State Resource Conservationist at the campus of UMaine Orono for 20 years. At the age of 89 Larry was moved to the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor, ME where he received exceptional and loving care. He leaves his wife of 68 years, Lois Adelaide (O'Brien). He is also survived by his children: Lauren Hubbard "Lonny" Long of Fairfield, Maine; Rebecca Ruth Johns (Mitch) of Chico, California; Kathleen Jean Long of Butte, Montana; Alan Robert Long (Amy) of Belleville, Illinois; Daniel Leslie Long (Wanda) of Holden, Maine. He had six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Donations in Larry's honor may be made to the Maine Veterans' Home, 44 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401, or to Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131, or at www.parkinson.org. |
| **Longren** | **2019** | Cathy A Longren (67) of Manhattan, Kansas passed away June 9, 2019. She was the wife of Jerry D. Longren, retired Biological Science Technician at the Plant Materials Center in Manhattan, Kansas. She was a legal secretary who worked at Kansas State University and was also a pilot. |
| **Lowe** | **2019** | Member Douglas Richard "Doug" Lowe (89) passed away on February 13, 2019 at McLean, Texas. He was a US Navy veteran serving during the Korean War. Doug started his Soil Conservation Service career as a soil scientist at Muleshoe, Texas and then converted to a soil conservationist. He became the District Conservationist in Jayton, Texas and then the Agronomist in Big Spring, Texas. He later transferred to Columbia, Missouri as the state agronomist and later became state resource conservationist. His last duty station was at the South Technical Center in Ft. Worth, Texas. He retired in 1985 to Clarendon, Texas where he was the Veteran's Service Officer for Donley county and served several years on the Board of Regents for Clarendon College. Doug was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, VFW, American Legion, and Clarendon Masonic Lodge. He was buried at Hedley, Texas where both he and Martha Jo Spalding, his wife of 53 years, grew up. Martha passed away in 2008. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Wayne Lowe and a great grandson, Jett Dyer Lowe. Survivors include two sons, David Lowe of Decatur, Texas, and Charles Lowe of Plano, Texas; a sister, Jane Tice of Nacogdoches, Texas; his grandchildren, Brandon, Justin, and Cody Lowe; and three great grandchildren Chasady, Cayden, and Jamison Lowe. |
| **Lucas** | **2019** | Marjorie "Marge" Lucas (87) of Athens, Georgia passed away April 14, 2019 with her family by her side. She was a first generation American, born in 1931 to Andrew and Gertie Van Kluyve in an area of northern New Jersey popular with Dutch immigrants. She graduated from Eastern Christian School then attended Calvin College before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. She married a fellow Marine, Eugene "Gene" Lucas, and eventually settled in Athens in 1971. She was a payroll specialist at the USDA Soil Conservation Service before retiring in 1992. Her husband Gene passed away in 2006. Marge is survived by her three children: Lori Lucas (Mark Jordan) of Atlanta, Georgia, Jackie Fowler (Lee) of Columbia, South Carolina and Kenny Lucas of Colbert; and grandchild Andrea Fowler of Greenville, South Carolina. |
| **Madison** | **2019** | Conservation partner Frederick W. Madison Jr. (82) passed away June 3, 2019 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Frederick W. and Geraldine (Conover) Madison, Sr. After graduating from Milwaukee Country Day School in 1955, Fred attended Harvard University, transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning his Master of Science in soils and PhD. Upon completion of his graduate studies he was hired as a recruiter for the Peace Corps by its founder and first director, Sargent Shriver. He then served as a legislative assistant for Senator Gaylord Nelson. During his tenure in that office he authored the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act that celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018. Next in his career was his appointment by President Lyndon Johnson to the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission. Following his reappointment by President Richard Nixon in 1972, He returned to Wisconsin in 1973 to join the faculty at University of Wisconsin-Madison with a joint appointment to the Soils Department and the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, retiring in 2011. The University of Wisconsin honored him with the Wisconsin Idea Award-- - given to a person who embodies the notion that education should influence people's lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom. Fred was a leader in the sustainable agriculture movement, serving on the federal regional Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) for several terms. In 2001 Fred co-founded the University of Wisconsin-Extension Discovery Farms, an outreach and research project led by Wisconsin's farmers with a focus on the relationship between agriculture and water quality. Fred's is survived by his wife, Tracy (Anderson); his son, David of Minneapolis, Minnesota; two daughters, Jessica of Seattle, Washington., and Ashley and her son, Owen, of Portland, Oregon. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 17th, 2019 beginning at 11:00 am at Park Hall, at 307 Polk St., Sauk City, Wisconsin. Fred's family is grateful to the nurses, doctors and all the other health care professionals at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness (https://www.friends-bwca.org/get-involved). |

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| **Marcum** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Robert Harvey Marcum (96) of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on December 6, 2019. He was born in Travelers Rest, Owsley County, Kentucky to Frank and Lennie Mainous Marcum on September 9, 1923. He served in the US Army in WWII in the Aleutian Islands and with the 71st Infantry Division in the European Theater. He was awarded two bronze medals for serving in 40 days of combat. After his military service, he earned a degree in Agriculture at the University of Kentucky in 1949. He taught agriculture to the veterans-on-farm training program for three years. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 31 years, retiring as Area Conservationist in 1980. His son Tom Marcum is retired Kentucky State Resource Conservationist. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Elva Gabbard Marcum and granddaughter Susan Edwards. He is survived by his children, Paula Ice, Tom (Judy) Marcum, Doris (Tom) Hardigree; grandchildren, Laura (Mike) Lally, Bryan Marcum, Wesley (Kimberly) Marcum, Tom (Jenny) Hardigree; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Park United Methodist Church, in Lexington, Kentucky. |
| **Martin** | **2019** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Cecil N. Martin (93) of Watkinsville, Georgia passed away October 16, 2019. Cecil was married to Eugenia "Gene" Mitchell Martin for 71 years. He was the son of the late Jesse Marion Martin and Lottie Berryman Martin. Cecil served in the US Navy during WWII and retired Air Force Reserves with the rank of Major after 25 years. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering and retired in 1987 from the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a State Design Engineer. Cecil and Gene purchased “Sweet Acres Farm” in 1963 where their five children grew up and where they raised beef cattle. Survivors in addition to his wife Gene, include children: Donna Davis (Danny) of Bishop, Georgia; Pam Misenhamer (Gene) also of Bishop; Jeff Martin of Athens, Georgia; Rex Martin (Suzette) of Buford, Georgia; Joy Bloom (Donald) of Gainesville, Georgia. He had twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held October 18, 2019 at Watkinsville First Baptist Church Chapel with Pastor Carlos Sibley officiating. |
| **Mathis** | **2019** | Member and Senior Conservationist Marion T. Mathis (85) of Mansfield, Arkansas passed away June 6, 2019, in nearby Waldron, Arkansas. He was born in Yell County Arkansas in 1934. He graduated from Hartford High School in Hartford, Arkansas, where he was voted outstanding senior by the faculty, president of his Future Farmers of America, vice president of his class and an all-state basketball player. Marion attended Arkansas Tech University for two years, earning an Associate of Science Degree in Agriculture. He then went to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. After completing his active duty in the reserve, he married his college sweetheart, Treva Martin. He returned to the University of Arkansas and earned a Master's Degree in Agriculture Education. After graduation, Marion spent five years in agriculture chemical sales in Arizona and the southwest. He started his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1966 as an economist on the Watershed Planning Party in Little Rock, Arkansas. He soon transferred to the field, serving as a soil conservationist in Danville and Russellville, Arkansas. Later, he served as district conservationist in three Arkansas towns: Clinton from 1974-84, McGhee from 1984-87 and in Clarksville from 1987-90. He then served as area resource conservationist in Hope, Arkansas from 1990 until his retirement in April of 1994. Marion and Treva then moved back to the Mansfield-Hartford area, where they grew up. After a year and a half of retirement, Marion decided he needed to do something to keep him busy. He signed on to the City of Mansfield as economic development coordinator for one year in September of 1995. He served as president of the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation (non-profit) and as executive secretary of the Sebascott Economic Development Council. In that capacity, he wrote a number of grants for the improvement of the area. The one-year contract with the city turned into 18 years, as he retired again in 2013. Marion and Treva enjoyed traveling and visited all 50 states and about 20 foreign countries. Marion and Treva were married for 59 years and had two children. Their son, Stanley Mathis is a retired engineer from Natural Resources Conservation Service. Marion’s survivors include his wife Treva, his son Stanley (Katie), his daughter, Cynthia Mathis, and grandchildren Sara and Joe. Marion and Treva have been members of Gideons International for 32 years and members of First Baptist Church in Mansfield, A funeral service was held June 10, 2019, at Mansfield First Baptist Church with Dr. Tom Harris and the Rev. Phillip Slaughter officiating. Burial was at Coop Prairie Cemetery |
| **McClaskey** | **2019** | Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist Guy Dale McClaskey (90) of Salina, Kansas passed away on April 3, 2019. Dale attended Kansas State University, graduating in 1949. He married Lois Jean Covey on September 3, 1950 in Wichita, Kansas. His career, after serving two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, was with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. He worked at several locations in Kansas (Wellington, Marysville, Topeka, Hays, Salina) and in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw the Great Plains Conservation Program. He also spent three years with the inspector general office of the USDA. Dale returned to Salina where he retired in 1987. Dale loved the outdoors and felt honored to have a hand in conserving God's creation of our natural resources. He liked to hunt and fish. His family life was also outdoors, enjoying family camping in his numerous RVs. Dale held life memberships in several organizations: National Rifle Association, American Legion, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees, and the National Association of Family Campers and RVs. Dale was a member of First United Methodist Church in Salina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clement and Ruth (Cunningham) McClaskey, of Girard, Kansas; his wife of 55 years, Lois, who passed away in 2006; and brothers, George and Jack. He leaves to mourn his passing: three children, Vicki Kolarik (David), of Bellvue, Neb., Linda McClaskey, of Salina, Kansas, and Gerald McClaskey, of Lawrence, Kansas; 13 grandchildren, Nathan, Jared, Ryan, Erin, Megan, Christopher, Amanda, Kathleen, Tyler, Danielle, Sean, Connor and Kerry; and l3 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is Joyce Rich, his companion of 12 years. A celebration of Dale's life was held April 9, 2019 at First United Methodist Church, 122 N. Eighth, Salina. Memorials are suggested to Salina Rescue Mission, in care of Ryan Mortuary http://www.ryanmortuary.com. |
| **McElwain** | **2019** | Clara V. McElwain (81) of Indianapolis transitioned from labor to reward on February 14, 2019. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend. Clara lived a full life and the memory of her life, loves and laughter and her sudden departure will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. Clara was a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. She worked for 36 years for the SCS/NRCS in the Indiana State Office. She retired in 1994. |

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| **McKinney** | **2019** | Lifetime Member Doris McKinney (84) of Champaign, Illinois passed away December 12, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital with her loving husband, David McKinney at her side. Doris was born on May 29, 1935 in Newport News, Virginia to Henry and Margaret Stowers. She met her husband, David, while he was serving in the US Navy and were married on November 12, 1954 at the First Methodist Church in Norfolk, Virginia. After David was discharged from the Navy, they moved to Champaign, Illinois where David was raised. Doris worked at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until she retired after 30 years of service. She was a Financial Assistant in the Illinois State Office. Her hobbies included reading, sewing, dancing, listening to country music, watching old movies, and camping in their trailer while traveling around the US. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Morgan Memorial Home on December 17, 2019. Doris was laid to rest at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Champaign County. Memorial donations in memory of Doris may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Research (ADR) program. Doris retired as a Financial Assistant in the USDA-Soil Conservation Service State Office in Champaign. She is survived by her husband, David; daughter, Deborah Blaker (Michael); and her son David McKinney III; grandchildren Joshua; Rachel; Jeremy; Jennie; and Brandon, and 5 great-grandsons. |
| **Medley** | **2019** | William R. (Bill) Medley (95) of Algood, Tennessee passed away on November 1, 2018 at his home. He was born in Buffalo Valley, TN. Bill served in War World II as a radio operator on a B-29 aircraft. He was stationed on Tinian Island in the South Pacific. Bill was a retired soil conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service who earned his degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (TTU) on the GI Bill. He served from Dyersburg to Gainesboro, TN. He was an avid gardener and planted an abundance of his favorite plants. Needless to say, he had plenty of fresh vegetables to share with everyone! It wasn't uncommon for him and his wife, Gertha, to "Can" 300 quarts of green beans a season! He worked with 4-H and other youth groups teaching them about the land. Bill and son, Gene, also raised and showed Shorthorn Cattle and traveled the state to compete. After retirement, he and his wife enjoyed many trips within the United States to attend as many shows, plays, and music events as possible. He was a member of the Algood Methodist Church, where he served on many committees. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Gertha Breeding Roberson Medley; daughter-in-law, Maura Little Medley of Livingston; two grandchildren, a sister, and three precious great-granddaughters. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 42 years, Bonnie Herndon Medley of Madison, TN; his only child, Eugene (Gene) Medley of Livingston, TN; and one sister. Memorial contributions may be made to the Algood United Methodist Church, 135 W Main St, Cookeville, TN 38506 or the charity of your choice. |
| **Mengers** | **2019** | Dale Mengers (82) of Temple, Texas passed away November 16, 2019 at a local hospital. He was born on October 21, 1937 in Tynan, Texas the son of Emil and Alma Mengers. Dale worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was a member of Taylor's Valley Baptist Church in Temple. He is survived by his wife Sue Mengers of Temple; children Shelley Carter of Austin, Texas, Blane Walker of Temple, and Kyle Walker of Temple; 5 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. |
| **Miller** | **2019** | Gerald Thomas Miller (60) of Box Elder, South Dakota passed away February 23, 2018, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Gerald was born May 19, 1957, in Spearfish, South Dakota to Ralph and Elsie (Wilson) Miller, the seventh of 10 children. He grew up in Buffalo, South Dakota. He graduated from North Dakota College of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota in 1978, with an associate degree in civil engineering. Gerald dedicated more than 40 years to the work of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, starting in the Buffalo, South Dakota field office right out of high school as a soil conservation aide, moving on to offices in Sturgis, Belle Fourche, and finally the Rapid City Field Support Office, where he was a civil engineering technician. While working in Belle Fourche, he met the love of his life, Cheryl Emery, and the couple married June 25, 1988, in Belle Fourche. He and Cheryl opened their home to several foster children before adopting three children of their own, Kayla, Tyann, and Justin. Survivors include his wife, adopted children; four grandchildren; six brothers; and two sisters. |
| **Moffit** | **2019** | David Claire Moffitt (76) passed away December 25, 2019, in Fort Worth, Texas. Dave was born on March 7, 1943, in Rocky Ford, Colorado, the third child of James and Bessie Moffitt. Dave attended Colorado State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1965. He spent forty-three years studying and managing the impact of agricultural waste management on regional water quality for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. His career took him to jobs in Las Cruces, New Mexico; Silver City, New Mexico; Salt Lake City, Utah; Santa Rosa, California; Beaverton, Oregon and Fort Worth, Texas. After retirement, he enjoyed continuing to work for another ten years through the Texas A & M AgriLife Blackland Research and Extension Center in Temple, Texas. During his time in Salt Lake City, he had the fortune to meet and marry Maryke VanderKraan on December 23, 1972. .Besides his wife Maryke, Dave is survived by his three children, Brian (Natalie) Moffitt of Burleson, Texas, Amy (Chuck) Miller of Hotchkiss, Colorado, and Cathleen Moffitt of Delta, Colorado; and six grandchildren. Services are scheduled at Crossroads Christian Church (6450 South State Highway 360) in Grand Prairie, Texas at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 30th. |
| **Moody** | **2019** | Helen Louise (Fox) Moody was born on June 25, 1946 in Washington, D.C. She earned two Bachelor of Science degrees (one in Physical Geography and the other in Astro Physics) from the University of Michigan. After that she earned a Doctorate in fluvial geomorphology at John's Hopkins University. She went to work for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1975 as a hydrologist in College Park, Maryland. She worked for the agency in several locations until she retired in 2016. Most recently she was hired as an Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services (ACES) Program employee, so her work continued with NRCS until very shortly before she passed away. She married Edwin Moody on January 24, 1978. She raised Zebra Finches, having as many as 500 of them in an aviary in the back yard. Her father was a falconer, and he passed the love of birds on to her. He even had her raise and train a kestrel. She also loved butterflies. Everything in their yard had to attract butterflies and birds. And she loved dogs, too. Many of her dogs were therapy dogs that visited rest homes, schools, and hospitals. She is survived by her husband Edwin and son, Seamus A. Moody (Megan). |

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| **Moore** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Clive Bert Moore (95) passed away on September 23, 2019, at the White Oak Health Campus in Monticello, Indiana. He was born on October 2, 1923, in Norway, Indiana to the late Alonzo and Pauline (Cohee) Moore, On April 13, 1946, at the old Zion Bethel Church in rural Monticello, he married the love of his life, Imogene Bowsher. Clive entered the United States Marine Corps in May of 1942 and saw action in Guadalcanal, hit the beach at Guam and Iwo Jima. Clive received a Bronze Star for action in Iwo Jima. He had worked at the former ALCOA in Lafayette, Indiana and the former Bryan Manufacturing in Monticello, Indiana. Clive then went to work at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. For over 25 years he worked in White County designing and engineering many tile systems, farm ponds, open ditches and erosion control structures. Clive was a member of the First Baptist Church in Monticello, taught Sunday School for over 35 years, and had also served as a Deacon. Clive was a Director on the Pulaski White Rural Telephone Board and had served two terms on the Board of School Trustees for the North White School Corporation in Monon, Indiana. He also volunteered for ten years at the Habitat for Humanity in Sebring, Florida during retirement. He is survived by his wife Imogene; three children; six grandchildren; ten great-great-grandchildren. |
| **Morrison** | **2019** | Earland (Earl) Morrison (87) of Alfred, Maine passed away March 18, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Earl was born in New Gloucester, Maine on November 27, 1931. Earl served his country in the US Air Force, primarily in Yuma, Arizona, during the Korean War. Upon honorable discharge, he attended the University of Maine, Orono earning a degree in Animal & Dairy Science. It was at Orono, via his fraternity brother Richard Barker, that he met the love of his life Elizabeth (Betty). Earl proposed to Betty on her 27th birthday and they were married on August 1, 1959. After dairy farming with his brother Arnold, Earl was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and in 1966 Betty and Earl moved to Alfred. Earl served his community in many ways. He was a Deacon of the Alfred Parish Church for many years and member of many other organizations. Earl served as a captain in the Alfred Fire Department and was a Selectman for the town of Alfred for 20 years. Betty passed away in 2014. Earl is survived by his three sons, Paul Morrison (Ellen) of Alfred; Stephen Morrison (Christine) of Lisbon, New Hampshire; and Philip Morrison (Julia) of Tyringham, Massachusetts; and six grandchildren. A Funeral Service was held on March 23, 2018 at Curtis Lake Christian Church, 38 Westview Drive, in Sanford, Maine |
| **Munkittrick** | **2019** | Mary Reine Munkittrick (91) of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania passed away March 6, 2019 at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Mary was married to Graham (Munk) Telfair Munkttrick, former USDA Natural Resources Conservation Assistant Chief (Northeastern States) and former Pennsylvania State Conservationist. She was born in Chicago, IL. She received nursing training through the U.S. Navy at St. Barnabas School of Nursing and worked at numerous hospitals throughout the country. Surviving is her loving husband of 68 years, Graham; her sons, Richard Graham Munkittrick, Dr. Thomas Wright Munkittrick (Ruth) and Kevin William Munkittrick (Tina); her daughter, Elizabeth MaReine Terrel (Richard); ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Murray** | **2019** | Boyd Ashby Murray (85) of Mapleton, Utah passed away January 1, 2003. He graduated from Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, Utah, where he met his eternal companion, Ardis H. Webb of Hinckley, Utah. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple October 3, 1940. His career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service took him many places including Salinas, California; Kanab and Delta, Utah; Mesa, Arizona; San Luis Obispo, California; Portland, Oregon; Springfield, Virginia; and Ankara, Turkey. He retired as Chief of Employee Development and Safety in Washington, D.C. and returned to Sandy, Utah. Boyd served devotedly in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in many callings from Deacon to Patriarch. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife Ardis and their children Norman Boyd Murray of Bountiful, Utah, Jane Ardis Jefferies of Draper, Utah; Kathryn Lobo of Portland, Oregon; Evan Leslie Murray of Casper, Wyoming; Margaret Ann Sharp of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Elaine Sanders Cochran of Orem, Utah; Robert James Murray of Portland, Oregon; and Golden Eugene Murray of Mapleton, Utah; and 41 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. |
| **Nethery** | **2019** | Ruth Nadine Nethery (82) of Smithfield, Utah passed away November 29, 2019 at Maple Springs Rehab Center, North Logan, Utah. Nadine was born July 15, 1937 in Garland, Utah to Horace Stephen Rose and Ruth Alice Sederholm Rose. She was the wife of ARCSE Life Member and Senior Conservationist Michael Nethery. She and Mike were married on August 11, 1956 in Corvallis, Oregon. She was raised and educated in Garland and attended Bear River High School. Because her father was in the military, she moved with the family and attended high school in Vancouver, Washington and finally in Corvallis, Oregon where she graduated. While attending Oregon State University she met her future husband Mike. She and Mike lived in several locations including Utah (twice), Oregon, Washington, Arkansas, Germany, Indiana, Virginia, North Dakota, and Iowa (twice) following Mike with his military service, graduate study, and employment with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. At each of these locations, she made many life-long friends. She was a life-long, faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, serving in many capacities in branches, wards, districts, and stakes. She served in primary, young women, and relief society organizations and worked in family history and genealogy for many years. After Mike's retirement as State Conservationist in Iowa, they moved to Centerville, Utah. After 8 years, they then moved to Smithfield where they have resided for the past 21 years. She and Mike have enjoyed traveling throughout the US, plus taking 5 cruises and several other tours worldwide. Nadine is survived by her husband Mike; three sisters, Margaret Griffin (Douglas), Carolyn Dillon (Richard), and Lorraine Kirkham (Sheldon); and three daughters, and one son, Elizabeth Alldridge, Ruth Ann Garner (Philip), Ginger Nethery, and Carl Nethery (Zoii). She is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Newberger** | **2019** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist, George J. Newberger (96) of Shalersville, Ohio, passed away December 17, 2019, joining his late wife Helen Cuthbertson Newberger, who had pre-deceased him in 2013. George was born September 3, 1923. He appreciated and enjoyed his long life, and recently declared there had been “so many best days ever”, not merely one. To him, though, “in life, as in sports, being last sucks”: he was the last survivor of the six children of Aloysious and Lucy Miltner Newberger, the Shalersville High School Class of 1941, and of the husbands in an eight-family potluck dinner ‘gang’ that met for over 60 years. In 1943 George entered the US Army. He became a pilot as part of the US Army Air Corps. His time in the military lead to two life changing events: he met and married Helen Cuthbertson Newberger of Moorhead Minnesota, and he was able to attend Ohio State University on the GI Bill. He graduated with a degree in agriculture. He was a soil conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for over 31 years. He initially worked in Portage County Ohio and eventually was assigned to Wyandot County Ohio from 1968-1976. He had many hobbies including being a nature photographer, astronomer, traveler, and wood worker/cabinet maker. He was a member of the Dahlia Society and, like his father, and now his daughter, grew hundreds of dahlias. He enjoyed sharing bouquets with Immaculate Conception Church and various local businesses and agencies. He was an avid member of the Ohio Bluebird Society; he built and maintained blue bird nesting boxes in our area to help re-establish bluebirds in this area. He was at least a 12-gallon blood donor to the American Red Cross; he was a member of the choir and funeral choir at Immaculate Conception Church. He is survived by his three daughters: Nancy Polz (Robert) of Shalersville, Ohio, Mary Lou of Charleston West Virginia, and Deb Call (Terry) of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. |
| **Newton** | **2019** | John Hagan "Jack" Newton (95), widower of Mary Wood Vaughn Newton, passed away March 18, 2019, at the Charleston Health Care Center in Danville, Kentucky. He was born in Cincinnati, OH. Jack was a soil scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service and retired as the State Soil Correlator in 1980. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Survivors include: two daughters, Betsy (Bruce) Newton Gillespie of Danville, Kentucky and Mary Anne (Curry) Newton Woods of Bel Air, Maryland; four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. |
| **Nordstrom** | **2019** | Lifetime Member Gary Richard Nordstrom (77) of Prescott Valley, Arizona passed away July 25, 2019 at the Yavapai Regional Medical Center West in Prescott, Arizona. Gary was born July 20, 1942 in Sharon, North Dakota to Hjordis Juno (Lovik) Nordstrom and Richard Nordstrom, and in 1948 the family moved to Lanesboro, Minnesota. At 17 years of age Gary took a summer job with the Railroad as a Gandy Dancer, laying and maintaining the tracks in order to earn money for college. Gary attended the University of Minnesota graduating with a degree in Forestry in 1964. After graduating he joined and served 6 years in the National Guard while starting his career with the US Forrest Service at the Department of Agriculture. Gary went on to serve the Nation for 37-years ending his career as the Director of Conservation Operations at the Headquarters of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. In 1995 he was promoted to the Senior Executive Service and was appointed as the State Conservationist of Minnesota. At the National level Gary served as the Director of Resource Inventory Division directing and coordinating the NRCS forestry program, served as the USDA representative to the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association during the 1993 Mississippi and Missouri River Floods, managed and directed the NRCS Snow survey program for the Western United States and served as the Legislative Assistant to then Senator Mark Andrews of North Dakota. Gary was awarded the Superior Service Award for his work in establishing the Earth Team Volunteer Program in 1989 and received the USDA Certificate of Merit ten times over his career. Gary devoted his life to conservation, as “Cruising” the forest was what he loved most about his career. His career took him to all fifty states, both Eastern and Western Europe and Micronesia. He is survived by his wife Jayne Nordstrom, son David, daughter-in-law Jessica and Grandsons’ Ethan and Bryan of San Antonio, Texas. Gary and Jayne were married August 22, 1981 in Fairfax, VA. This August would be 38 years of a happy and extraordinary life together. Those who knew Gary best knew he was the “Go-to Guy” they could count on. He was always willing to lend a hand or advice. Being surrounded by family and friends is what made him the happiest. If he wasn’t bragging about his grandsons, he was enjoying the “Lights of Las Vegas” or golfing. These also made him happy. The family has designated the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society for memorial contributions. |
| **Ott** | **2019** | Kim Leo Ott (62) of Troy, Ohio, passed away April 21, 2019. Kim was the husband of Jenelle Ott, Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist in the Wapakoneta, Ohio Service Center. He was a former instructor at Hobart School of Welding and a former robotic engineering tech at Motoman. Kim is survived by his wife Jenelle Ott; mother Irene Ott of North Manchester, Indiana; children Adam, Ethan, and Lindsey; brothers Keith Ott (Donna) of Wolf Lake, Indiana and Jim Ott of Churubusco, IN; sister Elaine Franklin (Mike) of Brentwood, Tennessee; and sister-in-law Anne Ott of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his father Ronald Ott and brother John Ott. Kim was a member of Troy Church of the Brethren. A memorial service will be held 11am Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Troy Church of the Brethren with Pastor Jon Keller officiating. Visitation will be from 10am-11am at the church. Memorial contributions may be given to Ohio’s Hospice of Miami County or Troy Church of the Brethren. |
| **Packard** | **2019** | Bonnie Eileen Packard (88) of Salina, Kansas passed away December 9, 2019. She was born January 27, 1931 in Beverly, Kansas, the daughter of George and Zola Anderson. She retired in 1993 as a Procurement Clerk in the Kansas State Office in Salina for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. She was devoted to her family and church. She was married to her beloved of 67 years, James E. Packard who so adored her. They met at a bus stop and fell in love, beginning a wonderful life together. In addition to her husband James, she is survived by two sons, Steve Packard (Suzie) of Salina, and Randy Packard (Lydia) of Holyrood, Kansas; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. |
| **Painter** | **2019** | Clark Charles Painter (73) of Opelika, Alabama passed away December 3, 2018 at Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital. Clark was born September 22, 1945 in Lewiston, Idaho. He grew up near the confluence of Sweetwater Creek and Webb Creek on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in Idaho. He loved playing on the creek with his siblings in the humble valley where he grew up. He graduated from Lapwai High School in 1963 and attended Spokane Community College and later graduated from Boise State University. Clark worked his entire career with the Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service, from which he retired as a Regional Budget Director. His career took him from Boise, Idaho to Lincoln, Nebraska, then to Little Rock, Arkansas and on to Gainesville, Florida and finally to the Auburn/Opelika area. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, in 2015; and his daughter, Angie Painter. He is survived by his daughter, Jodi (Ian) Crane; grandchildren: Dawson and Daniel of Lewiston, Idaho; sister, Gayle Painter of Lewiston, Idaho; and his brothers: Lloyd (Pat) of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Ray (Donna) Painter of Walla Walla, Washington. |

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| **Parker** | **2019** | William Blake Parker (88) of Wedowee, Alabama passed away August 21, 2019 at his home. He was an Auburn University graduate. Blake began his career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Alabama as a soil scientist, transferred around 1966 to Mississippi as Assistant State Soil Scientist and later moved to Florida to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to concentrate on hydric soil technology. He rapidly became recognized nationally as an expert on hydric soils and wetlands, and during this part of his career with the USFWS, he assisted the Soil Conservation Service National Soils Staff in identifying hydric soil attributes. Survivors include his wife, Mary Herren; one daughter, Anita Kay (Bob) Lees of Stuart, Florida; one son, William E. (Alyson) Parker of Alexandria, Virginia; and three grandchildren. |
| **Parker** | **2019** | Wilson “Bill” J. Parker (85) of Spotsylvania, Virginia, passed away on October 17, 2018. He was born in Charlotte, Michigan in 1933 to Floyd and Helen Parker. In 1955, he joined the Air Force and married Joan. After being discharged in 1957, he started his career in the Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service. He served as state conservationist in both New Jersey and Nebraska. He finished his career in Washington DC where he worked on the Resource Planning Branch and was Director of NRCS’s Rural Development program. He received a USDA Superior Service Award for helping develop the Soil and Water Resource Conservation Act of 1977. In July of 1984, he received a Distinguished Service Award/Public Liaison Award for developing USDA programs to improve program delivery in all states. After retirement in 1987, he settled in Spotsylvania, Virginia, where he enjoyed working on his garden, building miniature dollhouses, woodworking, photography, genealogy, and his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joan Parker; their children, Sue Plachy, Bruce Parker (Alice), Karen Nash, David Parker (Elizabeth), and Debbie Parker; eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, American Association of Cancer Research, or the Arthritis Foundation. |
| **Pate** | **2019** | Hubert Jerome (Jerry) Pate Jr. (72) of China Grove, North Carolina passed away January 30, 2019. Jerry retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Civil Engineering Technician in the Salisbury Area Office. |
| **Patronsky** | **2019** | Honorary Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist Richard J. Patronsky (97) passed away on March 7, 2019 in Madison, Wisconsin. Rick, as he was known, was born October 21, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up on a farm near Aurora, Ohio. Rick received an engineering degree from The Ohio State University. His college education was interrupted by four years of service in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. He was a gunner's mate, seeing action in the Pacific Theater. Rick worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service following his graduation from college until his retirement in 1984. His assignments took him to Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana and Nebraska. He was a registered engineer in the latter two states. Rick married Barbara Anne Buckingham in 1946. Barbara was a school teacher, and when she passed away, he established a fund for the enrichment of teachers in Lincoln, Nebraska, where they were living at the time. Rick was an accomplished fisherman and passed his love of fishing to his family and to many others whom he met over the years. He also enjoyed hiking and bicycling. When he was 62 he cycled solo across the state of Nebraska, mapping out his own route as there were no established trails at the time. He also served as a scoutmaster for 15 years for troops in Ohio and Wisconsin. Rick married Barbara Jean Forester in 1977; they were divorced in 2013. He is preceded in death by his brother, Steve; his father, John; and mother, Suzan Bence. Rick is survived by his three children, Mark, Ross and Neal; nephews, John and Steve; and by two grandchildren, Daniel Patronsky and Ariana Stempel. |
| **Penner** | **2019** | Harold Lee Penner (94) of El Dorado, Kansas passed away October 31st, 2019. Harold was born on November 27, 1924 in Hillsboro, Kansas; the son of Jacob and Florentine (Janke) Penner. He attended Tabor College and Kansas State University, graduating in 1950 with a bachelor’s degree in agriculture and soils. Harold enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943. He worked in the Naval Hospital Orthopedics and Allergy Clinics as a Pharmacist Mate. He faithfully served our country until 1946. On August 31, 1948, he was united in marriage to Doris Louise Dody, in Marion, Kansas. Doris preceded him in death in 2016. Doris and Harold moved to Great Falls, Montana, where he began his first job with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. In 1955, the family moved to El Dorado, from where he worked as a soil scientist on the Technical Staff in the Hutchinson Area Office and was headquartered at Wichita, Kansas. He retired in 1980 with 30 years of service. Survivors include his daughters, Joan Bixler of Topeka, Kansas and Jan Umhay of Mesa, Arizona; 5 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. |
| **Pennington** | **2019** | Dorothy Lee Green Pennington (83) of Corbin, Kentucky passed away November 13, 2019 at the Bluegrass Hospice in Lexington, Kentucky. Dorothy was born on September 23, 1936 in Buffalo, New York to Flossie Belle McKeehan and William McKinley Green of Corbin. Dorothy worked for the United States Federal Government in various agencies including the Social Security Administration and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service where she was a Resource Conservation and Development clerk. She was a member of the Corbin Ossoli Club, Beta Sigma Pi, and the Friday Afternoon Book Club where she enjoyed her many friends and supporting the community she loved so much. Dorothy was an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan and top fan of Tiger Woods and Tom Brady. She loved people and found much joy in her many friends. Dorothy attended First Baptist Church in Williamsburg in her last few years where she found much joy. She is now joyfully reunited with her loving husband Gearl Pennington. She is survived by her son Brandon Gearl Pennington, daughter Deedra Lee Pennington, 5 Grandchildren; and 6 Great Grandchildren. Donations in her name can be made to the Corbin Ossoli Club and Corbin Backpack Program. |
| **Perez** | **2019** | Oscar Perez Jr., (89) of Miramar Beach, Florida passed away January 13, 2019. He was born on March 18, 1929, in New York, New York to Oscar Perez Sr.and Ernestina Soler Perez. Oscar was a resident of Miramar Beach, Florida for the past 12 years moving here from Millsboro, Delaware. He worked for 30 years as a Civil Engineer for the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1988. He also worked and retired from the Sussex County Council as a Civil Engineer. He was Roman Catholic by faith and a member of Resurrection Catholic Church. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Oscar is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Wilhelmina C. Perez; two sons, Oscar Perez III (Sue) and Emmanuel J. Perez (Stephanie); five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. |

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| **Pettit** | **2019** | Dean Loris Pettit (89) of Fairfield, Iowa passed away October 25, 2019. Dean was born on December 11, 1929 in Mt. Sterling, Iowa to Craig and Dorothy Pettit. He served in the US Army during the Korean War and then the US Air Force Reserves. Dean worked as a soil conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 40 years. He surveyed for Pathfinders RC&D and French-Reneker-Associates after retiring from the government. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Fairfield, and the Lions Club, being voted Lion of the Year in 1974-75. He took up running in 1980, and within a year completed a 50-mile ultra-marathon. He enjoyed spending time outside, gardening, tending trees, and taking walks. He is survived by his beloved and devoted wife of 64 years, Bernita Pettit; his children Marcia (John) Seddon of Cincinnati, Iowa; Glen (Patti Laughlin) Pettit of McPherson, Kansas; Gordon (Becca Roehrich) Pettit of Macomb, Illinois; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Phelps** | **2019** | Richard A. Phelps (89) of Madison, South Dakota passed away December 13, 2017, at his residence. He was born in Wentworth, South Dakota to Donald and Hazel (Anderson) Phelps. After he turned 10 years old, Richard was raised by Otto (Sophie) Aukschun near Rutland, South Dakota. After high school, Richard served in the U.S. Army Co. 1 196th Regimental Team at Camp Carson, CO, and Fort Richardson, AK. He married Janice French on April 3, 1954 in Worthington, Minnesota. He farmed near Rutland before working for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Lake County Soil Conservation Service in Madison. Survivors include his wife Janice; two brothers, Darrell Phelps, and Thomas Phelps of Sioux Falls; and two sisters, JoAnn McNeil and Nancy Chase. |
| **Price** | **2019** | Houston Gerald Price, Jr. (83) of Tribune, Kansas passed away on October 11, 2019 in Garden City, Kansas. He was born on September 6, 1936 in Wichita, Kansas, the son of Houston Gerald and Juanita Velvet (Roby) Price, Sr. He married Donna Jean Armstrong on April 27, 1958 at Sharon Springs, Kansas. He attended Garden City Community College and then joined his Father on the family farm where they raised crops along with cattle and sheep. While continuing to work on the farm, he worked for 19 years as a soil conservation technician in Greeley County for the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, retiring in 2007. He was a Charter Member of the Tribune Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by Son-In-Law- Brent Kinlund and three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is survived by his Wife Donna Price and four Daughters: Judy Kinlund of Raton, New Mexico; Susan Sisk (Brad) of Holcomb, Kansas; Peggy Munoz (Abby) of Garden City, Kansas; and Stacy Cundiff (Randy) of Garden City, Kansas. He had nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren |
| **Rallison** | **2019** | Robert E. Rallison (94) passed away peacefully at home in Beaverton, Oregon, surrounded by family on December 26, 2019. He was known as Robert, Bob and by some as Gene. He was a decorated WWII combat veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star. He also served our country during the Korean Conflict. He had a successful career as a civil engineer, specializing in hydrology for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, including serving as National Hydrologist. He represented the U.S. government on numerous scientific exchanges around the world. Robert felt his greatest success was marrying Loraine Hansen, who passed in October 2003. In retirement he loved spending more time in the garden, tending the apple trees and sharing the bounty of his harvest with anyone who came to his home. He is survived by his seven children, Steve (Sharon) Rallison, Patricia (John) Aanderud-Clifford, LuAnn (John) Falk, Jolene (Manuel) Hemeon-Garcia, Barbara Friedman, Jill (Randy) Ribeira, and Guy (Janette) Rallison; 40 grandchildren; and 73 and counting great-grandchildren. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served in many capacities over the years in his congregation and Stake, and again through his example showed his family what it meant to "Love the Lord and to Love your Neighbor." Remembrances may be made to the Nature Conservancy (www.support.nature.org) or the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org). |
| **Rathburn** | **2019** | Barbara Ellen (Loflin) Rathbun (85) of Leon, Kansas passed away February 10, 2019. She married Alfred “Al” A. Rathbun on June 17, 1951, in Ellis, Kansas. Her husband Al retired from the Soil Conservation Service on October 31, 1983. They both enjoyed traveling on their motorcycles across the U.S. and made several trips to Mexico with a group of other motorcyclists. Survivors include her husband and two sons, Doug (Diana), and Dave (Mary) all of Winfield, Kansas; and four grandchildren. |
| **Rau** | **2019** | Nancy Jo Rau (74) of Liberty Lake, Washington lost her battle with stage IV pancreatic cancer and passed away on December 23, 2018 with her husband Tom, daughter Crystal and son Tracy at her bedside. Nancy was born in Whitehall, Montana and attended school in Twin Bridges graduating in June, 1962. While attending business school in Great Falls, Montana, she met her soulmate and partner for life Tom and they were married in Lauren, Montana, on April 20, 1963. She started her federal service career 1964 with Federal Highways in Vancouver and worked almost 35 years, retiring in 2006 in Spokane with administrative staff of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Spokane. |
| **Raynor** | **2019** | Roy Raynor, Sr. (83) of Garner, North Carolina passed away on May 13, 2019. Roy was married to Clara Raynor who was the Personnel Officer for many years in the USDA Soil Conservation Service North Carolina State Office before retiring in 1993. Before retirement, Roy sold heavy construction equipment. In addition to his wife Clara, Roy is survived by four children, Dr. R. Max Raynor, Jr. (Teresa), April R. Byrd (Dr. Alan Byrd), Dr. Eric Raynor (Susan) and Dee R. Whittington (Neal); ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son Jeffrey P. Raynor. |
| **Richardson** | **2019** | Gwen Richardson (85) passed away peacefully on April 6, 2019 at her home in WinterGreen in Hudson, WI. Gwen was married on September 24, 1955 in Eau Galle, Wisconsin to Robert “Bob” (or Bobby as his colleagues knew him) Richardson. Bob was a soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service and served in several roles including project leader and soil correlator. In the early years of their marriage, Gwen and Bob moved from Wisconsin to Montana in July of 1960, living in Plentywood, Chinook, Bozeman, and eventually settling in Belgrade, where they raised their four children. Gwen will be remembered with love by her husband Bob; children Elaine (Bill) McClure, Brent (Jill) Richardson, Camille (Peter) Vogt and Shauna Richardson; and ten grandchildren. |
| **Ritzer** | **2019** | Deborah A.P. Ritzer (81) of Easthampton, Massachusetts passed away peacefully September 30, 2019. She was the widow of USDA-Soil Conservation Service Resource Conservationist Henry J. Ritzer who retired in 1985 and passed away in 2007. Deborah was born in Boston, Massachusetts. She attended Lasalle College and worked for the USDA for a while. She leaves her children Scott, Michelle and Heather and their spouses. In addition to her husband Henry, she was preceded in death by an infant son |

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| **Rixen** | **2019** | Lisa M. Rixen (55) of Richardton, North Dakota passed away December 26, 2019 after a 15-year battle with breast cancer. Prior to moving to New Hampshire in 1999, she enjoyed a 16-year career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Dickinson, North Dakota. Lisa studied at Dickinson State College and the University of New Hampshire, completing her Master's Degree in Environmental Science and Policy. She also spent 18 years volunteering as a consultant for the Non Profit Resource Conservation and Development District. She is survived by nine siblings, her step-mother Peggy Rixen-Kuntz, and special friend Carl Carlson, Bristol, New Hampshire. |
| **Ross** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Robert L. Ross (98) of Bozeman, Montana passed away August 18, 2019, 'at home' at Bozeman Lodge in Bozeman with family by his side. Robert was born July 11, 1921, in Roundup, Montana to Joseph A. Ross and Elsie C. Hogan. Bob was a proud Army Veteran of World War II. He fought and was wounded in France. His many decorations include Purple Heart, 2 Bronze Stars, a Silver Star, and, in 2015, the French Legion of Merit. While living in Hollywood, California, before being discharged from the Army, Bob met Nancy Gene Danielson. They married in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 1, 1946. They had 3 children: Judy, Tim and JoAnn. Nancy was Bob's partner in all his endeavors until her death in 2012 after 66 years of marriage. In 2013 Bob was able to travel with other veterans on a Big Sky Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., to visit the World War II Memorial. Although Bob has missed Nancy terribly, the trip reenergized his life. In 1947 Bob and Nancy left California to return to Montana. Bob graduated from Montana State College (MSC) in 1949 in Range Management. In 1949 he became a member of the Society for Range Management. Following college Bob worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service from 1949-1977, starting in Choteau, Montana, moving to Whitehall, Montana in 1951 and to Bozeman in 1965. Bob became Range Conservationist for the western 1/3 of Montana and in 1965, State Range Conservationist. Bob was instrumental in Bluebunch Wheatgrass being designated as Montana's state grass. After Bob's retirement from SCS in 1978 he continued to be active in range management organizations, education, and causes. He worked tirelessly for years to bring attention to severe overgrazing in Yellowstone National Park resulting from overpopulation of bison, elk and big horn sheep. Bob and Nancy enjoyed their horses, especially taking trail rides and pack trips. Bob participated in Cowboy Poetry gatherings across the western US and Canada. He was inducted into the Cowboy Poets Hall of Fame. He is survived by daughters, Judy (Lynn) Rominger of Havre, Montana, Jo Austin of Spokane, Washington, and son, Tim (Karin) Ross of Oakley, Utah; grandchildren Rebecca Ross, Devin Ross, Michael Austin, Elizabeth Williamson, Skylar Tritt, Andrea Fiore, and Alexa Nafisi, and great-grandchildren Austin, Avery, Guss, Gunner, Hunter, and CJ. |
| **Rowan** | **2019** | Charles "Lewis" Rowan (79) of Gap Mills, West Virginia passed away August 22, 2019 at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown, West Virginia. Charles was a graduate of West Virginia University (WVU), earning his B.A. in Forestry. While attending WVU, Lewis was a member of the Rifle Team. Charles and his teammates of the 1962 Riffle Team made school history by winning the 1962 National Championship. Charles served his country and was a Captain in the U.S. Army. He retired as the State Forester for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in West Virginia. He was a member of the Gap Mills United Methodist Church. Survivors include his loving wife of 57 years, Pattie Wallace Rowan of Gap Mills; one son, Matthew Rowan (Heather) of Lewisburg, West Virginia; two daughters, Meredith Snider (Allan) of Morgantown, West Virginia, and Melissa Lockwood of Kingwood, West Virginia; eleven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Sandstrom** | **2019** | Natural Resources Conservation Service employee Jean Lois Sandstrom (64) of Des Moines, Iowa passed away December 26, at MercyOne Hospice in Johnston, Iowa. Jean was a Design Engineer on the State Office Engineering Staff, scheduled to retire at the end of December. She was born to Albert and Irene Sandstrom in Owatonna, Minnesota. Jean attended Drake University and earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in printmaking in 1977. After college she was employed as an illustrator for National Handcraft in Des Moines. In 1980 she married Darwin Norris, and though they divorced in 1985, they remained friends. She returned to school to study engineering at Iowa State University, where she met Andy Shaffer. Jean received her degree in civil engineering and married Andy in May of 1987. She was employed by Bishop Engineering, and in 1990 she accepted a position with the federal government's Natural Resources Conservation Service where she worked for 27 years (with a two-year break for parental leave). In March of 1995, Jean and Andy welcomed Neal Park Sandstrom Shaffer into their family upon his arrival from South Korea at the age of six months. Jean was a devoted and loving mother. Beyond her family, Jean touched many people throughout her life, making friends wherever she went. She was an advocate for peace, human rights, social justice and preservation of the environment. For several years she was active in the Korean Cultural Center and was a member of the Des Moines Community Orchestra. She played violin and viola in a variety of settings throughout her life. For more than 20 years she was an active member of the Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting (Quaker), where she served in many capacities. Jean is survived by her husband, Andrew Shaffer; and son, Neal Shaffer of Des Moines (fiancée Noëmie Sollier of Sorèze, France). A Quaker memorial service was held January 4, 2020. |
| **Saulisberry** | **2019** | Charles "Chuck" Nash Saulisberry (90) of Carson City, Nevada passed away August 20, 2019 at Carson Tahoe Care Center from Parkinson's disease. He was born in Evanston, Illinois to Lynn and Helen Nash Saulisberry September 14, 1928. Chuck graduated from the University of Nevada (UNR) with a degree in Range Management. He met Josephine Caprio at UNR. They were married and spent 68 happy years together. Working first for the UNR Experiment Station and joining the Nevada Air National Guard, he entered active duty on March 1, 1951. Stationed at the Nellis Air Force Base Weather Unit, he released weather balloons for the nuclear testing at Indian Springs. After being honorably discharged in 1952, they moved back to Reno where he was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a Range Conservationist in Wellington, Nevada, doing snow surveys, farm planning, rangeland resource management, and monitoring. He transferred to Cedarville, California to open an SCS office for NE CA and NW NV. His area of responsibility was so large he received his private pilot's license and bought a Piper Tri Pacer to be home more with family. He served from 1977 to 1984 as liaison between SCS and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), coordinating and overseeing the soil survey and ecological correlation of vegetation. Retiring from Federal service in 1984, he began a second career as a Certified Range Management Consultant with Resource Concepts, Inc. and other sub-consultants. He owned and operated a private flying service for 45 years and was often called as an expert witness in legal proceedings. He is survived by wife Josephine of 68 years, son Daniel Saulisberry (Neva), daughter Kathryn Smith (Gary), five grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son Tracy Ralph and granddaughter Danielle Carpenter. |

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| **Senechal** | **2019** | Lifetime member Myron Senechal (75) of Bismarck, North Dakota passed away at the Benedictine Living Center in Garrison, North Dakota on October 28, 2019. Myron was born on January 21, 1944, to Phillip and Evelyn (Cote) Senechal in Bottineau, North Dakota. Myron attended the School of Forestry currently Dakota College at Bottineau and North Dakota State University at Fargo, ND, graduating with a degree in agriculture. Upon graduating in 1966, he was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. After returning home, he began his long career with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Myron's career started in Valley City, where he met his wife Cheryl Nelson. Myron's career moved the family to Finley, Forman, and Mandan (all in North Dakota), Casper, Wyoming, and finally to Bismarck in 1984 where they remained and raised their family. He held leadership positions in many organizations including the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Myron gave with a true servant's heart to his family, church, and community in so many ways throughout his life. In retirement, Myron enjoyed discovering French genealogy, volunteering, gardening, carving, and giving away diamond willow walking sticks, and all things family. Mass of Christian burial was held November 4 at Church of St. Anne in Bismarck with Father Wayne Sattler officiating. Burial was held at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Cheryl; daughter, Jodi (Tom) Scheeler, Minot, North Dakota; sons, Matt (Lori) Senechal, and Mike (Rui) Senechal, Bismarck; grandchildren, Annie and Emma Scheeler, Caleb and Cohen Senechal, and Max and Spencer Senechal. |
| **Serrien** | **2019** | Donald J. Serrien (90) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, passed away April 20, 2019. He was born April 24, 1928 in Lincoln County in Western Minnesota to Louis and Minnie (Panzer) Serrien. Donald was a United States Army veteran. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservation technician for many years. He retired as a construction inspector in 1985. He and Celeta Matson were united in marriage on October 3, 1954. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Celeta, on April 12, 2014; and his sister, Delouise Harbaugh. Survivors include his sons, Kyle and Karl (Paula) Serrien; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held April 23 at Wilson Family Funeral Home, Minneapolis followed by burial in Highland Cemetery, Minneapolis. Memorials may be made to the Bennington Community Library or the V.F.W. Auxiliary #3201 Fair Stand. |
| **Simmons** | **2019** | Lifetime member Michael Stanley Simmons (85) of Santa Barbara, California passed away on June 13, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Michael was born in Fresno, California and graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1958 with a degree in Engineering. Following his education, he maintained a career in USDA-Soil Conservation Service for over 30 years. During this time, Michael was greatly involved in the growth of the Santa Barbara Zoo. Since retiring in 1993, he sustained his passions for the environment, cherished moments with his family, and admired the 49ers. He also had an engineering consulting service until 2017. Michael will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Janice Simmons, of 63 years. Michael is survived by his four children: Michele Galletly and her husband David, Joyce Simmons-Fuss and her husband Greg, Katherine Bacon and her husband David, and Michael Simmons Jr. Michael will be fondly remembered by his seven grandchildren: Bryan, Jason, Robert, Lauren, Daniel, Christy, and Courtney. He will also be forever remembered by is extended family and dear friends. A celebration of life memorial service was to be held June 28, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 3942 La Colina Rd., Santa Barbara, California. |
| **Simonson** | **2019** | Clarence Simonsen (85) passed away on April 24, 2017 in Minneota, Minnesota. Clarence was Area Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service in Marshall, MN. He graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, with a BS in agricultural engineering. Clarence retired in 1986 and thereafter did consulting work and surveying in the ag engineering field and provided technical assistance to local farmers, contractors and landowners. Survivors include his wife Evangeline, stepdaughter Carol Turner and stepson Michael Hoffmeister. |
| **Sisk** | **2019** | Fred C. Sisk (95) of Indianapolis passed away February 9, 2019. Born January 21, 1924 in Cynthiana, Indiana, he was the son of Carl and Etna (Smith) Sisk. Fred was an U.S. Army veteran and attended the Bethel United Methodist Church. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 30 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the Pike Township Lions Club. Survivors include his loving wife of 42 years, Elizabeth (Betsy) Dison Sisk; son, Doug Sisk (Wendy); four grandchildren; stepchildren William R. Dison (Jeanne), Ronald L. Dison (Linda), and Nancy Dison; and three step grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents, brother, two sisters and his stepson, Dr. Dwight L. Dison. |
| **Smith** | **2019** | P. Craig Smith (78) passed away peacefully in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 24, 2019. Craig was born on August 22, 1940 to Clifford P. and Leora A. (Minnis) Smith in Stafford, Kansas. He worked as a Civil Engineer, P. E. Emeritus and as a State Design Engineer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 2001. He was a member of the Professional Engineers of Nebraska and the Lincoln Engineers Club. His greatest passion was his family. Craig is survived by his children, Lori (Renee) Rocheleau of Maryland, Craig A. (Jennifer) Smith of Pennsylvania; sister, Linda Reed; brother, Conrad (Carol) Smith; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine E. (Ochs) Smith. His family wishes to express sincere appreciation to the caring, dedicated professionals at the Woodlands at Hillcrest and CHI Hospice. |
| **Southern** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Beulah Mae Canter Souther (92) of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2019, at her home. Beulah was born August 11, 1927, in Surry County, North Carolina to Sanford Lee Canter and Cora Mae Peele Canter. She was retired from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where she worked as a Clerk-Typist-Stenographer. She was the oldest active member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church where she gave 68 years of faithful service to the Music Ministry. She was preceded in death by her husband Calvin Newton Southern. She is survived by a daughter; Janice Mathis (Perry) of North Wilkesboro, a son; Stephen C. Souther (Sherry) of North Wilkesboro, four grandchildren; Kristin Souther Adams, Derrick W. Howard, Zachary S. Souther and Brian Mathis; and four great grandchildren. |
| **Staley** | **2019** | Lifetime Member Larry Staley (87) of Emery, South Dakota passed away October 14, 2019. Larry was attending Pennsylvania State University when he joined the US Navy during his sophomore year and served during the Korean War. When he got out of the service, he finished his degree at Pennsylvania State University. After college he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist. He mapped soils all over eastern Pennsylvania. He then moved to Kosciusko County, Indiana and worked on soil surveys there. He retired from federal service in 1988, but then worked on a contract soil survey on per diem in Cumberland County Illinois. Larry loved soil survey work and all the good people he worked with! Larry is survived by his five children: son Scott Staley (Karen) and daughters Julee Staley, Marlys Staley, Darsee Staley and Lori Staley; and four grandsons and four great-grandchildren. |

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| **Standish** | **2019** | Richard Alden Standish (89) of Spencer, Massachusetts passed away peacefully at home July 8, 2019. Richard was born July 2, 1930 in Pascoag, Rhode Island, the son of Clairmont and Evangeline (Dimond) Standish. He served in the U.S. Army from 1950-1953. He spent most of his career working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, first as a dam inspector, and later as a contract specialist for the Southeast Region. His work included hurricane recovery efforts in Florida, Puerto Rico, and throughout the Southeast United States. After retiring from federal service, Richard partnered with a former co-worker to form their own consulting business, R & J Contract Services. Richard is survived by his wife of 58 years Sandra (Holden) Standish; three children, Merriellen Moroney (Michael) of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, David (Ellen) Standish of Spencer, and Lauren Standish of Atlanta, Georgia; and grandsons Degory, Royal, and Alden Standish of Spencer. |
| **Steen** | **2019** | Bert Steen (67) of Bainbridge, Georgia passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at his residence. Mr. Steen was born September 1, 1947 in Moseley Hall, FL, the son of Morris Grissom Steen and Sarah Helen Hendry Steen. He was a graduate of Berry College in Mount Berry, Georgia. Bert was a veteran of the United States Navy. He retired as the District Conservationist with Natural Resources Conservation Service. Bert loved life and the outdoors and didn't take problems too seriously. He was a real steward of the land. Survivors include his wife, Susan Barnett Steen; sons, Crosby and Jesse both of Bainbridge; two brothers and a sister. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ragan and a sister. |
| **Stelling** | **2019** | Donnel “Don” Lee Stelling (90) of Deshler, Nebraska passed away on October 22, 2019 in Hebron, Nebraska. Don was born on March 10, 1929 near Deshler to Lawrence John Stelling and Irma Bertha (Ehlers) Stelling. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1948, serving in England and Japan during the Korean Conflict as an aerial camera repair technician. He was a member of the Strategic Air Command and was honorably discharged in 1952. On May 3, 1952, Don was united in marriage to Mary Ann Brettmann. Don and Mary were married 66 years at the time of Mary’s passing on July 17, 2018. Don worked on a variety of foreign and domestic aerial mapping projects for nearly 40 years. He was employed nine years with commercial mapping firms, and the remainder of his career was with USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a supervisory cartographer. He worked at the Technical Service Centers located in Lincoln, Nebraska; Hyattsville, Maryland; Portland, Oregon; and Ft. Worth, Texas. Much of his career involved soil map publication for the National Cooperative Soil Survey. He retired in 1989 while living in Ft. Worth, Texas and subsequently returned to Deshler. He then went to work for Kroll Funeral Home. He is survived by his daughters, Donita (David) Johnson of Bowie, Maryland and Denise (Patrick) of Severn, Maryland; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren |
| **Stine** | **2019** | Michael L. Stine (62) of Summersville, West Virginia passed away June 15, 2019 at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, West Virginia. He received a degree in agriculture in 1979 from Ohio State University. He then married his wife, Shelley and worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for eight years. He returned to Ohio State University and entered the College of Veterinary Medicine and earned his doctorate degree, graduating in 1991. He became a veterinarian with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, mainly working with animal diseases. He worked and lived in several different states. Eventually, he became the area veterinarian in charge for the state of Minnesota. After more than 30 years of government service, he retired to Summersville, West Virginia. Survivors include his wife, Shelley Stine; his mother, Helen Stine of Ashland, West Virginia; and four sisters. |
| **Stovall** | **2019** | Lifetime Member Robert Thomas “Bob” Stovall (85) of Martin, Georgia passed away July 17, 2019 at his home. Born March 5, 1934 in Martin, GA, he was the son of the late Leonard Clarence and Sarah Shirley Stovall. He was a life-long member of Martin Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher for over 35 years, and Director of Brotherhood. He was retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a civil engineer and was a proud graduate of the University of Georgia. Bob was a charter member of the Martin Lions Club and served the Town of Martin as Town Clerk and Water Superintendent for the past 25 years. He was also an avid Georgia Bulldog and Braves fan. He is survived by his wife, Sandra “Sandi” Frankum Stovall; sons, Rob (Rebecca) Stovall of Virginia, Andy (Kirsten) Stovall of North Carolina, and Len (Sonya) Stovall of Martin; and nine grandchildren: Bobby, Baylee, Brenna, Blair, Taylor, MacKenzie, Drew, Hunter, and Logan. |
| **Streif** | **2019** | Larry Streif (99) of Fergus Falls, Minnesota passed away suddenly at home on August 3, 2019. He was a US Army combat veteran of World War II serving first in North Africa and then on the front lines of combat in Italy. He was appointed sergeant when his commander was killed and received the Bronze Star for his heroic service. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1950 from the University of Minnesota. He started his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Austin, Minnesota as a Soil Conservationist and became the District Conservationist in Fergus Falls, retiring in December 1979. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Paulina, who died in 2004. He is survived by his five children: Stephen Streif; Nancy (Craig) Johnson; Elizabeth (Robert) Bryant; David (Michelle) Streif; Mary (Mark) Perry, 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. |
| **Swanson** | **2019** | Deane W. Swanson (92) of Yates Center, Kansas passed away November 27, 2019 at Yates Center Health and Rehab. He missed his high school graduation ceremony because he joined the U.S. Navy at age 17. He served until the end of World War II serving on the USS Medusa stationed in the Philippines. Following his service in the Navy he attended Kansas State University earning a bachelor’s degree in Agronomy. He was a soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service headquartered at Yates Center. He mapped soils throughout southeast Kansas. His wife, Dorothy, preceded him in death in 2011. He is survived by his children, Richard Swanson (Cathy) of Olathe, Kansas, Susan Roberts of Bel Aire, Kansas, and Sandra Heffern (Mike) of Yates Center; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Sweeney** | **2019** | Paul John Sweeney (65) of Saint Paul, Minnesota passed away after a battle with cancer in St. Paul on November 1, 2019. A graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln he retired from USDA-Natural resources Conservation Service and went on to work as a water quality consultant with Ecosystem Services Exchange. While with NRCS he served as a Water Quality Project Manager, Assistant State Conservationist for Operations and State Conservationist. He was a passionate conservationist. Outside of his work, he was also a passionate outdoorsman enjoying fishing, golf, hunting, travel, photography and above all spending time with his family. As an ardent Husker fan, the Sweeney world always paused for football games. Paul is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his children, daughter, Christina Lewis (Shane); son, Phillip Sweeney; stepdaughter, Abigail Grethen (Justin) and 5 grandchildren. Paul asked that donations be made in his memory to St Jude’s Children’s Hospital. |

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| **Tennant** | **2019** | Robert S. Tennant (92) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina passed away May 14, 2019. Bob worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He retired as District Conservationist for the Hillsborough Field Office and moved to Winston Salem several years ago. Bob was a WWII veteran having served in the Coast Guard. He was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis Gail Schaile Tennant, who passed away just three months ago. He is survived by his son and daughter and their families. |
| **Tharpe** | **2019** | Will Leonard Tharpe (87) of Athens, Georgia, passed away June 25, 2019. He was born January 30, 1932 in Cottage Grove, Tennessee, to the late Marie and Booker Tharpe. Will was a graduate of Tennessee State University and a U.S. Army Veteran. Will was employed as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service for more than thirty years, retiring in Athens, Georgia as a member on the State Soil Conservationist Resources Staff. Will was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, West in Athens, Georgia where he served as church treasurer. Survivors include his daughter, Ebony Woodard; four grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and 10 great-great grandchildren. |
| **Theurer** | **2019** | Member Fredrick Douay Theurer (82) of Gaithersburg, Maryland passed away peacefully on October 5, 2019 surrounded by his wife and family. Fred was born to Edward Arthur and Helen Theurer on April 9th, 1937 in Washington DC. He grew up in Washington DC. He earned his Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1959. He went on to earn his Masters of Science and Doctorate in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University in 1975, taking just two years to do so. He spent his professional career with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service working in California, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Maryland. He was considered among the foremost experts in the world in his field of hydraulic engineering; and in the later part of his career, he represented the United States government abroad. As much as Fred was devoted to his work, his wife Marge was, by far and away, the love of his life. The sun rose and set on her through their sixty years of their marriage. He was preceded in death by his beloved second daughter, Theresa, who passed away in 1996. In addition to his wife Marge, Fred is survived by five children and their spouses: Maureen Joseph (Richard), Kenneth Theurer (Laurie), Christine Morse (Tom), Patrick Theurer (Karen), Matthew Theurer (Maria); 17 grandchildren and six6 great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian burial was held at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Derwood, Maryland on October 10. Internment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Cure PSP: https://www.psp.org/iwanttohelp/ |
| **Thober** | **2019** | Don Gilbert Thober (68) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away on March 2, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer. Don was born on July 8, 1950 in Beatrice, Nebraska, the third of seven children of Kenneth and Ruth Thober. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in animal science and agricultural economics in 1972. While in college, he met Ann Hagan. They married on July 28, 1973 in Eddyville, Nebraska. He joined and served in the Army Reserves following graduation. Don briefly worked for a medical supply company in Lincoln before beginning his career in 1974 for the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, where he worked until his retirement in 2007. He retired as Assistant State Conservationist for Programs in the state office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Don is survived by his wife, Ann, of Lincoln; daughter Jody Hanson (Craig), of Chaska, Minnesota; daughter Sarah Bjornson (Erik), of Jordan, Minnesota; son Ben Thober (Carrie), of Omaha, Nebraska; ten grandchildren; and three sisters and a brother. Memorial contributions may be directed towards St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68520; or to the Heartland Cancer Foundation, www.heartlandcancerfoundation.org. |
| **Thomas** | **2019** | Senior Conservationist Delbert D. Thomas (99) of Altoona, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on September 9th, 2019. Delbert was born on June 28, 1921, on a farm near Baraboo, Wisconsin to Frank and Eva (Davis) Thomas. World War II interrupted his college education and he served in both the European and Asiatic Theaters and was awarded a Bronze Star in combat in Germany. After World War II he completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Soils Science at University of Madison graduating in 1948. He married Evelyn Clark in Baraboo on May 28, 1946. After a distinguished career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, he retired in 1980 after 31 years of service. He worked many years as an Area Soil Scientist. During his years with the SCS he was instrumental in forming the Wisconsin Society of Professional Soil Scientists. He was an advocate of public service and Senior issues and served on the boards of L.E. Phillips Senior Center, Altoona, Golden Oaks II Housing Authority, Wisconsin Coalition of Aging Groups, and NARFE a federal retiree's organization. He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn in 2003. He is survived by daughter Linda (Charles) Mueller, grandsons Matthew (Brandi) Mueller, Brandon (Shannon) Mueller, Andrew (Nikki) Mueller, and great-grandchildren Jaidon, Ethan, Keegan, Grandt, Brayden, Aubrey and Violet Mueller. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and their extended families. |

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| **Thompson** | **2019** | Lifetime Member Harold Lee Thompson (70) passed away on April 20, 2019 at his home in Danville, Indiana. He was born on April 8, 1949 to James Leslie and Imogene Isabelle (Rutan) Thompson in Libertyville, Illinois. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education from Purdue University in 1971, and subsequently earned 30 hours of graduate credit in agricultural education, also from Purdue. Harold worked for USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) for over 40 years. He began his career as a student trainee, and he spent the first 18 years providing technical service to farmers mostly in southwest Indiana. For 19 years, until his retirement in 2008, Harold served on the Indiana NRCS management team as an area conservationist and assistant state conservationist. He was a dedicated public servant who had a passion for Indiana agriculture, and he spent a lifetime helping farmers make their land more productive, sustainable and profitable. After he retired, Harold continued to work as an agricultural liaison with several Soil and Water Conservation Districts and watershed groups. In his community, he was a member of the Hazelwood Christian Church, an Earth Team Volunteer for over 25 years, a 30-year volunteer certified Emergency Medical Technician, a 25-year 4-H Leader, and a long-time member of the Paoli Optimist Club. He served on the Wayne Township (Marion County) 4-H Advisory Board for 12 years (president for 3 terms) and as a director of the Marion County Fair Board for two terms He was a member of Paoli's Masonic Lodge 119 and a 51-year member of the Hoosier Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society where he served as a director for 12 years (president 1998, 2018). Among Harold's many awards are Purdue's Agricultural Alumni Certificate of Distinction; the Governor's Distinguished Hoosier Award; the Soil and Water Conservation Society's Distinguished Fellow Award; Wayne Township Community Service Award; and Marion County Soil and Water District's Lifetime Conservation Achievement Award. Harold loved to fish, hunt, and read, but most of all he loved helping others and spending time with his family and friends. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit. On October 18, 1997, Harold married Rebecca (Becky) Hill Fletcher, and they have two children, Craig (Angie) Kinzer and Chantel (Joshua) Muntain. In addition to his wife Becky and their children, Harold is survived by five grandchildren, Caleb, Madison, Zachary, Tirzah and Naomi; his sister, Linda (Robert) Daming of Greenwood, Indiana; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Richard and sister Charlotte. A Celebration of Life was held April 26 at Hazelwood Christian Church in Hazelwood, Indiana, followed by burial in Roachdale Cemetery in Roachdale, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Harold to the Indiana 4-H Foundation https://www.in4h.org/donation-form/ or the Hoosier Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society's Education Endowment, PO Box 77, Kingman, IN 47952 http://www.hoosierchapterswcs.org/. |
| **Unger** | **2019** | Lifetime Member and Senior Conservationist David Unger (86) passed away on January 17, 2019 in Castine, Maine. He was born in Romulus, Michigan and as a young man worked at the John Deere dealership that his father owned. He received an undergraduate degree in Natural Resources at Antioch College, a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He retired in 1998 as Associate Chief and Acting Chief of the USDA Forest Service. Before joining the Forest Service, he was the Associate Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. He was married to Renee Satz from 1958 to 1983 and Carolyn Jensen from 1984 until she preceded him in death in 2009. After retirement David and his wife Carolyn moved to Castine, Maine. David was elected a Castine Town Selectman and served for 12 years until 2017. He became known locally as the "Music Man" for his support of local musical events and his musical talents on the trumpet, cornet and Flugelhorn. He is survived by two sons, David, of Brooklyn, New York, and Christopher, of Hermon, Maine. |
| **Van Cleave** | **2019** | Kenneth Charles Van Cleave Jr. (93) of Galesburg, Kansas (formerly of Eureka, Kansas) passed away on September 22, 2019, at the Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka, Kansas. He was born on December 13, 1925, in Galesburg, Kansas, to Kenneth C. Van Cleave, Sr. and Margaret (Robinson) Van Cleave. Kenneth attended Labette County Community College and graduated from Kansas State University. He served in the US Navy as a Communications Specialist in the Pacific during World War II. Following his discharge, Kenneth worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Marion and Eureka, Kansas, his entire career. He retired in 1983. He was married to Verna Fae Berends for 69 years. Verna preceded him in death in 2018. He was also preceded in death by son Vernon Ray. Survivors include two sons Larry Van Cleave (Nancy) of Lake Waukomis, Missouri and Gary Van Cleave of Pomona, Kansas; daughter Cheryl Sowder (Jeff) of Toronto, Kansas; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. |
| **Wadleigh** | **2019** | Jan Wadleigh (82) of Aloha, Oregon passed away July 12, 2019 from brain cancer. She was the wife of ARCSE member Ralph Wadleigh, who retired in 1990 as a USDA Soil Conservation Service hydraulic engineer. She met Ralph while attending the University of New Hampshire. Jan was very active in the Portland area business community. She and Ralph started a Bed and Breakfast in 1988. She was very dedicated to her church, Cedar Hills United Church of Christ. In addition to her husband Ralph, she is survived by her children Debbie, David (Catherine) and two grandchildren. |
| **Wagner** | **2019** | NRCS Soil Conservation Technician Robert "Bob" J. Wagner (67) of Montrose, PA, passed away unexpectedly on February 13, 2019 at the Regional Hospital in Scranton, PA. He was born in Geneva, PA. He is survived by his wife of almost 43 years, Teri J. (Frisbie) Wagner. Bob was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran and a graduate of Lock Haven University. He worked for over 40 years as a soil conservation technician. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Bridgewater Church on Rt. 167 in Montrose, PA. |
| **Williamson** | **2019** | Don Francis Williamson (84) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on July 24, 2019. Don was born in Missoula, Montana, and was the proud brother of four sisters and four brothers. He attended Montana State University, served in the US Army, had a 30-year career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He was an Assistant State Conservationist when he retired at the end of 1989. Later, he worked for the Lancaster County Weed District. Don is survived by and his wife Joni Williamson, with whom he celebrated his 50th anniversary in April. He is also survived by his son Brock and his daughter-in-law Hollie, and several brothers and sisters. |

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| **Wingo** | **2019** | Bobby Glenn “Bob” Wingo formerly of Hennepin, Oklahoma passed away December 5, 2019 in Norman, Oklahoma. Bob was born October 22, 1932 in Hennepin to the late Broadus L. and Lillian E. (Jones) Wingo. Bob served in the United States Army during the Korean War, earning a Combat Infantry Badge. Following an Honorable Discharge on October 16, 1954, Bob returned home and began a career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a land surveyor. Following retirement from the US Government in the mid-1980s, Bob owned and operated the Wingo Grocery Store in Hennepin for many years. He was active with numerous community organizations and the First Baptist Church of Hennepin. Bob was preceded in death by wife Peggy Wingo in 1995. Bob and the former Paula Joan Lee were married on September 30, 2014 in Hennepin. Survivors include his loving wife, Paula; six children, Scott Wingo (Pam) of Elmore City, Oklahoma, Liz Wilburn (Steve) of Ada, Oklahoma, Michael Wingo of Ada, Julie Auld of Konawa, Oklahoma, Shannon Stevenson (Marc) of Grand Prairie, Texas and daughter, Sheree’ Serrano (Frank) of Edmond, Oklahoma; five children gained from his marriage, Colleen Guthery of New Mexico, Susie McCoy of Lindsay, Oklahoma, Linda Blaine of Oklahoma City, Stephen Blaine of Norman and J |
| **York** | **2019** | John “Sonny” Chester York (85) of Mimbres, New Mexico passed away on July 15, 2019 at his residence. John was born on March 5, 1934 to James Chester York and Lillian Kight Harris in Derry, New Mexico. He served in the United States Navy as Gunners Mate 2nd Class and was honorably discharged. John was a New Mexico State University graduate and went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 30 years. He also served as Grant County Farm Bureau President. John is survived by his wife, Josephine Franzoy York; children, John Craig (Christine) York, Daun Ann York Broome (Jeffrey), Nolen Patrick York, and Heather Liana York (Ty) Turner; daughter-in-law, Dena Mills; and 10 grandchildren. A Memorial Service took place on August 2, 2019 at Baca’s Funeral Chapels in Silver City, New Mexico with Pastor Josh Hunt of Salem Baptist Church officiating. |
| **Bailey** | **2018** | Manley “Joe” Hibbert Bailey Jr. (90) passed away at home on November 7, 2018 at his home in Lincolnville, Maine. He was born in Oakland, ME. He was a graduate the University of Maine where he received a Bachelor’s degree in Agriculture. Joe served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He completed soil surveys for Scott Paper Company before working 26 years as a soil conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Joe enjoyed collecting antique tractors and building model airplanes in his spare time. Joe was a member of the Chestnut Street Baptist Church in Camden, the Masonic Lodge in Sidney, and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He was predeceased by his first wife, Roberta Ackley Bailey and their infant son; his second wife, Lucille Bailey; stepson, Stephen Lidstone; three brothers; and two sisters. Surviving is his dear friend and companion, Edith Brown of Camden; a daughter and three sons, one grandson, and one great-grandchild. Memorial gifts may be made to the Chestnut Street Baptist Church. Interment will be held later in Riverside Cemetery in Farmington. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.longfuneralhomecamden.com. |
| **Belcher** | **2018** | Juanita Colleen Belcher (74) of Pratt, Kansas passed away on September 24, 2018 at Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita, Kansas. Juanita was born in Macksville, Kansas. After she graduated from Kinsley High School in 1962, she attended Fort Hays State University where she was awarded a Degree in General Science and diploma in nursing in 1966. She went on to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. On August 7, 1966 she was united in marriage to Larry D. Belcher in Kinsley, Kansas. Larry retired as the District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in the Pratt Field Office. They shared over fifty-two years of marriage. To this union two children were born, Amy and Julie. Juanita was active in Pratt’s Pilot Club, United Methodist Church prayer group, and the United Methodist Women. Memorials may be made to Pratt Pilot Club or First United Methodist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. |
| **Bell** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Simeon “Simmie” Louis Bell (90) of Athens, Georgia, formerly of Adel, Georgia, passed away on January 2, 2018. He was born December 20th, 1927, in Burke County, Georgia to the late John Wesley Bell, Sr. and Dora Almond Bell. He attended North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia; University of Georgia; and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College where he obtained an associate degree in agriculture. He served in the United States Army at the end of World War II and was stationed in Korea until the end of his service where he served as chief baker in the hospital. Mr. Bell became a teacher in the Veterans Farming Program in Adel until the Veterans Program ended. He worked in construction at the Savannah River Plant for Dupont as an engineering technician. For his career he worked for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service for over 30 years, retiring as a soil conservationist. He enjoyed farming, camping, being with family, playing practical jokes, and believed in using his hands more than his mouth. He was a member of the Young Farmers Association of Cook County; United Methodist Men; served as director of Cook County Farm Bureau; Masons, where he was Grand Mason for more than 50 years; and Shriners. He was a member of United Methodist Church of Adel. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty Fulwood Bell; daughters Karen Bell Griffin (Doug) Griffin, of Athens, Sybil Bell Coody (Tim), of Augusta, Georgia and son Greg Bell (Andrea), of Gainesville, Georgia; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. |
| **Benn** | **2018** | Robert Jack Benn (82) of Smith Center, Kansas passed away peacefully November 10, 2018 at Smith County Memorial Hospital. He was born in Troy, KS. He attended Highland Community College where he played football and then attended the University of Kansas. He was employed by the Soil Conservation Service in Doniphan Co. and was transferred to Smith Center in 1958. He had a 30-year career and retired in 1986. Jack and Arlene loved to travel and spent their winters in Rockport, Texas and many summers in Canada. He loved to cook and entertain his friends and family. Jack was a member of Ducks Unlimited, the Soil Conservation Society of America, and served on the Library Board. Jack is survived by his wife Arlene of 58 years, and one son Dirk (Sarah) of Adel, IA, and two grandchildren. He is also survived by 13 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his two sisters. |
| **Bennett** | **2018** | Otis Bennett (83) of Owasso, Oklahoma passed away on March 12, 2018. Otis retired as an RC&D Coordinator for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. |
| **Benson** | **2018** | Bradley T. Benson (59) of Bismarck, North Dakota passed away on September 3, 2018, after a long battle with cancer. He served in the Navy as a missile assemblyman from 1981 to 1987. He worked as a geological engineer for the North Dakota State Water Commission and later NRCS in Bismarck, ND. Surviving to honor and remember his love are his mother, Evelyn Fay Benson; wife, Leann Benson; daughter, Ashly Benson; stepchildren, Lindsy (Jeremy) Nordeen, Sarah Tschider, Matthew (Nicole) Tschider; four grandchildren; two sisters, and three brothers. He was preceded in death by his father and a beloved niece. |

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| **Berger** | **2018** | Thomas "Tom" D. Berger (69) of Westerville, Ohio, passed peacefully, at home, on November 8, 2018, after battling Lewy Body Dementia. He is survived by beloved wife of 45 years, Patricia, his three children, and four grandchildren. Tom served his country in the Marine Corp Reserves. He was retired from Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry. He also worked with NRCS for a time in the state office, following his retirement with ODNR. In lieu of flowers, please consider planting a tree to honor Tom's love of forestry. Condolences may be left at www.morelandfuneralhome.com. |
| **Bittner** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Elmer M. Bittner (96) of Mesa, Arizona, passed away December 22, 2018, surrounded by family. Elmer was born in Cavalier County, North Dakota, on November 1st, 1922, to John A. Bittner and Mary (Gartner) Bittner. Elmer met the love of his life in 1945, and was married on October 8, 1946, to DeLoris Charbonneau of Langdon, North Dakota. He farmed with his father until 1949, when he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservations Service (SCS). He spent the next 30 years of his life working as an engineering technician until his retirement in 1979. After retiring from SCS he was employed by the Knights of Columbus as a field insurance agent for ten years. At this time, Elmer & De Loris moved to Mesa, Arizona, where he lived and worked at various activities until his passing. He is survived by De Loris, three sons and one daughter, John Bittner (Barbara) of Round Rock, Texas; Roger Bittner of Apache Junction, Arizona; Doug Bittner (Ellen) of Shakopee, Minnesota, and Lori (Dwight) Baker of Mesa, Arizona; two grandsons, three granddaughters, two great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons. Elmer was preceded in death by son Gregory Bittner. |
| **Bollman** | **2018** | Carolyn “Jane” Bollman (87) of Danville, Indiana, passed away February 20, 2018. She attended Purdue University and received a BA degree from Indiana University after her children were grown. She married Robert “Bob” Bollman in Lafayette on June 2, 1956. Bob, a member of ARCSE, retired as a Deputy State Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in 1986. They lived in Iowa for 10 years prior to moving to Danville in 1966. She was a dedicated member of Whitestone Christian Church, a 36-year member of the Riley Hospital Guild, of which she also served as a member of the board of directors. Jane was a past president of the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers and was a longtime member of the Modern Homemakers Extension Club. She loved children, sewing, baking cookies, and all of nature. Survivors include her husband of 61 years, “Bob;” her children, Patrick and Daniel Bollman of Danville, Thomas Bollman of North Salem, Mary (Gary) Houser of Nobelsville; and ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Jane was preceded in death by two daughters, Sally Ann and Susan Jane. |
| **Bowie** | **2018** | Robert Lee “Bob” Bowie (68) husband of Lynn Isom Bowie, of Edgefield, SC entered into rest August 11, 2018. Bob was born in Abbeville, SC. He was retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and was a member of Edgefield United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, three sons, Hunter Lee (Kerry) Bowie, Clinton Sharpe Bowie, and Theodore Carroll “Cal” (Morgan) Bowie; four grandchildren, and two brothers. Memorials may be made to Edgefield United Methodist Church, PO Box 25, Edgefield, SC 29824 or to a Charity of one’s choice. Please sign the online register book at www.edgefieldmercantilefh.com. |
| **Bubb** | **2018** | Carol (Eakin) Bubb (84) of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania passed away on November 16, 2018, at Harrisburg Hospital. Carol was the wife of ARCSE Member and Senior Conservationist Frederick E. Bubb, retired Information Officer for the Northeast National Technology Center for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Carol was born October 17, 1934, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Alvin and Lilly (McCurdy) Eakin. She earned her Bachelors’ degree in Home Economics at Pennsylvania State University in 1956. She devoted her life to raising a family and volunteering for many church and community activities. Carol and Frederick were married 62 years. |
| **Bureau** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Marvin Frances Bureau (92) passed away in his sleep April 23, 2018, at Brookdale Place of Wooster, Ohio after a brief period of declining physical health. He was married for 63 years to Jeannine Bureau (predeceased) and lived in Wooster since 1955. Marvin was born in the small, then bustling Ohio River town of Moscow. Marvin graduated in 1943, with a class of 11 from Moscow High School, and was immediately drafted into the Air Force, training as a radar technician. Through the years his family repeatedly heard the saying he noted while in training, “Cheer up! Everyone is of some value in this world — even if nothing other than to serve as a horrible example.” As the war was winding down, his B29 group was disbanded and he entered Ohio State University on the GI Bill, graduating with a BS in agronomy in 1950. While working on his MS there in soil chemistry, he met Jeannine. They were married in 1951 and lived in Columbus while he finished his thesis (typed by Jeannine) and then moved to Mount Gilead to work for the Soil Conservation Service. He worked for the SCS for 32 years, completing the soil surveys for four counties. In 1980, he left federal service to work for the Health Department of Wayne County. Shortly thereafter, he entered private consulting for the health departments of several counties. Marvin finally retired in 2011, after 63 years of professional soils work. In later years, they traveled as a couple to Hawaii and Europe, repeatedly to Alaska, and by small motor home around the country. They were active members at Trinity United Church of Christ of Wooster since 1956. Surviving are his son Jeffrey and wife, Linda (Hoffer) of Wooster, and a son, Todd and wife, Barbra (Belfield) of Hope, Alaska; a son-in-law, Robert Felty and wife, Kathy of Columbus; a granddaughter and three grandsons, Marvin was preceded in death by his dear wife, Jeannine, a daughter, Shauna, a brother and a sister. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mcintirebradhamsleek.com. |
| **Burgett** | **2018** | Danny Lee Burgett (64) from Hayden, Idaho unexpectedly passed away on April 20, 2018. Danny was born in Ellensburg, WA. He attended Washington State where he not only met his wife Julia but also majored in Environmental Science and Forestry. Danny joined the Forestry Service and later transitioned to the SCS, USDA/NRCS. From there he moved up the ranks and retired as Operations-Manager of Oregon’s USDA/NRCS in Portland after 34 years of government service. Danny is survived by his wife Julia, their two daughters Corinne Van Heel (Mark), Kayla Silva (Oz), three grandchildren, and three sisters. Danny was an avid outdoorsman and also a talented mechanic and a skilled wood worker. He was a man – or more appropriately a Superman - of many things. For more information or to send condolences or memories please email DBurgettMemorial@gmail.com |

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| **Carr** | **2018** | John Paul Carr (77) of New Martinsville, West Virginia passed away peacefully at his home on October 6, 2018 while surrounded by his family. John was born in Gassaway, Braxton County, WV. He was a retired Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, former Vo-Ag, FFA teacher and shop teacher at his home school in Sand Fork, WV, graduate of WVU, past member of New Martinsville Lion's club, one of the founders of Hundred Area Pride, and counselor for Conservation Camp at Cowen, WV for many years. John enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, spending time with his family and reading the bible. He was a member of First Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers and an infant grandson. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Jean (Freed) Carr; son, Tracy Paul (Robin Neff) Carr of Middlebourne, WV; daughter, Christina Dawn (Tony) Tharp of New Martinsville, WV; a brother, four sisters, and seven grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made in John's name, to First Baptist Church, 841 Fourth St., New Martinsville, WV 26155, or WV State Conservation Camp, 4290 Greenwalt Gap Rd., Upper Tract, WV 26866. |
| **Case** | **2018** | Michael James Case (67) of Greensburg, Kansas left this world for heaven on July 18, 2018 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Phillipsburg, Kansas, the youngest of four boys. He earned an Associate Degree from Kansas Technical Institute. Prior to college, Mike spent four years in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa and Guam during the Vietnam conflict. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Mike spent 21 1/2 years in the Air National Guard. Mike's civilian job was with the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. He is survived by his wife of 40 years Jan, of the home; his daughter, Bethany (Micah) Wood of Satanta, Kansas; his son, Barrett (Meghann) Case of Rich Hill, Missouri; five grandchildren, one brother. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church, Greensburg and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, in care of Fleener Funeral Home, PO Box 41, Greensburg, Kansas 67054. |
| **Casey** | **2018** | William Hunter Casey (96) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away on May 9, 2018 at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore. Born in Mercer County, he was a United States Army Air Corp Veteran, a graduate of the University of Michigan and a State Wildlife Biologist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Bill was a member of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church and an avid hunter and fisherman. Survivors, in addition to his wife of seventy years, Thelma "Jean" Casey are, two sons: Daniel H (Michelle) Casey of O'Fallon, IL and David K. Casey of Lexington, and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother: James H. Casey and a half-brother: Travis Casey. To share your memories or to leave a message for the family, please visit: www.alexanderandroyalty.com |
| **Cheek** | **2018** | Honorary Member Charles D. Cheek (91) formerly of Tonkawa and Ponca City, resident of Kansas City, Missouri passed away November 22, 2018. Charles was born in Sterling, Colorado. He attended Tonkawa (Oklahoma) grade school and graduated from Tonkawa High School in 1945. He attended Northern Oklahoma College in 1946, then Oklahoma State University where he graduated with his Bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1951. Charles served in Korea as a combat engineer from October 1, 1952 to May 29, 1954. Charles married Joan Schug in Tonkawa, Oklahoma on August 25, 1948 and was married to her until her death August 2, 2002. They had one son Randy who was born in 1955. Charles worked as an engineer for the US Soil Conservation Service from the summer of 1951 until his retirement in May of 1986, with a break for military service 1951-1954. Survivors include his son Randy Cheek and wife Kathryn of Kansas City, MO, a granddaughter and two great grandchildren. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a sister, and a brother. |
| **Cleave** | **2018** | Verna F. Van Cleave (88) of Eureka, Kansas, and a longtime former resident of Galesburg, Kansas, passed away on November 1, 2018 at Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka, Kansas. She was born in rural Chase County. She worked in the Kansas State University agricultural office. Following his graduation from college while living in Eureka, Verna worked for the Greenwood County Health Department as a secretary until retiring. She was a member of the Galesburg United Methodist Church. Verna loved to quilt. Through the years, she had made 157 quilts, many of which were gifted to her family and friends. Survivors include her loving husband of 69 years, Kenneth Van Cleave, of the home. Kenneth retired from SCS in 1983. Also surviving are two sons, a daughter, six granddaughters, five great grandchildren, a brother, and two sisters. Online condolences may be left at www.forbeshoffman.com. |
| **Coleman** | **2018** | Roger D. Coleman (95) of Oskaloosa, Kansas passed away on January 29, 2018, at the Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Kansas City, MO. Roger was born in Atchison, KS and was a graduate of Atchison High School. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy from Kansas State University and a Master Degree in Public Administration from UMKC. He was an Eagle Scout. He served In the US Navy from 1941 to 1946 and was stationed in Eureka, CA at a Lighter than Air Base and on the USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier as a part of the occupation forces in Japan. Roger farmed at Larkinburg, KS for a few years after graduating from KSU. In 1959 he began working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (NRCS) in Olathe, KS. He filled several roles including District Conservationist and Resource Conservationist for the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He retired in 1992. Roger was a member of many organizations including being the oldest member of the Oskaloosa Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America and a founder and former president of the Kansas Wildflower Society. He served on the Jefferson County Conservation Board as a supervisor and won several soil conservation awards though the years. He was also a member of the Oskaloosa United Methodist Church and served on several different boards. Roger married Maxine Grace Davitt while they were in college at KSU on December 23, 1947. She preceded him in death in 1973. He married Jacqueline Louise Merryfield in August, 1974. She preceded him in death on September 9, 2007. He is also preceded in death by a son Doug Coleman. Survivors include a son Donald (Patricia) Coleman Lenexa, a daughter, Janis (Terry) Abramovitz, Shawnee, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oskaloosa United Methodist Church or Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care sent in care of the funeral home PO Box 602, Oskaloosa, KS 66066. Online condolences may be made at www.barnettfamilyfh.com |

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| **Cranford** | **2018** | Georgia Lee Cranford (82) of Charlotte Hall, Maryland passed away on March 2, 2018 at her residence. She was diagnosed with an incurable lung disease several months ago. Georgia was born in Gallinger Hospital in Washington, DC. She and her loving husband, Charles Cranford lived a beautiful happy life until he passed away in 1994. At the age of 21, Georgia began her career with the USDA, retiring in 1986 as a Secretary with the Soil Conservation Service in Washington, DC after 29 years with the Federal Government. In addition to her parents and husband, Georgia was predeceased by two brothers. Georgia is survived by her daughter Terry L. and son-in-law Gary W. Kitts, and two sisters, as well as many nieces and nephews. Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of St. Mary's. |
| **Culberson** | **2018** | Bobby Scott Culberson (53) passed away on August 3, 2018 at the Merit Health Hospital in Brandon, Mississippi. Scott was born and grew up in Jackson, MS. He graduated from Jackson Prep and Mississippi State University with a BS in Civil Engineering. Scott began his career with NRCS as a student trainee in the Canton Project Engineer Office. After graduation from college, he worked in the Mississippi State Office Design Section and became the Head of the State Design Section. In May of 2012, Scott was appointed State Conservation Engineer. Scott was an avid hunter who enjoyed spending time at his deer camp. He is survived by his wife, Denna Clark Culberson; mother, Beverly Culberson Varner and two children, Ashlan Nicole Culberson and Christan Erin Culberson. Scott is preceded in death by his father, Bobby J. Culberson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any conservation efforts for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. |
| **Cuthbertson** | **2018** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Ida Cuthbertson (89) of Springfield, Virginia (formerly of Sarasota, Florida) passed away on September 1, 2018. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Ida graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 1961 and from Virginia Tech with a Master in Urban Affairs in 1974. She served as a community planner for the Soil Conservation Service and retired in 1993 after serving for 12 years as its Public Participation Coordinator. Earlier in her career she was a statistician with the Ohio Department of Health and also worked for SW Michigan Hospital Council and the Research Analysis Corp. Ida served as the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees Vice President for the South from 2006 to 2012. Her hobbies were fitness, choral singing, and traveling (seven continents and 50 states), her most memorable trip being a visit to her father's birthplace, Reinhart (Osinovka), Russia, just east of the Volga River in Samara Province. She is survived by her daughter Becky, son James, other family members, and friends. |
| **Daniels** | **2018** | Eugene Andrew Daniels (94) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on January 22, 2018. He was born in Sterling, NE. Gene served in the Navy during WWII. He married his wife Phyllis in November of 1946. She preceded him in death. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in Horticulture and Vocational education. He taught high school, was a leader in FFA (Future Farmers of America), sold life insurance, and retired after 25 years with the Soil Conservation Service. He was a counselor for the Billy Graham Crusade in Omaha in 1964 and was a deacon at First Baptist Church (Lincoln). He also started a church in Rushville. He is survived two children, Constance (Douglas) Otoupalile of Lincoln and Scott (Constance) Daniels of Richmond, VA; four grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and two sisters. Memorials to the Billy Graham Ministries. |
| **Davis** | **2018** | "Dottie" Davis (95), formerly of Silver Spring, Maryland passed away peacefully at Luther Crest Diakon Senior Living Center on October 26th in Allentown, PA. She was born in Superior, Wisconsin. She married Howie Davis in 1945, taught school and raised their two daughters. Howie died in 1985. She was married to Wesley Hofstad (the best man at her first marriage) from 2003 until his death in 2015. Wesley retired from SCS in 1982 as an Economist at the NENTC. He and Dottie were regular attendees to the retiree luncheons. Dottie enjoyed his children and their families: David, Joy, Alan and Mark. Dottie is survived by her two daughters: Jane (married to Ted Zimmerman living in Allentown) and Mary Lou (married to Bob Rosen living in Savannah, Georgia), four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Luther Crest Care Fund, 800 Hausman Rd., Allentown PA 18104 or St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N. 7th St, Allentown PA 18102. |
| **Dawson** | **2018** | Albert Ray Dawson (78) of the Claymour Community, passed away on December 27, 2018 at St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, TN of natural causes. Albert was born in Todd County, KY. He was a farmer and retired in 2004 from Natural Resources Conservation Service as an Engineering Technician. He was ordained as a Deacon and was a member of Green Ridge Baptist Church. Albert was survived by his wife of 58 Years, Bettie Boley Dawson; his son, Rev. Gary (Debi) Dawson of Trenton, KY; a brother, a sister, two grandchildren, and a great grandson. The family asks that donations be given to the Sunrise Children's Home, P.O. Box 1429, Mt. Washington, KY 40047. |
| **Dean** | **2018** | L. Robert "Bob" Dean (73) of Rio, Illinois passed away on October 28, 2018, at home. He was born in Port Huron, Michigan. Bob married Faith M. Kenyon on July 2, 1988, in Halfmoon Township, New York. She preceded him in death on July 21, 2018 after 30 years of marriage. He is survived by children, Justin (Brittany) Dean of Dahinda, Zack (Melanie) Dean of Latham, New York, Dr. Victoria "Vicki" Callagan of Troy, New York, Amy (Dan) Mahoney of Voorheesville, New York, and Josh (Lis) Cinelli of Fort Worth, Texas; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother and a sister. Bob worked for the United States Department of Agriculture for many years. After moving from California to Rio in 1996, he was assistant state conservationist at Galesburg until his retiring in 2012. He earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. Bob was a member of the Rio Masonic Lodge 685 and Oneida American Legion Post 727. Bob was of Christian faith. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Two Campaign Stars, and the Purple Heart. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.h-p-w.com. |

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| **Densmore** | **2018** | Mabel Elizabeth "Betty" Densmore (102) a long-time resident of Madison, Wisconsin passed away on November 23, 2018. Betty was born in West Salem, WI. Following graduation from West Salem High School in 1934, Betty attended Miss Woods Kindergarten and Primary Teacher Training School in Minneapolis, MN. Subsequently, Betty taught kindergarten from 1936-1941 in Viola and Viroqua, WI. Betty met Jack Densmore at a community dance in 1940 and they were married in 1941 in Bangor, WI. Jack was the first State Resource Conservationist in Wisconsin with the Soil conservation Service and former Regional Forester in the Lincoln, Nebraska technical center. They enjoyed 71 years of marriage and had three children and one granddaughter. Betty was preceded in death by husband Jack in 2012, her parents, and brother. Betty is survived by her two daughters, a son, granddaughter, a sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Oakwood Foundation or a charity of your choice. |
| **Dodge** | **2018** | Audrey M. Dodge (82) of Southampton, Massachusetts passed away on April 1, 2018 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. She was born in Gardner. She graduated from Northampton High School in 1953 and from the former Children's Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. She married the late Chester H Dodge Jr. in 1956. Chester retired as the Soil Conservation Service State Design Engineer in 1988. They had made their home in Southampton since 1963. Audrey is survived by children Audrey Dodge Gaudette, Scott Dodge, and Stephen Dodge and her grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HUG-A-BEARS. |
| **Doerr** | **2018** | Bill "Larry" Doerr (60) of Fairmont, West Virginia passed away on December 11, 2018 with his wife at his side. He was born in Detroit, Michigan. Bill graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Montana University. He was a retired Contracting Specialist with USDA/NCRS. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl Diana (Dunlap) Doerr; daughters, Jessica (Jeff) Powers of Valley Grove, and Paula Dunlap, of Fairmont, two sisters, and four grandchildren as well as several loving nieces and nephews. |
| **Dollar** | **2018** | Mason Dollar (73) of Auburn, Alabama passed away on February 5, 2016 at UAB Medical Center as a result of cancer. He retired as the Water Resources Staff Leader on the Alabama state office staff. Mason retired with approximately 35 years of Federal service and later had a very successful career as a real estate salesman, specializing in forest and recreation/wildlife land. Mason was an attorney and member of the Alabama bar. |
| **Dvorak** | **2018** | Verne Irvin Dvorak (93) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on December 16, 2018 after recurrent battles with pneumonia. Verne was born at home near Barneston, Nebraska. Verne graduated from Barneston High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Navy on USS LST 952 (an invasion hospital evacuation ship), seeing action in the battle of Okinawa. After farming with his father for the next few years, Verne enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 1954, he met the love of his life, Helen, at a Sunday evening Methodist church supper in Scottsbluff, while assisting with research at the Panhandle Research & Extension Center. They were married at Centenary UMC in Beatrice on Feb. 5, 1956. He earned a B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Engineering from UNL. Verne first worked as a hydrologist and later as a computer programmer for the Soil Conservation Service between 1950 and 1991. After retirement, he enjoyed gardening, woodworking, helping his children with home renovation projects, and spending time with his grandchildren, avidly following their activities. Verne was preceded in death by: wife, Helen; parents, and a brother. He is survived by: his sister, Audre (Dvorak) Ferrier (Ankeny, IA); children, Carla (Ed) Lash (Gallup, NM), Dennis (Leah) Dvorak (Manhattan, IL), and Bruce (Karrie) Dvorak (Lincoln); seven grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ UMC Bus Fund or Tabitha Meals on Wheels. |
| **Eddy** | **2018** | Charles Eddy (72) a resident of Chillicothe, Missouri, passed away peacefully while surrounded by family members on July 9, 2018 at his residence. Charles was born in Sikeston, Missouri. Charles served in the United States Army from 1968 until 1972 during the Vietnam War. He attended the University of Missouri, graduating in 1973, with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture. Charles worked for the USDA as a soil conservationist for 35 years, retiring as an area conservationist in December of 2000. He then co-owned and operated Gaslight Real Estate from 2001 until his retirement in 2013. He was a member of the Church of Christ, Chillicothe, Missouri, where he had served as an elder since 2002. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Joyce of the home; two sons, Joe David (Kelly) Eddy of Rocheport, Missouri, and John Daniel (Teresa) Eddy of Henryetta, Oklahoma; two daughters, Lynnette Marie (Michael) Berry of Kansas City, Missouri, and Leah Michelle (Jason) Robitaille of Russellville, Arkansas; ten grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two brothers, and a mother-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Elijah Hunter Saldivar. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Christ and may be left at or mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 47, Chillicothe, Missouri 64601. Online condolences may be made at www.lindleyfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Ellis** | **2018** | Billy Wayne Ellis (76), Seminole resident, went to Heaven, his eternal home, on July 28, 2018 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, with his loving wife Ruby by his side. Bill was born in Prague, Oklahoma. Bill graduated with the class of 1960 from Strother High School. In addition to several other jobs, he was a technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Seminole and Pottawatomie Counties and on the watershed staff in Pontotoc County, retiring in December of 2002. Bill was a member of the Praise Assembly of God in Little, Oklahoma and served as deacon and Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher. He had a love for classic cars and owned several throughout his lifetime. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Ruby Ellis of Seminole, Oklahoma; a son, a daughter, five siblings, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. A link to his obituary and online condolences http://www.swearingenfuneral.com/funeral-schedule/m.obituary/17/view/4863 |
| **Espey** | **2018** | Royce W. Espey, Sr. (81) of Halifax County, North Carolina passed away on June 20, 2018. Royce retired as Planning Engineer on the River Basin/Watershed Planning staff of the Soil Conservation Service in Raleigh where he worked for more than 20 years. Royce graduated from the University of Tennessee earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering. Following college, he served his country with the U. S. Army from 1959 to 1962. Royce is survived by his three sons, Royce W. Espey, Jr. and his wife Terri of Fuquay Varina, Gary G. Espey of Wake Forest and James L. Espey and his wife Debbie of Lexington Park, MD: two sisters, Sue Tinkle, and Geraldine Binkley and her husband Billy all of Dyer County, TN; sister-in-law, Althea Espey of Baton Rouge, LA; three granddaughters, a grandson and great-granddaughter. Online condolences can be directed to the family by visiting www.letchworthsykesfs.com. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Royce. |

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| **Estlack** | **2018** | Eli Thomas Estlack (90) of Morgantown, Virginia passed away March 15, 2018, at Monongalia General Hospital. Thomas was born in Tyler County, West Virginia. He was educated in the Tyler County school system, Salem College and West Virginia University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. His first job was with Wetzel County School System as an instructor of veterans, 1949-50. He then went on to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Nicholas and Kanawha Counties 1951-67. He finished his career in Morgantown at the Soil Conservation Service State Office as the State Administrative Officer 1970-1977. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Crystalee Trough Estlack; his son, Mark Estlack (Stephanie) and daughter Chris Estlack Riggs (Donald). He l also survived by two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two sisters, and multiple nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to American Heart Association, 162 Court Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family at www.furbeefuneralhome.com. |
| **Farris** | **2018** | Larry Dale Farris (66) of Okemah, Oklahoma passed away on November 25, 2018. He was born in Okemah. Larry received a bachelor's degree in Agronomy from Oklahoma State University. He retired from the USDA NRCS (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) after more than 20 years of employment. He enjoyed his work and also liked gardening, hunting, fishing and reading. Larry attended the Skyview Baptist Church of Okemah. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Robin Farris of the home in Okemah; one son, David (Melissa) Farris of Okemah; one daughter, Michelle Oxley of Okemah; four brothers, one sister, and five grandchildren. |
| **Finkelson** | **2018** | Ordean Finkelson (92) of Roseville, Minnesota passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on February 16, 2018. Ordean is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy, daughters Barbara (Mike), Kristi (Mike), Carol (Mark) and Diane (Greg), six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ordean graduated from Fergus Falls High School and served in the Army during WWII, earning the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He graduated from NDSU and had a successful career as a geologist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1986. Ordean loved to ski, fish, boat, garden and play golf and bridge. Memorials are preferred to New Life Presbyterian Church in Roseville, The Presbyterian Foundation, or NDSU. |
| **Fitzgerald** | **2018** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Warren Fitzgerald (95) of Sun City, Arizona passed away on September 3, 2018. He was born in Manitowoc, WI. He was raised on a farm in Manitowoc County in the community of Osman. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1949 with a Degree in Agriculture. He worked with the Soil Conservation Service for 33 years, retiring as State Conservationist for Illinois in 1982. He previously worked for SCS in Michigan and New Jersey before going to Illinois. Warren served in the 11th Armored Division under General Patton in WW II, was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Purple Heart. He and his wife, Rita, moved to Sun City in 1988. They were avid golfers for many years, and Warren golfed in the Willowbrook Men's League. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Rita; two sons, Mark (Sharon), Urbana, IL and Scott, Overland Park, KS; and a daughter, Ann, Glendale, AZ. He is also survived by six grandchildren. Interment was at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society www.st.vincentdepaul.net or to Hospice of the Valley www.hov.org |
| **Fobair** | **2018** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist I. W. "Bill" Fobair (92) of Cottonwood, Arizona, passed away on February 16, 2018. He was born on the Niobrara Ranch, homesteaded by his grandfather in 1890, seven miles southwest of Butte. By the time Bill reached the eighth grade, he was determined to become a soil and water conservationist, based on the severe rill and gully erosion he witnessed in rural Boyd County. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy (1943-1947) and served again during the Korean War (1951-1953). In between that service he received his BS in Agriculture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He was a charter member of one of the first College Student Chapters of the Soil Conservation Society of America. He married Joyce A. Pellew in 1949, a knowledgeable young lady from New Zealand. In September 1953, they made an extended trip to New Zealand before starting his career in the Soil Conservation Service. Bill pursued post graduate studies at the Canterbury Agricultural College, in Lincoln, South Island, New Zealand. Bill took out a patent pending for a folding, rolling shopping basket, had 1,000 made, and sold them after graduation in 1954 on a six-week tour of New Zealand. The proceeds paid for their expenses in New Zealand and trip back to the States in 1955. Bill started his career with SCS at North Platte, Nebraska in May 1955. Bill later served as Area Conservationist in Flint, Michigan, Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator in the Panhandle of Nebraska, and as Seed Production Specialist for the small livestock industry, Tunis, Tunisia. Bill retired in 1981 with 33 years of service. From 1982 to 1986 he was under contract with Utah State University and Louis Berger International to implement a soil and water conservation program for the Central Rangelands Development project in Somalia. Bill and Joyce traveled to 39 foreign countries, all states in the U.S. except North Dakota, and several provinces in Canada, Alaska and Mexico. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary July 5, 2016. Their oldest son Roger, mechanical engineer, works for John Deere at corporate headquarters, Moline, Illinois; and their youngest son, Ralph is Technical Education Director, Mingus Union High School in Cottonwood. Bill and Joyce have three grandchildren. |
| **Foster** | **2018** | Charles Calvin Foster (97) formerly of Washington, Kansas, passed away on May 13, 2018 at Mustang Creek Estates, Sachse, Texas. He was born in Trenton, Missouri. He grew up in Effingham, Kansas, went to Parsons Junior College, and graduated from Kansas State University. Charles worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a District in Osborne, Oskaloosa, and Washington, all in Kansas, retiring in 1983. Charles was preceded in death by: his wife, Evelyn; and one grandson. He is survived by five children; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Raymond Foster, of Horton, Kansas. Memorials may be made to the First United Church, of Washington, in honor of Charles Foster. |
| **Garner** | **2018** | Howard Garner (83) of Newport, North Carolina, passed away on November 23, 2018. He was born to Fernie and Mildred Garner at their home next to the Hill Hardware Store. He lived at his current home on Nine Foot Road since 1963. Howard had a long career as a Soil Conservation Technician serving Carteret, Craven, Pamlico and Onslow Counties. Some of the achievements during his life he was most proud of are: President of Newport Woodmen of the World, Charter President of Newport Jaycees, Governor of Newport Moose Lodge, Vice President of NC Jaycees, Board of Directors of US Jaycees, Honorary Jr Chamber International, Pilgrim Degree with Moose and served as Administrator of Newport Moose Lodge for 18 years during which time the lodge was named #1 out of 2200 lodges by Moose International. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Peggy Garner; daughter, Beth Tufts and her husband; son, Ward Garner; five grandchildren, and a special great granddaughter, and a sister, Brenda Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and a sister. |

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| **Garst** | **2018** | The conservation community in Virginia is saddened by the recent loss of current employee Fred Garst (62) of Bridgewater, Virginia on August 16, 2018 of an apparent heart attack. Fred was a trained geologist, but came to work with SCS as a technician, took college classes and became certified as a soil scientist, and then worked for many years as the state's GIS specialist. Fred was well known for his smile and friendly manner with all NRCS employees, SWCD staff and Directors and many agency partners. In addition, Fred served as an adjunct professor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg and positively impacted the lives of countless students through real world examples and training on GIS in the NRCS office. He will be greatly missed. Fred is survived by his mother, Freda Cowger Garst; his devoted wife of 38 years, Sue Burkholder Garst; two sons, Matthew Marshall (Lora) Garst and Capt. Daniel Lloyd Garst; and girlfriend, Dr. Erika Shelburneand; two granddaughters, and a brother and two sisters. Fred was known as an outstanding athlete. As a standout in H.S. football, Fred went on to play at James Madison University on their first undefeated football team. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. |
| **Geiger** | **2018** | Honorary Life Member Alfonso (Al, Fonce) F. Geiger (93) of Silver Spring, Maryland passed away peacefully on September 15, 2018, at his home in the Riderwood community. He was born on his family's farm in Saranac, Michigan, the fifth child of eight to German immigrants August and Emma Geiger. After serving in the U.S. Navy during WW II, he graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Geological Engineering. His job as a geologist for the Department of Agriculture first brought the young Geiger family to Greenbelt in 1957, where he lived for 49 years. He retired as the National Geologist for the Soil Conservation Service in 1980. He was a professor of geology at George Washington University until his retirement. He was a gifted gardener, carpenter, boat builder and game player who enjoyed making a competition out of any activity. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Agnes, and son Paul Allen. He is survived by his second wife Ellie Friend, his sisters Arlene and Shirley, his children Maureen, Patricia, Kathleen, Thomas and Ellen, their spouses Kate, Ted, Mark and Patty as well as his 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. |
| **Gelnar** | **2018** | Edward Robert Gelnar (82) of Mangum, Oklahoma passed away on November 22, 2018 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was born in Brinkman, Oklahoma. He graduated from Mangum High School in 1956. He served his country in the Air Force. He spent his life as a rancher and retired from the Soil Conservation Service. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mangum. He enjoyed camping, working with his cattle and especially spending time with his grandchildren. Edward is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a sister, and a great grandson. He is survived by his wife Darlene of the home; a son, Junior (Susan) Gelnar of Mangum; a daughter, Stephanie (Calvin) Yocham of Mangum; seven grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. |
| **Gerald** | **2018** | Life Member Talbert R. Gerald (82) of Athens, Georgia passed away on March 6, 2018 after a brief illness surrounded by his precious family. He was born in Loris, South Carolina. Talbert graduated from Loris High School in 1953 and was elected President of his senior class. He went onto Clemson University where he earned a BS degree in Agronomy and Soils and graduated on June 2, 1957. On the same date, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army, Artillery Branch. He had a ten-year military career, active duty and reserve. Talbert attained the rank of Captain and was the commander of an Artillery Battery. He received an honorable discharge. Talbert's first job out of Clemson was Assistant County Agent of Florence County, South Carolina. After two years he accepted a position of Soil Scientist with the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. He went on to have a 44-year career in Soil Science. He served in several locations in South Carolina as a field Soil Scientist and Soil Survey Party Leader. A promotion in 1976 carried him to Fort Worth, Texas, to the South National Technical Center as Assistant Principal Soil Correlator. In 1981 Talbert moved to Athens, Georgia as State Soil Scientist, a position he retired from in 1996. He then established a Soils Consulting business for eight years, retiring for a second time in 2004. He was a member of the American Legion, the Fraternity of Alpha Zeta, and Green Acres Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years. Talbert and his wife Beth served as youth leaders, and he served on many committees at the church. While working in Florence, SC he met "the love of his life," Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Tarte. God blessed them with 57 years together and a great family. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and sons in law: Marianne Elizabeth and Matt Boggs of Colbert, GA, Dena Elizabeth and Mark Hodge of Canton, GA, and Susan Elizabeth and Kendall Cook of Monroe, GA; five granddaughters, one grandson, three great granddaughters, and one brother. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made of Green Acres Baptist Church flower fund 2085 Barnett Shoals Road, Athens, GA 30605 or to the American Cancer Society in his memory. |
| **Gerdes** | **2018** | Robert "Bob" N. Gerdes (90) of Salina, Kansas passed away August 21, 2018. He was born in Amorita, Okla., and graduated from Amorita High School. Bob joined the United States Navy as did so many young men in those years. He had 11 brothers and sisters. All but his sister, Mary, have preceded him. Bob and Dorothy were Charter Members of Christ the King Lutheran Church and were very active there. Bob married Dorothy Maltbie of Amorita, May 28, 1947. They have been married 71 years. They have three children, four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Dorothy J. Gerdes served as a Personnel Management Specialist in the SCS Kansas State Office. Memorials are suggested to: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Sunflower Lions, or the Municipal Golf Course, in care of Ryan Mortuary, Salina. For more information or to leave condolences: www.ryanmortuary.com. |
| **Gladston** | **2018** | Gladston "G. H." Hall (90) of Auburn, Alabama passed away on July 28, 2018. G. H. was a retired hydrologist on the Alabama River Basin Staff. He retired with 33 years of Federal service with SCS. Other work experience included area engineer in Alabama Area 1 and Assistant State Engineer in New York. G. H. was a professional civil engineer and continued work as a pond designer after retirement from SCS. He received the Purple Heart and Silver Star for injuries received in the Korean War. G. H. was an ordained deacon in the Baptist Church and a member of the Gideon's. |

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| **Greene** | **2018** | Joseph William Greene, Sr. (81) of Flemington, New Jersey, passed away February 7, 2018, at Hunterdon Care Center in Flemington. Joseph was born in Newark, New Jersey, son of the late Warren V. and Stella (Delikat) Greene, Joseph grew up in Ringoes, New Jersey and once married, resided in Three Bridges, New Jersey for over fifty years. Joseph faithfully served his country in the United States National Guard. After thirty-five years of dedicated employment as a civil engineer technician with the USDA- Soil Conservation Service, he retired in 1992. After retirement, Joseph utilized the passion he had for landscaping to own and operate his own landscaping company. He was a parishioner of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Roman Catholic Church in Flemington. Joseph was predeceased by two sons, Joseph W. Greene, Jr., and Robert W. Greene. Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of sixty years, Frances J. (Patrick) Greene and daughter, Susan (Martin) Burjan of Neshanic Station, New Jersey. |
| **Gregory** | **2018** | Gerald Lee Gregory (80) of Baker City, Oregon, passed away from a heart attack on November 7, 2018. Gerald was elk hunting with his son-in-law, when he experienced some chest discomfort. After a triple bypass surgery at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho, Gerald had two more heart attacks, the second one was fatal. Gerald grew up in Sweet Home. Gerald was an Army Veteran, a woodworker, a gardener, a hunter, an artist, and a cowboy action shooter. Before retiring, Gerald worked as a Civil Engineering Technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Dorothy; son Brian; daughter Becky and son-in- law Bill Manix; and two brothers . Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com. |
| **Guthrie** | **2018** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist James Elwood Guthrie (94) of Blanch, North Carolina, passed away on March 20, 2018. Elwood retired in 1986 as Soil Conservation Technician in the Soil Conservation Service Yanceyville Field Office with over 26 years of service. He was a life-time resident of Caswell County. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Yanceyville, NC, where he served as past Deacon and former choir member. Elwood was a founding member of the Central Caswell Ruritan Club. Elwood is survived by three sons, Kenneth Guthrie (Connie), Mitchell Guthrie, and James Guthrie; a daughter, Linda Palmer (Marty), all of Blanch, N.C.; two sisters, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Emily on March 13, 2013. Online condolences at www.wrenn-yeatts.com. |
| **Haas** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary Member Joseph W. Haas (87) of Winchester, Virginia passed away on September 8, 2018. He was born in Danville, IL, and was the youngest of six boys. He spent his formative years living and working on various farms in and around Rossville, IL. He met his wife, Lavona (Green) Haas, on the high school bus in 1948 and graduated from Rossville High School in 1949. They married on June 14, 1953 and were married for 61 years until Lavona's passing in 2014. They had one daughter, Cindy, in 1957. Joe received a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1953. Soon thereafter, he was drafted into the Army and spent two years serving our country. He got a job as an Agricultural Engineer with watershed project responsibilities with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Edwardsville, IL in 1955. Various promotions sent him to other Illinois locations, and in 1963 he was offered a fellowship to study Public Administration at Stanford University. While there, he also received a Master's degree in Civil Engineering. He returned to Illinois in 1964 as the State Engineer for SCS. A few years later he was promoted to Assistant State Conservationist in Harrisburg, PA. Only two years later, he was promoted to the Assistant Director of Watershed Planning at the National Headquarters for SCS in Washington, D.C. where he held many responsible positions on his way up to the number two position of Associate Chief of the agency and retired in 1988. He is survived by his daughter, Cindy Siler, of Round Hill, VA; a granddaughter, a grandson, one brother as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001. |
| **Hagen** | **2018** | Robert Eugene "Bob" Hagen (88) of Sedan, Kansas was born in Chicago and passed away at his home, June 27, 2018. Bob grew up in Chicago, but loved spending his summers at his uncles' farms in Barton County, KS. Bob attended Kansas Wesleyan for one year and graduated from Kansas State Agricultural College, where he played for the baseball team, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. Bob and Jackie married Dec. 27, 1952, in Abilene, KS. Bob served two years in the Air Force, stationed in Europe. Bob worked for the USDA's Soil Conservation Service for 34 years retiring as the state administrative officer. Early retirement in 1996 allowed him to spend 33 years doing things he loved, including golfing and visiting his various farms. Bob was involved with his church, Sunrise Presbyterian, singing in the choir. He sang in the Bethel College performances of Handel's Messiah for many years. Bob is survived by his children, Randell (Deborah) Hagen of Houston, Texas, and Nancy (Ted) Knopp of Wichita, Kansas; his five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren and a sister. Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Nora Jacqueline "Jackie" (Scott) Hagen; and son, Barton Jay Hagen. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to: The First Tee of Salina, or Sunrise Presbyterian Church, in care of Ryan Mortuary, Salina. |
| **Hager** | **2018** | Roger F. Hager (76) of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania passed away on April 20, 2018, at the Milton Hershey Medical Center surrounded by his loving family following post-surgical complications. He was born in Waukon, IA. Roger was a 1964 graduate of Iowa State University, later receiving a second degree from the University of Wisconsin with degrees in Agronomy and Business. In 1971, Roger moved to Pennsylvania. He was a long-time employee of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring as a contract specialist in 2003. Roger also served on the board of the Dillsburg Area Public Library. Roger was a legendary personality who had a deep appreciation for the people and things he loved and was a phenomenal influence on his children, grandchildren and all who knew him. He was a voracious reader and student of history, with a special passion for World War II events. Roger is survived by his wife, Linda C. (Obyle) Hager; as well as his daughter, Sarah Hager Crone and her husband Leon of Mechanicsburg; a step-daughter, Laura Martino and her husband Peter of Clinton, NY; a step-son, Peter Dohner and his wife Beth Ann D'Agostino of Dillsburg; six grandchildren; and a brother and a sister. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dillsburg Area Public Library, 204 Mumper Lane, Dillsburg, PA 17019 or the Lutheran Camping Corp., P.O. Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303. |
| **Hardy-Brown** | **2018** | Renessa Cecelia Hardy-Brown (45) of Hope Mills, North Carolina, formerly of Whiteville, passed away on January 26, 2018. Renessa retired as District Conservationist at the Natural Resources Conservation Service Fayetteville Field Office. She had been courageously fighting cancer for six years. Surviving are her daughters, Courtney Brown and Celine Lewis of the home; father and stepmother, Boice and Jocerlyn Hardy of Woodbridge, VA; mother, Brenda Vaughn of Parkton; and two brothers. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society or Covenant Love Church. Fayetteville, NC. |

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| **Hartman** | **2018** | Ralph Lawrence Hartman (89) of Keyser, West Virginia passed away on October 9, 2018 at his residence. He was born at home in Junction, WV. Besides his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Pearl Mae Hartman (d. January 15, 2014), four brothers, and two sisters. Ralph is survived by three daughters; Linda Mallow of Elkins, Jean Harman and husband Dr. Steven of Eckhart, MD, and Joan Hartman of New Creek, one brother, one sister, seven grandchildren as well as ten great grandchildren. Ralph's career(s) were several; he was in the U.S. Army for 20 years, then worked as a surveyor for 20 years for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, and the final 20 years of his working career were spent at the family operated "The Can Do Construction Company" in Keyser. He was a charter member of the Chapter 9 Disabled American Veterans, a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church, a longtime member of the Mill Creek Ruritan, a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and was instrumental in the establishment of the National Veteran's Cemetery in Grafton, WV. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in Ralph's name to: Calvary United Methodist Church, 233 South Mineral St., Keyser, WV 26726 |
| **Hayhurst** | **2018** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Eileen Moore Hayhurst (91) passed away on August 15, 2018, while she was at Sundale Nursing Home for rehabilitation. Eileen Rae Moore was born in Belington, in Barbour County and died just eight days short of her 92nd birthday. Eileen graduated from Morgantown High School in 1943, attended West Virginia University for one year, and then married her high school sweetheart in 1944. They had two sons before they were divorced in 1951. Eileen subsequently graduated from Morgantown Business College and worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service from 1954 to 1983. She was married to Thomas S. Davis from 1963 until his death in 1973. She married Russell J. Hayhurst on July 6, 1985. They were happily married for nearly 33 years, until he passed away earlier this year, on June 6. Eileen was an active member of the First Baptist Church, in Morgantown, for over 60 years. She loved reading, playing bridge, and watching WVU football and basketball games. Eileen is survived by her two sons, Michael Lynn (Theresa) Toothman, of Ardmore, PA, (wife, Therese) and Timothy Wilson Toothman, of Tucson, AZ, (wife, Jessica L. Andrews); her stepdaughter, Pamula Sue (Hayhurst) Pandolfi, of Culpeper, VA, (husband, Peter); her daughter-in-law, Deborah Hayhurst, of Marianna, FL; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother. Donations may be made in Eileen’s honor to the WVU Foundation for the Eileen and Russell Hayhurst Athletic Scholarship Fund. |
| **Heilman** | **2018** | Rodney Lee Heilman (87) of Versailles, Kentucky passed away on April 16, 2018 at the Episcopal Church Home, Louisville, Kentucky. He is a native of Henry County. He is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Lola Heilman. He is survived by his daughter, Anne H. Veno (Tim); a granddaughter, and three great grandchildren and two brothers. Rodney attended Western Kentucky University and was a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he obtained a degree in agriculture. He worked for Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company, as a dairy farmer with his brother Philip, and for 32 years was a soil conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of Westport Road Baptist Church and was an ordained Deacon and Sunday School teacher for most of his adult life. In addition, he served two years in the United States Army, was a 50-year member of the Campbellsburg Masonic Lodge, and an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Episcopal Church Home or the donor's charity of choice. |
| **Held** | **2018** | Robert J. Held (90) of Pershing, Missouri passed away on April 25, 2018 at Hermann Area District Hospital. Robert was born in Pershing. He graduated from Hermann High School. He then went on to attend college at University of Missouri where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist. Robert proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of Zion-St. Peter's United Church of Christ. Robert is survived by a brother, Jim Held & wife Betty, of Hermann; a sister Marilyn Homeister of Tiffon, Ohio; a sister-in-law Bettie Held, of Morrison. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a brother-in-law. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be given to Zion-St. Peter's United Church of Christ. C/O Toedtmann & Grosse Funeral Home. |
| **Helms** | **2018** | John Douglas Helms (73) of Arlington, Virginia passed away on September 5, 2018, at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, VA. Doug was born in Union County, NC. He was a 1967 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in History. He continued his education at Florida State University, earning a Master of Arts Degree in 1970 as well as a Doctorate in American history in 1977. Following his education, Doug moved to the areas of Arlington, VA, and Washington, DC, where he worked at the Smithsonian Institute and at the National Archives. He later became employed with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as Historian. At the time of his retirement, he had worked for more than 30 years with the department. He was the first Historian for NRCS. To see Doug’s full obituary, see a “Bit of History” on page 5 in the ARCSE November/December 2018 newsletter. |
| **Hicks** | **2018** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Vernon M. Hicks (89) of Temple, TX passed away March 25, 2018. He was born in Hico, TX, and he was a long time resident of Belton and Temple. Vernon served in the Army Air Corps after WWII as part of the Pacific Occupation Forces. He attended and graduated from Texas A&M University with a Wildlife Biologist degree. He had an exemplary career with USDA Soil Conservation Service. His career took him to Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, naturalist and worked as a consultant to reclaim mining fields in East Texas. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church for over 50 years. Vernon is survived by his wife of 20 years, Juanita B. Hicks, a daughter, Dottie H. Stephens, and a stepdaughter, Karen Frost. He has ten grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Vernon is preceded in death by two daughters and a stepdaughter. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Dawson Class at First United Methodist Church in downtown Temple, Texas. |

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| **Hilpmann** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Heinz G Hilpmann (93) of Gering, Nebraska passed away May 7, 2018, at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Heinz was born on June 15, 1924, in Seneca, Nebraska to Alfred and Frieda Hilpmann. He attended University of Nebraska Lincoln and University of Wyoming and graduating in 1949 (Agriculture). He entered the U.S. Army on March of 1943 and was honorably discharged in September of 1951. He was united in marriage to Doris Ann Henderson on December 27, 1950, in Cody, Wyoming and made their home in Torrington, Wyoming for twenty-six years, where he was a district Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). In March of 1981, they moved to Gering upon Heinz retirement from SCS. Heinz was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Torrington for several years. Survivors include his daughter Jennifer Ann Hilpmann; sister-in-law Leona Grace Welch and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Doris Ann Hilpmann on April 7, 2018. His memorial service was held May 11, 2018, at. at Dugan Kramer Funeral Chapel with Pastor Lyle Hinebauch officiating. Military honors were provided by the Nebraska Army National Guard. |
| **Holeman** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member John Neville Holeman (95) of Pompano Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully in his Heritage Towers apartment on March 23, 2018, with his daughter Laura present. John was born on June 3, 1922, in Dawson Springs, Kentucky, to John and Jesse Hendershot Holeman. John served in the Navy during World War II. After much thought, he decided to become a Geologist, and had a long, distinguished career in the USDA-Soil Conservation Service including serving as the agency's National Geologist in Washington, DC. John had three loving partners, each for over a decade: Kate Coil, Grace Ruckh, and Jim Burnett. Kate and John met in Kentucky and moved to Clearwater, Florida, where they had an orange grove for many years. Grace and John met through a mutual friend, were married in 1959, and settled in Cheverly, Maryland, outside Washington, D.C. Daughter Laura was born in 1960. Grace passed away in 1975. John retired in the early 1980s and spent winters in Fort Lauderdale and summers in Cheverly. He met Jim in the early 1980s, and they were together happily until Jim's passing in 2014. John is survived by his daughter Laura Lovell Holeman, and by his two nieces, Lee Clements Tobar and Susan Clements Spratlin. His tactfulness, dry sense of humor, and intelligent conversation will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. John's wish was that the Neptune Society scatter his ashes over the Atlantic Ocean. John retired in the early 1980s and spent winters in Fort Lauderdale and summers in Cheverly. |
| **Huff** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist James Wesley Huff (90) of Athens, Georgia passed away April 20, 2018, after living a full and rewarding life. He served with the U.S. Army near the end of WWII and was discharged in 1946. He lived the balance of his life in the Athens area. James was employed by the Loef Company as an equipment operator for many years before going to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. As a core drill operator, he performed soil investigations throughout Georgia, various sites on the East Coast and Puerto Rica. He enjoyed helping others and was an avid outdoorsman. He was a Christian of the Baptist denomination. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary Huff. James is survived by his son, Frank Huff (Andrea), sister Minnie Turner and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his memory to the Team Members Christmas Fund, Thrive at Athens, LTC. |
| **Hunter** | **2018** | Harold Everett "Hal" Hunter (75) passed away on Feb. 15, 2018 after an acute illness. Harold was born in Livingston Montana. Harold spent his early years growing up in Livingston, working at his parents Union 76 station. As an avid outdoorsman, his love of the outdoors led him to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana School of Forestry. Upon graduation from forestry school in Missoula, Hal spent a couple years in graduate school in Bozeman, focusing on soil science. He worked as a soil scientist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Cut Bank and Missoula, then re-located to Bozeman in 1972 as the State Staff Forester and held this title until his retirement in 1995. Hal is survived by his loving wife Judy of almost 50 years, and three sons all of Bozeman. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Reach Inc. (322 Gallatin Park Drive Bozeman, MT 59715). |
| **Hunter** | **2018** | Judith Wood Hunter (73) of Orrington, Maine passed away peacefully on August 20th, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by her best friend and sister, Janet York, and her brother, Dr. Charles Larracey. She lived most of her life in Orrington and was a proud member of the Brewer High School Class of 1962. Judy married the love of her life, Richard Hunter, in 2002. Dick was the long-time computer specialist in the State Office of NRCS in Orono. They had a marriage that all would admire. She leaves behind her three children, Mark Hunter, Todd Hunter, and Jill Hunter, her adoring six grandchildren, and a brother. A fund has been created to honor and continue what she loved doing, helping kittens find forever homes. Judy's Kitties, started by the Pixel fund, will continue her passion for many years to come. Donations can be made online at www.thepixelfund.org or checks can be made to the Pixel Fund and mailed to Karen Wood, 11 Abby's Way, Orrington, ME 04474. |
| **Jackson** | **2018** | Donald Lee Jackson (88) passed from this life on July 12, 2018 at Grace Living Center in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Don was born in Butler, Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma A & M College (now OSU) where he earned a BS in Agriculture in 1951 and his Masters in Agriculture in 1954. Don joined the Air Force in 1951, retiring as a USAF Colonel. On May 10, 1975, Don married Patricia Bolton Talkington Jackson in Stillwater, Oklahoma. After retirement from the Air Force, Don worked as the District Conservationist for Payne County, Oklahoma. He was an active member of the First Christian Church, the Lion's Club, and American Legion. Don is survived by his wife of 43 years, Patricia, one son, two daughters, two step-sons, and one step-daughter, 14 grandchildren and one sister. Condolences may be emailed to the family, and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com. |
| **Jackson** | **2018** | Roberta "Birdie" L. Jackson (65) of Fairmont, West Virginia passed away on April 4, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Buffalo, New York. She leaves behind her loving husband of 33 years, Leonard Jackson of Fairmont and daughter, Lauren Jackson of Morgantown. Leonard was a mail clerk in the NRCS Morgantown state office. |

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| **Jacobs** | **2018** | Eullas Herbert Jacobs (92) of Russell Springs, Kentucky, passed away at home on January 16, 2018. He was born in Detroit. At the age of 3, the family returned to Lincoln County, KY where he grew up on the family farm. He attended a one room school house and later the Lincoln County High School where he was drafted into the US Military in 1943, prior to his beginning his senior year. He joined the US Navy, serving with the submarine service in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS Atule (403) on four combat patrols until the war ended. He was honorably discharged on April, 9, 1946 and returned home to Lincoln County. There he completed his high school education, graduating in 1947. He then attended the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1952 with a Degree in Agriculture. He joined the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1958 working as a soil scientist in Western Kentucky until his retirement in 1985. There were three generations of Jacobs Soil Scientist if correctly recalled--Eullas, Steve and one of Steve's sons. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty Louise Blanton Jacobs of Russell Springs, KY; three sons, Michael Neal Jacobs of Manitou, KY; Steve Edward Jacobs (Melanie) of MaysLick, KY; Barry Eullas Jacobs (Sue) of Versailles, KY; one daughter, Susan Renee Jacobs of Russell Springs, KY; a brother, a sister, a six grandchildren, and one great grandchild |
| **Jaunzemis** | **2018** | Valda Jaunzemis (73) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on September 9, 2018. Born April 8, 1945 in Ravensburg, Germany, she came to the United States in 1950, with her mother and brother Janis. She graduated from Lincoln High School and took a job with the Mills Insurance Agency. For many years she was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Cartographer at the Midwest Regional Cartographic Unit in Lincoln and later as an administrative assistance at the National Soil Survey Center, Lincoln. Valda was a member of the United Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lincoln and life member of Daugavas Vangis Inc. |
| **Jefferson** | **2018** | David Lee Jefferson (75) of Lincoln, Nebraska was born in Columbia, Missouri and passed away on July 24, 2018. He received a music scholarship to Langston University but returned home after one year. In January 1960, he began his career as a Civil Engineering Aide with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Columbia, MO. In March 1968, he transferred to the National Technical Center of the SCS in Lincoln, NE. While employed there, he began and graduated from The University of Nebraska with a degree in civil engineering in December 1982. During his 37-year career, he received numerous awards and commendations for his work as an Area Engineer, Design Engineer and State Environmental Engineer. He was a Master Mason. While in Lincoln, David held numerous leadership positions at his churches, Newman United Methodist and New Hope United Methodist Church. He was a member of the board of directors for several years for YMCA and Cedar's Home for Children. He also played trumpet with the Lincoln Community Concert Band. On August 24, 1963, he married Sherry Jefferson (who preceded him in death). They are survived by two children and his four grandchildren: |
| **Johnson** | **2018** | Esther L. Johnson (68) of Decatur, Illinois departed this life on October 20, 2018 at Decatur Memorial Hospital. Esther was born in Fayette County, Tennessee. She united in holy matrimony to James B. Johnson, Jr. in 1971. James was a retired Soil Scientist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Esther received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Millikin University, Decatur. She also completed a post master's program Family Nurse Practitioner at Mennonite College of Nursing Bloomington, 1997. She retired in 2012. Esther leaves to cherish her loving memories: her husband James B. Johnson of 47 years; a son and a daughter; two grandchildren, two sisters, and three brothers. Professional Services Entrusted to Walker Funeral Service. www.walkerfs.com. |
| **Jones** | **2018** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Martha J. Jones (98) of Kankakee, Illinois passed away January 11, 2018 at her home. She was born in Ashkum. She married Kenneth L. Jones on July 13, 1946 in Ashkum. He preceded her in death on April 11, 2008. Martha retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1977. She was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee, where she sang in the choir. Martha was an avid reader. She enjoyed bowling and watching the Chicago Cubs. Surviving are several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or St. Patrick Catholic Church. |
| **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. |
| **Kauffman** | **2018** | Donald Glen Kauffman (86) of Ida Grove, Iowa passed away on October 22, 2018, at his residence in Ida Grove. Condolences may be sent online at www.christensenvanhouten.com. Don was born in Parnell, IA (Iowa County. He graduated from Wellman High School in 1950. Don went on to further his education at Iowa State College graduating in 1956. His college experience was interrupted by a two-year period in the U.S. Army, including serving overseas in Korea. Upon graduation Don taught Vocational Agriculture in Dunlap and Grundy Center, IA. While in Dunlap he met his future life mate Wanda Andersen. After leaving teaching, Don joined the Soil Conservation Service in Rocky Ford, CO. He also worked in Holly, CO and Council Bluffs, IA, before being promoted to District Conservationist in Ida County in 1968, where he worked until his retirement in January of 1994. While employed, he started planting Christmas trees on their acreage and upon retirement started Grandpa's Christmas Tree Farm. Don and Wanda loved meeting and helping families celebrate a traditional Christmas for 14 years. Don loved trees and nature and was active in Trees Forever and was a Master Gardener. He was a charter member of the Ida Grove Ambulance squad for 18 years and an American Legion member. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church. Don is survived by his wife of 62 years Wanda Kauffman of Ida Grove, IA; sons Jeffrey Kauffman of Cambridge, WI and Craig Kauffman of Shawnee, KS; seven treasured grandchildren, three sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. |

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| **Keller** | **2018** | Anna Greta Franzen Keller (86) of Portland, Oregon passed away on July 30, 2018. She was born in Spirit Lake, Idaho. After graduating from high school, she moved to Spokane, Washington and attended beauty school, only to make a career change into the field of accounting. She was then a homemaker from the early 1980s until the time of her death. She met her future husband Milton Herman Keller while tending bar in Portland, Oregon in 1952, and they were married in September of 1953. Milt retired from the Soil Conservation Service as an engineering technician at the WNTC. They welcomed four children, Michael (Linda), Mark (Sally), Matthew (Patty) and Michelle. She was preceded in death by her husband Milton and is survived by her four children, ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, we request that donations be made In Memory of Anna Greta Keller to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, http://www.lls.org/ |
| **Kilian** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Leonard John Kilian (91) of Ridgeway, North Carolina passed away on January 6, 2018. Leonard retired as Soil Conservation Technician in Warren County. He was a lifelong resident of Warren County. He was a US Air Force Veteran, a farmer, and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he held many offices. After retirement, he served on the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District Board until his death. He was a member of the local Farm Bureau for forty years and was also a member of the Cattleman's Association. He was preceded in death by his wife, Faye Roberson Kilian. He is survived by his son, John Farrar Kilian, seven nieces and five nephews. |
| **Kinsey** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Franklin C. Kinsey (92) of rural Troy, Kansas formerly of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away January 6, 2018. He attended rural school Climax No. 9, south of Troy, and graduated from Troy High School in 1943. He attended Kemper Military School one year before serving two years in the U.S. Navy, WWII. He also attended Iowa State University for one year before graduating from Kansas State University, in 1949, with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. After graduation, he went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, as an Area Engineer. He retired from the area office in Manhattan, Kansas in 1986. Franklin married Barbara Jean Daub, of Highland, Kansas, May 31, 1951. She preceded him in death on November 13, 2004. He was a member of the Troy American Legion Post No. 55, Troy Masonic Lodge # 55, Troy Chapter No. 16, Atchison Commandery No. 2, Salina ISIS Shrine, and ISIS Shrine Legion of Honor. Survivors include: a son, Hugh C. Kinsey, three granddaughters, four great-grandchildren, and a sister. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, Janice Kinsey Memorial Scholarship Fund. www.harmanrohde.com. |
| **Kipper** | **2018** | William "Bill" Kipper (96) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away January 31, 2018. Bill is survived by his daughter Kathy Kipper. Bill retired from the Soil Conservation Service in Colorado. |
| **Koerner** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Robert Owen Charles Koerner ("Rock") (91) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on October 26, 2018. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Robert spent his career as a biologist with the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1988. His greatest joys in life were spending time with family, his faith community, photography and time outdoors. Robert was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann and eight siblings. Robert is survived by his seven children, Paul (Jan), Dan (Janet), Colette (Bill Bohl), Roberta (Ty Westover), Patty (Dan Drozda), Kathy (Dan Steinmeyer), Tom (Shelley), 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Memorials to the family for later designation. |
| **Komarek** | **2018** | Francis J. Komarek (79) of Salina, Kansas passed away February 10, 2018. He was born in Salina. He earned his bachelors of science degree from Kansas State University in 1961. Francis retired from SCS-NRCS as a civil engineer in 1992. Francis was a member of NARFE, served on the Saline County Soil and Water Conservation Board, and was a member of St. Mary Queen of the Universe Catholic Church. He enjoyed farming with his family on their farm west of Salina. Francis married Linda Hamilton who preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, James F. Komarek (Emily) of Salina, a brother and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Hospice of Salina, or Bavaria Cemetery, in care of the mortuary. |
| **Konopka** | **2018** | Paul Edward Konopka (62) of Mechanicsville, New York, formerly of North Adams, passed away on September 20, 2018, at the Saratoga Center for Rehabilitation in Ballston Spa, NY. He was born in North Adams and attended schools in North Adams and graduated from Drury High School. He then attended Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield and received his Bachelors in Environmental Science from the University of New Hampshire. Paul worked as a soil scientist for the United States Government in Maine, New Hampshire, and New York. Besides his parents Edward and Dorothy (Kluza) Konopka of North Adams, he is survived by two brothers, William Konopka of Nashua, NH and John Konopka of Stamford, VT; one sister, Mary Ellen Deming of Ashley Falls, MA; two nephews, and a niece. To leave a message of condolences, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com. |
| **Kover** | **2018** | Member Richard "Dick" William Kover (82) a resident of the Forest Grove, Oregon passed away on November 13, 2018 at the Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro. Dick was born in Inglewood, CA. Dick attended Cal Poly and received a Bachelor's Degree in Soil Science in 1958. He met his future wife, Delphine Kitch, while on summer break from college, Delphine and her family moved next door and they soon began dating. After living in several location in CA, Dick and family moved to Oregon settling in Beaverton in 1977. Upon his retirement in 1993 Dick and his wife moved to Forest Grove. Dick had worked all his life for USDA Soil Conservation Service. Having been a Soil Scientist he used his skills in California and Oregon. In his later years Dick was an Administrator in charge of fourteen western states and had to travel to each one. He retired in 1987. He enjoyed working puzzles and BBQ's. When he was in high school Dick belonged to the FFA and showed beef cattle. He is preceded in death by his parents and two siblings. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Delphine, a daughter; Pamela "Pam" Kover of Aloha, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. |
| **Land** | **2018** | Jack Dwain Land (81) of Portland, Oregon passed away on September 23, 2018. He was born in Hastings, Nebraska. Jack attended Parkrose High School in Portland and later graduated. After graduation he enlisted with a buddy in the Air Force. He spent part of his career in Africa, Spain and Texas. He also served two tours in Vietnam. He left the service for a short time and later joined the Air National Guard. Later his daughter, Kathleen and son, Robert followed in his footsteps joining The Air National Guard. He served 23 years in the Military and 30 years in the Federal Service. Jack was a draftsman for the Soil Conservation Service at the West National Technical Center. Jack's passions included fishing, cooking, storytelling and dogs. Jack is survived by his sister; Sylvia Turner, son: Robert Land, daughters: Renee Land and Jackie Dove, Stepdaughters: Terrie, Vickie, Kathy and Sherrie, 19 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. |

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| **Lantz** | **2018** | Robert “Bob” Eugene Lantz (88) of Brooklyn, Illinois passed away January 24, 2018, at Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville. He was born in Brooklyn Township, Schuyler County, Illinois. Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Patsy, three children Vicky (Dr. Demir) Saka of Quincy, Dr. Patrick (Dr. Shelley Kreiter) Lantz of Winston-Salem, NC, and Dona Lantz of Columbus, OH, three grandsons, and one great granddaughter. Bob graduated from Augusta High School in 1947. He first farmed and worked as a carpenter. In 1962, he began his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He worked at the offices in Carthage, Pittsfield, Macomb, Carbondale and Champaign retiring in 1987. He received a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Agronomy from the University of Illinois in 1967. Bob was a member of the Brooklyn United Methodist Church, served on the Brooklyn Township Board, and was a member of the Camden Masonic Lodge # 648. He was a member of the Culbertson Memorial Hospital Board and the Culbertson Memorial Hospital Foundation Board. He also volunteered as a valet and patient escort at the hospital. He was a former member of the Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary Clubs. Donations may be made to Culbertson Memorial Hospital Foundation. |
| **Larson** | **2018** | Donald (Don) Spencer Larson of Rockwood, Idaho passed away on March 1, 2018, at Rockwood Care Center in Spokane. Don was a longtime resident of both Troy and Moscow before moving to Rockwood in 2013. Don was born in Grangeville, Idaho. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in forestry. After graduation, Don served in the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years. He served in Vietnam and helped return POWs after the conflict was over. Don also earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. During his service, he was stationed in Alaska, where a mutual friend introduced him to Phebe Brown. They were married in August 1961. After retiring from the Air Force, Don worked for the Soil Conservation Service in St. Maries and Moscow as the Area Forester until he retired in 1993. He was a faithful RC&D Council volunteer for many years. Don was involved with the Gideons and Compassion International. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Moscow and then the Bovill Community Church. Don and Phebe enjoyed RVing and camping throughout their lives. Don is survived by a brother, Richard Larson, his three children, Derick, Kirk and Melinda, and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Phebe. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at shermancampbell.com. |
| **Laurie** | **2018** | Jerry Wendell Laurie (79) of Maysville, Kentucky passed away on June 16, 2018, at Kenton Pointe Care Center in Maysville. He was born in Manchester, Ohio. Jerry was a graduate of Ohio State University, a field man with Carnation Milk Co. for 16 years, and retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service after 20 years of service in Bracken, Mason and Robertson counties. He was also a member and trustee at Trinity Lutheran Church in Maysville, member of Aberdeen Lions Club, former City Council member, and former volunteer coach for the Knothole Baseball and Peewee Basketball. Jerry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carolyn Bachtel Laurie. He is also survived by his son, Jay (Jeane Kropp) Laurie of Madison, WI. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church or Hospice of Hope. Condolences may be sent to www.mooreandparkerfh.com |
| **Lee** | **2018** | Tillman Earl Lee (91) of Franklin, Tennessee, passed away January 3, 2018. Tillman was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Columbia and was a retired Area Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Columbia. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Ann Prince Lee. Survived by: sons, Mark (Sandra) Lee of Franklin, TN, and Eric (Kay) Lee of Nashville, TN and five grandchildren. |
| **Lerch** | **2018** | Norbert Kay Lerch (90) of Hamilton, Ohio peacefully passed away on December 22, 2018 at UC West Chester Hospital in Liberty Township. He was born in Norwalk, Ohio. Norbert received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the Ohio State University in 1950. He retired from USDA Soil Conservation Service after working for 35 years. He was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and a Member of The Nature Conservancy. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Hamilton and at one time served as a Deacon. He is survived by two nieces and a nephew. Norbert is preceded in death his wife of 52 years, Luella Lerch, two brothers, and a sister. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Hamilton or to the charity of one's choice. Condolences may be offered to the family by visiting www.avancefuneralhome.com. |
| **Magee** | **2018** | Anna R. Magee (82) of Media, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2018. She was a resident of Riddle Village and formerly lived in Collingdale, Pennsylvania. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 4, 1936, to the late Andrew and Julia Roberts. After 30 years, Ann retired from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as a computer specialist in 2004. Ann was preceded in death by her son Thomas Magee. She is survived by her children George (Shelly), Michael, Ann Giambastiani, 5 granddaughters, Jennifer (Steve) Miller, Michelle (Kevin) Yearing, Meghan Power, Julia and Laura Giambastiani; and 4 great grandchildren, Hannah, Skylar, Ryan and Cooper. |
| **Maresch** | **2018** | Anna C. "Dolly" Maresch (85) of Fort Washington, Maryland passed away on July 31, 2018; the beloved wife of Maj. Wayne F. Maresch, USAF (Ret.); mother of Wayne M. (Jacquelyn) Maresch, Sharon A. (Michael) Dragoo, Kathleen M. (Ken) Chandler, Stephen A. (Michelle) Maresch, Theresa L. (David) Gwiazda and the late Craig T. (Susan) Maresch. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, many other relatives and friends. Dolly's husband, Wayne F. retired from the Soil conservation Service as Director of the Administrative Services Division, and her son, Wayne M. retired from NRCS as Deputy Chief of Soil Science and Resource Assessment. Anna was member of the St. Columba Sodality and the Ladies Guild St. Columcille Council. In her spare time she enjoyed travelling, especially to a beach and playing the slot machines. She was also an artist. She could paint and sculpt and also arrange flowers. Donations in memory of Dolly may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway, 13401 Piscataway Road, Clinton, MD 20735-4564 or the American Breast Cancer Foundation (ABCF), 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway Suite 480, Columbia, MD 21044 |

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| **McClain** | **2018** | Isaac Fleet McClain, Jr. (97) of Anderson, South Carolina passed away peacefully on April 24, 2018 after a serious fall. He was born in Anderson County and graduated from Anderson Boys High School in 1939 and attended Clemson University until enlisting in the U.S. Army. As lifelong resident of the Centerville community, he helped organize Centerville Fire Department and the West Anderson Water Company. He was a lifelong farmer and cattleman, a substitute mail carrier for six years, and worked 18 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring as a Soil Conservation Technician in 1983. He was a lifetime member of New Prospect Baptist Church, serving in many capacities. He served in WW II in the 94th Infantry Division in the European Theater and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of the Hudgens American Legion Post #14, a Mason, and a member of the SC Forestry Commission. He was twice married, first to the former Alein McCoy, who preceded him in death in 1981. His second wife, Ruth Bruton, died in 2011. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Connie Fowler and husband, Billy. He was also preceded in death by one sister, one brother, and two infant siblings. He is survived by three loving daughters, Laura (Frank) Lipe of Pisgah Forest, NC, Becky Parris of Isle of Palms, SC, and Cynthia (Monte) Simpson of Anderson, eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a step-daughter, Karen Bruton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Prospect Baptist Church, 2503 Whitehall Road, Anderson, SC 29625. |
| **McLoda** | **2018** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Niles Allan McLoda (88) of Midlothian, Virginia formerly of Amelia, passed away on June 23, 2018. Niles retired in 1988 as the State Soil Scientist for Virginia with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Maybelle; and his brothers, Dale and William. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jane; his daughters, Gail Weatherford (Irl) and Nancy McLoda (Brooks Smith); two granddaughters, Sarah and Allison Weatherford; and siblings, Neal McLoda, Noreen Collins and Sherill "Cookie" McLoda. Burial was in the Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia with military honors. Condolences may be left at www.hillsmanhix.com. |
| **Moss** | **2018** | Allen Russell Moss (79) of Vici, Oklahoma passed away on April 17, 2018. He was born in rural Dewey County, OK and grew up on a farm. While in high school he loved playing baseball and basketball. He was a baseball pitcher for a Nebraska minor league team after high school. He graduated in 1960 from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Agriculture with range management option in the field of agronomy. Before graduation he was baptized into the General Assembly and Church of the First Born of Vici, OK. He worked with USDA-Soil Conservation Service which took them to 10 locations in Oklahoma during their first 10 years of marriage. While at Tahlequah, he started the Sun Down Hereford Ranch. He raised Hereford cattle all his life, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He resigned as an RC&D Coordinator in August of 1979 after 21 years of service and moved back home to Cestos, OK. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Eula Mae Moss of Vici, OK, four children and eleven grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren. |
| **Moyers** | **2018** | Douglas Wilson Moyers (96) of McMinnville, Tennessee and Claiborne County, TN native passed away on January 28, 2018 in NHC Healthcare of McMinnville following a brief illness. He was a veteran of the United States Army and retired supervisor with USDA Soil Conservation. After retirement, he and his wife, Nettie, traveled to all 50 states and capitols and four continents. Survivors include two nieces, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-great-nephews. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com |
| **Mullen** | **2018** | Glen Leon Mullen (93) of Bethany, Oklahoma passed away on September 16, 2018. He was born on a farm in Lincoln County, nine miles north of Chandler, OK. He was a lifelong member of the Evangelical Friends Church and attended Chandler High School. He worked on the family farm with his father until he joined the army in 1943. He served during World War II in the European theater as a light machine gunner. He was discharged in 1945 as Private First Class in the Army of Occupation. He was a Purple Heart recipient. Glen married Eunice Lorene Whiteman on September 5, 1948. Glen attended Oklahoma A&M College and earned a degree in Agronomy in 1950. He was a member of the national and international award-winning crop judging team while in college. Upon graduation he worked as a soil conservationist for the USDA. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1981as an area conservationist after working 30 years in Kansas and Oklahoma. Upon retirement he moved back to his family farm in Lincoln County, OK, and built a new home on the exact location of his grandparents' homestead. He volunteered with Friends Disaster Relief after national and international natural disasters. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Eunice, his children Stan (Marsha) Mullen, Carolyn (Jim) Luthye, Scott (Suzanne) Mullen, and Marilyn (Phil) Shipman, grandchildren, and his great grandchildren. |
| **Nace** | **2018** | William Scott Nace (55) and Debra Anne (Hunt) Nace (47) both of Delaware, Ohio passed away unexpectedly February 3, 2018 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Somerset County, PA. Scott and Debra met on RAGBRAI (Registers Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa) and were married on April 1, 2000. Scott was born in Lansdale, PA. Scott was currently working for Whiteside Manufacturing. Debra was born in Des Moines, Iowa. She graduated from Iowa State University with degrees in Agronomy and French. After graduating, she served in the Peace Corps in Senegal, Africa. Having a passion for soil conservation, Debra worked for the USDA NRCS in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Idaho, and more recently Ohio. Debra Nace was the current District Conservationist in Marion and Morrow Counties in Ohio. Just recently, she served a 45 day stint with FEMA in the Puerto Rico Recovery stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi. She was a co-leader with the Girl Scouts, member of the Women's City Club and active in her church. Scott and Debra are survived by their children, 16 year old Bowen and 12 year old Hannah. Scott is also survived by his parents, David and Audrey Nace; two sisters and a brother. Debra is also survived by her parents, Donald and Judith Hunt; a sister and a brother. To share a fond memory of Scott and Debra or to offer a condolence to their families, please visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com. Additionally, a GoFundMe site has been set up to donate money to their children Bowen and Hannah. Here is the link. https://www.gofundme.com/bowen-and-hannah039s-fund |

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| **Nance** | **2018** | Member Luke Atkinson Nance, Jr. P.E. of Columbia, South Carolina passed away on May 1, 2018. He was born in Galivant's Ferry, SC. A graduate of Aynor High, he received a degree in Agricultural Engineering from Clemson College. Lt. Nance served in the 3rd Armor Division US Army at Fort Knox, KY, and Ayers Kaserne, Kirch Gons, West Germany. He received his master's in Ag Eng. from Clemson University. He was a registered Professional Engineer in both Agricultural and Civil Engineering. Luke was an engineer at Lockwood Greene Engineers in Spartanburg, SC, for two years. He was a Planning Engineer for Natural Resources Conservation Service/USDA, formerly SCS, for over 50 years, the last nine years as a volunteer. Luke received many awards and honors through the years for his excellent work, knowledge, and dedication, including volunteer of the year several times, plus President Obama's Call To Service Award for over 6000 volunteer hours. He was a member of NSPE, ASABE, ARCSE, and SCSPE which awarded him the Young Engineer of the Year award in 1973 and the Engineer of the Year award in 2017. He belonged to Washington Street UMC for over 50 years where he served as a member of the choir for over 30 years. He was President of the Columbia High Band Boosters and the PTO. He survived his many battles spanning 22 years with a cavernous angioma on the brain stem through hard work and persistence with the aid of his devoted wife, as well as many skilled therapists. He is survived by his wife of over 55 years, Laurely Kyrlach Nance; children, Marcy Reid (Tom), Eva Nance (Kimberly McAlister), Tom Nance (Catherine Stapleton); sister, Sarah Nance Burns (John); sister-in-law, Jann Morton Nance; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Lewis E. Nance. Memorials may be made to the Music Ministries at Washington Street UMC, 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201; Angioma Alliance, 161 Jefferson Drive, Palmyra, VA 22963 or SCSPE Educational Foundation for MathCounts, SCSPE, PO Box 11937, Columbia, SC 29211. Condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com. |
| **Nelson** | **2018** | Member and Senior Conservationist Robert John Nelson (84) of Burnsville, North Carolina passed away on March 2, 2018. John retired in 1988 as the RC&D Coordinator for the Mountain Valleys RC&D Project after 40 years of service with Soil Conservation Service. He was born in Kernersville, NC. John was a graduate of NC State University and served in the US Army. He served as District Conservationist in several locations in North Carolina. Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Mary Hensley Nelson; daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Joey Lindsay of Morganton; and a brother-in-law, Douglas Hensley of Burnsville. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church, of which he was a member. |
| **Nutt** | **2018** | Ellen Gee Tankersley Nutt, (94) 1924 – 2018, After a long and full life, Ellen Nutt went to the arms of Jesus on December 5, 2018 surrounded by her family. Ellen was born on January 9, 1924 in Baird, Texas. The only child of G.H. (Buddy) and Lucille Tankersley, she graduated from Baird High School in 1941 and attended Tarleton Junior College and McMurray College. She married Guy Nutt in 1952 and together they raised their children: Ann and Bill. Due to Guy's role with Soil Conservation Service, they enjoyed living in six states and Bangalore, India. Loving Idaho, they retired in Meridian in 1982. Her life was rich with meaningful and lasting friendships. |
| **Oertel** | **2018** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Robert "Bob" Oertel (100) of Lawrenceville, Georgia passed away on April 21, 2018. He was a life-long conservationist and worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 40 years, retiring in 1981 as an Assistant State Conservationist. After retirement, he wrote over 800 agricultural, environmental, and personal stories for various publications. An avid volunteer, he was a photographer for 40 Christian Youth Work Camps. He loved gardening, flowers, and fishing and was never idle. Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Mae Oertel; wife, Jane Oertel; son, John Oertel and daughter, Julia Estella Scott. He is survived by daughters and son-in-law, Anne and David Hull, Martinez; daughter and daughter-in-law, Leila Oertel and Robin Heard, Hohenwald, TN; and daughter and son-in-law, Roberta and Barry Freeman, Huntsville, AL; loving companion, Issy Weaver, Lawrenceville; brother Leland Oertel, Brighton, IL; three grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and numerous family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fairview Presbyterian Church. Please leave online condolences at www.stewartfh.com. |
| **Pedersen** | **2018** | Bob Pedersen (73) passed away June 9, 2018. Bob was SCS/NRCS retired long time Basin Team Leader for the North Coast Basin in Oregon. He is survived by his wife Bernie Pedersen, 8640 Mill Creek Road, Tillamook, OR 97141. |
| **Perales** | **2018** | Anna M. Perales (73) of Columbus, Ohio passed away on June 4, 2018. Anna was born in Duluth, MN. She retired from the USDA with over 40 years of dedicated service. Many of her years were spent loyally working for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). She was a member of the Chisolm Society, Oneida Organization and the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) sponsoring tribal elders. She was passionately active in local, state, and national Native American affairs and culture. Anna was very proud of her Ojibwe and Fond du Lac heritage and avidly researched genealogy. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by children Sheralyn Brown and Michael Perales; and three siblings. Anna is survived by three children, eleven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; a sister and a brother. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Anna's memory to Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Adult Services 2879 Johnstown Road Columbus, OH 43219. Visit www.schoedinger.com |
| **Perez** | **2018** | Adolfo Perez Jr (63) of Alice, Texas passed away March 26, 2018. He was born in Alice. After high school Adolfo joined the United States Army. During his time of service he was stationed overseas and traveled throughout Europe. After his military service he returned home to attend Texas A&I Kingsville where he graduated with a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management. He worked for the USDA-NRCS in various positions for 36 years, including state conservationist in Casper, Wyoming. He was an active member of his community serving in numerous organizations. Professionally he was involved with the National Organization of Professional Hispanic Natural Resources Conservation Service Employee (NOPHNRCSE) serving as president 1997-1998. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved the outdoors and after retirement returned home to Alice to his beloved ranch, and created a haven for his family to enjoy. Survivors include his Loving Companion Jamie Nichols of Alice, Texas, two sons Adolfo (Abigale) Perez III of San Antonio, Texas, Raul Roberto (Jennifer) Perez of Zapata, Texas, one daughter Sonya (Brandon) Marshall of North Stonington, Connecticut, the mother of his children Belinda Perez of Zapata, Texas and three sisters and eight grandchildren. The family will have a Celebration of Life in June at the Perez Ranch. |

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| **Petefish** | **2018** | David Michael Petefish (67) of Plano, Texas passed away on December 8, 2018 of a sudden heart attack. He was born in Dallas, Texas. David graduated from McKinney High School and continued his education at SMU where he obtained his Master's Degree in Geology. He was the State Geologist in Texas with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He enjoyed rock collecting, camping and had a love of history. David is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Rose Marie Nagel Petefish of Plano, Texas; son, William Petefish of McKinney, Texas; a sister, two nieces, a nephew, and numerous other loving family and friends. Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA of North Texas or the Abandoned Pet Project. |
| **Pilgrim** | **2018** | Sidney A.L. Pilgrim (84) of Mill Road, New Hampshire passed away on October 20, 2018 at the Dover Center for Health & Rehabilitation. He was born in Berlin, NH. He had been a resident of Durham since 1964. He was the widower of Faith (Martin) Pilgrim, who died in June 1995. Sidney worked 32 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, as a soil scientist. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Agronomy in 1955. He was also a member of the UNH ski team. His soil scientist career began in Woodsville, NH. He worked in Indiana from 1961 to 1964, returning to Durham as the State Soil Scientist for New Hampshire. He retired from the USDA in 1989. He was appointed as an Adjunct Professor of Soil Science at the University of New Hampshire in 1979. He loved this second career, teaching Soil Science and Wetland Science until his retirement in 2015. At UNH he taught for the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of Continuing Education and the College for Life Long Learning. He also taught at Antioch College in Keene. He served in the US Army from 1956 to 1958 and with the New Hampshire Army National Guard in Woodsville. Family members include a son, Paul Pilgrim and a daughter, Kelly Pilgrim of Durham, a sister, three brothers, and several nieces and nephews. To sign our online guestbook, please go to www.purdyfuneralservice.com. Donations may be made in his name to: New Hampshire Food Bank, 700 East Industrial Park Drive, Manchester, NH 03109. |
| **Pollock** | **2018** | Robert (Bob) S. Pollock (92) was born in Ulysses, Nebraska and passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 11, 2018. Bob was a Navy Veteran of WWII and served aboard the USS Bancroft in the South Pacific. He was a member of the America Legion, lifelong member of the VFW, and the Tin Can Sailor Association. He graduated from the University of Nebraska and worked as a Soil Scientist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 35 years. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Doris; three children, Debra Osher (Clark Goken) of Lincoln, Dr. Garry Pollock (Brenda) of Lubbock, TX, and Janis Medler of Thousand Oaks, CA; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by son-in-law Stephen Medler and three sisters. Memorial contributions may be made in care of family, "Thomas J. Peltin Destroyer Museum Grant Program – USS Bancroft (DD598) in memory of Robert Pollock" (www.destroyers.org) or the American Diabetic Association. |
| **Potter** | **2018** | Gayle Ann Potter (71) of Columbia, Missouri passed away on June 15, 2018. Gayle was born in Columbia. She was a graduate of Hickman High School and attended the University of Missouri. She was married on Oct. 16, 1970, in Columbia, to Cordes L. Potter who preceded her in death on March 25, 2016. Cordes was a design engineer with NRCS. She was a chef, seamstress, singer, florist, gardener, writer, fisherman, Gram, mother, sister, Christmas decorating queen, and philosopher. Survivors include two daughters, Robyn Goodman (Brett) of Gainesville, Fla. and Samantha Potter of Columbia; three grandchildren, two sisters, and a brother. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery.com. |
| **Price** | **2018** | Alan Barton Price (68) passed away on April 23, 2018 after a ten year struggle with CLL (Leukemia). He graduated in the Class of 1967 at Albany R-III High School, Albany, MO, and on January 20th, 1973, he married Paula Ann Bonham in the First Presbyterian Church, Albany. Paula is the area clerk with the NRCS at Bethany, Missouri. Additional Survivors: son, Andrew B. Price (Cindy) and four granddaughters. Alan's post high school graduation included two years of Junior College at Wentworth Military Academy in historic Lexington, MO, where he lettered in soccer and completed an Associates of Arts Degree. He then transferred to NW Missouri State University and completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Class of 1972. In 1984 Alan completed the educational and on the job training requirements to become an Electrical Lineman at United Electric Cooperative in Savannah, MO. Alan served proudly in the Missouri National Guard Unit A Battery, 129th Field Artillery Company, Albany, MO for nine years. He received an Honorable discharge as Chief of Section #3 Gun. |
| **Price** | **2018** | Hugh Dean Price (82) of Casar, North Carolina passed away on March 18, 2018. Hugh retired in 1991 as the District Conservationist for the Concord Field Office. He was a graduate of Casar High School and he received his bachelor's degree from Clemson University. He served four years in the US Air Force (1959 to 1963), after which he was employed for 27 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Cabarrus County. Hugh retired in 1991 to his farm in Casar, NC where he raised Black Angus beef cattle and hay. He was a devoted member of Mt Zion Baptist Church where he was a deacon and member of the board of directors. Hugh served on the Board of Directors for the Cleveland County Farm Bureau for many years and was a member of Casar Masonic Lodge #579 for over fifty years. Hugh was preceded in death by his a sister and a brother. Hugh Dean is survived by three children, Barbara Price and Rom Still of Winston-Salem; Brian Price (Tammy) of Wake Forest; and Barry Price of Casar; four grandchildren, two sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be sent to Mt Zion Baptist Church, PO Box 326, Casar, NC 28020. Condolences may be made online at www.stameytysingerfuneralhome.com. |
| **Prissel** | **2018** | Barbara A. Prissel (71) of Ripon, Wisconsin passed away on March 28, 2018, at Copperleaf Village in Ripon. Barbara was born in Plum City, WI. She graduated with honors from Pepin High School in 1964 and Minneapolis Business College in 1966. Upon her graduation from business college, Barbara was employed as a legal secretary and paralegal for several law firms in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She became lead instructor for the Legal Administrative Professional Program on three campuses of Moraine Park Technical College. She was also a church organist/pianist for most of her life, starting when she was 12 years old. Barbara is survived by her loving husband, Stephen Prissel of 50 years; her two children, her four grandchildren, and her four siblings. Stephen retired as a District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. |

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| **Rector** | **2018** | Life Member J.D. Rector (87) passed away on July 20, 2018 at the Sedan City Hospital in Sedan. J.D. was born in Independence and grew up there. J.D. graduated from Independence Community College before graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from Kansas State University. J.D. was a member of the football team at ICC and Kansas State. On August 30, 1953 he married Cynthia Ann Houck in Independence, Kansas. J.D. worked several projects as Assistant State Conservationist for many years throughout the country. He built the first chainsaw for Sears. J.D. and his family moved extensively throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, and Florida, returning to Sedan in 1992. J.D. was a member of the Epiphany Episcopal Church and Sedan Lion's Club. He was a lifetime member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, numerous other conservation and environmental groups, was past board member of Sedan Public Library, Chautauqua County Animal Shelter, and Chautauqua County Economic Development and Sedan Kansas Hometown Prosperity. J.D. is survived by two daughters; Kate Stettler and husband Charley Paul Sr. of Sedan, Kansas and Nancy Saylor of Independence, Kansas; one son, Jay Daryl Rector and wife Sally of Loganville, Georgia; two sisters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and his special companion Jo Wells of Sedan, Kansas. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Martha Elizabeth Rector, his wife Cynthia, and one brother, Robert Rector and his parents. The family has suggested memorials to the Sedan High School Athletic Fund and may be left in care of the Dickens Family Funeral Home, 209 N. Douglas, Sedan, Kansas 67361. |
| **Reeves** | **2018** | Edith Jane (Flurry) Reeves (87) of Bernice, Louisiana passed away on March 5, 2018 at her home. Edith was born in Claiborne Parish. She graduated from Summerfield High School in 1948 and after completing her nursing training in Arkansas, she returned to Louisiana to work. It was at Willis- Knighton Hospital that she met her husband to be, through a mutual friend. Bob was an Air Force sergeant who had planned to make it a career, however, they decided it would be in the best interest of their future family to leave the AF and continue his education. After Bob graduated with his engineering degree in 1958, they moved to several places with his jobs. After nearly 40 years with the Soil Conservation Service, they returned to Louisiana to retire. Edith is survived by her husband of sixty three years, Bobby F. Reeves; son Robert Martin Reeves of Houston; daughter, Rini Michelle (Ronnie) Pennington and two grandchildren. Online condolence messages may be sent to the family www.kilpatrickfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Rich** | **2018** | Peggy Rich (80) of Protection, Kansas passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Billy J. Rich who retired from SCS in 2005 as a Soil Conservation Technician. Also surviving are four children, five grandchildren, and two sisters. Peggy received a bachelor's degree in home economics from Kansas State University in 1960. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Pat Rich Children in Need Fund (Protection First Baptist Church) in care of Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home, P.O. Box 417, Coldwater, KS 67029. |
| **Richard** | **2018** | Life Member Gerald Lawrence Richard (86) of Spokane, Washington passed away August 27, 2018 surrounded by his family just as he wanted. Jerry was born in Brush, Colorado. He attended grade school and high school in Brush, Colorado and then attended Colorado State University and Iowa State University with degrees in Agronomy and a minor in Soil Science. He married Phyllis Hansen in 1952 and they were happily married with four children for 65 years. Jerry and Phyllis resided in many states and overseas related to his work, some 17 moves in all. In his professional world, Jerry was proud of working overseas on a USAID project in the Helmand River irrigation project of Afghanistan and then as a team leader of the Resource Conservation and Utilization Project in Nepal. He then went on to become the State Soil Scientist in Boise, Idaho before retiring in 1989 and returning to Spokane with family. Jerry served ARCSE for 10 years as the Vice President for the West and for 23 years as the Washington State Representative. Jerry loved to travel, camp, fish, hunt, read, tinker with and fix anything, golf, play bridge and work with wood; inspiring these things in his family as well. Jerry is a member of the Manito United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. He is survived by his two sons, Don (Valerie) Richard, and Dale (Rashel) Richard, his two daughters, Lori (James) Fosmire and Julie (Cole) Young, two brothers, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and numerous other family and friends. |
| **Rightmeier** | **2018** | Virginia Lee Snyder Rightmeier (87) of Mankato, Kansas was passed away on February 18, 2018. Virginia's spouse, Lyle, preceded her in death in 2016. He retired in 1980 as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Mankato Field Office. She spent the early years of her childhood in the Effingham, KS area, before moving with her family to the Montrose, KS area. She obtained her teaching certificate from Hays, KS following her high school graduation, teaching for 1 year in Montrose. She was very active in the Mankato area, devoted to her church (Mankato United Methodist) and community participation. She is survived by her children, Paula (Terry) Cherney, Agenda, KS, and Roger Lyle Rightmeier, Mankato, KS, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Ross** | **2018** | Life Member Irvin F. Ross (90) of Pinellas Park, Florida passed away on October 2, 2018. A true gentleman, he is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty Jo, and his loving family. Irvin retired in 1989 as a Management Analyst for the Soil Conservation Service, having previously served as a State Administrative Officer. |
| **Roth** | **2018** | Life Member William "Bill" Edward Roth (84) of Salina, Kansas passed away November 8, 2018. Bill was born in Holyrood, Kan. He worked as a soil scientist for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service for 40 years. Throughout that time he provided service in Dodge City, Kinsley, Larned, and Salina. His work even took him to Parkersburg, W.Va.; Lincoln, Neb.; and Washington D.C. In 2011, Bill received the ARCSE President's Award for Outstanding Community Service. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Deniece (Kohls) Roth, two daughters, Amy Swann (Larry), of Charleston, W. Va.; Sara Rowe (Merle), of Abilene; a son, Thomas Roth (Terri) of Clay Center; three sisters, a brother, six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his sister, Donna Roth. Memorials may be made to Kindred Hospice or Lutheran Hour Ministries, sent in care of Carlson-Geisendorf Funeral Home, 500 S. Ohio Street, Salina, KS. |

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| **Routhier** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Bernard G Routhier (95) of Lemington, Vermont, passed away October13, 2018. Bernard was born February 21, 1923, in Stanhope, Estrie Region, Quebec, Canada. Bernard came to Vermont in the mid-1940s and purchased the family farm in Bloomfield in 1947. It is now known as "Routhier & Sons," and is presently operated by three of his sons. He also worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil and water technician for 30 years. He was a Fourth-Degree member and Past Grand Knight of the Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Colebrook Kiwanis Club. Bernard was an active communicant at Sacred Heart Parish in North Stratford. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Angela of Lemington, Vermont; his four sons: Guy of Maricopa, Arizona; Gerard; Rene; Eric and Denault (Dino) all of Bloomfield, Vermont; five daughters: Huguette (Yogi) Poulin of Columbia, New Hampshire; Lori Routhier of Danby, Vermont; Pauline "Poli" Beaudoin of South Burlington, Vermont; Colette Routhier Swain of Monument, Colorado; and Josee Feezor of San Jose, California.; 28 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his first wife, Simone Couture Routhier in 1954, and a son, Robert Routhier in 2014. |
| **Sallee** | **2018** | Betty (Lowery) Sallee (82) of Troy, Kansas passed away on January 8, 2018 at her home. She grew up in Oklahoma and moved to Troy in 1973. Betty was a loving mother and wife. At her death she was a member of the Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Missouri, Happy Homemakers of Doniphan County, Kansas and the Gideon's Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Kenneth Sallee who retired as a soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service, and many other family members (see Kenneth Sallee memoriam above). |
| **Sallee** | **2018** | Kenneth Sallee (85) of Troy, Kansas passed away on January 13, 2018 at his home. Kenneth was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He was the fifth child of 13. After graduating from Oklahoma State University, he began working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist. He mapped soils across the state of Kansas, a job he really loved. After retiring in 1988, he worked at Dillards department store in St. Joe, MO. Kenneth became a Christian as a young man. At the time of his death he was member of the Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church in St. Joseph, MO, and loved handing out Bibles as a Gideon. Over the years, he had served the Lord as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, youth worker, and Sunday School Superintendent, and never was afraid to pick up a hammer to build a church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Betty, two daughters: Sandra and Cindy, son, Kenneth "Scott" Sallee, a granddaughter, Amy Christine Sallee, two brothers and one sister. Survivors include his daughters, Robin Smith (John) Drumright, Oklahoma; and Shelley Anderson of Wathena, Kansas; three grandchildren, four great grandchildren, five sisters and four brothers. Memorials: Gideon's, Wathena & Troy Fire Departments or EMS. |
| **Sauerwein** | **2018** | Margaret Sauerwein of Tigard, Oregon passed away on May 17, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill Sauerwein in 2007. Bill retired from the Soil Conservation Service as the forester at the WNTC in Portland. |
| **Saunders** | **2018** | Emery Saunders (90) was born in Brooklyn, WV, an old coal miners' town. He departed this earthly life on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at his residence in Columbus, Ohio. Emery was a U.S. Army Veteran and the Mail and Supply Clerk for the State office of USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was preceded in death by wife Dollie Hill Saunders; and seven siblings. Emery leaves to cherish his memory his children Sandra Saunders (Gregory) Gillins, of Massillon, OH and Abrie E. Saunders Jr.; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and many close family members and special friends. |
| **Seeley** | **2018** | Raymond Harold Seeley (93) of Charleston, Illinois passed away on May 13, 2018 while at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. Ray was born in Harvey, Illinois. He attended a country school near Lerna, Illinois before enlisting with the United States Army, faithfully serving his country during WWII. Ray married Alice M. (Hayes) Warman on October 14, 1977 at the Charleston Otterbein United Methodist Church and they shared 40 wonderful years of marriage. Ray loved being outdoors and enjoyed activities such as boating, camping, fishing and tending to his vegetable garden. His fondness for traveling was shared by Alice, and their travels to the western states, including Alaska and Hawaii, were memorable. In addition to his loving and devoted wife, he is survived by three sons, John (Penny) Seeley of Hendersonville, NC, Ron Seeley of Fisher, IL and Jim (Dortha) Seeley of Middletown, IL; two stepsons, Clyde (Trish) Warman of Bullhead City, AZ and Darrell (Debbie) Warman of Charleston; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren,; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Phyllis Christoff of McDonald, OH. Ray was also preceded in death by a sister, Wilma Pedigo and two daughters-in-law. Ray was employed for more than 30 years as a soil conservation technician with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was a member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Charleston; a Life Member of the Charleston VFW Paul McVey Post 1592; the Charleston Moose Lodge #1388; and a former member of the Charleston Elks Club B.P.O.E. #623. It is requested that donations in his honor be made to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Coles County or the Charleston VFW Paul McVey Post 1592. Gifts may be left at the visitation or service or mailed in care of Adams Funeral Chapel, 2330 Shawnee Dr., Charleston, IL 61920. |
| **Shubert** | **2018** | Glynn G. Shubert (86) of Watson, Illinois, passed away on March 7, 2018, at Lakeland Rehabilitation & Health Care Center in Effingham with his loving wife by his side. Glynn retired as an engineering technician in the Effingham Area Office of the Soil Conservation Service. He was born in Lively Grove, Washington County, IL. He was united in marriage to Lois Peterson, and to this union three children were born: Renee L., Richard G., and Jay Kevin. He later married Marjorie C. (Tubbs) Hildebrand on November 21, 1971. Glynn had a passion for hunting turkey and deer and was a strong supporter for the preservation of the hunting sport. Glynn served at the national, state, and local level for the National Wild Turkey Federation Board of Directors. Throughout his life, he received several prestigious awards in the NWTF for his efforts and dedication. He enjoyed singing in choirs his entire life. Along with the NWTF, Glynn was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church, the NRA, and an over 50-year member of the Farm Bureau. Glynn is survived by his wife, Marjorie Shubert of Watson; three children, two step-children, eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Little Wabash Longbeards, Ballard Nature Center, Centenary United Methodist Church, and Elkton Cemetery Fund. Online condolences may be shared at www.johnsonandsonsfh.com. |

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| **Skiles** | **2018** | Member Mervin "Merv" Samuel Skiles (80) of Pickerington, Ohio passed away on October 24, 2018, at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus. Born in Narvon, PA, Merv was 1956 graduate of Pequea Valley High School and a 1961 graduate of Penn State University. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 37 years, retiring in 1995 as the State Resource Conservationist, and the Licking County Conservation District for 13 years. Merv was a longtime and very active member of Peace United Methodist Church in Pickerington. He is survived by his children, M. Todd (Melanie) Skiles, Scott A. Skiles, and Jan (Dr. William) Stehle; three grandchildren and a brother. Merv was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Skiles, in 2016 after 55 years of marriage. Donations can be made in Merv's memory to the Pickerington Police Department K-9 Unit, 1311 Refugee Rd., Pickerington, OH 43147 or Peace United Methodist Church. Online condolences at www.spencefuneralhome.com. |
| **Smoak** | **2018** | Thomas Gilbert “Tommy” Smoak III (65) of Barnwell, South Carolina passed away on October 9, 2018 at the Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital. Tommy was born in Bamberg County. He was a retired Soil Conservation Technician with the Natural Resources Conservation Service who worked primarily in Barnwell County during his 36 year career but also assisted in Allendale and Bamberg counties. He was a member of the Reedy Branch Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and worked with the youth by cooking for them every Wednesday. Survivors include his loving wife, Debra Pearson Smoak of Barnwell; sons, Derek (Pam) Dyches and Jamie Dyches of Barnwell; a sister, a brother-in-law, and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister and a brother. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Reedy Branch Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society. |
| **Sorrell** | **2018** | Ruby Rosette Sorrell (94) of Lansing, Michigan passed away August 16, 2018. She was born April 18, 1924, in Lansing, to John and Clara Hyboone. Ruby worked 22 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. She is survived by her children, Jerry Wise (Bonnie), Sherry Sorrell (Chuck), and Laura Sorrell; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Ralph, in 2014, and her daughter, Suzanne Landon (Duane). |
| **Spaeth** | **2018** | Jerome H. Spaeth (92) of Fargo, North Dakota passed away on August 22, 2018. He served in the Army where he was trained as a tail gunner on B-29 bombers. He worked for the SCS in Valley City, ND and later Bismarck, ND as the Hydrologist and retired to Fargo, ND. He is survived by his children, Kitty (Tom) Teigen, Becky (Mike) Shaheen, Janice Spaeth, Bonnie (Ken) Bremer, Laurie (Ted) Schepper, Paul (Kelly), Sid, Nancy (Robin) Gentry, Patrick (Laurel), daughter-in-law Cindy Spaeth, 27 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, his son Nicholas, and great-grandson Bentley Horner. |
| **Stewart** | **2018** | Judy C. Stewart (63) of Beckley, West Virginia passed away on October 16, 2009 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia. She retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service as the Area Clerk in the Beckley office. She was born in Jesse. She was a member of the Jordan Christian Fellowship in Sophia. She was preceded in death by one daughter Andrea Lynn Stewart. Survivors in addition to her parents include her husband Bob Stewart, two sons and four precious grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. |
| **Thompson** | **2018** | Bruce Whyatt Thompson, Sr. (77) passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2018 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, MA. Bruce was born in Worcester. As a younger man, Bruce enjoyed track and field. He had worked for many years as a soil scientist with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services, retiring as the MLRA-12 Soil Survey Regional Director in Amherst, MA. Bruce was a member of the Amherst Golf Club. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and coaching little league. Predeceased by his first wife Linda (Smith) Thompson, he leaves his partner of 10 years Susan Wright of Sunderland, his sons Bruce (Karla) Thompson, Jr. of MO and Larry (Dawn) Thompson of MO, his daughter Mary-Beth (David) Vise of NM, a brother, a sister, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Conservation Federation of Missouri, 728 W. Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65101 www.confedmo.org |
| **Treat** | **2018** | Ronald David Treat (74) passed on January 14, 2018 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Ronald was born in Wewoka, Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. National Guard with the 45th Division. Ronald graduated from OSU with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture in 1980. In the mid-late 1990’s, he finished his career of 37 years with NRCS as a State Water Quality Specialist. He loved to fish, hunt, and spend his time outdoors. He was a member of The Stillwater Bass Masters from 1991 to 2018, and past president two times. Ronald was predeceased by his parents, a brother, a sister and a grandson. Ronald is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patsy Spurgeon Treat; two daughters Kay Lynn Ruoff of Broken Arrow, OK and Kristin (Brent) Turner of Boise City, OK; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and three brothers. Donations may be made to The American Cancer Society or charity of choice. |
| **Van Cleave** | **2018** | Verna F. Van Cleave (88) of Eureka, Kansas, and a longtime former resident of Galesburg, Kansas, passed away on November 1, 2018 at Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka, Kansas. She was born in rural Chase County. She worked in the Kansas State University agricultural office. Following his graduation from college while living in Eureka, Verna worked for the Greenwood County Health Department as a secretary until retiring. She was a member of the Galesburg United Methodist Church. Verna loved to quilt. Through the years, she had made 157 quilts, many of which were gifted to her family and friends. Survivors include her loving husband of 69 years, Kenneth Van Cleave, of the home. Kenneth retired from SCS in 1983. Also surviving are two sons, a daughter, six granddaughters, five great grandchildren, a brother, and two sisters. Online condolences may be left at www.forbeshoffman.com. |
| **Ward** | **2018** | Ronald “Ron” Ward (79) of Cumming, Georgia passed away on January 26, 2018. Ron was a Soil Conservation Service economist in AZ, a watershed staff leader in OH, and Asst. STC in NM. Ron retired in 1995 as a National Watershed Planning Specialist in Washington, DC. Ron initially retired to FL, and then moved to GA some years ago. He was an avid private pilot. Survivors include his loving wife and partner of 55 years, Linda; his sons Ronnie and Ray; six grandchildren and one great grandchild. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of your choice. |
| **Welker** | **2018** | Karen L. Welker (75) passed away on March 26, 2018 at Edgewater in West Des Moines. Karen was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Bill who retired as a biologist in the Des Moines State Office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Karen was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She graduated from the University of Western Ontario-London and Toronto General Hospital School of Nursing. Karen worked as a nurse consultant for Blue Cross, and she also worked as the Director of Nursing at Medicenter. Karen enjoyed the Edgewater singers, going out to eat, traveling, and going for walks. Karen is survived by her twin brother, Kenneth (Marsha) Reid; a niece, and two nephews and many other great nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be directed to West Des Moines Christian Church or the John Stoddard Cancer Center. |

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| **Westerman** | **2018** | Lyle F. Westerman (93) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on September 10, 2018. He was born in DuBois, Nebraska. He retired as a Soil Conservation Technician with the Soil Conservation Service in April, 1984. He as a World War II Army veteran serving in Italy. Lyle was a member of Southern Heights Presbyterian Church, charter member VFW Post 4626, Lincoln, and member of American Legion Post 371, Valparaiso. Survivors: Wife Kathryn (Kay) Westerman, daughter Susan (Ken) Mayberry, York, NE., son David (Terri Tobias) Westerman Cooper Landing, Alaska, daughter Joan Kennedy, Cypress, TX, son Jim Westerman, Rapid City, SD, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren, a sister and a brother, nieces and nephews. Memorials in lieu of flowers to Southern Heights Presbyterian Church or Multiple Sclerosis Society. Condolences www.lincolnfh.com |
| **White** | **2018** | Edgar A. White, Jr. (66) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania passed away on May 30, 2018, after a brief battle with cancer. Ed retired in 2011 as the State Soil Scientist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. |
| **Wiedenmeyer** | **2018** | Member Wesley Jay Wiedenmeyer (64) of Bismarck, North Dakota passed away on May 12, 2018 at a Bismarck hospital after complications from renal cancer. He fought bravely for over five years. Wes was raised in Bismarck and graduated from Bismarck Junior College in 1974 and went on to North Dakota State University graduating with a degree in civil engineering in 1976. He married his high school sweetheart, Sandy Vander Linden, on June 26 of that year. During his college years he worked part-time for the U.S. Geological Survey and returned to federal employment with the Soil Conservation Service in 1977. He was transferred to Bismarck in 1978 where he continued to work until his retirement in 2008. Wes held numerous engineering positions and served as the State Conservation Engineer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service the last 17 years of his career. Before his illness, Wes was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church serving on numerous committees, boards, and offices on the church council. Wes enjoyed watching sports, especially those involving his children and grandchildren. Annual pheasant hunting trips to South Dakota were also part of his fall ritual for over three decades. He is survived by his wife, Sandy; his son, Chad (Crystal) Wiedenmeyer and daughter, Jessica (Kelly) Koble; four grandchildren, a brother and a sister. He is also survived by his step-mother Elsie Wiedenmeyer; a step-brother; and two step-sisters. |
| **Williams** | **2018** | Senior Conservationist Ormand Carvel Williams, Sr. (95) of Weaverville, North Carolina passed away December 7, 2018. He died just five days shy of his 96th birthday. Ormand was a WWII Army veteran and a Purple Heart recipient due to shrapnel wounds received near Naples, Italy. He graduated from Berea College where he met his wife of 71 years, Daphne Millen Williams. He taught vocational agriculture from 1946-1955, prior to beginning his career with NRCS from 1955 until his retirement in 1978. Ormand retired as District Conservationist for the Asheville Field Office. After his retirement, he and Daphne traveled several times to the Holy Lands and went on mission trips to Russia and Ecuador. He is survived by his beloved wife Daphne; two daughters, Millaine Milhaupt of Weaverville and Annette Potts and husband Joe of Mills River, North Carolina; a son, Carvel Williams of Weaverville; seven grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. |
| **Wilson** | **2018** | Russell Wilson (86) of Coalgate, Oklahoma passed away on December 19, 2018. He attended and graduated from Atoka Schools, and then attended Murray State. Russell worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring after 30 years as a Soil Conservation Technician. He was born at Wardville, OK. Russell proudly served his country in the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War. Russell was a member of the Coalgate VFW, Penn & A Church of Christ. He loved to read & watch rodeos. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Mary Judith Wilson of the home, two sons, and two granddaughters. Russell was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and two brothers. A link to the funeral home website: http://www.brownsfuneralserviceatokaok.com/obituary/russell-wilson |
| **Wisner** | **2018** | Carol R. Wisner (76) of Ames, Iowa passed away on June 14, 2018, at Bethany Life in Story City, Iowa. Carol was born in York, NE and graduated from York High School in 1960 and Mounds Midway School of Nursing in St. Paul, MN in 1963. She worked as an RN until her retirement in 1995. Carol is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Robin, a daughter, a son and five grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Robin retired as a soil scientist with NRCS. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made out to Bethany Life or Mt. Hermon Christian Camp. Online condolences and photos can be shared at www.adamssoderstrum.com. |
| **Yager** | **2018** | Rita Kyle Yager (76) of Charlottesville, Virginia passed away on February 17, 2018. She was born in Danville, Virginia. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Elizabeth Yager Walton. She is survived by her husband, Gordon Yager, retired NRCS DC from Charlottesville. Also surviving are son-in-law, John Walton; son, Jimmy Yager; daughter-in-law, Beth Yager; and four grandchildren. Rita attended Longwood College and the University of Virginia. She began her career in elementary education and transitioned to a career in real estate in the Charlottesville area until her retirement in 1999. Rita was an active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Aldersgate UMC, 1500 Rio Drive E., Charlottesville, VA 22901 |
| **Yates** | **2018** | Sanford E. Yates (82) of Nehalem, Oregon passed away August 19, 2018 from complications with Parkinson Disease. Sey, as he was also known, worked as an Engineering Technician for the Soil Conservation Service in the West E&WP Unit Soil Testing Laboratory and also in the WNTC Engineering Staff from the early 1960's until the late 1980's. He later retired from the US Forest Service in 1996. Following his retirement, Sanford and his wife Alice moved from Portland to Nehalem. He is survived by wife Alice and sons Dennis and Tom. |
| **Anderson** | **2017** | Carl Leo Anderson (96) of Columbia, Missouri passed away on April 3, 2017. Carl, better known as "Leo" was born in Longton, Kansas. Leo was named Outstanding Young Farmer by the 4-H Club in 1939. Leo served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a radioman on the USS Perkins, which was sunk and then the USS Bearss. When he returned from the war, he completed his college education at Kansas State University on the G.I. Bill. He began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in Kansas as a field irrigation engineer and retired as the National Irrigation Engineer in Washington. D.C. Leo was the published author of three irrigation manuals. He traveled to Turkey, Russia, and Pakistan to assist farmers with irrigation projects. Leo was a member of the Valley View Church of Christ. During his lifetime he preached and taught the gospel. Leo preached his last sermon when he was 91 years old. Those surviving Leo are daughters and spouse, Joyce Mahan and Karla (Richard) McGough; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great- grandchildren. Leo was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Nina Grace Preston Anderson, and his grandson, Landon Dasher. |

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| **Anderson** | **2017** | James Stillman Alderson (70) of Star, Texas passed away on October 2, 2017 at his residence. He was born in Lampasas, Texas. He married Sharleen Clary on Sept. 4, 1971. He was a plant specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Texas. He was preceded in death by a son, Kirby James Alderson, in November 1975. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Cody Alderson and Kyle Alderson; a daughter, Mitzi Reynolds; three brothers, and 10 grandchildren. |
| **Berry** | **2017** | Hollis Berry (72) of Pickens, South Carolina, passed on June 21, 2017 at his residence. Born in Knoxville, Tennessee, he served his country honorably in the United States Air Force for 20 years. Following his military service he went to work as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Greeneville office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service where he retired. He is remembered as a good man. He enjoyed attending car shows, going boating, fishing and camping. He enjoyed working in his yard and driving his Corvette. Those who will most treasure his memory are his wife of 28 years, Aurelia Ann Berry of Pickens, South Carolina; his daughters, Karen Welch (Nicky) of Tennessee and Barbara Domen (Bruce) of Florida; and his six grandchildren. Hollis is also survived by members of his extended family. |
| **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. |
| **Billips** | **2017** | Layton Carl Billips (65) of Bogue, Kansas passed away July 3, 2017 in Hill City, Kansas. He was born in Norton, Kansas. Layton attended Fort Hays State University graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology in 1973. In February of 1985, he began his job with the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service). He served many locations in Kansas, ending in Sheridan County where he became the District Conservationist in 1988. He retired from that position in 2011. Layton enjoyed hunting, fishing and many other outdoor activities. He was a true outdoorsman and an excellent marksman. He especially enjoyed deer hunting with his black powder gun. Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Linda Billips of the home; parents Donald and Mary Billips of Hill City; two brothers; and two sisters along with several nieces and nephews. |
| **Bird** | **2017** | Jeannie M. Bird (75) passed away peacefully at CHI St. Alexius Health in Bismarck, North Dakota on Thursday, May 4, 2017. She was the wife of North Dakota Representative Bob Bird. She is survived by her husband, Bob of almost 30 years; her children, Linda (Clay) Hoag, Bismarck, and David Hertwig, Austin, TX; grandsons Byron (Alisha) Hoag, Justin (Breana) Hoag, and Bender (Shannon) Hoag all of Bismarck; great-grandchildren Braydon, Kylan, Bryson, Kellen, Quinn and Easton; her brother, Bob Watts, Forsyth, MT; sister, Judi (Steve) Erickson, Greeley, CO; brother-in-law Gary Bird, Highlands Ranch, CO, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Kandie; and her first husband, Carl Hertwig. |
| **Bivens** | **2017** | Judith Ann Hill Bivens (86) of Brentwood, Tennessee passed away peacefully with family by her side on October 25, 2017. She was born in Cookeville, TN. She met her husband Don at the Soil Conservation Service office where they worked while attending TN Tech. Don, the former SCS State Conservationist in Tennessee, preceded her in death in December 2015 after 64 years of marriage. She is survived by four daughters, seven grandchildren, and nine great- grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of Warner Parks, 50 Vaughn Rd. Nashville, TN 37221 or Abe's Garden, 115 Woodmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37205. |
| **Boggs** | **2017** | Wilson "Short" Boggs (93) of McKee, Kentucky passed away September 7, 2017 at his residence. He is survived by his son, Tony (Teresa) Boggs, a granddaughter, and a great granddaughter. He is also survived by nine siblings. Short was preceded in death by his parents, five siblings and the love of his life of 69 years, Dora Aileen Davidson Boggs. He served in World War II. Short was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He retired in 1983 and then became employed at the FSA office in McKee. Short was active in the Jackson County Soil Conservation up to his death. Also, Short enjoyed farming, raising cattle, hunting, fishing and gardening. Short was a member of the Conway Christian Church. www.lakesfuneralhomemckee.com |
| **Bohnenblust** | **2017** | M. Joyce Bohnenblust (94) of McPherson, Kansas, passed away on July 4, 2017 while in the company of family members at McPherson Hospital. Joyce was the spouse of Gene who passed away in 2008 and closed out his career as a Civil Engineer for SCS on the Technical Staff in the Hutchinson Area Office. Joyce was born in Alden, Kansas. She then attended Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas and Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. Joyce taught elementary school at Macksville and Buckeye county schools. She was a lifetime member of McPherson Church of Christ and served her church in many capacities through the years. She is survived by her four children, her 10 grandchildren, her 12 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to McPherson Church of Christ or the McPherson Opera House and they can be sent in care of the Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home; 222 West Euclid Street; McPherson, Kansas 67460. |
| **Boone** | **2017** | Steve Allan Boone (65) of Hamlin, West Virginia passed away on November 5, 2017 in St. Mary's Medical Center. Surviving is his spouse, Virginia Boone. Steve retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service as the District Conservationist in the Hamlin Field Office. |

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| **Borine** | **2017** | Roger Harold Borine (66) of Bend, Oregon passed away on February 21, 2017. He was born in La Grande, Oregon. Roger graduated from La Grande High School where he lettered in baseball, basketball, and was quarterback for the Tigers. He attended Eastern Oregon College and Oregon State University, where he studied soil science, receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1973. During summers, he financed college by smoke-jumping out of McCall, Idaho. Roger's work as a soil scientist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service took him first to Baker City, then Klamath Falls and Medford, and finally to Bend in 1984. After 35 years of federal service, he retired and began a soils consulting business. While competing in the Brittany National Championship in 2007, he was invited to Norway to experience their field trials and to hunt ptarmigan and grouse in Sweden. Roger is survived by his loving wife, Debra (Smolt Mischel) whom he married in 1997, and her daughter Amy (James) Westcoat, and two grandchildren. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Oregon Brittany Club or the Oregon Hunter's Association. |
| **Bowling** | **2017** | Member Ernest Hooper Bowling, Jr. (89) of Dillwyn, Virginia passed away at home on May 13, 2017, following a courageous battle with stomach cancer. He was born in Jonesville, VA. He had lived at Oak Grove Farm in Buckingham County since 1932. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Rebecca Hines Bowling; daughter, Sarah Frances Bowling; sons, Ernest Hooper Bowling III and his wife, Karen, James Hines Bowling and his wife, Sun Bun; a granddaughter; and two great-granddaughters. He is also survived by two sisters. He was preceded in death by a son, Benjamin Allen Bowling; and a sister. He attended Buckingham Central High School and was a graduate of Virginia Tech. Ernest was a World War II veteran and retired in 1988 as District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. He was a lifetime farmer. He was a member of New Store Presbyterian Church, where he served as deacon, elder, clerk of session and Sunday school teacher. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to New Store Presbyterian Church, c/o Bettie Bass Mitchell, 3221 Buckingham Springs Rd., Dillwyn, Va. 23936, or a favorite charity. |
| **Bowman** | **2017** | Roy Howard Bowman (87) and Irma Elsie Bowman (88) of Redwood Valley, California died in the Redwood Fire that broke out in Mendocino County late on the evening of Oct. 8, 2017. Roy retired as a soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service. They were the type of people who settled into their community and did good without making a fuss." Roy was a U.S. Navy veteran. Irma Bowman loved to bake and "would tell us to speak well of other people. |
| **Boyd** | **2017** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Hurshal E. Boyd (96) of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania passed away on February 28, 2017 at Messiah Lifeways. He was born in Seneca, NM. He was a graduate of Kansas State University, where he received his Bachelor's Degree. He also served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1977 as an Assistant State Conservationist in Pennsylvania. Hurshal was preceded in death by his wife Rosann Boyd in 2011. He is survived by his sons, Stephen M. Boyd and Robert W. Boyd; daughters, Deborah K. Boone and Danette M. Hoffman; a grandson; three granddaughters; a great- grandson and two great- granddaughters. Hurshal was an avid golfer, dedicated family man, and a terrific socializer. Memorial contributions can be made to Compassionate Care Hospice 1513 Cedar Cliff Dr #100, Camp Hill, PA 17011. |
| **Britton** | **2017** | Legion Owens Britton (81) of Edenton, North Carolina passed away on January 12, 2017. Legion retired as the Administrative Assistant for the Edenton Area. She was the first woman in North Carolina to serve as the Director of the NC Federal Women's Program for NRCS. Mrs. Britton was born in Chowan County and lived there all her life. Following her retirement, she worked for several years at the Barker House. A member of Edenton Baptist Church, she also enjoyed membership in the Edenton Chapter #302, The Order of the Eastern Star where she had served as Worthy Matron, was active with the Edenton Historical Commission, and had served as President with the Business and Professional Women's Club. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Junius Frank Britton; a daughter, Janet Britton O'Donnell; her grandson, Patrick O'Donnell. Surviving are her son, Charles A. Britton of Edenton; two granddaughters; and two great-granddaughters. |
| **Buchanan** | **2017** | James Bernard "Buck" Buchanan (93) of Somerset, Kentucky (formerly of West Liberty, Kentucky) passed away on January 28, 2017 at the VA Hospital in Lexington Kentucky. "Buck" was born in Hazel Green, Kentucky. He was a graduate of Wolfe County High School and attended Hazel Green Academy and Lees Junior College. He was a WWII veteran serving as a tank mechanic with the US Army's 274th Armored Field Artillery Battalion in France. After the war, he worked for E.V. Treadway Engineering Company and was the first city letter carrier for the USPS in West Liberty, Kentucky. For a time, he served as the basketball coach for the Wolfe County High School Boys basketball team. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician in Pulaski after 23 years of service. During his life, he was an active member of the First Christian Church (Somerset, Kentucky) where he served as an Elder and participated in the Men's Choir and the Sunday evening radio broadcast. After retirement, he served on the City of Somerset Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Pulaski County Conservation District Board of Supervisors. He is survived by his wife Billie Wrae (Hammond) Buchanan formerly of Cottle, Kentucky; son Richard Layne Buchanan of Somerset; daughter Mary Buchanan (Samuel) Moore of Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. |
| **Burgess** | **2017** | Marvin Kimzy Burgess (89) of Columbia, South Carolina passed away October 27, 2017 at home with family by his side. He was born in Big Lick, TN. Marvin was a BS graduate of Tennessee Tech with a Master's degree from Indiana University. He was employed with the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 35 years, winning many awards including the National Award for Superior Service. He retired in 1985 as the State Resource Conservationist. He served in the Korean War and was a member of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Columbia. Surviving are his loving wife of 66 years, Dorothy Yowell Burgess, four children, Kim Burgess (Barbara) of Roanoke, VA, Steve Burgess (Teresa) of McDonough, GA, Brent Burgess (Debbie) of Carrollton, GA and Cindy Burgess McGougan (Joe) of Mt Pleasant, SC; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, seven nieces and two nephews. Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 5637 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29212. |

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| **Burns** | **2017** | Leland Burns (93) Cheyenne, Oklahoma passed away on January 25, 2017. He retired as a Construction Inspector at age 50. Leland was born in Cheyenne, Oklahoma and graduated from Cheyenne High School in 1942. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as a radar technician on the Niblack destroyer ship in the Mediterranean, as well as the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. Leland participated in the invasion at Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. While in the service, he was married to Bernice Colleen (Hawkins) Burns at Sayre, Oklahoma on June 5, 1943. After his discharge, he returned to Cheyenne where he and Bernice purchased their farm northwest of town and raised their family. They later purchased the bowling alley in Sayre, Oklahoma in 1980 and operated it until 1985. Leland loved fast-pitch softball and was known throughout Roger Mills County for his pitching skills. He is survived by his wife, Bernice, of the home; three children, Mickey (Janet) Burns, Minco, OK, Judy Wood, Kingfisher, OK, and Jim (Mary) Burns, Cheyenne, OK; seven grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. |
| **Burton** | **2017** | Paul Lee Burton (75) of Wynnewood, Oklahoma passed away on July 30, 2017. Paul married Susan (Smith) Burton on June 14, 1974 in Sulphur, OK. He was a watershed inspector for the Soil Conservation Service and the Technician in Sulphur, Oklahoma when he retired. Paul was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Wynnewood, OK. He was preceded in death by his first wife - Georgia Mae Burton in 1973. He is survived by his wife Susan of their home in Wynnewood, OK; a daughter - Sharla Lunday (George) of OKC, OK; two sons - John Burton (Kristy) of Pottsboro, TX, Todd Burton (Malia) of Lakewood, CO; 10 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren - Please send online condolences to www.dearmanfuneralhome.com. |
| **Bushey** | **2017** | Senior Conservationist Lawrence E. “Larry” Bushey (93) passed away peacefully on February 16, 2017, at Sanford Hospital, Bismarck, North Dakota, after a short illness. He graduated from Kenmare High School and North Dakota State University and spent three years in the US Navy in World War II. He worked for SCS in various locations in ND, and after he retired worked as a private land surveyor. He lived at home with his daughter until a week prior to his death. Larry is survived by two sons, Bruce, Tucson, AZ; and Jon (Jenny) , Salt Lake City, UT; one daughter, Lauri Desir, Bismarck; one brother; one sister-in-law; twelve beloved grandchildren living out of state; Sam Desir and Joey Desir formerly of Haiti, now Bismarck; and four precious great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Carol; his parents; one brother; one sister; and one son, Robert. Memorials can be made to Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, Shiloh Christian School, or donor's choice. |
| **Byrd** | **2017** | Clifford “Cliff” Harry Byrd (73) of Casper, Wyoming passed away February 15, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Clifford was born in Okanogan, Washington. He graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agronomy. He worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service). During his career he worked in Mansfield, Davenport, Okanogan, Clarkston, and Ephrata, Washington and moved to Sundance, Wyoming in 1978 and finally to Casper in 1984. After 32 years of service, Clifford retired in 1999 as the State Administrative Officer. Clifford's hobbies were hunting and “Fixing Things,” especially cars. One of his favorite sayings was "If man made it, then it will come apart and I can fix it," and he could. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Ann Byrd; two sons; a daughter; and eight grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's “Blessing Fund” or Casper's Meals on Wheels in Clifford's memory. |
| **Champeon** | **2017** | Patricia Lee Champeon (80) of Glenburn, Maine passed away on August 17, 2017 at Dirigo Pines, Orono, ME. She died after a long battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). She was born in Lewiston, ME, Pat attended schools in Hartford, CT; Old Town and Bangor before graduating from Berkeley HS, CA in 1956. She married Alfred J. LeClair of Orono in July 1956 and they had three children. That marriage ended in 1978. She married ARCSE member D. Bruce Champeon in November 1983. In 1997, after a 25-year career in personnel and administration with USDA, Soil Conservation Service / Natural Resources Conservation Service in ME and NH, Pat retired as Assistant State Conservationist for Administration. Survivors include three children, Deborah J. Emero (Tom) of MA, Brian T. LeClair of FL, and David J. LeClair (Gail) of FL.; her husband Bruce; two stepsons, Steven J. Champeon (Heather) of NC and Kenneth A. Champeon of ME; seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, a brother, and a stepsister. Those who wish to remember Pat in a special way may make gifts in her memory to CurePSP, 30 E. Padonia Rd., Suite 201, Timonium, MD 21093. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com. |
| **Choate** | **2017** | James Hubert Choate (91), of McAlester, Oklahoma passed away at a local convalescent home on July 22, 2017. Hubert was born in Luther, the youngest of twelve children. He was baptized in the First Baptist Church in Tishomingo in 1939. On August 27, 1978, he married Jacqueline Steward in El Reno. She had two daughters who survive: Denise Nick (John) of McAlester and Jamie Lynn Condray (Jason) of Weatherford, Texas. He is also survived by two step-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren. He retired on January 3, 1985 after working 31 ½ years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in the El Reno office. He then worked 10 years in real estate appraising while waiting for Jacque to retire so they could travel and be with family more. He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, and four sisters. http://www.bishopfuneralservice.com/obituary/james-hubert-choate |

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| **Cohen** | **2017** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Herman Charles Cohen passed away in his sleep on November 28, 2017 at an age of over 100. He had a distinguished career in soil and water conservation and natural resource planning before retiring from the Soil Conservation Service in 1979 as a Water Resources Specialist. He retired first to Orlando, Florida, and then to Sun City, Arizona. Herman was born in Los Angeles to Jewish immigrant parents from Eastern Europe. The primary language spoken around the home was Yiddish. He attended the College of Agriculture in Davis, California, then a part of the University of California, Berkeley. He graduated in 1940, becoming the first college graduate in his immediate family. While in college, Herman took up boxing, then an intercollegiate sport. Because of his great ability to knock his opponent out cold, he had the nickname “cold cockin’ Cohen.” After college, Herman worked on the Census of Agriculture for the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, DC. But his career in agriculture was interrupted by World War II. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942, serving as a hospital corpsman (medic). He served during most of the war on the U.S.S. Baltimore, a heavy cruiser, in the Central Pacific and South Pacific Theaters. He suffered shrapnel wounds to his legs caused by an incorrectly timed fuse while on board. At one point, near the end of the war, the U.S.S. Baltimore narrowly averted a Kamikaze strike. Herman developed malaria during the war and had recurrent, but gradually diminishing, bouts with it after the war. When the war was over, Herman met and married Evadna Fern “Sissy” nee Tull and became a farmer with a small farm in San Mateo County, California. He also worked part time for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS). At his wife’s urging, he eventually went to work for the SCS full time. Herman considered himself Jewish. At the age of 98, Herman converted to Christianity, was baptized, and became a member of the Grace Bible Church. Herman’s wife Sissy passed away in 2006 after over 60 years of marriage. Herman is survived by his sons Michael P. Cohen and Jerry D. Cohen (wife Susan D. Cohen), his step-daughter Nell Morris, a grandson, and a great grandson. |
| **Culp** | **2017** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary Member Arlie Franklin Culp Jr. (91) of Ramseur, North Carolina passed away on October 18, 2017, at Universal Health Care in Ramseur. Arlie was a native of Stanly County and a graduate of Catawba College. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II and served as a crew member on a Navy patrol bomber as an aerial gunner. After the war, he was married to Daisy Mae Farlow of Randleman, his wife of 47 years, until the Lord called her home in 1997. Arlie worked as a teacher at Ramseur High School, served as a public health sanitarian for the Randolph County Health Department, and retired as District Conservationist in Randolph County after 25 years of service with the Soil Conservation Service. After retirement, Arlie was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives where he served for 18 years. He was very active in his community, serving in the Jaycees, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, Senior Adults and other boards and committees. Arlie was a member of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church in Ramseur and was a 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Mason at the Marietta Lodge 444 in Ramseur. Arlie was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Culp; his parents, and four sisters. Arlie was a true and loyal friend. Survivors are sister, Mary Culp Spires of Charlotte; numerous nieces and nephews; and faithful friend and companion, Sally Breedlove of Ramseur. Condolences may be made online at www.loflinfuneralservice.com. Memorials may be made to Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 848, Ramseur, NC 27316. |
| **Currier** | **2017** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Raymond Currier (98) of the Eastern Star Masonic Home and formerly of rural Ogden, Iowa passed away on February 21, 2017 at the Eastern Star Home. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1980 as a District Conservationist. He was born in Chariton, Iowa. Raymond graduated from Indianola High School in Indianola in 1935 and in 1940, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Iowa State College. He met his future wife, Dixie Cooper, at a dance. They were married on September 14, 1941 in Ogden. Raymond farmed south of Ogden in Peoples Township. He was partial to Farmall Tractors. The couple enjoyed dancing, especially square dancing and ballroom dancing, camping, traveling, and for 30 years, spending the winters in southern Alabama. Raymond was a member of Community United Methodist Church, the Ogden Masons, Rhoades Lodge #303 A.F. & A.M., and the ZA-GA-ZIG Shrine. He was very good with his hands and could fix most anything. Raymond enjoyed making pigs out of pecan shells. He is preceded in death by his wife Dixie, in 2014, and son Dr. Robert Currier. Raymond is survived by his daughter, Connie Rudy of rural Ogden; three grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. |
| **Dalton** | **2017** | Harry Oliver Dalton (88) of Smithfield, Virginia passed away February 10, 2017. Oliver was born in Pittsylvania County, VA, on his mother’s birthday. Oliver is preceded in death by his wife, Marion Dalton, March 4, 2006. He leaves to cherish the memory his daughter, Deborah Stafford and her husband, Billy; son, Mark Oliver Dalton; and grandson, William Oliver Stafford, affectionately called, Sir William. Oliver worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 42 years, followed by 21 years for the Virginia DCR-Division of Soil and Water Conservation. He was an active member of Smithfield Baptist Church, a deacon and past chair of board of deacons. He was past Sunday school superintendent, and served on the building committee to rebuild the church after it burned. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Smithfield Baptist Church, 100 Wainwright Dr., Smithfield, 23430. Memorial contributions may be made to Casper's Meals on Wheels or St. Patrick's Catholic Church's Blessing Fund. |
| **Day** | **2017** | Betty Day (88) Clinton, Oklahoma passed away on March 7, 2017. She was the widow of Bob G. Day, former engineer with the Soil Conservation Service who passed Oct. 2015. Betty owned and operated a beauty shop in Clinton for more than 20 years, and then spent the next several years helping to care for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Betty is survived by two sons, Daniel Day and his wife, Betty, of Clinton, and Dr. Patrick Day and wife, Suzanne, of Arapaho; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. The family has suggested that those wishing to give memorial contributions do so to the First United Methodist Church. |

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| **Dermann** | **2017** | Kenneth W. Dermann, Brigadier General, US Army Reserve National Guard (retired) (89) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away February 4, 2017. He was born on the family farm near Talmage. He attended the University of Nebraska where he was a Nebraska football letter winner. He later completed his B.A. degree at Columbia College, Columbia, MO. Ken began a distinguished military career upon enlisting in the US Navy, serving aboard the USS Harrier minesweeper in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He subsequently joined the Nebraska Army National Guard in 1947 as an NCO, received his officer commission in 1951, and during the next 35 years rose to the rank of brigadier general. Ken received numerous military citations and awards and held many notable leadership positions, including that of Commander, 67th Sep. Inf. Bde. (Mech), and Ass't. Adjutant General of Nebraska. He retired from military service on June 30, 1987, and was inducted into the Nebraska National Guard Military Academy Hall of Fame in 1995. In addition to his military career, Ken was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and worked in the National Soils Laboratory in Lincoln, NE. Ken was a dedicated volunteer at the Bryan Medical Center for more than 20 years and a member of their volunteer board of directors. He also served his church in many ways. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Shirley of Lincoln; sons, William (Sharon) of Omaha; Robert (Donna) of Tacoma, WA; two grandsons and one great-grandson, a granddaughter, and four great-granddaughters. Memorials in lieu of flowers to Bryan LGH East Hospital, 1600 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506-1299 or Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 8300 East Pointe Road, Lincoln, NE 68506. Condolences online at Roperandsons.com. |
| **Dykes** | **2017** | Joey Brent Dykes (63) of Campton, Kentucky passed away on December 13, 2017. He was born in Liberty, Kentucky. He is survived by one daughter, Andrea “Andie” Nicole Dykes Owens (Josh) of Russell Springs, Kentucky. In August 1976, he began working as a Civil Engineering Technician for the USDA-NRCS. His career spanned over 41 years. In 1987, Governor Wallace Wilkinson named him a Kentucky Colonel. He also won numerous awards and accolades during his employment with USDA-NRCS. If he wasn’t working outdoors he could be found on the lake doing his favorite hobby, fishing. |
| **Ewing** | **2017** | James W. “Jim” Ewing (93) formerly of State Route 172, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2017 at the Courtyard at Lexington in Salem, Ohio. He was born in Gavers, Ohio. Jim was a farmer and had worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Columbiana County for 28 years until he retired. He was an 80-year member of the New Lebanon United Presbyterian Church; past president of the Lisbon Ruritan; member of the New Lisbon Lodge #65 F&AM; and was a former member of the Lisbon Grange. Jim also loved to play the fiddle and bass guitar and call square dances. His wife, Doris Mae (Haynam) Ewing, whom he married June 12, 1949, preceded him in death August 2, 2013. Jim is survived by his four sons, 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandson. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Lebanon U.P. Church or the American Cancer Society. Friends may view Jim’s memorial tribute page and send condolences online at www.eells-leggett-stauffer.com. |
| **Felkins** | **2017** | Perry Felkins (79) of Okmulgee, Oklahoma passed away on August 10, 2017. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a Watershed Inspector in Morris, Oklahoma. |
| **Ferguson** | **2017** | Member Buell Milburn Ferguson (84) of Cape Coral, Florida passed away on June 30, 2017 after several months of declining health. Buell was born in Haywood County, North Carolina and at the age of 16 Buell moved to Brevard, NC where he graduated from Brevard High School in 1950 and received the Carolina Farmer Award in Future Farmers of America. He graduated from The Clemson Agricultural College, a military college with cadet corps, (now Clemson University) in June 1954 with a BS Degree in Agriculture Engineering. After graduation, Buell was stationed at Ft. Belvoir as a 1st and 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army from 1954 until 1956. He joined the Active Army Reserve in 1956 and then served in the North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Army National Guard where he retired as a Major after 21 years of service. Buell joined the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1956 as a Civil Engineer in Salisbury, NC. He became engaged and married Dolores Ray Plyler on December 22, 1956. Buell and Dolores moved to North Wilkesboro, NC where their daughter Stephanie Ra Ferguson was born on August 23, 1958. The family moved multiple times due to many promotions within U.S. Soil Conversion Service. Buell held multiple positions in SCS such as Pennsylvania State Engineer and Deputy State Conservationist, Director of the SCS Natural Resource Project Development and Maintenance Mid-West Office, Indiana State Conservationist, Director of Engineering, on multiple international exchange engineering groups, and retired as Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service on Jan 1, 1987 after 32 years of federal government service. He enjoyed camping and being with Dolores and Stephanie throughout the years. After retirement, he and Dolores moved to Deep Creek, MD where Buell established a successful home appraisal business. In February 2002, Buell and Dolores had a mutual consent divorce after 45 years of marriage, and stayed in touch throughout the years. On August 1, 2002, Buell Ferguson married Jacqueline Jenkins Knight and they resided in Cape Coral, FL. Buell is survived by his sister Doris McGaha, his former spouse Dolores Plyler Ferguson, daughter Stephanie Ra Ferguson, and wife Jacqueline Jenkins Knight Ferguson. |
| **Fields** | **2017** | Freddie L. Fields (85) of Parkersburg, West Virginia passed away on March 28, 2017 at his residence. He was born in Roane County, WV. Freddie worked for the Department of Agriculture as a Soil Conservationist. He enjoyed wood working, was a master craftsman, and also enjoyed working on cars. Freddie was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Alsie Fields; his daughter, Linda Fields of Parkersburg; a son, Paul Fields (Colleen) of Morgantown, WV; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Flaxman** | **2017** | Jane Flaxman (98) passed away after a brief illness on December 19, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elliott, who was a soil mechanics engineer at the Soil Conservation Service WNTC. A native Oregonian, Jane saw many changes in the Portland area during her lifetime. She also lived through dramatic changes in technology. Always a learner, she evolved with the change - Facetiming and Facebooking to stay in touch with friends and family. She was the only attendee at her 75th Scripps College reunion in 2015. Jane had more energy than most people half her age. She was an active golfer until the age of 96 and frequently played bridge twice a week. Jane is survived by her two children, Joan and Bruce (Lorraine), a brother, four grandsons, and six great-grandchildren. Should you wish to honor Jane with a memorial contribution, the following are suggested: Community Warehouse, Tigard Public Library Foundation or Jewish Family and Child Service. Please sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits |

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| **Fujii** | **2017** | Mary Nakata Fujii (84) of Hillsboro, Oregon passed away peacefully February 6, 2017. She will be remembered for her cheerful smile, strong work ethic, and resilience during hard times. Born Sumiko Nakata in Portland, she attended St. Paul Miki, a Catholic school for Japanese-American children. During WWII, her family was held with others of Japanese descent at the North Portland Stock Yard. They were later sent to an internment camp in Minidoka, Idaho. Mary earned an AA at Hastings Business College in 1951. In 1954, she married Tom Fujii, an engineer with the SCS who retired from the training section at the WNTC. She was a water quality specialist for the EPA from 1980 to 1995. A woman of faith, Mary was an active member of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Surviving are her husband, Tom; four children and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please send remembrances to Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. |
| **George** | **2017** | Mary Frances (Layne) George (97) passed away peacefully November 27, 2017 at her home in Bunceton, Missouri. She graduated from Bunceton High School. She was married on February 1, 1942 to Warren George, who preceded her in death November of 2012. Warren retired in 1981 as a District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. During their seventy one years together, Warren and Mary lived in Bunceton, Higginsville, Chillicothe, Neosho and back to Bunceton to enjoy their retirement. Besides raising five children and being a busy homemaker, she found time to run her own business, "Mary's Modem Interior". During retirement, Mary and Warren worked 11 seasons for Hamilton Stores in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. When not at the park, they traveled all 50 states and numerous countries. Mary was a member of the Garden Club, Lion's Club, and Federated Church of Bunceton, Mo. In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her daughter Linda "Kathy" Mitchell. She is survived by two sons and two daughters and their spouses: Larry (Myra) George, Gary (Carla) George; Beverly (Jerry) Greever, and Penny (Pat) Brady, her 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. |
| **Gilliland** | **2017** | Marjorie “Marj” Lou Gilliland (90) passed away on October 2, 2017 at Aldersgate Village in Topeka. She was born in rural Atchison County. She graduated from Atchison County Community High School in 1945. On December 8, 1946 she married Maurice “Mose” Glenn Gilliland who retired as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Holton, Kansas Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service. He passed away, March 12, 2009. They spent most of their lives on the family farm north and east of Holton. Marj had worked for Santa Fe Railroad and had been deputy clerk of the District Court of Jackson County. In addition, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Holton. Two children survive: Gayla Schmanke (Robert) of Olathe, KS and Raney Gilliland (Jill) of Topeka, KS. Also surviving are three grandsons and four great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. |
| **Givens** | **2017** | Fred (F.B.) Bell Givens, Jr. (82) of Newport, Virginia passed away on April 13, 2017 at his home. Fred was born in Fredericksburg, VA. Fred received his B.S. degree from Virginia Tech and his M.S. from Penn State in Agriculture Engineering. While his first love was farming, he retired from the Soil Conservation Service after having served as a Watershed Design Engineer, Shoreline Erosion Engineer and a District Conservationist for three counties. Fred was widely known as “Mr. Pumpkin” after having the “Misty Mt. Pumpkin Festival” on his farm. After nine years of this festival, Fred and Rennie sold homemade ice cream at fairs and festivals making it with a “John Deer hit and miss engine.” Fred loved his family, his church and people in general and was so proud of his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Fred Bell Givens, III. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Irene (Rennie) Semones Givens of Newport, son Joseph K. (Leslie) Givens of Newport, one daughter Amy Suzanne Givens (Frederick) Moler of New Castle, and six grandchildren. Online condolences can be sent to the family at givensfuneralhome.com. |
| **Glen** | **2017** | Senior Conservationist Deane Glen (90) Des Moines, Iowa passed away on January 13, 2017. Deane retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1987 as a civil engineer on the Watershed Planning Staff. Survivors include his daughters, Sue (Tony) Putz and Rebecca (Edwin) Everett; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna. Memorials may be given in his name to the Free Store, 834 10th St., Des Moines, IA 50309. Online condolences may be made at www.overtonfunerals.com. |
| **Goings** | **2017** | Gregory William Goings (53) of Mt. Airy, North Carolina passed away on September 4, 2017. Greg retired as Soil Conservation Technician in the Dobson Field Office with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He also helped out in adjoining counties. He was born in Surry County. He was a loving husband, father and brother. Among the many who will always cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Michelle Poole Goings; sons, Jared Goings and Jordan Goings; his mother, Roena Goings; and a sister Kim (Michael) Thomas. |
| **Gonzalez** | **2017** | Flavio Rene Gonzalez (86) passed away on January 25, 2017, surrounded by his family at Porter Adventist Hospital in Littleton, Colorado. He was born in Rio Grande City, Texas. After graduating from Texas A&M in 1952, he was commissioned into the Army as 2nd Lt. and began his tour in Korea where he served with the Third Infantry Division as an artillery officer. He was wounded in action at outpost “Harry,” but continued to fight the enemy, refusing to be evacuated until American forces were enroute. His actions inspired his fellow soldiers to continue to fight the North Koreans and earned him the Silver Star for valor and a Purple Heart. He is one of only three soldiers recognized at Silver Star Veterans Park in Starr County, TX. Flavio became a civil engineer and worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service until his retirement in 1995. He served as State Conservation Engineer of Colorado for 15 years. Flavio married Edna Oliverez in 1955 and had four children: son David (Angie) of Pocatello, Idaho; daughter Elina (Jeff) Swadling of Indian River, Michigan; son Andres (Michelle) of Eagle Pass, Texas; and daughter Rosina (Dino) Aragon of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the American Lung Association or to Colorado Public Radio. |
| **Gooch** | **2017** | Curtis Gooch (53) of Bolivar, Missouri passed away July 21, 2017 at his home. Curtis achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1981. For many years, Curtis' job as a resource conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service meant moving around the state. The family eventually settled in Bolivar. The family planted firm roots in Bolivar, and Curtis took an active role in doing so, coaching sports for his children. Curtis was an incredibly gifted handy-man. After buying the family house 17 years ago, it has been in a perpetual state of renovation. Curtis is survived by his wife of 26 years, Vicky Gooch, his four children and his six grandchildren |

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| **Gray** | **2017** | Shirley A. Gray (81) passed away on March 11, 2017, in Abilene, Kansas. She was married to Earl Gray who retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a Construction Inspector headquartered in Abilene. He preceded her in death in 2012. Shirley had been employed for 26 years by The Citizens Bank in Abilene, retiring in 1997. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry Wolfe-Eyer. Shirley is survived by a son and three step-children. Online condolences may be left at http://dannerfuneralhome.net/. |
| **Grice** | **2017** | Darrell Gene Grice (86) passed away on March 18, 2017 in Houston, Texas. He was born in Robstown, Texas. Gene graduated from Texas Tech University in 1951 and joined the Air Force. While stationed in Columbia, South Carolina, he met the love of his life, Elizabeth Ann Stevens, and they were married on July 5, 1953, in Birmingham, Alabama. After his discharge from the Air Force, they moved to Hamlin, Texas, to farm and start a family. Gene started working for the Soil Conservation Service in 1957 in Littlefield, Texas. This job required many moves in Texas, Pennsylvania and finally Massachusetts, where he retired in 1987 as the State Soil Scientist. Gene and Liz spent their retirement years in Lufkin, Texas, where Gene was active in their church, volunteered in local schools and museums, and was a member of multiple Toastmasters groups. He is survived by daughters and son-in-law, Martha and Bryan Steger of Taos, New Mexico and Carol and Jeff Castro of Houston; son and daughter-in-law, James and Joanna Grice of LaGrange, Kentucky; son-in-law, Travis Hardaway of Round Top; and eight grandchildren. Gene was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth, and daughters, Mary Elizabeth Grice and Lea Ann Grice Hardaway. Should you desire, memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Foundation, P. O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 (1-800-272-3900), or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, 2nd Flood, Bethesda, MD 20814 (1-800-344-4823). |
| **Griffin** | **2017** | Robert "Bob" Keith Griffin (89) passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2017, in Pocatello, ID. He was born in Pueblo, Colorado. As a member of the Greatest Generation, Bob, as well as most of the young men of his time, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in service of his country. The war was winding down, and he was honorably discharged in August of 1945. Bob took advantage of the GI bill benefit and graduated from Colorado State University with a bachelor's degree as well as a master's from the University of Southern California. During those years Bob was a father to three children: Gary, Cheryl, and Elaine. After receiving his master's degree, Bob accepted a position as a range conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Bismarck, ND, where he met and married Merle Winko and became a step-father to her two daughters, Sharon and Sandy. Bob and Merle were transferred to Salina, Kansas to be the Deputy State Conservationist and later promoted to the State Conservationist. Bob continued in that capacity until his untimely medical retirement in 1980. Bob received many honors during his eight years in Kansas. The one most notable was the Conservationist of the Year Governors Award. In 2011, Bob moved to Pocatello, ID, where he married a longtime friend, Jerry Younkin who also was recently widowed. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Merle. He is survived by his wife, Jerry, Pocatello; son, Gary (Chris) Griffin; daughters, Cheri (Mike) Blaskovich and Elaine Griffin; and three step-daughters and two step-sons. Bob was blessed as well with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In Bob's honor, donations can be made in his name to Encompass Hospice of Pocatello, ID. Condolences may be made at www.colonial-funeralhome.com |
| **Grossman** | **2017** | Senior Conservationist Raymond Augustus Grossman (97) of Missoula, Montana, passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 5, 2017, surrounded by his loving daughters. He was born December 10 10, 1919, the oldest child of Phillip Augustus Grossman and Maude Lippincott Grossman in Shelbysville, Illinois. He attended the University of Nebraska and graduated in 1942. He had been in ROTC and therefore graduated and was inducted into the Army as a Second Lieutenant. Ray volunteered to join a new command of Airborne Division and was a member of the 82nd Airborne. He was very proud and honored to be in this division and was a bona fide war hero, having been awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre Alec Etoile d'Argent medal earned in Normandy on D-Day. After returning to the states, he was hired by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and sent to work in Eastern Montana where he met the beautiful and wonderful Myrtle Mae Noblitt and swept her off her feet. They married in 1949 and moved to Forsyth, Montana. Ray continued his military service having joined the National Guard where he retired as a major. The family was transferred to Townsend, Montana in 1967, where the couple lived until 1987. After Ray's retirement from the SCS, he became a realtor specializing in farm and ranch land. Myrt and Ray moved to Missoula in 1987 and he continued as a realtor first with Lambros and then with Rocky Mountain Realty. He didn't fully retire until he was 91 years old. Ray was very active all his life, first with his job out in the fields, then with early morning workouts at the Sports Court and then with Access Fitness. He also enjoyed participating with military funerals and with the retired officer's organization. Ray loved having coffee with his "boys" three days a week at the Press Box. He had a happy, wonderful life. Ray was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Myrtle Mae. He is survived by his three daughters and two grandchildren. |
| **Haid** | **2017** | Kenneth Anthony Haid, Jr., (58) of Fayetteville, West Virginia passed away on January 16, 2017 after a battle with cancer. Ken was an accomplished musician and an avid skilled motorcyclist and trained Motor Cycle Safety Instructor. Ken was a 1981 graduate of West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He worked as a livestock inspector for the state and was a longtime employee of the USDA NRCS as a Soil Conservationist. Ken worked in many areas around West Virginia, most recently in Fayette, Raleigh and Wyoming counties and previously in Hardy, Kanawha and Pocahontas counties. Ken is survived by his wife Melinda (Dolin Shipman) Haid, two sons, and a granddaughter. Online condolences may be sent to his family by visiting www.highlawnfuneralhomechapel.com. |
| **Hamilton** | **2017** | Stanley Max Hamilton (76) of Bozeman, Montana passed away suddenly on August 16, 2017 from an ATV accident in the mountains of Gallatin County. He grew up on a farm outside Chinook, Montana, the oldest of six children. A well-rounded education was of paramount importance in the rural Hamilton household, so when young Stan was of age, his parents sent him to live in town with family to attend Chinook High School. He went on to graduate from Montana State University (Bozeman) with a B.S. in civil engineering, and served two years in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey - a fateful decision that eventually led him to Kansas City, Missouri where he met Martha, his wife. The bulk of his career was spent in Bozeman with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Recalling his own parents' values, he chose to raise his five children in Bozeman, not just for the promise of plentiful outdoor activities, but to give each child the opportunity to attend MSU. Stan is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Martha, his children Cheryl (Will) Shelhamer, Steve (Kate) Hamilton, Curt (Molly) Hamilton, Jim Hamilton, and Christina Hamilton; seven grandchildren and five siblings. Memorials may be made in Stan's name to Gallatin County Sheriff's Search and Rescue or a charity of choice. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com. |

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| **Harlin** | **2017** | John Harlin (75) of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on March 25, 2017. John was the sixth of eight children and was born in Mazie, OK. Johnny graduated from the historic Manual Training High School with the class of 1960. Johnny was employed with Bower Feed Company until he was drafted into the United States Army where he served three years and a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from the armed forces and retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service after 41 years of service as a Soil Conservation Technician. He was an avid golfer, bowler and loved going to the casino. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Bertha of 54 years, of the home; one son, Bernard (Krystal) Harlin, Wagoner, OK; and two grandsons. |
| **Harper** | **2017** | Carolyn Sue Harper (79) of Weatherford, Oklahoma passed away on June 3, 2017. Sue was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma and graduated from Chickasha High School in 1956. Sue attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha on an Alumni scholarship. On August 30, 1957, she married Melvin Dean “Dick” Harper. Born to them were Jimmy Dean and Johnny Bryan. In 1964 Sue began her long career in Soil and Water Conservation by going to work at Chickasha USDA watershed planning office. As a young girl growing up on the Little Washita near Ninnekah, Sue and her family were flooded out three times. Years later, a watershed work plan ended up on her desk. It was a plan for the same area in which her family had been flooded. It pleased her greatly to know that flooded area would be corrected. In 1971 Sue was able to transfer and continue her conservation career at Deer Creek Conservation District. Sue retired from Deer Creek in April 2005, but remained as an associate director until 2012. Sue was inducted into the Conservation Hall of Fame in 2012. Sue and family have been long time members of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Weatherford. Sue and Melvin were married 46 years until Melvin’s passing in July 2003. Sue was then married to Loy Brown from April 2005- August 2015. Sue is survived by her two sons, Jim and wife Kathy of Forney, Texas; and John and wife Christine of Weatherford; four granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. It is requested that memorials to be made to ALZ.org, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Weatherford or Weatherford Lady Eagles Basketball. |
| **Harrison** | **2017** | Brad Lyle Harrison (58) of Adel, Iowa, passed away on April 10, 2017. Brad was born in Des Moines. Brad graduated in 1981 from Iowa State University with a degree in agriculture. He was a member of the New Hope Evangelical Free Church of Adel. Brad was a district conservationist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service for 36 years. During his career, he promoted soil stewardship with landowners and farmers, developed a children’s educational conservation program, and created the national motto for NRCS, “Helping People Help the Land.” Brad was preceded in death by his father, Lyle Harrison. Brad is survived by his wife of 16 years, Cindy Harrison; mother, Carol Harrison; and children Melissa (Rick) Strain; Matthew (fiancé Carissa) Harrison; Megan (Andrew) Ferin; and Connor Harrison. He is also survived by his five grandchildren. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Brad Harrison Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be left at mccalleyfuneralhome.com |
| **Hawkins** | **2017** | Douglas E. Hawkins (85) of Washington DC/Virginia passed away May 4, 2017. Growing up in the Mountain Home, Arkansas area, he graduated from high school there in 1950. He attended and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Agriculture Engineering, and started to work with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1954. Doug entered on military leave from SCS and joined the U.S. Marine Corp. He attended Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, graduated, and received his commission July 1955. After completing flight school in Pensacola, Florida, Doug was assigned to the Marine Corp Air Facility, New River, North Carolina, serving out his active duty tenure as a helicopter pilot. After his Marine Corp Service he returned to the Soil Conservation Service in Pine Bluff Arkansas and Little Rock State Office in the Watershed Planning capacity. He was selected and moved to Gainesville, Florida as State Engineer. Doug took a two-year assignment with the EPA in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1980 he moved to become the Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources in North Carolina. Doug moved to the National Headquarters, Washington DC as Watershed Specialist in the Watershed Project and Maintenance Division. In November 1987 he was selected as the State Conservationist for the state of Delaware. He returned to the National Headquarters January 1989 as Assistant Director for Engineering Technology. Doug retired December of 1990. Doug is survived by his wife Joan Small Hawkins, daughter Kelly and son-in-law Nathan Carnes, grandchildren Jason and Haley, his brother Dwain Hawkins and sister LaRue Wyatt, nieces and nephews. Doug was buried May 10 near his home in Arkansas with full military honors. |
| **Heise** | **2017** | Harold David Heise (95) of El Dorado, Kansas passed away August 21, 2017. He was a retired District Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service and U.S. Army Veteran of WWII. He was born in Osage County near Burlingame, Kansas. Harold graduated from Kansas State University in 1949 after serving in the U.S. Army in North Africa and Europe. Harold retired in 1987, having spent 38 years with the Soil Conservation Service and 23 of those years in Butler County, where he was instrumental in the design and construction of the many watershed dams in Butler and adjacent counties. He was a proud member of the U.S. Army Reserves and retired as a Major. Harold was a devout Catholic and a member of St. John’s Parish in El Dorado. Harold was united in marriage to Theresa Navinskey on August 6, 1949 and they spent 65 years together until her passing. He was preceded in death by Theresa and son Ronn Heise and his wife Paula. Harold is survived by: son, Rick (Jane) Heise of Augusta, and their two children, Ronn’s three children, five great grandchildren, and one brother. Memorial masses may be directed to St. John’s Catholic Church. Please sign his online guestbook and leave a memory of Harold at www.carlsonkirbymorris.com. |
| **Herron** | **2017** | Hazel Lou (Rethorst) Herron (92) of Spearville, Kansas passed away on November 9, 2017. She was born in Hutchinson, KS. She was the spouse of Cecil Herron who retired in 1988 as a Soil Conservation Technician for the SCS Dodge City Field Office. He preceded her in death in 2014. Hazel attended College at Emporia, graduating in 1947 with a Home Economics degree. She then taught for two years in Lyons. After raising their six children, she went back to teaching in the Windthorst and Spearville school districts. Hazel was a member of the Spearville Federated Church. Hazel was also a pianist and organist for many years. Hazel leaves as survivors her six children, 16 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Cecil and their daughter Nancy Schroeder. Memorials in Hazel’s name are suggested to the Spearville Federated Church in care of the funeral home. Thoughts and memories may be shared in the online guest book at www.swaimfuneralhome.com. |

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| **Hicks** | **2017** | Arnie B. Hicks (89) of Linn Grove, Iowa passed away on January 17, 2017 at Hawkeye Care Center in Sioux Rapids, Iowa. He was born in Lohrville, Iowa. Arnie attended school through the fourth grade in Lohrville before moving to Minnesota. The family then moved back to Lake City where he graduated high school in 1946.On February 28, 1947, Arnie joined the United States Air Force. He was a B-29 Mechanic stationed in England during the Berlin Airlift. He proudly served his country until his honorable discharge on February 27, 1950. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Linn Grove and served many years on the church council. Arnie loved going to dances where he met the love of his life, Donna Joy Sundberg at Cobblestone in Storm Lake. He worked for the Buena Vista and Clay County Soil Conservation Offices for 31 years. He retired from the SCS in 1983. He remained a loyal conservationist and served on the Buena Vista Conservation Board for 25 years. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 60 years, Donna Hicks of Linn Grove, Iowa; his children, Julie (Norman) Vorland of Clear Lake, Iowa; Lorie (Tim) Wittmaack of Linn Grove, Iowa; Dr. Randy (Marsha) Hicks of Dylestown, Pennsylvania; and eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. |
| **Hintz** | **2017** | Ernest A. Hintz (84) of Bethany, Missouri passed away November 24, 2017 at a nursing home. He was born near Clarinda, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army for three years during the Korean War. After serving his country, he attended school at Clarinda Junior College and Iowa State University. He taught Vocational Agriculture at Elk Horn, Iowa for five years, worked for a fertilizer company for another five years and then started his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was an SCS District Conservationist, the Iowa State Agronomist and finally Regional Conservationist based in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1993, he retired and started a new life he loved, farming and raising livestock in Harrison County. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Julia; sons, Richard (Darcie) Hintz and Alan (Diane) Hintz; two grandsons; and a sister Laura Loveland, Moravia, Iowa. Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post #216 and/or Harrison County Hospice in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 46, Bethany, MO 64424. Online condolences may be left at www.robersonfuneralhome.com. |
| **Hobbs** | **2017** | Patricia Joanne Hobbs, (79) of Grand Junction, Colorado passed away on June 9, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; one son, Raymond of Ely, NV; one sister, Diane Ivie of Bremerton, Washington; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Pat worked in the Area Office in Grand Junction, CO. She had worked in various office positions but with additional training served as computer specialist as well. |
| **Hopkins** | **2017** | Overton Wallace Hopkins (85) of Louisa, Virginia passed away April 1, 2017 at his home. Overton was a lifelong farmer and retired as a technician from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years Ruby Perkins Hopkins. Survivors include his son, Larry Hopkins (Betty Jean) of Louisa; daughters Faye Stewart (David) and Vickie Southall (Al) all of Louisa; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Macedonia United Methodist Church Building Fund 1124 Holland Creek Rd., Louisa, VA 23093. Online guest book at woodwardfuneral.com. |
| **Jackson** | **2017** | Joe Norman Jackson (87) passed away on February 21, 2017. “Mr. Joe” was a devout Christian and resided in Opelika, Alabama for the past 43 years. Joe was born on his parents’ farm near Piedmont, Calhoun County, Alabama. He graduated from White Plains High School in June, 1947, and left home the following day to enlist in the U.S. Army. His military career spanned nearly 21 years across the U.S. and around the world, retiring as a Major in 1967. Joe embarked on a second career with the Soil Conservation Service in Auburn, Alabama in September 1967, retiring in 1988, as the Alabama State Administrative Officer. Joe was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Agnes Conaway Jackson. He is survived by his children: Andrea Jackson (David McAlister) of Auburn; David Jackson, Jerry Jackson and Susan Jackson (Don Jackson), all of Opelika; and Joseph Jackson (Lynelle) of Jacksonville, Florida. Other survivors include his five grandchildren and his four great-grandchildren. He was a caretaker at heart, caring for his wife with deep devotion during her many years of continuing sickness, as well as her increased needs following a stroke during the latter years of her life. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests donations to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018 (pdf.org); or to the First Baptist Church Opelika Benevolence Fund, P.O. Box 329, Opelika, AL 36803-0329. |
| **Jagels** | **2017** | Frederick Jagels (73) of Ellsworth, Maine passed away on September 17, 2017 at his home. He was born in Rockland. He graduated from University of Maine studying Agricultural Engineering in 1968. He married Jane Barnes in 1968 and they had three children and five grandchildren. After working as a design engineer for SCS in Maine for about 10 years, Frederick worked 33 years as the State Engineer for Farmers' Home Administration. At the end of his career, he was Chief of the Rural Utilities Division. As one of his civic and professional leadership roles, he served as President of the Maine Society of Professional Engineers. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com |

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| **Jongewaard** | **2017** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Russell V. Jongewaard (98) of Little Falls, Minnesota passed away on February 25, 2017 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls. Russell was born in Elk River, MN. He graduated from Monticello High School in 1935. In 1937 he served with the Civilian Conservation Corps on Orcas Island in Washington State. He was united in marriage to Donna Kiebel on Feb. 8th 1941 at Monticello, MN. Russ was a Navy veteran of World War II, having served 44 months with the 4th Seabee Battalion as a surveyor in the Aleutian Islands, Hawaii, Guam, and Okinawa. He was discharged from the Navy in October 1945. Russ graduated from the University Of Minnesota College Of Forestry in 1947 and took graduate studies in foreign agriculture at the U of M and St. Cloud State University. He cruised timber for the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, and then spent his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, working in Olmsted, Benton, Stearns, and Morrison counties. In 1952 he was a surveyor with North Atlantic Constructors in Thule, Greenland. In 1958 he moved his family to Brazil and worked with the U.S. Agency for International Development for the Ministry of Agriculture in Minas Gerais state. The Jongewaards moved to Little Falls in the fall of 1960 where he helped start the Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District. He worked as a soils advisor for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Bulgaria in 1973. In 1974 he retired from the USDA and took a position with the Near East Foundation in the Ministry of Agriculture in Swaziland. In 1977 he consulted with the World Bank on erosion control in Ethiopia. Russ worked in real estate in Little Falls with Century 21 for about 10 years. In 1986 he and Donna volunteered with Trans World Radio in Bussom, Holland, and with TWR again in Guam in 1990. Russ's wife Donna died on August 18th, 2001. On September 4th, 2004, he married Kathryn (Katie) Tonder. Together they enjoyed traveling, golf, Twins' games and visiting with family and friends. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, a charter member of Little Falls Kiwanis Club, and a member of Little Falls Alliance Church. His hobbies were golf, photography, birding, traveling, and gardening. Russ is survived by his wife Kathryn, daughter Martha, sons Steven (Candace), Peter K., and Joel (Jennifer), seven grandsons, seven great-grandchildren, Kathryn's children Mike (Jody) Tonder, Dan (Elene) Tonder, and Julie (Bruce) Jarvi, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Donna, sister Jean Thomas, grandson Reuben Jongewaard, and grandson Aaron Tonder. www.shelleyfuneralchapels.com. |
| **Kelley** | **2017** | Hubert W. Kelley Jr. (90) of Bowie, Maryland, passed away March 26 at his home. Hubert was born July 1, 1926, in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of Hubert and Annabel Kelley. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He and Eunice moved to Bowie in 1962. Early in his career, he was a reporter and freelance writer. He then worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring as Director of Information. Hubert was the founder and president of the Bowie chapter of Rotary. He is survived by his wife Eunice, son David and grandchildren, Owen, Allison, Melaku and Betti. |
| **King** | **2017** | ARCSE Life Member Michael Franklin King (74) of Spencer, West Virginia departed this life November 28, 2017, at the Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg, after a brief illness. He is survived by two children, Doug (Cristy) King of Greenville, IN, and Kelli King of Huntsville, AL; and two grandchildren, both of Greenville, IN. He is also survived by a sister, Kim (David Cox) King. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 54 years, Mary Virginia Freshwater King. A graduate of West Virginia University and honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy, Mike dedicated 29 years of service to the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring as Director of the Administrative Services Division. Retiring from federal service to fulfill his dream of becoming an ordained minister, Mike served several local churches including Clover Community Church, Meadow Dale Baptist, Gilboa Baptist, and First Baptist Church of Spencer. Finally retiring for good, Mike was honored to be named Pastor Emeritus in 2016, by First Baptist Church. A proud parent, grandparent, and former pilot, Mike loved flying and enjoyed even more that his son and grandson share his love of planes. A small grave-side service will be scheduled at a later date. In honor of Pastor Mike standing by Miss Ginn throughout her battle with MS, memorial donations may be made to the National MS Society, Virginia-West Virginia Chapter, P.O. Box 27326, Richmond, VA 23261-7326. Condolences may be shared at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com. |
| **Kopitzke** | **2017** | Member Herman W. Kopitzke, Jr. (86) of Boone, Iowa, passed away on August 18, 2017 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. He was born in Culbertson, Montana and graduated from Culbertson High School in 1949. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served during the Korean War as a Communications Officer. He was stationed in South Korea. After his service time, Herman entered college at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, earning his degree in Agricultural Engineering. He entered the work force employed with the USDA as a Hydrologist with the Watershed Planning Party, designing flood control projects. Herman retired in 1986. While employed, he resided in West Des Moines. Herman loved flower gardening, especially growing hostas and daylilies. Herman was a member of the Russ O'Hara Hosta Society, the Iowa Arboretum for many years, joined the Lions Club in the early 90's, served as a District Governor 1999-2000, served on the Lions State Constitution Bylaws committee twice as chair and currently was club secretary-treasurer. He became active with the Iowa Lions Kidsight Program, screening over 10,000 preschool children and serving on the steering committee at the University of Iowa for many years and was a trainer and coordinator for his district. Herman also served many years on the Boone County Zoning Board and was currently serving on the Boone County Assessment Review Board. Herman is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Helen of Boone; brother Robert, sister, Shirley Kopitzke, and beloved extended family. In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Herman may be directed to the Iowa Kidsight Program or the Iowa Arboretum. |
| **Kosse** | **2017** | Elmer E. Kosse (94) Carrington, North Dakota, passed away on April 19, 2017 at Golden Acres Manor surrounded by his family. He farmed with his father, followed by 33 years with the Soil Conservation Service in Foster County, ND. He is survived by his wife Gloria of 71 years; children: Diann Cardenas of Cleburne, TX; Linda (Terry) Gisvold of Washburn, ND; Keith (Dori) of Fargo, ND; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a sister Gladys Koke. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and five brothers. |
| **Kudlacek** | **2017** | Robert B. Kudlacek, (96) of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on April 23, 2017. Bob worked in administration for the Soil Conservation Service in the State Office in Lincoln, Nebraska, the Helmand River Project in Lashkargah, Afghanistan, the Resource Conservation and Utilization Project in Kathmandu, Nepal, and Washington, DC. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Leeana Rezny Kudlacek, daughter Mary deSouza (Dr. Euclid J.); son, John R. Kudlacek; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was born in Swanton. At 19, he left home to serve the Navy during WWII. After being discharged, he spent 40 years in the Naval Reserve, retiring as a captain. He attended the University of Nebraska, graduating with a degree in business, and spent his career with the Soil Conservation Service. |

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| **Kurth** | **2017** | Russell Gene Kurth (63) of Logan, Iowa passed away on November 7, 2017 as the result of a farm accident. He was born and raised in LeMars, Iowa. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1977 with a degree in animal science. He worked as a SCS trainee in May 1975 in LeMars. From 1977-1979 he worked in Logan as a soil conservationist. He retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service as the Harrison County District Conservationist after 34 years of service. Russ started farming the family farm in the 1990s. Russ was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, where he served as a trustee. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a 4th Degree Knight, and served as Grand Knight. He was an active member of the Logan Kiwanis. Russ was currently a Harrison County REC board member and had been serving on the Harrison County Board of Supervisors since 2014. Russ was very proud of being from LeMars, the "ICE CREAM CAPITOL OF THE WORLD!" He is survived by his wife of nearly 39 years, Peggy Kurth of Logan, Iowa; three sons, and eight grandchildren. |
| **LaFlamme** | **2017** | Member Kenneth J. LaFlamme (82) of Old Town, Maine peacefully passed away at home on June 17, 2017. He was born in Old Town and a 1953 graduate of Old Town High School and the University of Maine, class of 1957. He was employed as a soil scientist in the state of Maine for the Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, retiring in 1994. He was a communicant of the Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord and a member of the Orono-Old Town Kiwanis Club. He is survived by his beloved wife, Corda LaFlamme of Old Town; by two sons--Morris "Moe" LaFlamme and wife, Donna, of Bangor and Thomas "Tom" LaFlamme and his wife, Marcia "Annie," of Apopka, FL--and two daughters, Mary St. Peter (Arthur "Butch") of Otis and Carol Lowney (Robert) of Oviedo, FL; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. Kenneth was a man who cherished his family. Corda was the love of his life since the day he laid eyes on her. They shared 56 years of devoted love and a happy marriage together. They enjoyed many happy times at the family camp at Beech Hill Pond with their children. Ken loved walking on his land, planting trees, eating wild blueberries, and bird watching. For many years he was a member of a bird club at Birds Acre in Ellsworth. Ken had a deep love of music throughout life. He played the trombone in high school and was passionate about his children all learning how to play many musical instruments. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may contribute to the charity of their choice. A private burial will be held by the family at a later date. |
| **Landon** | **2017** | Geraldine “Gerry” M. Landon (78) passed away on October 22, 2017 surrounded by her loving family at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center in Ohio. She was born in Clayton, Michigan. On June 7, 1958 she married Gale N. Landon and he preceded her in death on January 22, 2012. Gerry was a member of West Franklin United Methodist Church in Fulton County. Among other jobs, she worked for the Williams County Soil & Water in Bryan and Williams County. She was also active with many civic organizations. She is survived by her father Carmon Kaiser of Camden, Michigan, three children, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and three sisters. |
| **Leerskov** | **2017** | Robert “Bob” Eugene Leerskov (70) of Sulphur Springs, Texas, passed away on November 13, 2017 in Oklahoma. He was born on in Talequah, Oklahoma. Bob graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Civil Engineering Degree and retired as Assistant State Conservationist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Temple, Texas. Bob also served as Area Engineer in Corsicana, Texas, and as an RC&D coordinator. He was a Mason and a Shriner. Bob was also a member of League Street Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; two sons, Kevin Leerskov and Jason (Christi) Leerskov; six grandchildren; a great grandchild; a sister, and numerous other family. Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association, online at www.diabetes.org or P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215. |
| **Lindahl** | **2017** | ARCSE Member Bruce Arthur Lindahl (80) of Steamboat Springs, Colorado passed away on December 4, 2017 following surgery in Denver. Bruce is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy Lindahl; his children and their spouses Kevin and Ben, Kirk and Diane, Kris and Jamie; his daughter-in-law Cynthia Lindahl; and five grandchildren all of Colorado. Born in Tilden, Nebraska, Bruce graduated from Colorado State University receiving a degree in Range Management from the Forestry School in 1958 and a commission as 2nd Lt. through the ROTC program. As a Captain in the Colorado National Guard, Bruce served as Battalion Commander in Craig. His employment with the Natural Resource Conservation Service spanned nearly 40 years. A long time Colorado resident, he lived and worked in Moffat, Routt, Arapahoe, Larimer, Weld, Pueblo, and Douglas counties and several locations in Utah. His titles included: range conservationist, district conservationist, area conservationist, budget analyst (Washington, DC), and advisor to EPA. Professionally, Bruce enjoyed being part of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Society for Range Management, Grazing Lands Initiative Committee, and National Association of Retired Federal Employees. Bruce was involved with the community in Larimer & Routt County by volunteering as a Master Gardener, enjoying the activities of Farmer’s Market; the Yampa/White River Basin Roundtable, Routt County Weed Advisory Council, Routt County Council on Aging, and the Steamboat Springs United Methodist Church. In addition, he loved volunteering at the Humble Ranch Horse Therapy program. In earlier years, Bruce served as a 4-H leader and assistant Boy Scout leader and troop committee chairman. |
| **Loerch** | **2017** | J. Cameron Loerch (61) of Ashland, Nebraska passed away on February 19, 2017, at home surrounded by family after a battle with cancer. Cameron was born in Lincoln. Cam retired after 37 years with the NRCS as a soil scientist. He last worked in the National Soils Laboratory. He is survived by his wife, Teri; children, Quinn (Jo) Loerch, Chad (Renae) Hart; and five grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the family for further designation to a favorite charity of Cam's. Online condolences may be left at www.bmlfh.com. |

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| **Love** | **2017** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Orville Walter Love (99) of Village of Loch Lloyd, Missouri reached his centennial year (1917-2017) and passed into new life on January 2, 2017 at the age of 99 and 8 months. Devoted husband of the late Virginia M. Love; loving father of Janet Love, St. Charles, MO; Sherry Love (Michael Hunter) Loch Lloyd, MO; and Douglas (Patty) Love Bloomington, IL. Other survivors include three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Orville was born in Neosho Rapids, KS. The Dust Bowl of the 1930s convinced teenage Orville to heed the advice of his mother and high school principal to leave the farm and enroll at Kansas State College (KSU). He graduated with honors in 1941 with a BS in Agriculture. His career was put on hold as he enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces just prior to the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. During World War II he served in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, attaining the rank of Major. Orville married Virginia M. Lammlein on June 16, 1945. They were married for 62 years. After WWII, Orville began his career ensuring there would not be a repeat of the Dust Bowl. As a young soil and water conservationist, he walked nearly every farm of Johnson County, helping owners implement conservation techniques. Later he was responsible for the eastern third of Kansas. Orville retired in 1980 from the USDA Soil Conservation Service after nearly 39 years of federal employment. At his retirement, he said, “I've always enjoyed the conversation that accompanies conservation, so please keep in touch.” The Love family lived in Mission, Olathe, Emporia, and Topeka, KS. Orville was talented in woodworking and made beautiful projects for his family. He was an avid volunteer and a member of the NARFE, K-State Alumni Association, and American Legion. He was the oldest Kansas SCS/NRCS retiree. He took great care of his health, by swimming, into his early nineties, and he exercised to the end. He was a lifelong Methodist and lived his faith through his name and all the things that "LOVE is" (1 Corinthians 13). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to KSU Foundation, Orville Love Memorial Fund, www.found.ksu.edu/give/orvillelove or to an educational institution of your choice. |
| **Lucas** | **2017** | Paul E. Lucas (85) of Brownsburg, Indiana passed away March 21, 2017. He was born in North Judson, Indiana. He graduated from Culver H.S. in 1950. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. Paul graduated from Purdue University in 1959 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He spent most of his career with USDA, Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1988, with 30 years of government service. Paul is survived by his wife of 61 years, Nancy (Dusek); also daughter, Denise (Ken) Kindler; sons, Bryce (Kim) Lucas, Roger (Becky) Lucas, and Perry Lucas; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to Project Homeless, Inc. c/o St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 600 N. Washington St., Danville, IN 46122. Online guestbook at www.matthewsmortuary.com. Member James L. Rutherford (82) of McLean, Illinois passed away on February 14, 2017, at his home. He was born in Winchester, Ill. He was united in marriage with Arlene Onalee Rahe, on November 3, 1963. She survives. James is also survived by their children: Greg (Rondy) Rutherford and Shane (Marlene) Rutherford, both of McLean; and three grandchildren. James worked as a Conservation Technician for Soil Conservation Service in McLean County, retiring in 1991. He was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. He received awards for 1984 Outstanding Conservationist of the Year, 2001 Illinois NRCS Lifetime Achievement, 35 years of service to McLean Co. NRCS (SCS), and 2011 Assoc. of Ill. SWCD's Employee Service Award for 20 years of service. Jim had served as Treasurer for Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Fire Department and as a coach for the McLean Little League. He was a member of the McLean Jaycees, Heyworth Masonic Lodge #251 (32nd Degree Mason) and the Greater Peoria Shrine Club. Memorials may be made to McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship for Jim Rutherford, Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Fire & Rescue, or Ebenezer United Methodist Church. |
| **Lunday** | **2017** | Berneice Schield Lunday (82) passed away August 1, 2017, at her home in Bismarck, North Dakota. She worked for the SCS briefly in the 1970's as a secretary. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, James Lunday; her daughters, Marga (Lonnie) Carlson of Bismarck, Amy (Darrell) Hinger of Fargo, and Bernelda (Randy) Lehmann of Bismarck; three grandchildren; three sisters and brothers-in-law; and many loving nephews and nieces. Berneice was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Noeletta Seibold, two brothers, two sisters, and five brothers-in-law. Berniece always saw the best in others, hoped for the best, and praised God to the end of her life. |
| **Mabry** | **2017** | Olzy “O.M.” Mabry (91) of Great Falls, Montana passed away on January 3, 2017, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls. O.M. was born in Arkansas. He was a WWII Navy veteran who moved to Montana early in his adult life to work for the Soil Conservation Service, a career that spanned over 30 years and took him all over the state of Montana and once to Hawaii. He was a very colorful, wonderful and terrific person to know and also was a very fine Western Artist. In 1953 he married Aline Sweet from Louisiana. They later divorced. From that marriage came their children, David of Helena and Lisa (Don) Charters; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Tracy Mabry. In 1984, he settled in Great Falls where he spent his retirement. He loved hunting with his trained hunting dogs, and he fished in Alaska every July, a trip he made in his van by himself. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Set Free Ministries, PO Box 6122, Great Falls, MT 59405. Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.SchniderFuneralHome.com. |
| **MacKinnon** | **2017** | Richard (Dick) A. MacKinnon (76) of Ulysses, Kansas passed away on May 13, 2017, at Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. He was born in Leadville, Colorado. Dick was on the Florence High School football team that won the state championship in 1957. He went on to attend Pueblo Community College. In 1963, he moved to Moscow, Kansas, where Dick farmed and raised cattle and sheep. Then in 1971, the family moved to Ulysses. During this time, he became a private pilot and flew the family on vacations. While living in Ulysses, Dick also served as an EMT for 15 years. In 2001, they moved to Dodge City. Dick worked for the Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 2012. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Dick is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kay, Dodge City; son, Ross MacKinnon, Olathe; daughter, Shelley Alexander, Ulysses; a sister; two brothers; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Dodge City or the KSU Alumni Foundation in care of the funeral home. |

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| **Maine** | **2017** | Member Charles “Charlie” Maine (90) of Queensbury, New York passed away on January 16, 2017. Charlie was born in Hamilton, NY. Upon graduation from Hamilton High School, he was drafted into the Army in 1945. After discharge he attended Morrisville State College and upon graduation he was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He later attended Michigan State University. Upon graduation from MSU he was employed as a soil scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Oneida County. He was transferred to Washington County and subsequently Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District. At this time he mapped the soils of Warren County and authored The Soil Survey of Warren County. He retired from SCS in 1983. He was an avid hunter and looked forward to hunting deer in the Catskills with friends and elk in Montana, Colorado and New Mexico. Charlie was a member of Christ Church United Methodist where he served as trustee and teller. He served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Town of Queensbury for 18 years. Charlie served as a board member for the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District for 30 years and was a Greater Adirondack RC&D Representative for the district and brought to the RC&D The Venison Donation Coalition program, which makes tens of thousands of meals of venison available from hunters for food pantries across the state. Charlie is survived by Beverly, his wife of 63 years, a daughter, Amanda and her husband Christian Mohr, and two sisters as well as several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations in loving memory of Charlie may be made to Christ Church United Methodist at 54 Bay Street, Glens Falls, NY, The Venison Donation Coalition, 3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810. Condolences may be made through www.bakerfuneralhome.com. |
| **Mall** | **2017** | John Francis Mall (86) of Shenandoah, Iowa passed away on November 29, 2017 with his family by his side. He was born in Wichita, KS. John attended Friends University for two years and then transferred to Fort Hayes State College, where he majored in Agronomy. In 1952, he received his draft notice to the U.S. Army. While serving in the U.S. Army, John became a Combat Infantryman serving during the Korean War, achieving the rank of Corporal. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, John returned to Fort Hayes State College, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy. He started working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Slayton, Minnesota. John served in several capacities and locations in Minnesota as a District Conservationist. John retired from the SCS in Shenandoah, Iowa. He was a Boy Scouts of America Troop Master. In 2016, John and Linda were honored to be a part of The Honor Flight for Veterans to Washington D.C. to tour many of the War Memorials. He was a member of the Guiding Light Community Church, Fort Myers, Florida, American Legion Posts in both Slayton and Morris, Minnesota and in Shenandoah Iowa. In 2012, John was very proud to receive his 50 year membership certificate with the American Legion. Preceding him in death, was a son Jeff. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Lorraine; daughter LuAnn (Alan) Armstrong; son Jerry (Julie) Mall; daughter Linda (James) Christiansen; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family. |
| **Matlick** | **2017** | Harold Lester Matlick (92), a resident of the Blackman Heights Community, Hambleton, WV, passed away on April 27, 2017 at Lavender Fields Assisted Living at Beverly, WV. He was born at Newburg, WV. On September 23, 1944 at Red House, MD, he was married to the former Mary Lee Shriver, who preceded him in death on January 31, 2014. Surviving are one son, Gerold Sheldon Matlick (Lois) of Parsons, WV; one daughter, Diane Ruth Matlick Wilfong Wade (Danny) of Blackman Heights, Hambleton, WV; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Preceding him in death are one son, Keith Edmund Matlick, and one daughter, Carla Jean Matlick. He was a graduate of Fellowsville High School with the class of 1942. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy, serving during WWII. He attended Fairmont State and West Virginia University. Harold was owner and operator of dairy farms in the 1950's. He worked for the USDA SCS as a Soil Conservation Technician and retired in 1984 as a Conservationist. He then worked for the WV Soil Conservation District in Philippi and later worked for Sunrise Construction. He was a member of the Parsons Kiwanis, the Osiris Shriners, the Pythagoras Lodge #128 A.F.&A.M. of Parsons, and the First United Methodist Church of Parsons. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to Lavender Fields Assisted Living, 150 Water St., Beverly, WV 26253. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com. |
| **McAninch** | **2017** | James Barton McAninch (91) of Cedar Falls, Iowa passed away peacefully on January 14, 2017. He graduated from Mount Ayr High School and joined the US Navy in May, 1943. He received an honorable medical discharge, enrolled at Iowa State University and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in forestry in 1948. His working career was spent entirely with the US Department of Agriculture, specifically with the US Forest Service in Washington and the Soil Conservation Service in Iowa. He retired in 1980. He was a member of United Church of Christ-Cedar Falls, American Forestry Association, Prairie Rapids Audubon Society, Hartman Reserve Nature Center, and the NARFE. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marlys; one daughter, Melinda (Gene) Grimm of Indianola, IA; three sons, Jay (Janet) of Centreville, VA; David (Kristine) of Green Bay, WI; Kurt (Ruth) of Pleasanton, CA; ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Condolences and memorials may be sent to M. Grimm, P.O. Box 718, Indianola, IA. |
| **McAninch** | **2017** | Marlys Jean McAninch (91) of Cedar Falls, Iowa passed away May 30, 2017, at Westview Care Center in Indianola. Marlys was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner. She graduated from Sumner High School in 1943 and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education from Iowa State University in 1948. Marlys was married to James Barton McAninch who passed away in January of this year. Bart retired as a District Conservationist with SCS. She taught secondary and adult education in the states of Washington and Iowa. She is survived by one daughter and three sons, ten grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren; one brother, Douglas; and two sisters, Darlene and Marilee and their spouses. |
| **Meyer** | **2017** | ARCSE Member and Senior Conservationist Kenneth Walter Meyer (90) of Denison, Iowa passed away on November 27, 2017. He was raised on a farm near Buck Grove, IA. After high school, Ken farmed near Buck Grove. After several years, he began his career with the Soil Conservation Service. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Northwest Missouri State University in 1972. He became the district conservationist for Webster County, a position he held until he retired in 1987. He farmed until 2000. Ken and Marge shared a love of gardening, cribbage, dancing and travel. They traveled to polka dances throughout the upper Midwest. Ken is preceded in death by his son, James Meyer; and granddaughter, Kenna Haglan. Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Marge; daughter, Kay (Rusty) Martin; five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. The Pauley Jones Pfannebecker Funeral Home, www.pauleyjones.com, Denison, was in charge of arrangements. |

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| **Miller** | **2017** | Glen Burrow Miller (70) passed away on July 23, 2017 at his home in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He was born in Lubbock, Texas and was raised on the family farm near Tulia. After high school he received his BS degree in geology from Baylor University and his MS degree in soil science from Texas Tech University. Glen worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Texas for many years (Bonham, Ft Worth, San Marcos and Waco) before leaving for Oklahoma. Glen joined the Chickasha Watershed Planning Staff in 1989. He came to the State Office as the State Geologist in 1991. Glen retired on April 30, 2009 after 35 years of service. In 1973 he married Carol Diane Currie in Tulia, Although Glen was initially diagnosed as being terminally ill in 2008, the original few months he was given to live turned into several years largely due to the prayerful, loving support of his family and many dear friends. He truly fought a good fight and kept the faith. The last 3 years of his life he was totally bedridden, and yet all who came to visit him at our home were continually amazed at his pleasant attitude, his calm spirit, and his unwavering. Glen is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carol, their two daughters: Brittany Miller of Troy, IL and Trevi (Ray) Holland, and two grandsons. He remained quite certain that there is going to be a Whataburger on every corner in Heaven. He went to meet Jesus in his Donald Duck undies. Because of his love of tennis memorial contributions can be made to The Stillwater Tennis Association (PO Box 1524, Stillwater, OK 74076). |
| **Miller** | **2017** | Jean Brakefield Miller (89) of Irvine, Kentucky passed away on June 12, 2017 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. A native of Estill County, Jean was the widow of Francis Green Miller who retired from the Soil Conservation Service. Jean was a retired Vice President of the Estill Savings & Loan, who enjoyed travel and working on her yard. She was preceded in death by her infant daughter Teresa Ann Miller; six brothers, three sisters; and a great-grandson. Survivors include her son Steven (Shirley) Miller; her daughters Penny (Charlie) West, and Joan (Eric) Minton; and six grandsons. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations to Marcum Wallace Hospital, Estill County Ambulance Service, or the Estill County Public Library. |
| **Miller** | **2017** | Patricia Ann Miller (92), a lifelong Lincoln, Nebraska resident, passed away on August 9, 2017. She was born in York and graduated from Lincoln High School and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She retired as a cartographer from the USDA Soil Conservation Service after 21 years. Pat was a member of the Old Cheney Alliance Church. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Lee Guida, Red Wing, Minn.; son, Michael (Sandra) Miller, Lincoln; daughter, Deborah Sue (J.R.) Venza, Suwanee, Ga.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband, Wesley. Condolences online at Roperandsons.com. |
| **Mitchel** | **2017** | Marilyn Mitchel (90) of Spokane, Washington passed away peacefully on October 26, 2017. Marilyn was the wife of Robert Mitchel, State Soil Scientist with the Soil Conservation Service in Washington and then retired after two years in the Soils Division in DC. She was born Marilyn Mae Getzelman in Hampshire, Illinois. She was the second child and grew up on a farm with six brothers. Farm life was never her choice, so she trained to be a nurse in Madison, WI and practiced nursing for several years. She met Robert on a blind date while in school in Madison and they married on August 25, 1950 in Hampshire. They moved to Riverton, WY, then to The Dalles, OR, Walnut Creek, CA and finally to Spokane, WA in 1963. Marilyn was very creative and was a master at quilting, knitting, crocheting, counted cross, gardening, sewing and painting. If something needed to be fixed around the house, Marilyn was a better choice than Robert! They raised three children Mike, Dan and Jane. She is survived by her children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Please sign Marilyn's guestbook at www.thepaulmortuary.com. |
| **Moffer** | **2017** | Eddie Moffer, Jr. (78) of Grapevine, Texas, passed away April 25, 2017. He was the former Project Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service at the Clinton, Oklahoma watershed office. |
| **Monk** | **2017** | Monica Mae Monk (48) of Polk City, Iowa passed away on May 29, 2017, surrounded by her loving family at the Taylor Hospice House in Des Moines. Monica was born in Atlantic. She was baptized and confirmed in the Exira Lutheran Church. Monica attended the University of Iowa and graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. She then worked as an engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration in Kansas City. Monica attended graduate school at the University of Montana and received a Master of Science degree in Natural Resource Conservation. She joined the Peace Corps in El Salvador as an agroforester. In 2006, Monica and her family moved to Polk City, Iowa where they have resided and raised their family ever since. In Iowa she was the State Wetland Coordinator for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Monica was a member of the Polk City United Methodist Church. Those left to cherish her loving memory are her husband Steven; three children Rio, Maya, and Talula Monk; parents Gail and Evelyn Petersen; two sisters and a brother. |
| **Morgan** | **2017** | Perry Washington "P. W." "Crackerman" Morgan, Jr. (70) of Huddleston, Virginia passed away on September 7, 2017 at Veterans Administration Hospital in Salem from a lengthy illness. He was born in Bedford County. He retired after 35 years as a Soil Conservation Technician with Natural Resource Conservation Service and also retired after 12 years as Senior Conservation Specialist with Blue Ridge Soil & Water Conservation District. He was a lifelong farmer & owner of Morgan Farms. He was President and Chief of Saunders Volunteer Fire Company, was on the Board of Directors of Farm Bureau, and was Associate Director of Peaks of Otter Soil & Water District and was also a U. S. Army Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Overstreet Morgan; his son, Eric T. Morgan of Huddleston; his daughter, Kimberly M. (Josh) Nowocin of Roanoke; his two grandsons, as well as numerous other relatives and friends. The family requests those wishing to make memorials to consider Saunders Volunteer Fire Co., P. O. Box 14, Huddleston, VA 24104. |
| **Mork** | **2017** | Marland H. Mork (85) of Denison, Iowa passed away on March 19, 2017. He was born at Manning, Iowa. He grew up on a farm near Irwin, Iowa, where he attended area schools and graduated from Irwin High School with the class of 1949. In high school, he was one of the best pitchers in the league, being a left-hander. He had to quit baseball, however, when his mother died and he was needed at home. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was currently a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. Marland was drafted into the Army in May of 1952 and served his country for two years, receiving the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was employed by the Soil Conservation Service as a Civil Engineering Technician for forty-one years. He coached Little League and Senior League baseball for many years, including coaching his sons. His favorite hobby was woodworking, making many beautiful furniture pieces out of light oak for their home and for his sons' homes. Other hobbies included cruising in his Model A with a car club. Marland was preceded in death by son Steve in 1994; daughter-in-law Tracy in 2010. Survivors include: his wife, Jeanie of 65 years; two sons, Dan (Donita) and Tom (special friend Kara); four grandchildren; and one great-grandson. |

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| **Mullins** | **2017** | Tilmon "Tim" C. Mullins (93) of Arapaho, Oklahoma passed away on July 18, 2017. Tim had over a 30 year career with the Soil Conservation Service, serving as a Core Drill Specialist. He was born in Hammon, OK and attended school in Hammon. He did farm labor before enlisting in the United States Army in 1948 and served until 1950. He married Edythe Marie Downey on March 6, 1954 in Cheyenne, OK. They lived their entire married life in Arapaho. After his retirement he was employed at the Custer County Court House as their custodian. Tim was well known for antique collecting and he enjoyed gardening. Tim is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Edythe, son Ronald Gene Henderson, six sisters, and two brothers. He is survived by three daughters: Ramona Lund, Clinton, OK, Ree Corbin, Weatherford, OK, and Kaye Edwards, Oklahoma City, OK, one son: Eddie Henderson, Arapaho, OK, and one sister. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. DeArman Funeral Home in Wynnewood is in charge of his service. A link to his obituary and online condolences: http://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Paul-Burton-4/#!/Obituary |
| **Newman** | **2017** | Member Don Forrest Newman (85) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away on May 26, 2017. He was born in Amarillo, TX and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1949. He then entered Texas A&M University and was a proud member of the Corps of Cadets. Following graduation in 1953, he married the love of his life, Berniece Linack. He served two years active duty in the U.S. Army, stationed in the European Theatre. He then continued his service to our country for an additional 8.5 years in the Army Reserves and received an Honorable Discharge as a Captain. Don worked 40 years for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) at Lubbock, Plainview, Hereford, Houston, Temple, Dallas, and Fort Worth, TX. After retirement in 1992, he volunteered for SCS and a couple of other retiree groups. He also spent 20 years with Citizens on Patrol. Don and Berniece have two wonderful children, Mark and Karen. He was so proud that both Mark and Karen graduated from A&M, and each married Aggies. To make him even prouder, Mark and Janet have two children, Laura Sayers and Brian, who also graduated from A&M. Karen and David Pronger have two children, Caroline and Brent. Caroline is a sophomore at A&M, and Brent plays baseball at a jr. college where he is a left-handed pitcher. |
| **Newman** | **2017** | Wilma Newman passed away on November 1, 2017. She was predeceased in 2010 by her husband of 46 years, James B. Newman who retired in 1994 as the Director of the Ecological Sciences Division for NRCS. Survivors include three children and several grandchildren. You may honor her by supporting her caretakers (where she lived for the last three years) and/or other organizations that carry on this spirit of looking out for those in need. You may write and send checks to: Betty's Place, 13656 Van Doren Road, Manassas, VA 20112. |
| **Norris** | **2017** | Gerald Duane “Bud” Norris (91) of Hutchinson, Kansas passed away on April 8, 2017. He was born in Coats, Kansas. Bud graduated in 1943 from Coats High School and 1952 from Kansas State University, with a degree in agricultural engineering. For over 33 years he worked as an engineer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Bud enlisted in the United States Navy on October 16, 1943, and served until July 28, 1944. On July 10, 1944, he married Marie E. “Merm” Cannon in Pratt. She died March 7, 1999. Survivors include: sons, Tom (Monica) Norris of Iola and Steve Norris of Coats; a grandson, three granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Reno County or the Coats Cemetery Fund, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501. |
| **Pearson** | **2017** | Member Loren J. Pearson (80) of Hays, Kansas passed away on October 15, 2017 at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas. He was born in Junction City. He graduated from Junction City High School in 1955 and on March 23, 1957 he was united in marriage to Darlene Rogers in Abilene, Kansas. They celebrated over 60 years of marriage. He attended Kansas State University and graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1965 with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. He was a range conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1993. For over twenty years he was owner and operator of Culligan of Hays until his retirement in 2007. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church. His hobbies included woodworking, hunting, fishing, and golfing, and he was famous for his coyote call. Survivors include his wife of over 60 years, Darlene, of the home, one son; Mike Pearson of Hays, three daughters; Kathy (Alan) Hoffman of Hoisington, Cory (Rob) Garrett of Dallas, TX, and Jean (Pat) Canaday of Wichita, one brother; Wayne (Cindy) Pearson of Junction City, twelve grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and a granddaughter. Memorials are suggested in Loren’s memory to The Lutheran Hour Ministries or Messiah Lutheran Church in care of Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 1906 Pine Street, Hays. Condolences may be left for the family at www.haysmemorial.com |
| **Peier** | **2017** | Dale J. Peier (83) passed away on October 17, 2017, in Wichita. He was born near Pond Creek, OK. He graduated from Pond Creek High School and was recruited to play basketball at Oklahoma State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business. His first professional position was with the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service in Washington, D.C. He was an associate professor and concluded his career by serving as the special assistant to the president of Barton County Community College. Survivors include a son, Jeffrey Peier and wife, Dianne, Wichita; a daughter, Lynn Peier-Able and husband, Tim, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and a grandson. He was preceded in death by 15 days by his wife of 63 years, Maxine Peier, who retired from SCS in 1984. |
| **Peier** | **2017** | Maxine (Wilson) Peier (83) passed away on October 2, 2017, in Wichita, Kansas. She was born in Pond Creek, Oklahoma. She earned an Associate degree in business from Oklahoma State University. She was an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture for 26 years, most recently serving as the Area Administrative Assistant for the Soil Conservation Service in Hays, Kansas, until her retirement in 1994. Maxine is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, J. Dale Peier of Wichita, Kansas; daughter, Lynn (Tim Able) Peier-Able of Colorado Springs, Colorado; her son, Jeffrey (Dianne) Peier of Wichita, Kansas; a grandson and a brother. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Peier Family Scholarship Fund established with the Fort Hays State University Foundation, P.O. Box 1060, Hays, Kansas, 67601. |

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| **Petroskey** | **2017** | Wilbur J. Petroskey (90) of Rhinelander, Wisconsin passed away on January 1, 2017, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander. He was born in Antigo. He attended schools in Antigo, graduating from the Antigo High School in 1944. Shortly thereafter, he was drafted and served his country as a member of the US Army. Wilbur was stationed in Italy in the infantry at the end of WWII. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to Antigo where he purchased the family farm from his Dad and Mom. At that time also, Wilbur went to work for the USDA and the SCS in soil conservation. Wilbur loved his new venture which turned out to be his life's work. He ended up working for Oneida, Florence, Forest, and Vilas counties for 28-plus years before retiring. Through years of volunteering he was active for the Bells of St. Mary's Drum and Bugle Corps, as a member of the Oneida County Board for 20 years and as an officer of the Veterans Service Commission for 45 years. He was a longtime member of the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Wilbur also served on the Rhinelander/Oneida Airport Commission for many years. What he was most proud of was being one of the first veterans to be a participant on the "Honor Flights." He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Gloria; his daughter Mona (Charles) Macdonald of Rhinelander; his three grandchildren, and his two great grandchildren. A memorial is being established in Wilbur's name and can be directed to his family. You may leave your private condolences for the Petroskey family at www.carlsonfh.com. |
| **Post** | **2017** | Dorothy L. Post (88) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away November 8, 2017 at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital. She was preceded in death by a grandson Steven Gremling and her husband, Gerry Post who was employed at the Soil Conservation Service National Technical Center in Lincoln prior to retirement. Survivors include four sons Paul (Patricia) Post of Thornton, CO, Michael (Sharon) Post of Hilliard, OH, Thomas (Karen) Post of Lincoln, NE, Larry (Kristie) Post of Lincoln, NE, a daughter Theresa (Gary) Gremling of Columbus, OH, 10 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. |
| **Rappa** | **2017** | John Joseph Rappa (73) of The Villages, Florida passed away on January 10, 2017, at Lane Purcell Hospice House. John is survived by his wife, Bea Noble Rappa, a son, a daughter, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. John was a graduate of SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology of Cobleskill at Cobleskill, NY. He earned his bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Crop Sciences, specializing in agronomy, from the University of Georgia, Athens, GA. He worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Horseheads, NY, and Canandaigua, NY, until his retirement in 1999. He became a resident of The Villages, FL, in 1999. John fought gallantly against cancer for six years. No greater tribute to a father can be made than that of his son, Eric, who says of his father, "He is my true hero." |
| **Rhinehimer** | **2017** | Dea Jefferson Rhinehimer (70), husband of Linda Reynolds Rhinehimer, passed February 25, 2017. Linda retired from the NRCS as a purchasing agent in Kentucky. Dea was born in Lexington and was a member and Elder of Bethel Christian Church and an avid fisherman. Family survivors are a son, Dea "Jeff" Rhinehimer, Jr.; and two grandchildren. Contributions suggested to the Bethel Christian Church Building Fund. Online guestbook at www.BettsandWestfuneralhome.com. |
| **Richard** | **2017** | Phyllis Darlene (Hansen) Richard (84) of Spokane, Washington, passed away on August 6, 2017 surrounded by her family. Phyllis was proud of her farming and ranching background being born in Brush, Colorado. She attended Colorado State University and Pennsylvania State University. Phyllis resided in many states and overseas because of her husband's work, some 17 moves in all. She married Gerald Richard in 1952. Jerry has been the ARCSE state rep for Washington State for 23 years and has just completed his 5th term (10 years) as VP for the West. Phyllis will be remembered by her radiant smile, her generous love and support and her positive can do outlook. She loved to travel with her husband, read, cook, sew, garden, golf, volunteer, hike, camp, create art work, work with stained glass, paint and play the piano. In her professional world she was multi-talented, teaching school in Spokane and Lashkargah, Afghanistan, was a Welcome Wagon lady in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, Census Bureau worker, secretary, and was a staff worker at the Tika Box Shop at USAID in Kathmandu, Nepal. Phyllis is a member of the Manito United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband Gerald, her two sons, Don (Valerie) and Dale (Rashel), her two daughters Lori (James) Fosmire and Julie (Cole) Young, two sisters and a brother, six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations in Phyllis' remembrance may be made to Manito United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 8656, Spokane, WA 99203 or to Hospice of Spokane, P.O. Box 2215, Spokane, WA 99210. |
| **Right** | **2017** | Joan Groves Right (92) of Mebane, North Carolina passed away on February 7, 2017 at Mebane Ridge Assisted Living. She was born in Plymouth, NC. She was a homemaker and a member of Graham Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Craig Right, an ARCSE member and retired SCS State Conservationist in West Virginia. Other survivors are their daughter Karla (Michael) Silverman of Potomac, MD; son Kirk (Faynelle) Right of Chapel Hill, NC; five grandchildren, three great-granddaughters and one great-great-granddaughter. Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Alamance/Caswell, 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27215 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be offered at www.mcclurefuneralservice.net. |
| **Roberts** | **2017** | Joe Frank Roberts (85) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away on June 30, 2017. He was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma State University where he received a BS in Civil Engineering. Joe served in the US Army (1955-1958) before taking a position in the USDA Soil Conservation Service. After moving to Lexington in 1975 he was Head of the Design Section where he worked until he retired in 1990. He also worked as a consulting engineer for Bell Engineering from 1990 until 2000. Joe was a member of Southland Christian Church. Joe was a lifelong member and supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, attaining the rank of Star Scout as a youth and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow. Joe served many years as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 473 of Southland Christian Church. He was awarded the Silver Beaver in 2008 for work he did at Camp McKee. Joe is survived by his wife of 62 years, Loretta, his three children, his seven grandchildren, and his eight great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make all donations to Friends of Scouting Donation, Bluegrass Council, BSA, 2134 Nicholasville Rd., Suite 3, Lexington, KY 40503. Hike on. |

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| **Robinson** | **2017** | Luther H. Robinson (84) a resident of Oswego, New York passed away on December 28, 2017 at the Morningstar Care Center. Born in Dansville, he received a degree in agronomy from Cornell University and his master's in soil science from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. He was employed with the USDA in Maryland for five years, then he moved back to New York to work for Birdseye in Albion and Fulton, and later worked for the Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service), doing soil mapping in St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties. After moving to Norwood (near Watertown), he became acquainted with the local Amish community there and scouted out farmland for them in Wayne and Seneca counties. He maintained a lifelong interest in Native American culture, and was a longtime volunteer at Sterling Nature Center, where he planted several of his beloved blight-resistant American Chestnut trees. He and Patty also volunteered at Acadia National Park in Maine for many summers, working on trail maintenance and enjoying the nearby Atlantic shore. Surviving are his two sons, Mark (Helen Hudson) Robinson of Pensacola and Eric (Norma Reynolds) Robinson of San Diego, California, and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Holly Grazioplene and his wife Patricia O'Neil. |
| **Rose** | **2017** | Member Mark Allen Rose (56) of La Plata, Maryland passed away on February 21, 2017 at his residence. Mark was a Soil Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for several years, and more recently the Director of the Financial Assistance Programs Division. He served in the government for 31 years where he obtained the nickname of "The Legend." Early in his career he was a 4-H advisor for many years. He worked for The Ohio State University Research Farm and was a member of the Ohio Agricultural Leadership and Development Program. He also worked at OSU Farm Science Review in Columbus, Ohio. He worked in Ohio, Oklahoma, Maryland, and Washington, DC for the USDA. Mark was the President of the Clarks Run Homeowners Association and member of the Town of La Plata Planning Commission. He was a member of the Senior Executive Service and was recently inducted into The Hardin County Agricultural Hall of Fame. In addition to his father, Floyd A. Rose, he is survived by his wife of 33 years, Darlene Doll Rose; his sons, Evan C. Rose and Mark B. (Jessica) Rose; his daughter, Lesley A.R. (Jon) McKeel; and his two grandchildren. Memorials are asked to Trees of Memory through The Arbor Day Foundation or The Ohio State University Farm Science Review, 590 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43210. |
| **Ross** | **2017** | Darlene Ross (82) of Ottawa, Kansas passed away on October 8, 2017, at Olathe Medical Center. Darlene was born in Ottawa County, Kansas. She lived in Pleasanton, Kansas, moving in the early 1960s to Ottawa. She graduated from Garnett High School with the class of 1953. Her husband of 56 years, Marvin E. Ross, preceded her in death on May 1, 2013. Survivors include her three children, four grandchildren, and a great granddaughter. Darlene was employed as an administrative assistant with Lake Region RC&D Ottawa, in the late 1970s, retiring in 1997. She was an active member of the First Christian Church and life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5901 Auxiliary. The family suggests memorial contributions to the First Christian Church or the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5901 Auxiliary c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas 66067. Condolences and memories on Darlene's Tribute Wall at www.dengelmortuary.com. |
| **Sabata** | **2017** | Larry R. Sabata (65) of Topeka, Kansas passed away in his home on Aril 25, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was cremated, and celebration of life services will be held at a later date this summer in Topeka, KS and in Sterling, IL. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Francis Cancer Center, Midland Hospice House, or Christ the King Catholic Church, all in Topeka, KS. He was born in David City. Larry obtained his B.S. in Soil Science from the University of Nebraska Lincoln in 1974. Over his 39 years with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) he completed mapping for six different county soil surveys in Iowa and Illinois. He spent five years as a District Soil Conservationist in Wyoming and Minnesota. After that, he worked in Topeka, KS as a Resource Soil Scientist for the Manhattan Area Office until his retirement in November 2016. One of his great passions was gardening and for the last 20 years he grew and propagated cannas. He had about 25 different varieties of cannas, including a number of cultivars he started himself. Larry married Lois Ann Schumacher on Aug. 23, 1986 in Sterling, IL, and they were married for 30 years. She survives. Other survivors include one daughter, Cassandra M. Sabata of the home. |
| **Schaller** | **2017** | William F. Schaller (86) of Richland Center, Wisconsin passed away on September 12, 2017 at his home. He was born in Bunker Hill, Illinois where he was raised on a dairy farm. Bill graduated from the University of Illinois in 1955 with a Degree in Agriculture. From 1955-57, he served his country in the US Army as an Instructor in the Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In 1959 he became the District Conservationist of Clay County, then served for 11 years in Vandalia, Illinois and then in Rockford, Illinois. In 1973 he and his family then moved to Richland Center, Wisconsin continuing his career as an Area Conservationist until his retirement in 1994. Bill and Martha owned and operated The Schaller's Christmas Tree Farm from 1994 until 2014. Bill was an active member of the Richland Center Lion's Club, with over 50 years of service in the club in both Illinois and Wisconsin. He was also actively involved in membership at St. John's Lutheran Church in Richland Center, Wisconsin. Bill is survived by his wife of 64 years, Martha and their 5 children: Roger (Martha) Schaller of Morgan Hill, CA, Ron (Sarah) Schaller of Magnolia, TX, Russell (Dianne) Schaller of Gilbert, AZ, Rhett Schaller of Mount Airy, NC, and Rachel (Eric) Koegel of Richland Center, WI; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and brother George Schaller of Bunker Hill, IL. The family of Bill Schaller suggests memorials be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church, the Lion's Club, or a charity of your choice. Online condolences can be made at prattfuneralservice.com. |
| **Schwant** | **2017** | Betty Mae Schwant (71) of Seneca, Kansas passed away on July 8, 2017 at her home. She was born in the Onaga Hospital and attended Onaga Grade School and High School, graduating in 1964. Betty attended Crum's Beauty School, graduating in March of 1965. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Sabetha. Betty married Eldon Schwant on October 9, 1966 at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wheaton. Eldon retired 2005 from the SCS as the District Conservationist in Seneca. They celebrated their fiftieth anniversary this past October. He survives, of the home. Betty owned and operated the Hair Affair beauty salon in her home in Seneca. She also worked various jobs around town. Other survivors include a son and two daughters, nine grandchildren, two brothers, and two sisters. |

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| **Shaffer** | **2017** | Philip R. Shaffer (75) of Salina, Kansas passed away on July 31, 2017. He was born in Wichita. He married Mary Diana Soderberg on Aug. 20, 1960. Mary Shaffer is a member of ARCSE and was a former Public Affairs Specialist for SCS/NRCS. Philip grew up in Lindsborg and served as judge of Municipal Court, as a workman's comp hearing judge and small claims court judge in Salina from 1984-2005. Phil was recognized for his generosity, unbiased spirit, and passionate political discussions. Survivors: spouse, Mary; son, Dr. Matthew Shaffer (Rita) of Salina; daughter, Alison Suarez (Leo) of Conroe, Texas; and five grandchildren. |
| **Sheehan** | **2017** | Wilfred J. "Will" Sheehan (92) passed away peacefully on July 4, 2017 at the Holton Home in Brattleboro, Vermont where he had been a resident since 2012. Will was born in Clinton, Massachusetts and was raised and educated in Springfield, Vermont. He served his country during WWII in the United Stated Navy stationed in the Asiatic Pacific Theater including the Island of Saipan. Following his discharge he returned home and attended the University of Vermont graduating in 1953. In 1955 he took a position with the Soil Conservation Service in Vermont working 10 years in St. Johnsbury, 10 years in Randolph and 10 years in Brattleboro as a Soil Scientist. He retired in 1986. He spent the summer of 1961 in Alaska, one of his more memorable assignments. He was married to Joyce Shepard in 1962 who predeceased him in 2013. Will loved square dancing with his wife and spending time at his hunting camp. He was active with the American Red Cross Blood Bank and the St. Johnsbury Rifle and Pistol Shooting Club. Will is survived by his sister Eileen Sandstorm of Littleton, Co. four stepdaughters, 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. A complete obituary may be viewed online at the Brattleboro Reformer-legacy.com>obituaries. |
| **Sloan** | **2017** | Catherine Sloan (92) of Alexandria, Louisiana passed away on August 30, 2017. She retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1985 after 20 years of service. She is survived by two nieces and two nephews and many great and great-great nieces and nephews. She was a 1942 graduate of St. Francis Xavier Parochial School; a member of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish where she was a member of the choir a total of 60 years, served as Librarian of Music, and a 30-year member of the Cathedral Altar Society. She was elected to the International Bowling Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Louisiana Women's Bowling Hall of Fame in 1987, both for Meritorious Service. Memorials may be made to the St. Francis Restoration Fund. |
| **Smith** | **2017** | Marjorie J. Smith (98) passed away on July 12, 2017, at Good Samaritan Society, Hutchinson Village. She was born in Pittsburg, Kansas. Marjorie graduated from Pittsburg State Teacher's College in 1941. She taught home economics, math, typing, and girl's physical education. On June 2, 1946, she married Ivan D. Smith in Pittsburg. He retired from SCS as the District Conservationist in the Burlington Field Office and died August 28, 2007. Survivors include: two daughters, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson. |
| **Smith** | **2017** | Mel A. Smith (64) of Portsmouth, Ohio died on September 23, 2017 at Ohio State University Hospital. He was born in Columbus. Mel was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and recently retired from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, having served as a District Conservationist in in Pike/Scioto Counties. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Julia (Fox) Smith, his four daughters; Keesha Nickison (Sean), Allison Paige (Derek), Melanie White (Matt), and Elizabeth Ciriello (Chris), 10 grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. The family's favorite charities are Notre Dame Catholic Schools and St. Mary's Catholic Church. |
| **Smith** | **2017** | Member Peter Francis Smith, Ph.D. (74) of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away February 23, 2017, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He had multiple myeloma. Peter was born in New Brunswick, NJ. He received his BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Economics/Marketing from Rutgers University in 1964 and 1966 respectively, and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Pennsylvania State University in 1970. A life-long civil servant who first worked for USDA, Peter joined the newly formed Environmental Protection Agency in 1971, working on National Environmental Policy Act issues before returning to the Department of Agriculture in 1979. He worked with the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act and the National Resources Inventory analyzing long range land and water demands and their economic effect on the environment. He retired in 2005, last serving as a member of the Senior Executive Service, as Director of the Resource Economics and Social Sciences Division of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. In addition to his civil service, Peter was a lifelong educator. Peter taught marketing and economics at Southeastern University for 36 years as an Adjunct Professor. He also taught at the Florida Institute of Technology, Alexandria from 1989-1994. Peter was an avid golfer. Peter was also a long time member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Alexandria. He was a member of the American Economic Association, the American Marketing Association and Delta Phi Fraternity, Epsilon Chapter. Peter loved to travel and represented the US at numerous international meetings throughout the world. He is survived by Patricia Bayly Smith, his wife of 50 years, his children Justin Smith and Courtney Smith, and four grandchildren. Details on a celebration of Peter's life will be announced in the near future. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the T.C. Williams High School Crew Boosters, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. |
| **Smith** | **2017** | Senior Conservationist Philip Randolph Smith (94) of Madras, Oregon (formerly of Seattle, Washington), passed away April 3, 2017, at his home. Philip was born June 4, 1922, to Randolph and Mary Abigail Smith in Lockey, Utah. Philip attended college at Utah State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Technical Soils in1949 and received a Master's in Soil Fertility at Purdue University in Indiana. He served in the United States Navy from April 1942 until 1946 on the USS Enterprise. On June 12, 1946, he married Eleanor Mae Jones in Salt Lake City. She passed away January 8, 2015. They lived in several places including Indiana, Missouri, Hood River, Eugene, Seaside, Seattle, and Madras. Philip worked as a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, helping to map soils in Hood River, Lane and Clatsop counties. He was party Leader when he retired in 1984. He was a member of the Church of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), serving in many leadership positions, and went on an LDS mission from 1984 to 1986. He was a member of Boy Scouts of America and the Soil Scientist Society of America. Philip enjoyed gardening, family history and family newsletters. Survivors include his sons, Phil (Sue) Smith of Madras, Peter (Sheue Wen) Smith of Provo, Utah; daughters, Nancy (Dwight) McLean of Tukwila, Washington, and Shirley (Donald) Robinson of Madras; 20 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Sprague** | **2017** | Ronald Gordon Sprague (80) of Champaign, Illinois passed away on September 8, 2017 at Presence Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. Ronald was born in Rankin. He married Diane E. Goudy on January 17, 1960 in Hoopeston. She survives. Also surviving are his children, Michael (Pia) Sprague of California and Rhonda (Brandon) Kim of Louisiana; three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters. He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister. Ronald was a graduate of Hoopeston John Greer High School and served the US Army in Security and as a Morse code operator. Ron retired as a Soil Conservation Technician for the Soil Conservation Service in Champaign. (www.morganmemorialhome.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the Champaign County Humane Society. |
| **Staubus** | **2017** | Henry L. Staubus (93) passed away at The Village in Indianola, Iowa on November 15, 2017. He was born in Douds, Iowa. Henry graduated from Mingo High School, served two years in the army, and then graduated from Iowa State College, now Iowa State University. Henry worked as a District Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Humboldt County for 20 years and in Warren County for 10 years. He enjoyed membership in the Indianola Garden Club, Lions' Club, and the United Methodist Church. He married Mary Lou Braley in 1947. They recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary surrounded by family. Henry was a wonderful father to daughter Diane Staubus of Atlanta, GA and to son Tom Staubus (Sheila) of Duluth, MN. He is also survived by four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to a charity of your choice. |
| **Stem** | **2017** | George L. Stem (73) of Littlestown, Pennsylvania passed away on August 21, 2017. George retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service as ASTC Programs, Raleigh, North Carolina. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Betty S. Stem; by a daughter, Kelly Rumbaugh (Bill) of Manchester; a son, Dr. Jesse L. Stem (Kristin) of Smith Mountain Lake, VA, two brothers, and a sister-in-law. George is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 3 great grand-children, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Truman and Charles E. Stem. George graduated from Westminster High School where he was a star football player. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1966. He played football at Maryland and received the Outstanding Senior Athletic Award and the Unsung Hero Award. He was a charter member of the Carroll County Chargers and was a charter member of the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame. George was a member of Redeemers United Church of Christ in Littlestown, a member of the M Club, and the Terrapin Club. He was an avid golfer and sports fan. |
| **Sullivan** | **2017** | Albert Eugene (Gene) Sullivan (81) of North Little Rock, Arkansas passed away on September 4, 2017, after months of battling cancer, and with all his family home. He was born in Lonoke, Arkansas, the fifth of nine children. As a young teenager he met and fell in love with the beautiful Carrie Sue Kelly and married her on May 29, 1955. Gene and Carrie had three children, and after 62 years of marriage they had seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren and one on the way. Gene was a member of Lakewood United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He was an active member of Gideons International and was a godly man who was consistently generous, patient, and kind. After earning a degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Arkansas, Gene was employed with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. In 1990, Gene retired after having served as the Deputy State Conservationist in California, and State Conservationist in Nebraska, Mississippi, and Arkansas. During his tenure, he also served on numerous state and regional water resource committees and task forces. Gene was a registered licensed professional engineer and land surveyor. Following his retirement from the USDA, Gene began a second career, founding the engineering consulting business, Sullivan & Associates, P.A. and actively managed various water resource projects, including the White River and Bayou Meto Regional Irrigation Water Districts. He provided consulting services on water issues in Argentina and Bolivia. Gene was active in developing state and national legislation concerning water resources. Gene's volunteer activities included serving as president of Lakewood Property Owner's Association Board of Directors and coaching various LPOA football, softball, water polo, and track teams. He taught Sunday school and regularly ministered to the sick and the elderly. |
| **Surmeier** | **2017** | Alvin "Al" G. Surmeier (68) of Ellis, Kansas passed away on November 14, 2017 at the Good Samaritan Society in Ellis after battling Parkinson's for many years. He was born in Colby, Kansas. Al attended Colby Community College. He had worked as a Certified Federal Meat Inspector and a Soil Conservation Technician with SCS in the Mankato, KS field office, retiring in 2006. He was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Mankato, Kansas. Al enjoyed playing the accordion, snow skiing, and bowling, and was an avid sports fan. He is survived by a step-son, two daughters, eleven grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. Condolences may be left by guest book at www.keithleyfuneralchapels.com. (cont'd) |
| **Swern** | **2017** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary ARCSE Member William E. "Bill" Swern (95) of Rockville, Indiana passed away May 18, 2017, at his home on his cherished family farm. He was born October 2, 1921, in Kokomo, Indiana to the late William E. Swern and Elizabeth Riley Swern. He served in the United States Navy during World War II; later graduating from Purdue University in 1949. He was a District Conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), retiring in 1980. He began his career with the SCS in December of 1950 in Madison County and worked for a short time in Wayne County. He worked for the Soil Water and Conservation District in Hendricks County from 1966 to 1975. From 1975 to 1980 he served as RC&D coordinator with the Arrow Head Country RC&D in Northwest Indiana. He was a member of the Rockville First United Methodist Church and Rockville Rotary Club. During his career he received many awards and citations including, 1988 Hoosier Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society Service Award, 1988/1992 International SWCS Commendation Awards, 1990 Paul Harris Fellow Award, 1991 Parke County 4H Leader of the Year, 1992 Commendation Award Soil and Water Conservation Society, 1993 Indianapolis Star Jefferson Award, 1999 SCCS Prestigious Honor Award, 2000 Purdue Agriculture Alumni Association Certificate of Distinction Award, 2007 NRCS Earth Team Award, 2009 Parke County SWCD Distinguished Service Award, 2009 Association of Retired Soil Conservation Service Employees Award of Outstanding Community Service. He served 15 years as the administrative secretary/treasurer for Hoosier Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society, Treasurer of Parke County Ag Day Committee, Parke County Park Board, serving two terms as Trustee of Rockville First United Methodist Church, 10 years as a 4H photography project leader, associate supervisor of Parke County SWCD and Earth Team volunteer, Treasurer of Parke County Historical Society and Sycamore Trails RC&D Forestry committee. Survivors include one sister, Marianne Karpovich of Caro, Michigan and many nieces and nephews. |

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| **Taylor** | **2017** | Troy Lee Taylor (65) passed away on October 28, 2018 at his home in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a graduate of Tennessee State University and a retired employee of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He was a member and an usher at World Overcomers Outreach Ministries Church. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Phyllis Taylor; four daughters; five grandchildren; and four sisters. |
| **Thompson** | **2017** | Jeanne Marie Thompson (90) of Grayling, Michigan passed away March 21, 2017. She was born in Grayling August 6, 1926 to Carl and Francilia Hanson. She married the late Sandy Thompson after he got out of the US Navy at the end of World War II. She and Sandy operated Penrods Cabins and the canoe livery at Penrods. Later, she worked 20 years for the USDA Soil Conservation Service and then retired. She is survived by her two sons Randy Thompson and Pat Thompson, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. |
| **Thornbrough** | **2017** | Kenneth LeDon Thornbrough (77) of Mountain View, Oklahoma passed away on February 18, 2017. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in the watershed office in Clinton and as Soil Conservation Technician in Mtn. View. He later left SCS to be a construction contractor. He was born in Rhea, OK and graduated from Clinton High School in 1957. He soon enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and was a helicopter pilot and achieved the Rank of Warrant Officer. He married Charlene Miller on November 23, 1958 in Rhea. He enjoyed working on electronic devices and is a U.S. Patent holder. As one of his hobby interests he worked on and remodeled Model T cars. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant twin sons, Mark and Marvin. He is survived by his wife, Charlene, of the home; three daughters, and a son, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two foster great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions go to the Ronald McDonald House, 1301 Northeast 14th Street, OKC, OK 73117. |
| **Thurman** | **2017** | Lane Thurman (82) of Springfield, Missouri passed away on November 24, 2017. He was born in Alexandria, LA. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Nancy Lay Thurman, sons Steve, Randy, Kevin, and Robert and their wives Anna, Beth, and Mikel. They also have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. After graduating from LA Tech University, Lane began his career with USDA Soil Conservation Service. After 35 years of service, taking him from Louisiana to Colorado to Missouri, he retired as an Area Conservationist in 1994. Lane had a very active life and enjoyed traveling the world with Nancy in his plane and RV. |
| **Tober** | **2017** | Dwight A. Tober (66) West Fargo, North Dakota, formerly Bismarck, ND, passed away on November 27, 2017, in his home under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley. He worked as a range conservationist at Pierre, SD, then the Plant Materials Center in Bismarck, ND for 20 years (14 years as Manager) then as a plant materials specialist for ND, SD, and MN, retiring from NRCS in 2011. He is survived by his wife, Loa, West Fargo, ND; daughter Erica (Chris) McCray; son Brian (Jenny Roper) Risch; three grandchildren; one brother; two sisters; three sisters-in-law; and two brothers-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents. |
| **Tussing** | **2017** | Gerald Tussing (76) passed away July 8, 2017 at his Bellefontaine, Ohio home. He was a graduate of Reynoldsburg High School and The Ohio State University College of Agriculture. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service as the Top of Ohio RC&D Coordinator, previously serving many counties throughout Ohio. He was a Veteran of the United States Army Reserves. He is survived by his wife, Linda (Colby); daughter, Ellie Link (Edward); son, Chad; five grandchildren, and a sister. Memorial gifts in his memory may be made to Universal Home Health and Hospice, 701 South Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311. |
| **Ummel** | **2017** | Doris Anita Ummel (87) passed away on April 6, 2017, at the Village at Legacy Pointe in Waukee, Iowa. Doris was born in Phillipsburg, Kansas. She graduated from Stockton (Kansas) High School in 1948 and worked in the Rooks County Clerk's office in Stockton before moving to Centralia, Illinois, to work for Gulf Oil Company. Doris and Don (a member of ARCSE who retired from the SCS as the State Administrative Officer) lived in Kansas, Nebraska, and Vermont before moving to Des Moines in 1961. They were charter members of New Hope UMC, where Doris volunteered as a Sunday school teacher, the church wedding coordinator, and as a member of the board of trustees. She and Don also were active members of the Merry Mates couples fellowship club. Doris is survived by her husband of 64 years, Don, of Des Moines. Also surviving two daughters, Debbie (Mark) Ediger, of Washington, D.C., and Dawn (John) Goodlove, of Marion, Iowa; a son, Denny (Robyn) of Urbandale, Iowa; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to New Hope UMC, 4525 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310; or St. Croix Hospice (attn: Jess Schweninger), 7200 Hudson Blvd., North Suite 230, Oakdale, MN 55128. Please note the contribution is in memory of Doris Ummel. |
| **Verdi** | **2017** | Arthur Lazar Verdi (94) passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at Hospice of the Fisher Home in Amherst, Massachusetts. He was born in Boboshtice, Albania and at the age of six immigrated with his parents to the United States. In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Army serving his country during WWII as a Staff Sergeant in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He met his beloved wife Vasilika in the Albanian Orthodox Church choir, and they later married July 21, 1946. Arthur worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 38 years and was the State Administrative Officer in Massachusetts before retiring in 1980. Arthur loved music, had a beautiful tenor voice, and composed and arranged various music pieces. For many years he was a member of the Worcester Music Festival Chorus, which performed with the Philadelphia and Detroit Symphony Orchestras. He was an active member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and served as the choir director for 46 years. His family and friends quickly relied on Arthur and his ability to master anything encompassing fine woodworking, mechanical and electronic repairs. Arthur will be deeply missed by his devoted wife of 71 years, Vasilika (Arthur) Verdi; his four children, Dennis Verdi (Victoria) of Holyoke, Philip Verdi of Florence, Elaine Prinzivalli (John) of Hadley, and Matthew Verdi (Roxanne) of Northampton. He also leaves his three sisters, one brother, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson. Arthur was predeceased by their beloved daughter, Marianne and their infant son. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the following: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Hospice of the Fisher Home, 1165 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA or VNA of Cooley Dickinson, 168 Industrial Dr., Northampton, MA. |

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| **Walker** | **2017** | Ralph Howard Walker (83) of Litchfield, ME, formerly of Turner, ME, passed away peacefully at his home on May 30, 2017, with his wife and daughters at his side. Born in Alfred, ME, he was the third child of eight. A graduate of Kennebunk HS, class of 1954, he was drafted into the Army July 1954 during the Korean War. Ralph served as a soil conservation technician in Lewiston/Auburn Maine for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1985. He wintered the past 15 years in Zephyrhills, FL. He especially loved playing golf. He got his first Hole In One at the Turner Highlands and his second at the Municipal Golf Course in Zephyrhills, FL. He was a competitive archer in his younger years, winning many trophies. He was a member of the Nezinscot Masonic Mason Lodge in Turner, ME. He was a member of Friendship Squares, square-dancing club. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Florence Hume; three daughters, Theresa (Michael) Sheehan (Biddeford, ME), Rebecca (Norman) Gagnon (Roxbury, ME), and Kathlene (Kenneth) Clarke (Litchfield, ME); nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made in his name to the Dempsey Center, 29 Lowell St., Lewiston, ME 04240. |
| **Wallace** | **2017** | Senior Conservationist Charles Stephen (Bub) Wallace (93) of Lincolnton, North Carolina passed away on July 2, 2017. Charles died just hours before his 94th birthday. He began his career working briefly in Cleveland County, N.C. He then worked the remainder of his career in Lincoln and Gaston Counties, NC where he retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician in January of 1984. After his retirement Charles worked part time for the Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District and then after that for the Gaston Soil & Water Conservation District. He also served as a Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor. Charles mentored and trained numerous soil conservationists and district conservationists who came through Lincoln County early in their careers. He was highly respected by his coworkers and clientele alike. He and his wife of 70 years, Mary Helen who died in February of this year, put out the welcoming mat for all these young conservationists by inviting them into their home for meals. Charles served in the US Navy during WWII on LST's. He ferried troops and equipment from ship to shore and returned wounded soldiers to hospital ships. He participated in North African, Sicilian, Italian and French invasions. He once got stranded from his ship and fought alongside Army troops until he could be reunited with his ship mates. Charles is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Mary-Charles and Patrick Murphy, and one sister, Nelle Jacobs. |
| **Waltner** | **2017** | Alan L. Waltner (71) of Hutchinson, Kansas passed away on May 10, 2017. He was born in Kingman, Kansas. He graduated 1963 from Pretty Prairie High School and from McPherson College in 1967 with a degree in Agriculture. In 1969, Alan, along with his wife Lila, started dairy farming on the home place at Pretty Prairie. He farmed until 1997. He then worked for NRCS until he retired. Throughout his many years he served on many boards: Reno Co. Extenstion, MCC boards, Pretty Prairie school board, as well as the Kingman County Club board. Alan is survived by his two sons and their wives, Brent and Betsy, and Lance and Jennifer; four grandchildren; and his companion, Nancy McConnell. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Lila. Memorials may be made with the MCC Relief Sale or McPherson College, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home. |
| **Warren** | **2017** | Jasper "Jack" Jefferson Warren, Jr. (85) of Louisa, Virginia, passed away on March 16, 2017, at the Martha Jefferson Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan Butler Warren, with whom he shared happiness for 48 years. He is also survived by his brother and a sister. He is also survived by two nieces and three nephews and grand nephews. He was born in Amelia. Jack worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He joined the U.S. Army in 1950, serving for three years. Jack went back to work with the Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1994. Jack's hobbies and interests included baseball, coaching little leagues in Louisa, quail hunting, judging and showing pedigree English Setters in field trials, and NASCAR racing. Visit woodwardfuneral.com for online guestbook. |
| **Watson** | **2017** | Member and Senior Conservationist Bruce George Watson (89) of North Fort Myers, Florida passed away March 8, 2017 in Tepa Cay, South Carolina. Bruce was born in Stoughton, Wisconsin. He grew up in Madison where he excelled as a Boy Scout and was a high hurdles state champion in High School. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Soil Science. He served in the Navy during World War II. Bruce worked for the Soil Conservation Service for many years ending his career April 1982 as the State Soil Scientist in Burlington, Vermont. Following his retirement Bruce and his wife Burnette, who predeceased him in 2013, split their time between a summer home on Lake Champlain in Vermont and a winter residence at Six Lakes Park in North Fort Myers, Florida. Bruce is survived by his children Karen Madsen (Utah), Kay Watson (Spain), David Watson (Tennessee), Kristi Phillips (South Carolina), eleven grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren. A complete obituary may be viewed at http://minorfh.com/tribute/details/147Bruce-Watson/obituary.html#tribute-start. |
| **Weatherford** | **2017** | John Weatherford (69) of Carmichael, California passed away due to multiple myeloma on January 2, 2017. John was a US Navy veteran. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo. John was a retired Soil Conservationist from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. John assisted NEDC with the ONE course or Boot Camp in Sacramento for a long time. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Deborah Weatherford; children, Brian Weatherford and Elizabeth (Weatherford) Hickman, and four grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Center for Land-Based Learning www.landbasedlearning.org or Sharing God's Bounty http://sharinggodsbounty.com/. |
| **Weaver** | **2017** | William C. "Bill" Weaver (78) of Muldrow, Oklahoma passed away on June 21, 2017. He was born in Muldrow. He was a retired soil conservation technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring after 40 years of service. He was also a retired Master Sergeant in the Air National Guard after serving for 32 years and was a member of First Baptist Church in Muldrow. Survivors are his wife of 55 years, Nancy Carolyn Smith Weaver of the home; a son Randall (Jenni) Weaver of Muldrow; a daughter Kari Weaver of Muldrow; 12 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. |
| **Weeks** | **2017** | Archie Daniel Weeks (81) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away on August 22, 2017 at Baptist Health Lexington. He was born in Gilmer County, GA and attended Berry College and was a graduate of the University of Georgia. He retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service where he served as a civil engineer for 30 years. Archie was a former board member of the Friends of the Children at the Kentucky Methodist Home, and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church since 1965. Archie's loves were faith, family, friends, and golf. He is survived by his wife Wenda Pritchett Weeks and three children, six grandchildren, and one great grandson. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kentucky Methodist Children's Home, P.O. Box 749, Versailles, KY 40383 or a charity of one's choice. |

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| **Westom** | **2017** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Donald Westom (93) of Portland, Oregon passed away peacefully on May 15, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Minot, North Dakota. After high school graduation Don enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served as a Corporal in the South Pacific during WWII before being Honorably Discharged. In 1946 He returned home to the love of his life, Lois Marie Walsh. The two were married June 20, 1946 and had five children together. They celebrated 49 years together until Lois's passing in 1995. The family farmed for 12 years in Minot before moving to Portland, Oregon in 1959. Don worked various jobs before settling with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He worked for 28 years until his retirement in 1987. He was a faithful member of St. Rose of Lima in Portland. He also served at St. Vincent de Paul and loved tending to the roses on the Church grounds. Don enjoyed CYO coaching, woodworking, gardening, spending time and working on his beach house, playing cards, record keeping, photography, making "Walmark" cards for family celebrations, and spending time and visiting with his family and friends. He was also a member of the Elks and American Legion. Don was preceded in death by his first wife, Lois; son, James Westom; and grandson, Joseph Westom. He is survived by his second wife, Theresa; sons, Donn (Janice) of Palm Springs, and David (Suzanne) of Vancouver; daughters, Sheila (Clarence) of Camas, and Jerilyn (Charlie), and daughter-in-law, Ellen of Vancouver; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Rose of Lima Church or St. Vincent de Paul. |
| **Williams** | **2017** | Kelso Lee Williams (93) of Edmund, Oklahoma passed away on January 11, 2017. He was born on the family farm just outside of Rocky, Oklahoma. The day after graduating from high school at Rocky, Kelso enrolled in a welding school in Cordell. Kelso, completed two sessions, then moved to California to work in the Kaiser Shipyards, helping build one Liberty ship a day. He was drafted into the US Army and served his country during WWII as a mechanic and crane operator in numerous countries in the Pacific Theater. Upon returning home to Oklahoma, he earned a degree in soil science in two years and seven months from Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, graduating in 1951. Upon graduation from college, Kelso accepted a job in Kansas as a soil conservationist with the US Department of Agriculture. He assisted landowners in southwestern and northwestern Kansas with erosion control and irrigation, retiring in 1978. He also helped survey and build some of the first floodwater control projects (often known as SCS structures) in the United States. In Kansas, Kelso volunteered as a member of the Lions Club of Meade, as a member of the Rotary Club of Hill City, and was active in the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, member #21784. He loved to restore vintage tractors to showroom quality, especially the red ones (Farmalls), and then drive them in parades. He was a life-long member of the church of Christ He leaves to cherish the memory Lillian, his wife of seventy years; two daughters, Becky (Cleon) Rogers of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Pam (Glen) Hammonds of Edmond, Oklahoma; six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Memorials may be made to In Search of the Lord's Way, P.O. Box 371, Edmond, Oklahoma. |
| **Wilson** | **2017** | Clarence Jennings Wilson Jr. (Sonny) (85) went home to his Lord and Savior on April 5, 2017. He was a resident of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was at the home of his son in Avon, Ohio, at the time of his passing. He was born in Terra Alta, W.Va. He was a graduate of Kingwood, W.Va. High School. While stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., he completed his U.S. Army enlistment in 1956. Following military service, Clarence earned a Master of Science degree in agronomy from West Virginia University. Subsequently, he was employed by and retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Clarence attended Harrisonburg First Assembly of God Church. Clarence is survived by Annette Benson Wilson, his wife of 58 years. Also surviving are three sons, David Kevin Wilson (Vickie) of Avon, Ohio, John Edward Wilson (Allison) of Harrisonburg, Va., and Joel Jennings Wilson (Paula) of Little River, S.C; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Yenter** | **2017** | James Milton Yenter (84) of Estes Park, Colorado passed away in his home with his family present on May 4, 2017. He was born in Wray, CO. Jim served in the Army from 1952 until 1955 in Korea. Jim then attended Colorado State University in Ft. Collins and graduated in 1961. Jim resided in Alamosa, CO from 1962 to 1990, working for the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist and was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the USDA national cooperative soil survey program for mapping one million acres of soil in Colorado. In Jim's free time he enjoyed woodcarving, both hand and chainsaw, fixing and restoring antique tractors, gold panning, and gold dredging. Jim was predeceased by a son Daniel. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Audrene Knotwell Yenter, son James Calvin (Jennifer Holder), daughter Katherine Sue Yenter, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. A service will be planned this summer. See www.allnutt.com to send a message to Jim's family. |
| **Young** | **2017** | Senior Conservationist Edwin John "Swede" Young (90) of Tellico Village, Tennessee passed away on February 22, 2017. Ed retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1988 as State Forester on the State Resource Conservationist staff, Raleigh, NC. The fifth child born to Swedish immigrants, Ed grew up in Kenosha, WI. He was a WWII veteran having served in the Army Air Force. He earned a bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Michigan in 1951. 1956, "shy Eddie Young" married his beloved Ursula "Uschi" Vogel. His 35-year forestry career took him to Wisconsin, Indiana, Virginia and North Carolina. After retirement he kept busy as a registered consulting forester for years, while also managing his own 25 acres. He established a Certified Tree Farm in Youngsville, NC. Swede Young will be deeply missed by his wife, Ursula; children, Karin, Pete and his wife, Teresa, and Mark and his fiancée, Jan; and seven grandchildren. |
| **Ziegler** | **2017** | Carol Ziegler (61) Bismarck, North Dakota, formerly of Beach, ND, passed away on April 23, 2017 in a Bismarck Care Center. She worked for SCS/NRCS at numerous locations throughout North Dakota for 29 years, retiring in Feb. 2016. Carol is survived by her four siblings, Diane (Dean) Easton, Dale (Judy) Ziegler, Linda Mees, and Rita (Dana) Wright. |
| **Anderson** | **2016** | Nina Grace Preston Anderson (96) passed away on March 24, 2016. Nina was born in Lamar, CO. She married Carl Leo Anderson Jan. 26, 1946, in Burdett, Kansas. They celebrated 70 years of marriage in January. Carl retired from SCS as the assistant State Engineer in the late sixties. Nina graduated from Emporia State Teachers College in Emporia, KS. She was an All-State basketball player in high school. She is survived by her husband, Leo Anderson; two daughters, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Arbogast** | **2016** | Rex L. Arbogast (91) of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on March 14, 2016, at Meyer Care Center. He was born in Sprague, Missouri. He was preceded in death by one brother and one great-great-grandchild. Rex served as a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Force, attaining the rank of Private First Class. He worked as a Soil Conservation Technician for the Soil Conservation Service office in Higginsville, retiring in 1979. He also enjoyed farming. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Higginsville and a member of the Higginsville American Legion Post #223. In addition to his wife of 66 years, Gertrude, he is survived by two sons, Duane Arbogast of Higginsville, MO and Ralph (Susan) Arbogast of Higginsville, MO, one daughter, Susan (Mark) LaRoche of Cookville, TN; and nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hoeferfuneralhome.com. |
| **Benrud** | **2016** | Donald E. Benrud (81) of Moose Lake, Minnesota passed away after he battled three years of cancer on July 22, 2016 in Moose Lake. He was born in Monroe County. He worked for 35 years with the United States Department of Agriculture as a Resource Conservationist until retiring on December 31, 1989. Donald was a very active member of Hope Lutheran Church, Chairman of Lakes State Federal Credit Union for 10 years, past President of Soil Conservation Society of America, and was a member of Moose Lake Kiwanis for 40 years. He enjoyed farming, wildlife, hunting, traveling to Europe and Scandinavia, and spending time at the cabin in western Minnesota with family, and was especially fond of his beloved dog, Arrow. Donald is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Janice Benrud, two daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. To sign the guestbook online, go to: www.hhkfuneralhome.com. |
| **Benson** | **2016** | Billy Keith Benson (85) of Union, Kentucky passed away on February 12, 2016 at his residence. Billy retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1994 as Deputy State Conservationist of Tennessee. He had 40 years of service in Kentucky and Tennessee. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1952. Billy is preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Annette Benson. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Edith Reynolds Benson and a daughter, Brenda Benson Schulz (Stephen). Memorial donations are requested to the American Cancer Society, 701 W. Mohammed Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY 40203 |
| **Berndt** | **2016** | Gertrude (Trudy) Berndt (77) of Bridgman, Michigan passed away February 21, 2016 following complications from surgery. She was the wife of ARCSE member Loren Berndt who survives. Loren retired from SCS in 1993 as Assistant State Soil Scientist in East Lansing, Michigan. Trudy was born Marquette. She met her husband, Loren, on a blind date in early 1973. They enjoyed 43 years together, traveling to all the lower 48 states and several Canadian Provinces. |
| **Beutler** | **2016** | Charles Stanley Beutler (97) of Elk Grove, California passed away on March 7, 2016. Charles was a native of Gem County, Idaho. After graduation from H.S., he remained on the family farm working with no electricity until 1939 and no telephone at all. Like many of his peers, he joined the Army and served in MacArthur's reconstruction effort in Japan as a counter intelligence agent, serving as a carrier of top secret documents and later operated out of a unit that worked with Koreans in gathering intelligence in North Korea. After returning from the War and greatly benefiting from the GI Bill, Charles graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.A. degree in Agronomy, becoming the first from his home town to achieve this academic distinction. He married his wife of 64 years, Beth, the evening of his graduation. Soon after, Charles was able to join the Soil Conservation Service. In this role he was a major contributor to the soils mapping of several California Counties. Charles served as an officer in a variety of community and professional associations, including the coastal section of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America. Along the way he and Beth also raised three great girls, Lisa, Rachael and Sylvia. He was the last living member of his own birth family and is survived by his wife, children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. See more at: http://www.eastlawn.com/obituary/Charles-Stanley-Beutler/Elk-Grove-CA/1597282#obit-memories. |
| **Beyer** | **2016** | Member Dennis Beyer (71) of Champaign, Illinois passed away on April 10, 2016. He was born in Delano, CA. He married Susan Goodman on August 7, 1965, she survives. Dennis earned an Engineering degree at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA. He worked over 40 years as a civil engineer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 2009. Dennis further served his country as a member of a team of engineers responsible for restoring New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Also surviving are a son, Brian (Melinda) Beyer of Carrollton, TX; a daughter, Erin (Sean) Arie of Champaign; and five grandchildren. During retirement Dennis cared for Susan, who has Alzheimer's, and he would volunteer to file taxes for the elderly. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer’s research. Condolences may be made to the family at www.morganmemorialhome.com. |
| **Birchmier** | **2016** | Member and Senior Conservationist Richard Walter (Dick) Birchmier (87) of Centerville, Iowa passed away on May 19, 2016 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville. He was born in Van Buren County, Iowa on a farm S.E. of Milton, Iowa. He attended high school at Milton, Iowa, graduating as valedictorian in 1945. Dick entered the Army in 1945 as a member of the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program, spending one year at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. He then served with the 3rd Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He attended Iowa State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1952. He lived in Cedar Rapids, Savannah, Milton, Indianola, Greenfield, West Des Moines, Shenandoah and Centerville, Iowa. He worked at Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids, farmed, and in 1962, started with the USDA, Soil Conservation Service. Dick was a registered engineer in the State of Iowa. He was in charge of Engineering Project Offices in Shenandoah and Centerville, retiring in 1994. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville, American Legion, Soil Conservation Society of America, Knights of Columbus and 18-80 Club. Survivors include his two daughters, Cynthia L. Hunt of Maryville, Missouri, and Suzanne J. Birchmier of Centerville, Iowa; four sons, Richard L. (Peggy) Birchmier of Milton, Iowa, Randall R. (Karen) Birchmier of Maitland, Florida, Michael A. (Paula) Birchmier of Kansas City, Missouri, and Thomas D. (Raegan) Birchmier of Albia, Iowa; 17 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death in 2012 by his loving wife of 60 years, Martha Lou and one son, Gregory Walter. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com. |

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| **Black** | **2016** | Life Member Glen Elwood Black (86) of Belton, Texas passed away on October 24, 2016 in Belton. He was born in Killeen, Texas. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M University. Glen retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1987 as the Assistant Director of the SNTC. He married LaVerne Smith on January 3, 1953 Harlingen, Texas and they were married for almost 60 years before she passed away in 2012. Glen is survived by his sons Gregory A. (Michelle) Black of Edwardsburg, MI and Michael G. (Jeane) Black of Bristol, TN, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Glen's memory to the Lakeview Baptist Church Building Fund, 7717 State Hwy 317, Belton, Texas 76513. |
| **Blanton** | **2016** | "Dee" Dillard H. Blanton (83) of New Hampton, Missouri passed away October 5, 2016 at his home. He was born in Excelsior Springs. On August 15, 1953 he married Marilyn Goble at the Christian Church in New Hampton, MO. She survives of the home. "Dee" was a 1951 graduate of Albany High School, a member of the New Hampton Christian Church, and served in the United States Navy. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician for several years in the Albany Field Office and then later worked as a farmer. Survivors in addition to his wife of 63 years, Marilyn, include a son, a daughter, and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lord's Warehouse in care of Roberson Funeral Home, PO Box 46, Bethany, MO 64424. Online condolences may be left at www.robersonfuneralhome.com |
| **Boecking** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist and Honorary Member Robert Harvey Boecking (94) of Montrose, Colorado passed away on October 31, 2016. He attended college after high school before enlisting in the United States Army Air Force. He was selected for pilot training and served his country during World War II as a B-17 Bomber Pilot. Bob went back to school at the University of Nebraska where he graduated in January 1948 with a degree in Conservation in Natural Resources. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1980 as the Resource Conservationist at the Midwest NTC in Lincoln, NE. He was married to Betty. |
| **Bondurant** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Dewey T. Bondurant (95) of Des Moines, Iowa passed away at Wesley Acres on December 17, 2016. Dewey was born in Bazine, Kansas. Dewey graduated high school from Ness City, Kansas. He lived in western Kansas, in part of the Dust Bowl, and saw the erosion problems firsthand. He had one year of college at Emporia State Teachers College before going into the military. He was part of the Kansas National Guard until he was mobilized to Emporia, Kansas with the Company B 137th Infantry. He did training in Little Rock, Arkansas followed by communications training. He served in the military from 1939 until September 1945. In January 1942, Dewey was part of the Signal Corp 3103 Battalion stationed in England. His job was misdirecting the Germans to think the Allied landing into France would be at a site other than Normandy. Dewey also did similar work at the Battle of the Bulge. As Dewey said, "I helped make it look like the Army was going to go one way, but instead they were planning to go another way." After World War II, he attended Kansas State University for three years. He graduated from there with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Dewey described one memorable moment in college: "...watching Kansas State beat Wichita State in football. It was the team's only football victory in my three years of school there!" After graduation, Dewey moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa and worked in the Soil Conservation Service. Dewey married Georgia Famous Slavik in February 1949 and became a step-father to Carole Slavik and Mike Slavik. In December 1949, Robert was born to Georgia and Dewey. The family lived in Council Bluffs, Storm Lake, and Shenandoah before settling in Des Moines in 1961. Georgia and Dewey loved dancing together (square, round, and line dancing). Dewey continued to line dance and ballroom dance well into his 80s. Dewey also was an expert jelly, jam, and preserve maker, winning multiple ribbons at the Iowa State Fair, including the top award for strawberry preserves. Dewey was an agricultural engineer with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1980 after serving many years as the State Conservation Engineer in Iowa. He was a 50+ year member of Grace United Methodist Church. Among survivors are Robert (Monica) of Urbandale; a step-son, Michael Slavik (Sharon) of Springdale, Arkansas; seven step-grandchildren; and many step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia (1997) and his step-daughter, Carole Slavik Carpenter (1999). Memorials may be given to his church. |
| **Brittan** | **2016** | Lynn Arthur "Britt" Brittan leaves behind, "The Love of his Life," Meg, his wife of 38 years, his daughter, Dale Durniak (Chris) of Chico, a grandson, a stepson, two step grandsons and a step-daughter. He was a graduate of the University of California and worked as a soil conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring as the District Conservationist in Petaluma, CA. Britt was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Wiens. At his request, a private memorial will take place at a later date. Donations may be made in his name to the Redwood Chordsmen, his Barbershop Chorus, 556 Danby Ct., Petaluma, CA 94954. |
| **Brittan** | **2016** | Lynn Arthur "Britt" Brittan leaves behind, "The Love of his Life," Meg, his wife of 38 years, his daughter, Dale Durniak (Chris) of Chico, a grandson, a stepson, two step grandsons and a step-daughter. He was a graduate of the University of California and worked as a soil conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring as the District Conservationist in Petaluma, CA. Britt was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Wiens. At his request, a private memorial will take place at a later date. Donations may be made in his name to the Redwood Chordsmen, his Barbershop Chorus, 556 Danby Ct., Petaluma, CA 94954. |
| **Brown** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist William "Bill" Thelton Brown (97) passed away peacefully on Sept. 22, 2016, at his home in Fort Worth. Following Bill's longtime wishes, his body was donated to the UNT Health Science Center. Bill was born on a 40-acre farm in Pondtown, near Hartford, Alabama. After graduating in 1938 from Geneva County High School, he followed his dream and joined the Navy in 1940. During World War II, Bill served aboard the USS Louisville and the subchaser SC1302. While in the Navy, he exchanged letters for three years with a pen pal from Staten Island, NY, named Anne Scotto. After the war ended, he wasted no time getting to New York to meet the letter-writer. Bill said it was love at first sight, and they married eight months later, the day after Christmas, 1946. Bill entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) on the G.I. Bill. Upon graduation, he spent his career with the Soil Conservation Service, first in Mobile County, AL, then in Texas. Bill and Anne settled with their family in Fort Worth in 1967. Bill was a devoted member of Genesis United Methodist Church. He was a dedicated blood donor. Bill is remembered by many as a member of the Employee Development Center in Ft. Worth. He provided training to new employees in the southern states. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife of 63 years, Anne Scotto Brown. Survivors include his son, William Scott (Nancy) Brown; his daughter, Lois Anne Brown; his four grandchildren, and his two great-granddaughters. A memorial service to celebrate Bill's life will be announced at a later date. |

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| **Buie** | **2016** | Susan Fern Buie (74) passed away October 1, 2016 in Somerset, Kentucky. Susan is survived by her husband, John Buie, retired Area Engineer with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. John may be reached at 265 Combs LN, Somerset, KY 42503. |
| **Burkeen** | **2016** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist James O. Burkeen (92) of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on May 29, 2016 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. He was a member of Reidland United Methodist Church and was a 1947 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. James was employed as a teacher in the Veterans on Farm Training Program in Trigg County and Fulton County and was employed by the U.S. Soil Conversation Service for 30 years serving as McCracken County District Conservationist for 26 years, retiring in 1988. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Julia Arnett Burkeen; a son, James McKinley Burkeen of Murrieta, California; two grandchildren, Nicolas and Leila Burkeen of Murrieta; and six nieces and four nephews. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Reelfoot Rural Ministries, 6923 Minnick Elbridge Rd., Obion, TN 38240 or Reidland United Methodist Church Helping Hands Fund, 5515 Reidland Rd., Paducah, KY 42003. Online condolences may be left at www.milnerandorr.com. |
| **Bush** | **2016** | Edwin Bush (90) of Paris, Missouri, passed away on September 14, 2016 at Monroe Manor Nursing Home. Edwin was born in Stoutsville, MO. He married Hazel DeOrnellas on August 24, 1949 at Paris, MO and she preceded him in death on December 17, 2001. Edwin joined the Soil Conservation Service as the agency's first part-time employee in 1965. He became a full time employee as a Soil Conservation Technician in 1967 and retired in 1989. He was a member of the Paris Presbyterian Church, where he served as Elder. Edwin was also a past member of Monroe County Saddle Club and Lions Club. He is survived by two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Paris Presbyterian Church and Monroe Manor Nursing Home. |
| **Cagle** | **2016** | John Sherman Cagle, Jr. (87) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away on December 24, 2016 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. John was born in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. On July 5, 1958, he married Vivian Melissa Gray who preceded him in death. He graduated from Oklahoma State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Geology. He was the state geologist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service during the period when most of the watershed dams were planned, designed, and constructed in Oklahoma. John retired in 1990. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma and an avid Cowboy fan. He is survived by one daughter, Lori Strickland; and husband Parker of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and two grandchildren. Condolences may be emailed to the family and an online obituary viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com. |
| **Campbell** | **2016** | Charles "Charlie" Campbell (80) of King George, Virginia passed away in the company of his loving family on February 8, 2016. He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Carol Campbell. Carol, an ARCSE member, retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1992 as a procurement analyst in the Administrative Services Division. He is also survived by seven children, Charlie's three, Daniel Campbell, Deanna Olson, and Douglas Campbell, and Carol's four, Michael Moseng, Pamela Odle (Scott), Timothy Moseng (Joan) and Laurie Strickland (Travis). Survivors also include 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and many other family members and friends. Charlie retired from the Government Printing Office after 31 years of service before enjoying 24 years of retirement. He enjoyed dancing, golf, boating, and traveling, but his greatest enjoyment was spending time with his large family and many friends. In lieu of flowers; memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Foundation of America, www.alzfdn.org or the St Anthony of Padua, "Building Our Future," campaign, 11 S. Irving Ave., Colonial Beach, VA 22443. Please sign the online guestbook at nashandslawfh.com |
| **Chastain** | **2016** | Fred Chastain (91) of Cleburne, Texas passed away January 23, 2016. He was born in Wills Point, Texas. He served his country in the United States Army. Fred was a member of the Cleburne Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was preceded in death by two wives, Juanita and Lois; daughter, Karen Sue Morgan. Fred is survived by his wife of eight years, Diann Wilmart of Keene; a son, and three grandsons. Diann worked for the Soil Conservation Service at the South National Technical Center. |
| **Collins** | **2016** | Donald Collins (71) of Houlton, Maine passed away on May 2, 2016. He had been a District Conservationist for NRCS in Houlton, and an RC&D coordinator in Presque Isle. He was born in Rumford, Maine. Donnie received a degree in Agriculture Resource Economics from the University of Maine in 1973. He was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 2009. He worked in the Field offices of Bangor, Caribou, Machias and Houlton. Donnie was an active member of the Houlton United Methodist Church, past president of Vital Pathways and current President of Houlton Community Golf Course. He participated in many other community organizations, including the Board of Directors for Big Rock Mountain. He was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 2012 from the Houlton Rotary Club. Donnie is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marion Morgan Collins; a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren children of Easton, PA. He was predeceased by an infant daughter, Catherine Louise Collins; and his brother, James, who passed away Sunday, May 1, 2016, just one day before his own passing. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Donnie's memory payable to Vital Pathways. Online condolences and guest book: dunnfuneral.com. |
| **Collins** | **2016** | Mike Collins (59) of Alamosa, Colorado, died in a snowmobile accident on February 27, 2016 in the Snowy Range, west of Laramie, Wyoming. He grew up in the Livonia, Michigan area and went to college at School Craft College in Michigan and then transferred to the University of Wyoming where he received two Bachelor's Degrees in Soil Science and Ag. Mech. in 1980 and 1981. Mike worked for the Northern Gas Company while in Laramie. He then worked almost 29 years for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service where he enjoyed his work as a Soil Scientist and Soil Conservationist. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Stacy Stapp Collins; son, Dustin Collins of Cody, Wyoming; daughter, Michelle Collins of Laramie, Wyoming. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Soil and Water Conservation Society. |
| **Cook** | **2016** | Lulu M. Cook (75) of Harrisburg, Missouri, passed away at her home on Sunday, March 27, 2016. Lulu was born in Houstonia, MO. She was married on October 4, 1958 to Hubert D. Cook in Smithton, MO who preceded her in death on March 6, 2004. Hubert was an SCS technician in the state office. She is survived by a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Coyote Hills Children's Home, 9501 Coyote Hills Rd, Harrisburg, MO 65256. Online tributes may be left at www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery.com. |

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| **Counce** | **2016** | Richard Crosby Counce (85) of Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri passed away on October 28, 2016 in Laurie Care Center. He was born in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Richard is survived by his wife of 61 years, Phyllis, of the home; a daughter, a son, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Dick was a graduate of Hayes Center High School. He was drafted into the United States Army where he attained the rank of Corporal in two short years. He was honorably discharged and returned to the family ranch. He operated the cattle ranch and farm until 1977, at which point he became an auctioneer and opened an auction house in Franktown, Colorado. He later worked as a Soil Conservation Technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Dodge City, Kansas, where he won numerous awards, retiring in the early 2000s. Dick moved to the Lake of the Ozarks in 2005. He was a member of New Life Church of the Nazarene in Camdenton. He was also a sixty-one year member of the American Legion, and was a past member of the Elks Lodge. Memorial donations may be made to the STAFF Animal Care Center and left at the church. Online condolences maybe left at www.alleeholmanhowe.com. |
| **Cowan** | **2016** | Dr. C. Michael Cowan (78) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on November 9, 2016. Mike graduated in 1968 with a Ph.D in Zoology/Physiology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. While attending the University, Mike was a starter on the 1957 Nebraska football team. After serving in the Marine Corp Reserves, he set off on a series of adventures that would lead him all over the world. He panned for gold in Idaho, traversed the mountain ranges of Colorado, and worked in the oceanography department at Columbia University New York. While in residence there, he accompanied an expedition to Central America, was lost for three days in the Bermuda Triangle, and survived a hurricane at sea. He served as professor of biology at Nebraska Wesleyan. Ultimately, Mike retired as an IT professional from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Survivors include: wife, Cherie Cowan of Lincoln; two daughters; two sons; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Memorials to Pius X High School, Science Department. Online condolences can be left at www.bmlfh.com. |
| **Cox** | **2016** | John Robert Cox (71) of Gassaway, West Virginia passed away on March 11, 2016, with his family by his side. John served in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1967. He graduated from West Virginia University School of Forestry in 1972. In 2009, he retired from the federal government after a career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. John was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. He loved to travel and was a supporter and leader of 4-H and a 4-H All-Star. John was a member of the Gassaway United Methodist Church. Surviving John is his wife of almost 51 years, Rhonda K. Cox; son, Jeffrey Cox (Shelly) of Kenna; daughter, Melissa (Mike) Duty of Gassaway; son, Eric Cox of Boston, Mass.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson. Also surviving is his mother and stepfather, Jane and Frank George of Walton. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Livestrong.org. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com. |
| **Crowley** | **2016** | Member Claude Douglas Crowley (89) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away at home on December 16, 2016. In 1944 at age 17, Claude volunteered for the US Navy. He was a plank owner on the destroyer USS Richard B. Anderson. A graduate of Tennessee Tech, he had a career with the Soil Conservation Service in Tennessee and Texas, ranging from district conservationist to information director for 13 southern states. After retiring in 1982, he had a public relations practice, advising clients and providing training in strategic planning. He was an accredited member of IABC (International Association of Business Communicators). He published many magazine articles and two novels, and wrote book reviews for the Star-Telegram. His woodworking hobby yielded several mountain dulcimers and numerous unique clocks for family and friends. When an active member of First Congregational Church, he served as moderator and as a leader in the refugee resettlement program. Survivors: His wife of 62 years, Carolyn Whitaker Crowley; children, Claudia, Charles (Beth), and Clinton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, 4201 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth, 76109 Wildflower Fund or Refugee Fund, or to a charity of your choice. |
| **Culver** | **2016** | Jackie Sue Culver (80) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away June 11, 2016 after a long courageous battle with Parkinson disease. She was born in Chickasha, OK. She was married to ARCSE member Jim Culver who retired from NRCS in 2001 as a National Leader in Soils. Jackie is a graduate of Oklahoma State University School of Home Economics in 1958. She was active in Beta Sigma Phi, Civil Air Patrol and Payne County Extension Homemakers. She enjoyed working and was quite skilled with all kinds of crafts. She was one of the first owners and operators of a craft store "Hearts and Hands" and an instructor for various craft classes at Southeast Community College. Jackie is survived by her husband of 58 years, Jim; daughter Kathy (Mark) Swanson of Palmyra; son Jim (Irem) Culver of Potomac, Md., and son Jon Culver of Lincoln; three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Memorials to the American Parkinson Disease Association, (APDA), Nebraska Chapter, 501 No. 87th, Suite 207, Omaha, NE 68114. |
| **Dalton** | **2016** | Geraldine "Gerry" Dalton (93) of Fishers, Indiana passed away on October 11, 2016 at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers. She was born in Dunkirk, New York. Geraldine proudly served her country in the United States Navy during World War II at Pearl Harbor. She worked as a secretary for the VA in Syracuse, NY, and then for the Soil Conservation Service. Geraldine was a former member of St. James Catholic Church. Geraldine is survived by her son, Michael (Mary) Dalton; two granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter. Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Dalton, in 1991. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com |

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| **Dannehy** | **2016** | Member Mike Dannehy (82) of Woodson, New Hampshire passed away at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon, NH on August 17, 2016 after a brief illness. Mike was born in Rutland, VT, grew up in Fair Haven, VT, and graduated from Fair Haven High School. He served in the United States Army Reserves. He received an Associate degree in Business Administration and Forestry from Nichols College, followed by a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of New Hampshire. He worked for over thirty years with the Soil Conservation Service of the USDA where he was District Conservationist for Grafton County for twenty five years. After retiring in 1994 from the USDA, Mike was self-employed as a natural resource consultant and forester working throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. He had a Christmas tree farm in Newbury Vermont where he spent countless hours tending his trees and swapping stories with customers. He was an avid bird hunter who enjoyed training his dogs. Mike was very civic minded, loved his community, and was involved with various organizations including many leadership roles on commissions, councils and boards. He was a past president of the New Hampshire-Vermont Soil Conservation Society of America. He leaves behind his wife Connie Dannehy of Woodsville, NH; his son Michael Dannehy and wife Susan Lewis, and his three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodsville Public Library, 14 School Lane, Woodsville, NH 03785; Kinder Memorial Forest, c/o Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, 63 Central Street, Woodsville, NH 03785; or the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756. |
| **Davidson** | **2016** | Granville W. “Dave” Davidson (90) of Topeka, Kansas passed away August 7, 2016. He was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Tahlequah High School. He served in the US Army during WW II. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Soil Conservation and Animal Husbandry. Granville was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Topeka, retiring in 1986. Mr. Davidson was an active member of Keep America Beautiful, receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award. He remained professionally active in soil conservation and agronomy education. Granville married Ruth Marie Cann on January 29, 1950. She survives. Other survivors include two children, Dr. Terry (Ann) Davidson, Newton, and Donna Donovan, Topeka; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandsons, Alex Donovan and Hadley Davidson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Grace Hospice, 3715 SW 29th, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66614. |
| **Davis** | **2016** | Betty J. Davis (87) of Minneapolis, Kansas passed away on February 2, 2016 at the Ottawa County Health Center. She was born in Harrison, AR and was the wife of George Davis who retired as the District Conservationist in the Minneapolis Field Office in 1980. He preceded her in death in 1993. Betty was a 1945 graduate of Bergman High School. She was united in marriage with George W. Davis on December 30, 1944 in Harrison. George and Betty moved to Minneapolis in 1956 and became actively involved in the community. Betty was a sales coordinator for ElDorado for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Betty and George were leaders for church youth groups and 4-H. She was preceded in death by a great-grandson Oliver George Schapaugh. Survivors include her three children, ten grandchildren and sixteen great- grandchildren. |
| **Davis** | **2016** | Charles Kenneth Davis (71) passed away on Sept. 5, 2016, after bravely facing the challenge of cancer. Charles, a 42-year resident of Davis, was born in Albuquerque, NM. He graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1969 with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in the Albuquerque, Roswell and Santa Fe offices, serving in the New Mexico National Guard during this time. In 1974, Charles moved to the Davis office of SCS as a design engineer. Charles remained in Davis becoming the USDA NRCS (formerly SCS) State Conservation Engineer. He was a registered Professional Engineer and was honored as NRCS Engineer of the Year by the National Society of Professional Engineers in 1998. Charles retired in 2009 after 41 years of service. Charles was a member of St. James Catholic Church, where he was a lector at mass until he became ill. He and Vicki led the parish marriage-preparation program, working with many engaged couples over the years. Charles was a third-degree black belt in the martial art of Tang Soo Do and was an instructor at Davis Arts Center for many years. He was a car enthusiast and had a special love for Nissan Zs. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Vicki; sons Christopher and Michael (Cassandra); and two grandchildren. Gifts in his memory may be made to the St. James Church Memorial Center or the St. James School Annual Fund. |
| **Davis** | **2016** | Ronald Melvin Davis (72) of Prineville, Oregon passed away on April 18, 2016 at his home. Ron was born at Enterprise, Oregon, was raised on a cattle ranch north of Enterprise, and went to a one-room country school, grades 1-8. He attended Eastern Oregon College for one year. He received his draft notification in 1964, so he enlisted in the Navy where he served four years during the Viet Nam War. After his service to his country, he returned to college and earned degrees in Education and Agriculture. He taught school for four years, first in John Day and later in Harrisburg. Ron began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in 1980. He worked in McMinnville, Tillamook, and Prineville where he retired as the District Conservationist in 2005. He and his wife also cared for foster children for several years. Ron loved serving his church and community. In 2006 he, along with many friends from the First Baptist Church and the community of Prineville, helped start the Oasis Soup Kitchen, a service to feed the homeless and hungry. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marlene, his daughters; Susan (Mark) Friesen of Springfield, Virginia, Jennifer (Andrew) Sahnow of Vancouver, Washington; and son-in-law Pepper Woolsey of Prineville. He has seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his precious daughter Steffany (Davis) Woolsey. Memorial contributions may be made to: First Baptist Church Food Pantry or the Redemption House Ministry (ministries that Ron loved) in Prineville through Whispering Pines Funeral Home. 3168 N.E. 3rd Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754. 541-416-9733, www.whisperingpinesfh.com. |

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| **Denslow** | **2016** | Howard Burnham Denslow (69) of Brooklyn, Connecticut, passed away on August 7, 2016, following a long illness. He was born in Hartford, CT. He leaves his wife of 47 years, Virginia (Pagani) Denslow, his three children, and eight beloved grandchildren. Howard was a thirteenth-generation direct descendant of Henry Denslow, the first settler of Windsor Locks, CT. He was a graduate of Rockville High School and attended the University of Maine at Orono. He received a degree in Agronomy from the University of CT at Storrs. His professional career was spent with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as a District Conservationist in Windham County and later as a Resource Conservationist at the state headquarters office in Tolland. He also served on the board of directors of the Eastern CT Conservation District. Howard was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, where he served as Junior Warden and Vestryman and was a longtime member of the choir. He enjoyed singing with local choral groups, including the Northeast CT Ecumenical Choir and the Plainfield VFW Chorus. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, PO Box 276, Brooklyn, CT 06234, or to the Wolf Den Land Trust, PO Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234. |
| **Doren** | **2016** | Kenneth W. Van Doren (84) of Chaumont, New York passed away on November 22, 2016 at the Samaritan Summit Village in Watertown NY. He was the Valedictorian of the 1950 Lyme Central Graduation Class and attended Cornell University before returning home to assist his father with the family farm. He operated his own dairy farm near Chaumont from 1953 until 1959 when he joined GLF, and in 1963 he became manager of the GLF bulk feed facility in Canton. In 1969 he became a Soil Scientist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service and worked for SCS until his retirement in 1992. After moving back home to Chaumont. Ken was active for many years in the Lyme Free Library and was devoted to the care of Joanne his beloved wife of 63 years. In addition to being survived by his wife, he is survived by three sons, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Lyme Free Library in Chaumont. |
| **Droge** | **2016** | Harry Carl Droge (89) of Council Grove, Kansas, passed away April 5, 2016. He was born in Seneca, KS. Harry married Norma Spell Meier on June 25, 1950 who preceded him in death. He was a member of the Army Reserves and worked for the U.S. Corp of Engineers before becoming a construction inspector for flood control with the Soil Conservation Service. Harry is survived by his three sons, seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a younger brother. |
| **Dunn** | **2016** | Steve Dunn (61) of Portland, Oregon passed away on February 26, 2016 following his battle with medical issues. He was an Electronic Technician with the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the National Water and Climate Center in Portland. |
| **Elliott** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Loren Spencer Elliott (92) was born on his parent's farm in Rice Township, Ringgold County, Iowa. He attended Iowa State College on a Sears and Roebuck scholarship and monthly $20 loans from twin sister, Lois, along with her fine 1941 Christmas gift of a new Underwood Portable Typewriter. Loren entered the US Navy on May 26, 1943 and was honorably discharged February 17, 1946 at Ft Snelling, St. Paul, MN. He served on numerous bases and one year aboard the U.S.S. Makassar Strait CVE-91. Loren returned to Iowa State College and graduated in 1949 with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering. He retired December 31, 1982 from the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, having served as assistant area engineer in Ft Dodge, planning engineer in the Little Sioux Watershed at Sioux City; area engineer in Topeka, KS; and Watershed and River Basin Engineer for the State of Iowa located in Des Moines. He lived in the Des Moines area from 1963 until he moved to Mesa, AZ in 1993. Loren returned to Mount Ayr as a resident of Clearview Home and he passed away there on January 22, 2016. He was preceded in death by his middle son Bob and all of his siblings. Survivors include his wife of 68 years Alma of Clearview Home in Mount Ayr, IA; sons Mark (Susan) Elliott of Gallup, New Mexico and Jim Elliott of Houston, TX; daughter-in-law Margaret Elliott of Des Moines, IA; and three grandchildren. |
| **Faragher** | **2016** | Tom Faragher (91) of Roseville, MN passed away on February 13, 2016. Tom worked as a geologist for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1984. Tom was married to his wife, Irene, for 62 happy years and is survived by her. He is also survived by two sons, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Condolences can be sent to Irene at 2821 Galtier St., Roseville, MN 55113 |
| **Ferguson** | **2016** | Kenneth Ferguson (88), retired District Conservationist from Poteau, Oklahoma passed away March 2, 2016. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in the mid 1980's. Kenneth was born in Tipton. He was the first president of the Choctaw Nation Historical Society. He was a drill sergeant in the military where he served as a scout for the 245th tank battalion, 45th infantry in Korea. He was a graduate of Oklahoma A&M in 1956. Kenneth retired from the LeFlore County District Soil and Water Conservation office where he worked for 26 years and then went into the Forest Service for another 10 years. At one time he kept 50 bee hives and worked with combined harvested grass and clover seeds. He was preceded in death by his wives, Margie Ann (Hayes) Ferguson and Wanda (Galland) Ferguson. Survivors include his daughter, Barbara (Marshall) Thompson of Fort Walton Beach, FL; son, Stanley (Susan) of Norman; and a stepson. |
| **Fisher** | **2016** | Phyllis Marie Fisher (86) passed away quietly on January 21, 2016 following complications of heart surgery. She was the wife of ARCSE member Charles Fisher, retired State Soil Scientist with SCS. Phyllis was born in Dysart, Iowa. The youngest of three sisters, Phyllis was raised on a typical Iowa farmstead. After high school, she attended Iowa State Teachers College, now University of Northern Iowa, graduating in 1951. She taught home economics and science at a series of small Iowa high schools. Phyllis is survived by her husband of 60 years; sons David (Kristine) of San Jose, CA, Dennis (Peggy) of Decatur, IL; and two granddaughters. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ames. |
| **Folsche** | **2016** | Life member William Richard (Dick) Folsche (78) passed away on June 25, 2016 at his home, Mystic View Ranch, Savoy, TX. Dick was born in Troy, KS. He was educated at Kansas State University earning both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Engineering and at Syracuse University earning a Master's in Public Administration. He was employed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for 43 yrs., retiring as Head of the National Cartographic and Geo Data Spatial Center in Fort Worth, TX. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Ann F. Dornbusch. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie H. Folsche of Savoy; daughters, Laura F. Daggs of Fort Worth, TX and Rebecca F. Luttrell of Keller, TX, stepsons, Royce W. Espey, Jr. (Terri) of Fuquay Varina, NC, Gary G. Espey of Wake Forest, NC, and James L. Espey (Debbie) of Lexington Park, MD; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; a step-granddaughter; and brother in-law, Gus Dornbusch (Donna) of Lincoln, NE. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Covenant Presbyterian 322 W Pecan St. Sherman, TX 75090, or a charity of your choice. The online register may be signed at http://www.waldfuneralhome.com. |
| **Foster** | **2016** | Barbara Foster of Davis, California, passed away on July 12, 2016 after a long struggle with COPD. She retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service as Budget and Finance Officer in the Davis State Office. |

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| **Fuchs** | **2016** | Member and Senior Conservationist Westal Wayne Fuchs (89) of Fort Worth, Texas and formerly of Temple passed away on November 29, 2016 at his residence. He was born in Mayfield, OK. He graduated from New Liberty High School in 1944. He attended Abilene Christian College for two years, joining the U.S. Navy in 1946. He trained in San Diego and then served aboard Landing Ship Tank RL26 in China. After one year and nine months of service, he returned to ACC and then transferred to Texas Technological College, where he completed a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in August 1950. He began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Lamesa. He was transferred to Spur in 1951 and then Post. He moved to Temple in 1965, where he served as the assistant state soil scientist of Texas. More moves and promotions followed to the Fort Worth Regional Service Center, Stillwater, OK as state soil scientist; Washington, DC in the Department of Agriculture, Office of Budgets; and back to the Fort Worth Regional Service Center. He retired from the SCS Blackland Research Center in Temple in 1986. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Temple and later of Gambrell Street Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Allen Fuchs. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Patsy; a son, Paul Fuchs of Keller; a daughter, Deborah Sue Jones of Temple; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gambrell Street Baptist Church or any charity. |
| **Gilkeson** | **2016** | Mildred Adamson Gilkeson (93) of Fort Seybert, West Virginia passed away on August 10, 2016 at Bridgewater Retirement Community in Bridgewater, Virginia. She was born at Fort Seybert. A 1940 graduate of Franklin High School, Mildred had been employed by the WVU Extension Service, War Price and Rationing Board, Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District, and USDA Soil Conservation Service. She was a member of the Wide-Awake 4-H Club, Fairview-Bethel United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women, Fort Seybert Extension Homemakers, the Pendleton County Historical Society, and she served on the Board of Directors of Pendleton Senior and Family Services. On June 26, 1943, she married William O. Gilkeson (Oct. 23, 1919--July 27, 1991), who preceded her in death. Surviving are one daughter and two sons including ARCSE member Ron Gilkeson, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Lance Gilkeson. Memorials may be made to Bridgewater Retirement Community, 302 N. 2nd Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812 or Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807. |
| **Greiner** | **2016** | Loren Greiner (108) passed away on April 2, 2016 at Emmetsburg, Iowa. Loren retired in 1968 after a 32-year career as a soil scientist for the Soil Conservation Service in Nebraska and Iowa. He earned a Master's degree at Iowa State following his military service during World War II. He was a World War II veteran and at age 36 landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. His unit served in France and Germany and liberated an internment camp. He earned five Bronze Stars for his military service. He was the oldest living World War II veteran in Iowa and one of the oldest WWII veterans in the country. He married Alice Sweet, a chemistry teacher, in 1942, and she predeceased him in 1977. During his long retirement, Loren became an advocate for water and development issues on Iowa lakes. He also led an effort to establish a senior center at Emmetsburg. He is survived by his son, Keith, of Des Moines and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. |
| **Griffing** | **2016** | Milton Edward Griffing (89), "Scottie" as he was known to family and friends, passed away peacefully at his home in Sequim, Washington, on January 16, 2016. Milton was born in Masonville, Colorado. At Loveland High School, Scottie was twice state champion at wrestling. After graduating from high school in 1943, he worked as a welder in the Portland, OR Naval Shipyard until enlisting in the US Navy in January, 1944. During WWII he served as quartermaster, operating L.C.T's (Tank Landing Craft) at Palermo, North Africa, and Marseille. In 1946, Scottie served as quartermaster on the USS Midway on its shakedown cruise. Discharged from the Navy in 1946, Scottie attended Colorado A&M (now CSU) at Fort Collins. In 1947, he married Dorothy Druhan, whom he'd met while stationed in New Orleans, and they settled into the house he had built by hand in Loveland. After graduating, the new Griffing family moved to Greenbush, MN, where Scottie taught farming techniques to veterans. In 1953 he purchased a 235-acre dairy farm outside of Greenbush, and then in 1958 moved his family to Fargo, ND to get his master's degree in Ag Economics. In 1960, the Griffing's moved to Lincoln, NE where Scottie pursued a Ph.D. in Ag Economics at the University of Nebraska. In 1964, the Griffing family, now with seven children, moved to Bozeman, MT, where Scottie worked as the Economist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 15 years. In 1980, the Griffing's were transferred to Portland, OR where Scottie became the economist for the western multi-state team. Scottie retired in 1986 and moved to Sequim, WA. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Dorothy. Scottie is survived by his seven children, thirteen grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. |
| **Grube** | **2016** | Wayne R. Grube (80) of Hershey, Pennsylvania passed away on November 22, 2016. He graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Forestry. He was born in Bethlehem, PA. Wayne is survived by his wife Maryann, a son Jeremiah, a daughter Jessica, and six grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by an infant brother and a son, Joshua. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1993, having served on the Watershed Staff for many years and worked additional years for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Farmland Preservation. Wayne was a member of Christ Community Church, Camp Hill. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Grace International, Inc. P.O. Box 172508 Hialeah, FL 33017. |
| **Hahn** | **2016** | Lorraine Hahn (91) of Athens, Georgia passed away on April 19, 2016. She was born on in Reedsville, Wisconsin and worked for many years for the USA Soil Conservation Service. She was a founding and dedicated member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Athens. She is survived by her husband, Jack R. Hahn, her daughter, Jeanne Stanelle (Paul) Eleazer, her son, Steven W. Stanelle, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church Educational Fund. 1924 - 1991 |
| **Hail** | **2016** | Catherine Calvert Hail (90) of Shelbyville, Kentucky passed away on February. 20, 2016 in Louisville. She was a native of Lexington. She was a member of Shelbyville First Christian Church and a retired teacher. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl W. Hail Sr. Carl was soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1986. She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Hail Harding, Sarasota, FL; sons, Carl W. Hail, Jr., Louisville and Dr. Mark E. Hail (Amy), Yardley, PA. |

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| **Hamilton** | **2016** | Beatrice (Bea) Hamilton (100) of Harold, Kentucky passed away on July 13, 2016. She retired as the Area Clerk for the Soil Conservation Service in Hazard, Kentucky. She was born in Honaker, now known as Harold, KY. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her three brothers. She is survived by her one sister, Nell Hamilton Jayne of Flat Gap, Kentucky and several nieces and nephews. Beatrice was a member of the Church of Christ. She was an employee for the US Federal Government for three years in Washington D.C. during WWII, where she worked at the department of Commerce and later spent six years in Ashville, North Carolina working at the General Accounting Office. |
| **Hayhurst** | **2016** | Ernest Neil Hayhurst (85) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on April 7, 2016. Ernie retired in 1990 as Assistant State Soil Scientist for North Carolina. He was born in Grantsville, West Virginia. A graduate of Calhoun County High School, he served in the United States Army from 1952-1955 and was stationed in Germany. After completing his service, Ernie returned to West Virginia and attended West Virginia University, earning both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. He worked as a Soil Scientist for the Soil Conservation Service for over 40 years. He began his career in Ohio before transferring to North Carolina in 1976. After his retirement, he worked another ten years as a consultant for Soil & Environmental Consultants, PA in Raleigh. Ernie had been an active member of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church in Raleigh since 1976, serving for many years as an Eucharistic Minister. Even once Alzheimer's stole most of his memories, he could still recite the mass prayers verbatim, and both praying and listening to hymns always made him smile. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Christina (Pauling) Hayhurst. Ernie is survived by his devoted wife of more than 30 years, Samera Saleeby (Samia) Hayhurst; Ernie had one son, Michael Hayhurst of Youngsville, NC, one daughter, Dianne (Trip) Casson of Wake Forest, NC, and four stepsons; plus ten treasured grandchildren. |
| **Heard** | **2016** | Thomas Allan Heard (79) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away on March 20, 2016. Allan was born in Oxford, MS. He went on to attend the University of Mississippi, from which he graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 1959. He began work with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. During 34 years with the SCS, he rose to the position of Assistant State Conservationist, living during those years in Mississippi, Nebraska, Alabama, and Kentucky. He also earned a Master of Resource Administration degree from the University of Montana. Following his retirement from SCS in 1993, Allan was hired by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government as a senior municipal engineer. He retired in 2004. Allan is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Alice Hearn, and by his three children and seven grandchildren. He was a longtime member of Immanuel Baptist Church, where he sang in the church choir for many years and was also a deacon. For several years he worked weekly at the Elkhorn Association's clothes closet helping to distribute donated clothes to the needy. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Immanuel Baptist Church Missions Fund, The Michael J. Fox Foundation, or Hospice of the Bluegrass. www.milwardfuneral.com. |
| **Hendricks** | **2016** | Master Sgt. Louis Patrick Hendricks, U.S. Air Force (Retired) (51) succumbed to glioblastoma brain cancer on October 30, 2016. Louis died peacefully in his home in Columbia, Missouri surrounded by his loving family. He had battled cancer for more than a year. Following graduation from Millard High School in 1983, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served for 20 years. It was in the Air Force that he met his beloved wife, Alicia, whom he married May 22, 1993. After retiring from the military, Louis continued to work for the federal government in the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. His jobs included contracting, grants and agreements specialist, and most recently, as the state administrative officer. He was devoted to his faith and dedicated many hours to studying the Bible, sharing his faith and volunteering as a sound engineer at Forum Christian Church. In 2013, he earned his bachelor’s degree in biblical studies from Moody Bible Institute. He is survived by his devoted wife of 23 years, Alicia, their daughter, Ashlyn, and their sons, Louis, Justin and Benjamin. He is also survived by his parents, Fred and Mary Hendricks. Memorials may be made to the Head for the Cure Foundation or to the Hendricks family. |
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| **Hickson** | **2016** | Karl Henry Hickson (58) of Decatur, Texas passed away February 16, 2016, at home. He was born in Hackensack, N.J. Karl served in the US Army and was a printing press operator in the National Cartography and Geospatial Center in Fort Worth for NRCS. Survivors: Wife of 20 years, Marie Hickson of Decatur, two daughters, and four grandchildren. |
| **High** | **2016** | Marylou High (94) of Portland, Oregon passed away on April 29, 2016. She was the widow of Robert High who at his retirement was Oregon’s state geologist with the Soil Conservation Service. Please sign the online guest book at http://www.oregonlive.com/obits |
| **Hill** | **2016** | Alyce Hill (89) was born on October 25, 1927 and passed away on April 1, 2016. Alyce was a resident of Bozeman, Montana. |
| **Hines** | **2016** | Beecher J. Hines (84) passed away on November 14, 2016 at home on his farm. Born in Poplarville, Kentucky, he was a geologist for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1994 with 39 years of service. He was a 40-year member at Leesburg Christian Church. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Landrum Hines; two sons, Douglas (Sara) Hines and Daryl (Brooke) Hines; a daughter, Deborah (Jeffery) Brock, and nine grandchildren. His son Doug works for NRCS in the state office. Beecher served in the US Army from September 14, 1954, until June 13, 1956. He graduated from Berea College with a B.A. degree in geology. |

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| **Hocker** | **2016** | Jimmie C. Hocker (84) of Ft. Worth, Texas peacefully passed away on May 6, 2016. He was born in Salina, OK and was the husband of Patsy Hocker. He attained his B.A. from TCU and his MBA from Duke University. Jimmie was instrumental in building Humana and later worked at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. Upon retirement, he volunteered at the Vintage Flying Museum at Meacham Airport. As a pilot, he enjoyed flying from an early age and shared this love with students and family. Survivors: Wife of 62 years, Patsy; two sons, a daughter, and eight grandchildren. |
| **Holen** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Betty J. Holen (92) of Monona, Wisconsin passed away on December 16, 2016, at Agrace Hospice Care, peacefully in her sleep. She was born in Clifton Township, Grant County, WI. Betty graduated from Fennimore High School in 1942 and attended Madison Business College. She married Theodore Holen on April 24, 1954. Betty worked for the U.S. Government for the Office of Price Administration (OPA), the U.S. Air Force, and the USDA Soil Conservation Service. She worked in the State office as a secretary and administrative assistant, retiring in 1983. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Disabled American Veteran's Auxiliary. Betty is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Ted; daughter, Karen (Greg) Kehring; son, Eric (Lori) Holen; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church and Agrace Hospice Care. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com. |
| **Holscher** | **2016** | William H. "Bill" Holscher, Jr. (77) a long-time resident of Hillsboro, OR passed away on October 14, 2016 at the Bend Hospice House. William was married to Bette Holscher, the secretary to the NRCS Oregon State Conservationist when she retired. He was born in Forest Grove, Oregon. He graduated from Forest Grove High School in 1957. Bill worked for Tektronix, Inc. in Beaverton for 46 ½ years, until he retired in 2004 as a Senior Electronic Technician. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Bette Holscher, of the family home in Hillsboro, Oregon. Also surviving are a daughter and son and their spouses and his six grandchildren. The family suggests that remembrances be contributions to Partners in Care Hospice House, 2075 NE Wyatt Ct., Bend, OR 97701, in his memory. |
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| **Horsch** | **2016** | Dorothy Marie Horsch (84) of Manhattan, Kansas passed away on November 15, 2016. Dorothy was born in Manhattan. She graduated from Marymount College in Salina with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and worked as a Medical Technician at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Horsch, in 1987. Mark worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. They had five children, 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Dorothy was a long-time member of Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Manhattan. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Seven Dolors Budget Shop, 730 Colorado Street, Manhattan, KS 66502 or the Parkinson's Program at Meadowlark Hills. |
| **Howe** | **2016** | Robert Warren "Bob" Howe (57) of Morrisville, Missouri passed away September 10, 2016 in Springfield, MO. He was born in Ava, MO. Bob enjoyed being outdoors, whether that meant hunting, fishing, or playing baseball with his children. He spent over 30 years with the Natural Resources Conservation Service as the head of both Polk and Dallas County. He also served in both the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard, where he built friendships that would last his entire life. Of all of his service, Bob was most proud to do work at his home church, the United Methodist Church in Bolivar. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; by three children; Amy (Adam) Carter of Battlefield, MO., Calen Howe of Destin, FL, Michael Howe of Morrisville, Mo., four step-children, and eleven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Bob's name to the United Methodist church of Bolivar, Mo. Friends may leave condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com |
| **Howell** | **2016** | Member Jon Roger Howell (76) of Lansing, Michigan passed away May 1, 2016 after a brief illness. He was born in Mount Ida, Wisconsin and grew up on a dairy farm. He received his bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin at Platteville in 1962. Roger retired from the USDA in 1995, having worked in the Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist, a district conservationist and a public information officer. Family members recall how he needed to stop the car to take photos wherever he saw soil erosion. Roger believed in community service. He was a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society for over 50 years serving one year as President. He was leader with Boy Scout Troop 111 and both of his sons were Eagle Scouts. He took leadership roles with Jaycees in several communities until he became an "exhausted rooster". He was a member of First United Methodist Church on Delta River Drive for nearly 40 years, serving on the Board of Trustees. After retiring he volunteered with the National Active and Retired Federal Employees group and with the Michigan Envirothon. Roger was the ARCSE state representative for many years. He and Dixie served as resident lighthouse keepers through the Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association. Roger and Dixie walked regularly at places like Hunter's Orchard Park, Hawk Meadows Park and the Riverfront Walk. Roger still enjoyed splitting his own firewood. Surviving are his children, Leslie (Ernest) Delemeester; Kim (Joel) Murray; Christopher "CJ" Howell; and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Dixie in 2012 and son Scot. Memorial contributions may be made to Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association or his church, FUMC. |
| **Hughes** | **2016** | Paul A. Hughes, Jr. (69) of Cornville, Maine passed away unexpectedly at the Maine General Hospital in Augusta on November 12, 2016 after a long battle with lymphoma. He was born in Newport. In 1969, he graduated from the University of Maine at Orono, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, with a Bachelor of Science in Plant & Soil Sciences. He later received his Master of Science in Vegetable Crops & Plant Physiology from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. After proudly serving in the U.S. Army Reserves in Dexter for a number of years, Paul spent over 30 years working for the USDA as a soil scientist and crop agronomist, working in many different areas all over the state of Maine before retiring in 2005 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service State Office in Bangor. He was exceptionally proud of the house he built for his family in Cornville and of the strawberry farm he ran for many years. He was a longtime supporter of 4-H, leading the South Solon Hustlers club for many years when his children were younger. Paul is survived by his wife of 46 years, Kathleen Hughes, of Cornville, two children, and two grandchildren. |

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| **Jensen** | **2016** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Peter N. Jensen (92) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on September 26, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Salina, Kansas and served in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946 in the South Pacific. Peter served on the USS McClelland, which was anchored in Tokyo Bay at the time of the peace signing with Japan. He graduated from Colorado A&M (CSU). He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Kansas and Nebraska for 30 years as State Range Conservationist. After retirement Peter and Doris traveled extensively and were active volunteers. He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Doris; son, Gregory Jensen of Lincoln; daughter Karen (Deryl) Travis, Jr. of Lincoln; two granddaughters, two grandsons, and five great-grandchildren. Memorials may be directed to Pathways to Compassion Hospice, 1401 Infinity Rd. Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68512 |
| **Jernstedt** | **2016** | Noma Jeane Jernstedt (84) of Hubbard, Oregon passed away on July 16, 2016. She was married for 63 years to Maurice L. Jernstedt. Maury retired from SCS in 1994 after serving as an economist at several locations in Oregon and Washington. For the last 33 years they have resided in Hubbard. She was blessed with four children. She celebrated her birthday with her twin sister July 15, 2016. She also had seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Noma was a homemaker and farmer. She served the Lord faithfully in every volunteer capacity in each church she was a part of, with emphasis on youth programs. She also served many years in the Girl Scouts, the 4-H and FFA programs. Outside the church her life reflected the deep and abiding faith she held. Please sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits. |
| **Jones** | **2016** | Mavis Maray Jones (88) passed away January 13, 2016 in Stillwater, Oklahoma with his family by his side. He grew up near Granite, Oklahoma. Mavis honorably served in the United States Navy during World War II and received the US Navy World War II Victory Medal. Mavis attended Oklahoma State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1960. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) for 38 years, retiring in 1986 as the State of Oklahoma's Watershed Construction Engineer. Mavis worked in construction offices in Cheyenne, Wewoka, and Shawnee. During his career, more than 1,650 of Oklahoma's 2,107 watershed dams were constructed. During his SCS tenure he was named the Oklahoma Soil Conservation Engineer of the Year in 1985. After retirement, he worked as a private consulting engineer for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission where he focused on the development of wetland habitat in Oklahoma. He was recognized with the Wetlands Pioneer Award in 1994 by the Oklahoma Chapter of the Wildlife Society. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Willene of the home, his sons Gary Jones (Christine Miller) of Stillwater, David (Diana) Jones of Edmond, OK, daughter Lori (Greg) Boyer of Stillwater, and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mavis Jones Engineering Scholarship care of the OSU Foundation, POB 1749, Stillwater OK 74076-1749 or call the OSU Foundation at 405-385-5100. Condolences can be sent to his family: Willene Jones, 2904 North Crescent Drive, Stillwater, OK 74075 |
| **Jordan** | **2016** | Member Robert H. Jordan (88) of Sun City West, Arizona passed away on May 11, 2016. Robert retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1986 as a Soil Scientist Staff Leader. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild--and one on the way. Bob will be buried in the fall at the AZ Vets cemetery. He served in the Army at the end of WW II--Signal Corps at Vint Hill Farm in Virginia. |
| **Kelly** | **2016** | Shawn D. Kelly (51) of Pelican Lake, Wisconsin, formerly of Pembine, passed away on July 26, 2016 at his home, surrounded by his family. Shawn fought a long and hard battle with cancer. He was born in Norway, MI. Shawn worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in our cartographic office in Rhinelander and at the State office on the digitizing team. Shawn is survived by two sisters and four brothers. |
| **Kerl** | **2016** | Harriet Louise Kerl (88) of Auburn, Nebraska passed away on January 29, 2016. She was the wife of Donald Kerl who worked for SCS in Valley City, ND and numerous places in NE, and retired in Auburn, NE. Harriet graduated in 1949 from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She met Donald Kerl, the love of her life, in a freshman college Botany class. Survivors include two daughters and two sons, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church or Auburn Memorial Library. |
| **Kvittem** | **2016** | Life Member Owen John Kvittem (69) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away August 8, 2016. He was born in Faribault, Minn. He worked as an engineer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in offices in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Nebraska. He retired as State Conservation Engineer in Nebraska in 2007. He later retired as an engineer from the Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources. He was a member of Southwood Lutheran Church. He enjoyed helping anyone with any and every project, and more importantly, spending time with his family and friends. Family members include his wife, Debbie; mother, Marcy, Kenyon, MN; sons, Scott (Holly), Detroit Lakes, MN, Dane (Jamie), Lincoln, and Lee (Sandy) Kvittem, San Angelo, TX; and six grandchildren. Memorials to Peoples City Mission, Southwood Lutheran Church or Lincoln Police Department. Condolences online at Roperandsons.com. |
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| **Labahn** | **2016** | Life Member Leslie "Les" Labahn (75) passed away at his home in Pickstown, South Dakota on March 18, 2016. Les was born in Akron, Iowa. He attended South Dakota State University and received a degree in Agronomy from SDSU in 1962. After college, Les went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service until January 1963, when he reported to US Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. After Officer Candidate School, Les served aboard the USS Waldo County Landing Ship Tank (LST) 1163. He rose to serve as the Operations Officer of the ship. Les completed his Active Duty obligation in May 1966 and was honorably discharged. He returned to his civilian life in the USDA Soil Conservation Service but remained in the Naval Reserve, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Les moved to Pickstown in 1993 and retired from the Soil Conservation Service at the end of 2005 as an RC&D Coordinator at Lake Andes, South Dakota. After retirement, he remained active in the Randall RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development). He traveled around the country for his grandchildren's sporting events, birthdays, school programs, and concerts. He fulfilled a "bucket list" goal by driving to Alaska and touring the wilderness. Left to mourn are his wife of 49 years Connie, his daughter Stephanie Hurd (Jeff) of Rapid City, his son Steven Labahn (Debora) of Sioux Falls, his son Michael Labahn (Melissa) of Brandon, and his nine grandchildren. Les was active in the VFW, and the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Burke VFW in the name of Les Labahn. Friends may sign his online guest register at http://clausenfuneralhome.com. |
| **Langford** | **2016** | H. C. Langford (78) passed from this life on March 25, 2016 at Stillwater, Oklahoma. H.C. was born in Wellington, Texas. He grew up in Wellington and attended school in nearby Quail, Texas. He graduated from Clarendon Community College in Clarendon, Texas. H.C. and Frankie were married in Perry on April 8, 1982. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Stillwater. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a surveyor for 37 years, retiring in 2000. He worked in the office at Perry as a Technician and then as the CET. After retirement, H.C. farmed and did contract work for Ducks Unlimited. Survivors include his wife, Frankie, of the home; two daughters and a son, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Ronald McDonald House Charities at 1301 NE 14th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117. Phone number 405-424-6873.Condolences and remembrances may be sent via an online guestbook at www.strodefh.com. |
| **Lare** | **2016** | Boyd Duane Lare (85) of Albuquerque, New Mexico passed away on April 22, 2016. He was born in Auburn, NE. In 1949 he went to Eastern NM College to study engineering. In 1957 he was hired by the Soil Conservation Service at Hagerman to be a surveyor. Boyd graduated from New Mexico State University with honors in 1961. The family moved to Portland, OR where he worked for the Soil Conservation Service as an engineer in the E&WP Unit. In 1964 the family moved to Albuquerque. He transferred to the US Army Corps of Engineers, later working with flood control. He retired in 1982. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jackie; a daughter, two sons, two grandsons, a granddaughter, and three great-granddaughters. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the National Kidney Foundation, nkfcares@kidney.org. Please visit our online guestbook for Boyd at www.FrenchFunerals.com |
| **Lattimore** | **2016** | Thomas William Lattimore, Jr. (90) of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on May 28, 2016. He was born in Sullivan, MO. Tom worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 30 years retiring as the District Conservationist in the Higginsville/Lafayette County Field Office. He also taught Vocational AG in High School for 5 years. He was a WW II Army Air Force veteran, a member of the VFW Post 1000 in Independence and the American Legion Post 223 in Higginsville. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Diane Lattimore. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Maudie of the home; son, Thomas Michael Lattimore (June) of Good Thunder, MN; two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Grace United Methodist Church or the Lafayette County Cancer Coalition. Condolences may be emailed to the family at: Kaiser-Wiegers@ctcis.net. |
| **Layton** | **2016** | Member Robert "Bob" Layton (89) of Portsmouth, New Hampshire passed away on November 16, 2016, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Russellville, Ohio. Bob graduated from Russellville High School with the Class of 1945 and was a veteran of World War II, enlisting with the US Navy on the day of his graduation. After serving his country, he attended the University of Miami before transferring to the Ohio State University where he received his Bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering. Bob was employed as an agricultural engineer for the Soil Conservation Service. He moved to New Hampshire in 1964 and retired from the Watershed Planning Staff in 1978. After his retirement he continued consulting in soil and water conservation. After some continuing education he received his teaching degree and taught general science at Portsmouth Middle School. He finally retired in 1991.Bob was an active member of the North Church serving several years as president of the Church Council. He was also active with the Portsmouth Community Development Committee for 37 years and served on the committee of the Renovation of Market Square Committee. He was a 58-year member of the Lions Club, joining in Ohio and transferring to the Portsmouth Lions Club where he was made a Melvin Jones Fellow and was a past president. He was also a member of Russellville Masonic Lodge #166, Russellville, Ohio. He shared 62 loving years of marriage with his wife Carolyn (Maxson) Layton. In addition to his wife he leaves three children: Nancy Layton and her husband Peter Anania of Portsmouth, Andrew (Judith) Layton of Deering, Daniel (Lorinda) of North Berwick, Maine, and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Portsmouth Lions Club, P.O. Box 944, Portsmouth, NH, 03802 or to the North Church Memorial Fund, 355 Spinney Rd., Portsmouth, NH, 03801. Please visit www.RemickGendron.com to view Bob's memorial website, sign his tribute wall. |
| **Leonard** | **2016** | Maurice O. Leonard (95) of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away February 16, 2016 at the Fonda Specialty Care in Fonda, Iowa. Maurice was born in Holstein. After graduation from H.S., he enrolled at the University of Iowa. While attending Iowa, he was called to the US Army to serve his country in 1941. He served in the Coast Artillery and was stationed in Michigan, Montana, California, and Nebraska. Maurice transferred to the US Army Air Force where he was a flight engineer on a B-24 Liberator Bomber on Kodiak Island in Alaska. He was honorably discharged following WWII in 1945. Following his discharge from the service, Maurice worked for General Electric in Omaha. He pursued his passion for the land and was employed by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Guthrie Center, eventually moving to Storm Lake in 1955. He continued this work, retiring in 1980. His gun collection was envied by many, given the number of vintage guns he owned. He sold his collection and pursued other collections such as Hummel figurines, plates, and Meerschaum pipes. Maurice also enjoyed his coffees with friends at Hy-Vee and Hardees. Even in his 80s, it was not uncommon for him to set off on the 2-mile walk each morning to Hy-Vee. Maurice is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lillian of Storm Lake and daughters, Dr. Cynthia Martinek (Jerold) of Belmond, Iowa and Dr. DiAnne Leonard (Neil Ellison) of Danville, Pennsylvania; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeremy Martinek. |

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| **Long** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist and member Donald R. Long (88) of Springfield, Illinois formerly of Hillsboro, IL, passed away on February 13, 2016, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL. Don was born in White County, IL, He is received his Bachelor's Degree, in Ag Education, from University of Illinois in 1949. He married Martha White on June 4, 1950 in Salem, IL. She survives in Springfield, IL. He worked as an Ag Teacher at Shawneetown, IL then worked for USDA in Soil Conservation Service in Menard County, Logan County and Montgomery County. Don served as a Navy Coreman in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Hillsboro, IL, where he sang in the choir; Kiwanis Club; Coached Little League baseball; and was very active with many other community activities. Along with his wife, Don is survived by three children, Cindy Long Adams (Joe) of Chandler, AZ & East Hartford, CT; Mike (Glenda) Long of Rochester, IL & Stan (Darcy) Long of Bastrop, TX; six grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the Hillsboro United Methodist Church Heat & Air Conditioning Fund. |
| **Lowery** | **2016** | Claire Cook Lowery (88) of Athens, Georgia passed away on April 15, 2016. Born in Milan, GA, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Frank Harris Lowery, Sr. who retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Survey Party Leader. Claire graduated from Milan High School, Middle Georgia College and attended Georgia Women's College in Milledgeville. She was a National 4-H Project Winner in Home Beautification in 1944. She taught in the local schools and was a devoted mother to their four children. |
| **Ludwig** | **2016** | William L. Ludwig (89) of Eagle River, Wisconsin passed away March 20th, 2016, on his birthday. Bill was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin. He served in the US Navy in the Pacific during World War II. Upon returning home he began his college career in Stevens Point and later transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, graduating in 1951 with a BS in agriculture. He began his career with the Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist and worked in Madison, Wausau, Ashland, Stratford, Neillsville, and Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and out of state at Athens, GA and Des Moines, IA. While in Neillsville he played drums with the Howie Sturtz Orchestra for 12 years, appeared often on TV's Dairyland Jubilee, and recorded four albums. Bill loved the Big Band era music. He obtained his private pilot's license and became active with the Civil Air Patrol. Bill was always headed to a meeting, as he was forever on a board of directors or a committee most of his life and even into retirement--too many to list. After retiring in 1984, Bill began his second career as a strawberry farmer. He worked tirelessly perfecting the biggest, most delicious strawberry he could. He loved working on his land! And "weather permitting" he was out hoeing, plowing, irrigating, bulldozing, or just walking around assessing things, sunup to sundown. Over the last six months, Bill fought his battle, but in the end succumbed to the insidious Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Shirley and their three daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. You may leave your private condolences for the Ludwig family at www.carlsonfh.com. |
| **Malley** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist John Crohan Malley (90) of South Portland (and formerly of Cape Elizabeth), Maine, passed away on March 4, 2016 after a long illness. John was born in Newton, Massachusetts. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire, Class of 1960, with a BS in Agriculture. He was a World War II veteran. He joined the US Navy at age 17 and served from 1943 to 1946 as a Medical Corpsman. With his father, he operated Indigo Hill Farms, Inc. in Somersworth from 1946 to 1956, maintaining a herd of Registered Guernsey Cattle. From 1956 to 1984, he worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservationist in Concord and Exeter, New Hampshire, then transferring to Maine as a District Conservationist in Machias, Presque Isle and Portland. Following his retirement in 1984 from the USDA, he worked as a Resource/Land Use Planner for Sebago Technics, Inc. before starting his own consulting firm with a primary focus on land application of bio solids and septic system design. John was a skilled and avid yachtsman, and he and his wife cruised the coast of Maine extensively in an Albin 25 motor vessel named "Caper." After leaving the boating world, they traveled throughout the USA and Canada in their RV. John maintained a continuing interest in the Cumberland County Maine Soil and water Conservation District, serving 25 years as an Associate Supervisor until his retirement in early 2010. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 67 years, Irene (Mailhot) Malley; sons James (Anne) of Barre, Massachusetts; Robert (Becky) of Cape Elizabeth; daughters Mary McQueen of Marietta, Georgia; and Nancy (David) Erb of Scarborough; along with several grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. John was predeceased by his daughter Ann Atherton; and granddaughter Irene (Reenie) McQueen. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in John's memory to: Catholic Charities Development Office, PO Box 10660, Portland, ME 04104-6060 |
| **Martin** | **2016** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Benny Martin (91) of Camden, South Carolina passed away on February 13, 2016. He was born in Buhl, Idaho. Upon graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served for three years in World War II, assigned to the Naval Amphibian Forces in the Pacific. After the war, Benny attended the University of Idaho and received a BS degree in 1951. Upon graduation he went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He lived and worked in five states. In 1981 he led a USDA technical team to mainland China for a year. His final career years were spent in Washington, DC as Assistant Chief for the Midwest states. He then spent a year in the Philippines as a conservation consultant. He enjoyed travel in the United States as well as in Europe. Benny was a member of the VFW Post 5928 and the American Legion, and was a life member of the Masonic Lodge #48 in Arco, Idaho. Besides his wife of 55 years, Margaret "Marty" Foley Martin, he was predeceased by a daughter, Pamela Marie M. Fisher. He is survived by three daughters, Peggy M. McBride (Kevin Leedy), Toni Tuders, and Leeann Martin, five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and his special friend Carol Meckstroth. Memorials may be made to Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church, 1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC 29020, or a charity of one's choice. |
| **Mathis** | **2016** | Stacey Jo (Henslee) Mathis (54) of Atoka, Oklahoma and a former resident of Konawa, Oklahoma passed away on October 10, 2016 at Alliance Health Hospital in Durant, Oklahoma. She was born in Sacramento, California and moved from California at six weeks old to become an "Okie." Stacey graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1984 with a Bachelor degree in Agricultural Education. She started working for the Soil Conservation Service in 1983 as a summer trainee and continued until her death as a District Conservationist in Atoka, Oklahoma. Stacey was baptized at the Assembly of God Church in Konawa in 1974. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Greg Mathis and son, Joseph Mathis of their home in Durant, and mother, Maxine Henslee of Konawa. She was preceded in death by her father, Jackie Lamont Henslee, and sister, Tina Jeanette Henslee. |

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| **Mayer** | **2016** | Donald K. Mayer (83) of Balsam Lake, Wisconsin passed away on September 1, 2016 at the St. Croix Regional Medical Center. Don was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He served in the United States Army from 1954-1956. He graduated from the University of River Falls in 1963 summa cum laude with a degree in Biology and Conservation and earned a Teaching Degree. Following graduation Don worked for the SCS/NRCS, retiring in 1997 as the District Conservationist in Balsam Lake. He enjoyed substitute teaching at the Unity School until 2004. He was a member of the American Tree Farm Association, the Balsam Lake American Legion and a proud member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Balsam Lake. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, gardening, reading, military history, and collecting gun shell casings. Don leaves to celebrate his memory, wife of 48 years, Brenda Mayer, Balsam Lake; daughter, Monica (Shawn) Kelly, Gilbert, AZ; and son, Kurt Mayer, Balsam Lake, WI. |
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| **McMullen** | **2016** | Member James R. McMullen (78) of Hillsdale, Pennsylvania passed away on September 24, 2016 after being diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer on July 20th. Jim retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1997 as a Farm Bill Specialist on the Conservation Operations Division staff in Washington, DC. His wife Elaine preceded him in death several years ago. |
| **Meierdierks** | **2016** | Larry D. Meierdierks (64) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away peacefully on Aug. 7, 2016. He was born in Pender. Larry graduated from Pender High School in 1970 and in 1972 joined the US Army where he was stationed in Korea and at Fort Riley, KS, and later served in the Nebraska National Guard as a helicopter repairman for the 24th Medical Company. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Suzie. Suzie is retired from the NRCS State Office in Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Christ Lutheran Church Comfort Dog Ministry Fund. |
| **Merrell** | **2016** | J. Evan Merrell (88) passed away at his home in Boise, ID on August 18, 2016. He was born in Virden, New Mexico. Evan served in the Navy during the closing months of WWII on a cruiser moored in San Francisco Bay and in the Army as a radio operator in the Korean War. He served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Chicago, IL area. He earned a graduate degree in hydrology from Utah State University. Evan worked during his 25-year career as a hydrologist for the US Soil Conservation Service in Boise, ID. A final assignment for SCS took him to Anchorage, AK. After he retired, Evan and a group of former coworkers in Boise founded a consulting company, Associated Earth Sciences, to continue offering soil and water solutions. He really enjoyed AES. Evan and his wife June served two missions together for the church—first in Florida and then to Hanoi, Vietnam where they helped modernize a library in the National School of Public Health. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, June; their children, Kevin Merrell, Reed Merrell, Ann Reed, Dorothy Klomp and Richard Merrell, and a sister-in-law, Pat Merrell. He leaves behind 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Loren Reed. Condolences may be expressed at zeyerfuneralchapel.com. |
| **Middendorf** | **2016** | Richard H. "Dick" Middendorf (94) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on December 22, 2016, at Gateway Vista Senior Living in Lincoln. Dick was born in Bruning, NE. He graduated from Bruning High School and served in the Army in the final years of World War II, receiving an honorable discharge in 1946. He lived in Lincoln and then in Lyons, where Dick worked for the Soil Conservation Service, and then as a rural mail carrier with the USPS, serving in that capacity for 30 years until his retirement. He was a member of various local organizations and while in Lyons, Dick served his congregation of St. John Lutheran as Sunday school superintendent and elder and served in positions in other Lutheran churches. Survivors of the immediate family include his four children and spouses: Joy (Rick) Golden, Lyle (Nancy) Middendorf, Larry (Penny) Middendorf, and Mark (Julie) Middendorf; 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Della Mae. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Lincoln Lutheran Schools or Concordia University, Nebraska. Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home of Lincoln is in charge of arrangements. |
| **Minzenmayer** | **2016** | Fred Edward Minzenmayer (68) of Franklin, Texas passed away on November 11, 2016. He was born in Winters, Texas, the second of four children. He attended Texas A&M, earning a BS in Soil Science and a Master's in Agronomy. He was employed for 38 years with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He retired to Franklin in 2008 to fulfill his lifelong dream of cattle ranching. Fred is survived by his wife of 47 years, Patsy and daughter Tracey. |

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| **Moody** | **2016** | Member Wendell Bruce Moody (80) of Eden, Texas passed away on October 13, 2016 in Dallas at the home of his son Steven, and daughter-in-law Cheryl, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn, son Steven Moody and his wife Cheryl, and granddaughter Carolyn Zarmbinski and her husband Aaron Zarmbinkski. Wendell was born in Tulia, Texas. A 1954 graduate of Eden High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1957. He returned to Texas Tech in 1961 and earned his Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He received his Texas Registered Professional Engineers License in 1967. Wendell's professional career spanned 1956 to 1994. He began as a summer Engineering Trainee in Stanton, Texas in 1956. He advanced through the ranks of Agricultural Engineering Field and Area Offices of the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Big Spring, Texas, and Civil Engineering Soil Mechanics, and Design offices at the South National Technical Center in Ft. Worth, Texas. Wendell was Assistant State Conservation Engineer in Temple before he became the State Conservation Engineering in Champaign, Illinois in 1974. Four years later, he was promoted to Head of Engineering at the SCS's Midwest National Technical Center in Lincoln, Nebraska until 1984. He finished his career at the USDA National Headquarters, in Washington, DC, as Deputy Director of Engineering. His professional organization memberships were numerous. He was a Life Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. After 38 years with the SCS, Wendell returned to his hometown of Eden, Texas in 1994, and started the busiest chapter of his life in community service. Since then, he served continuously on and as an officer on many local and regional boards (civic, governmental, and water conservation/planning) including 12 years on the Eden City Council, 20 years as Adult Bible Class teacher and Trustee of Eden Trinity Lutheran Church, and over 20 years on the Civil Engineering Academy, Texas Tech University. |
| **Moran** | **2016** | Moran Betty J. Moran (92) of Westerville, Ohio passed away on December 8, 2016. Her husband Kyle was Assistant State Conservation Engineer for SCS. In lieu of flowers, it is Betty's wishes that donations be made to Ohio Bible Mission, Peniel Bible Camp, 3260 OH-314, Fredericktown, OH 43019. Condolences at morelandfuneralhome.com |
| **Moser** | **2016** | Lowell Alan Moser (82) of Effingham, Kansas passed away on October 6, 2016 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO. He was born in Horton, KS. Lowell graduated from Highland Junior College in 1955. He received his Bachelor's in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University in 1961. Lowell proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a Soil Conservation Planner for the USDA in Holton, joining in March of 1969. He later worked as District Conservationist in Atchison County, retiring in 1994 after 28 years of service. For most of his life, he raised Holstein, Hereford, and Angus cattle and showed them at local, district and state fairs. He was a member of Effingham Union Church and Elks Club in Hiawatha. Lowell is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Jane Warren in Hiawatha. Other survivors include a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren. Memorials may be given to the Atchison Co. 4-H or Kansas Junior Hereford Association c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. |
| **Moses** | **2016** | Kathryn Grace Moses (20) of Mooresville, North Carolina passed away on May 30, 2016. Kathryn is survived by her parents, Samuel and Catherine Moses, and brother, Samuel; grandparents, Richard and Carol Gallo, Cindy and James Goad; and many other loving family members. Dick (Richard) Gallo is an ARCSE member and retired as the NRCS State Conservationist in NC in 1997. |
| **Mueller** | **2016** | Nelson Ernest Mueller (70), a resident of Sulphur, Oklahoma passed away October 27, 2016 at Tulsa, OK. He was born in Clinton, OK. Nelson graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Degree in Animal Science. He had lived in several places working for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, moving to Sulphur in 1985. He owned a lawn care business. Nelson enjoyed horse racing. He was a Viet Nam Veteran who served in the US Army. Nelson was a member of the First Christian Church. He is survived by his wife of 34 years Mary Mueller, of Sulphur, OK; a daughter & son-in-law, Jessica & Steve Tilley, of Ada, OK; a son, Brad Mueller, of Sulphur, Ok; and a granddaughter. Online condolences may be sent to www.dearmanfuneralhome.com |
| **Murphey** | **2016** | George T. Murphey (88) of Greencastle, Indiana passed away peacefully on October 30, 2016. George is survived by his wife of more than 68 years, Elizabeth Stovall and children Michael (Debbie) and David (Cristina), and three grandchildren. A daughter Susan predeceased him in 1992. He was born on a farm near Mayfield, Ky. After graduating from Mayfield High School in 1945, George volunteered in the U.S. Army. He attended the University of West Virginia and the University of Illinois in the Army Specialized Training Program. He received basic training at Fort Knox, KY and received an honorable discharge in October 1946. George went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Murray State University in 1948 and graduate studies at the University of Kentucky. After college graduation, George taught vocational agriculture at three different high schools in Kentucky. He went on to work at the Atomic Energy Plant located near Paducah, KY for three years prior to beginning his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1955 in Princeton, IN. The SCS transferred George to Covington, IN, for two years and then finally to Putnam County in 1957, where he would work for 27 years prior to his retirement in 1985. George's retirement from the SCS was just the beginning of a second career and numerous volunteer activities. George went on to be a farm manager for farms in Central Indiana, an agricultural consultant for a number of local banks, and a consultant for conservancy districts throughout Indiana. George was very involved in and giving to his community. He and Elizabeth were active members of the First Baptist Church for more than 50 years. For all of his tireless efforts in the community, George received the Friend of the Farmer award from the Putnam County Farm Bureau in 1996 and the Distinguished Hoosier Award from Gov. Mitch Daniels in 2005. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Putnam County Memorial Cancer Research Fund at the Putnam County Community Foundation. |

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| **Neitzel** | **2016** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationists Kenneth Karl Neitzel (101) of Edina, Wisconsin was called by his Lord on March 2, 2016. He was born in Baraboo, Wisconsin. He was the oldest of seven children. His wife Helen predeceased him in 2008. Ken and Helen devoted their lives to the Salvation Army Church and practiced the Salvation Army motto "Heart to God and Hand to Man." Ken was a veteran of World War II. Following his discharge, he went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was called back by the military to serve in Korea. Upon discharge, he went back to work at the same agency. He worked in Wisconsin, Washington, DC and Champaign, Illinois. He retired in Illinois as the USDA State Administrative Officer for SCS in 1970. Donations can be made in his name to: Salvation Army Noble Worship Center, 10011 Noble Parkway, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. |
| **Paden** | **2016** | Harry E. Paden (89) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on September 1, 2016. He was a retired soil scientist with USDA Soil Conservation Service. He is survived by son, Roger Paden, Lincoln, and daughter, Pat (Dave) Cotton, Omaha; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. |
| **Page** | **2016** | Member Leland Page (84) passed away on February 15, 2016, at his home in Sandy, Utah. Lee was born in Ottumwa, Iowa. He was proud to be a veteran of the United States Navy, serving from March 1, 1951 to February 2, 1955. He was stationed on the USS Essex CVA 9 during the Korean War. After his military service, he earned a bachelor's degree in Farm and Ranch Management from Colorado State University in 1960. He married Gladys F. Petersen on March 7, 1964. They had two children together, James (Jim) and Leann. Lee and Gladys were married for 42 years upon her death in 2006. Lee had a long career as a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, first in Iowa, then Indiana, and finally to Sandy, Utah, in 1976, where he and his family made their permanent home. He retired in January, 1996. Lee loved the rodeo and traveled the rodeo circuit, bulldogging (steer wrestling) both before and after he graduated from college. He loved all things auto racing, especially sprint cars, camping, dune buggies, the Indiana Hoosiers, good home cooking, old western movies and hunting shows. Lee is survived by his children: son, Jim Page (Stacy) and daughter, Leann McFalls (Michael); as well as five grandsons. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.MemorialUtah.com. |
| **Patterson** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Benjamin Frederick “Fred” Fred Patterson (93) of Dobson, North Carolina passed away on June 24, 2016. Fred retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1988 as District Conservationist, Dobson Field Office. He was born in Alexander County, NC. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years Virginia Anne Broyhill Patterson, three sisters and two brothers. Fred was a graduate of NC State University where he received a BA Degree in Agriculture. He was a member of Dobson First Baptist Church, the Dobson Lions Club and Army World War II veteran, US Army. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Alan and Jan Patterson of Taylors, SC, and Mark and Marla Patterson of Shelby, NC; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law. |
| **Penner** | **2016** | Doris Louise Penner (88) of El Dorado, Kansas passed away on July 8, 2016. She was the wife of Harold Penner who retired from SCS as a soil scientist in 1980. She was born in Marion, Kansas and graduated from Marion High School in 1945. Doris retired as a secretary for USD 490 (public schools) in El Dorado and was a member of First United Methodist Church. Her loving family includes her husband of 67 years, Harold of the home, two daughters, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Memorial contributions in her name, in lieu of flowers, may be directed to Alzheimer’s Association or Interim Hospice, in care of the funeral home. |
| **Perryman** | **2016** | Fred Perryman (89) of Duke, Oklahoma, passed away on July 10, 2016 at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Fred was born northeast of Duke near the home site of his pioneer grandparents. Fred joined the United States Navy and served his country during World War II. After his service he completed his senior year of high school. He received his degree in Agriculture Education. He was vocational agriculture instructor at Butler, Oklahoma for a few years and then began working with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He served in this capacity in several areas of Oklahoma: Walters, Okmulgee, Okemah, and Clinton. After 25 years in Clinton, Fred retired in 1991 as the District Conservationist. He was ordained as a deacon at the Hillcrest Baptist Church while he was in school at OSU. Fred leaves behind his wife of 69 years Bonnie of the home; three sons, Philip Perryman and wife Lana of Apache; Fred Arlen Perryman (Lillian) of Edmond; and Dale Perryman (Sezen) of Dallas; his daughter, Freda Beall (Charles) of Bixby; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the Perryman family has requested a memorial to be sent to a fund set up to offset his son Fred Arlen Perryman’s Parkinson’s medical procedure. Please contact Fred Perryman’s Memorial Fund, Farmers and Merchants Bank, PO BOX 190 Duke, Oklahoma 73532, or call (580) 679–3334. To sign the online guest book and share memories with the family please visit www.Lowell-Tims.com. |

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| **Petrie** | **2016** | Neal A. Petrie (87) of Oakley, Kansas passed away on November 24, 2016 at the Colby Health and Rehab Center. He was born in Pratt, KS. He was a farmer and a Soil Conservation Service Technician in the Oakley field office, retiring in the mid-1980s. Neal enjoyed hunting and fishing, farming, and was an arborist. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Retha of the home, a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter. Memorials of the donor's choice may be sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, KS 67748. Sign online guest book at www.kennedykosterfh.com. |
| **Pick** | **2016** | Thomas L. Pick (66) passed suddenly on January 16th, while skiing south of Cooke City, Montana. He was a hunter, fisherman, gardener, chef, woodworker, writer, artist, swing dancer, adventurer, and lover of literature. Tom served his country in the Vietnam era, as an Agricultural Advisor on a Reconstruction Team in Iraq in 2009-11, and with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service over a 35-year with a distinguished career in several western states. Tom is survived by his wife Kathleen Williams, his two sons, Calen and Sander Pick and their mother Jessie Close, his mother Emma Lou Petitgirard, siblings Cindy, Jeff, and Mike. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Tom Pick Fund at Gallatin Valley Pheasants Forever, P.O. Box 4220, Bozeman, MT 59772. Share your photos and stories about Tom at www.inmemoryofthomaspick.com. |
| **Porter** | **2016** | Billy Ray Porter (60) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away at his home on March 16, 2016. Bill was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1980 with an Agricultural Economics degree. Bill enjoyed his job and co-workers at the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 36 years. For the past 21 years he served as the Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources. Survivors include his wife of 28 years Pamela Porter, a son, and a granddaughter. The family asks in lieu of flowers that memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society. |
| **Potter** | **2016** | Cordes L. Potter (69) passed peacefully from this life on March 25, 2016, at his home with his wife at his side. Cordes was born in Columbia, Missouri. He attended Hickman and the University of Missouri, graduating with a BS in Civil Engineering in 1969. He was vice president of Sigma Phi Epsilon and later served ten years as Chapter Advisor. He received the Volunteer Excellence Award from the National Chapter in recognition of his service. He enlisted in the US Air Force and was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, where he was assigned to the Engineering Squadron and was a member of Prime BEEF (Base Emergency Engineering Force), a part of RED HORSE. Prime BEEF team members were on call for rapid response to anywhere in the world. Cordes distinguished himself by being awarded Airman of the Year in 1971. This award is given yearly to only one outstanding airman in the entire Air Force. He was honorably discharged in 1973 with the rank of Staff Sargent. He then went to work for the US Department of Agriculture, NRCS, where he was a design engineer in the state office. He married the love of his life, Gayle Ann (Coats) Potter, October 16, 1970, at Campus Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri, and she survives. They celebrated 45 years of marriage and had two daughters and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please donate to http://www.sigep.org/chapterscholarships. Under "choose a program," select "Missouri Alpha Cordes Potter Scholarship." |
| **Putnam** | **2016** | Life Member Billy Marion Putnam (89) of Stillwater, passed away on February 22, 2016. Bill was born in Ada, Oklahoma. He spent his early years in the Ada area before moving to Brownsville, Texas, where he attended high school. Bill joined the US Navy and served on active duty in WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was honored with several prestigious service awards during his 20-year Naval career. Following his honorable discharge in 1962, Bill began working as an Administrative Officer for the Soil Conservation Service. In 1966 he married the love of his life, Pauline "Polly" Hinrichs in Albuquerque, NM. The family relocated to Connecticut, Virginia, Puerto Rico, and several other states before Bill's retirement in the mid-1980s. Upon retirement, the family moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma, to be closer to Pauline's family. He could often be found at the Moose or Elks Lodge, or the Stillwater VFW visiting with friends. He is survived by his wife and best friend Polly Putnam of Stillwater, Oklahoma; daughter Claudia (Clint) Lynch of Denton, Texas; a grandson and a great-grandson. |
| **Putnam** | **2016** | Pauline "Polly" Putnam (89) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed on February 27, 2016 in Stillwater. Pauline Josephine Hinrichs Putnam was born in Stillwater, OK. She graduated from Stillwater High School in 1944 and attended Oklahoma A&M College from 1944 to 1946. She was employed by the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1965, she transferred to the Albuquerque, NM office of the Soil Conservation Service where she met her husband, Billy Putnam. She is survived by a step daughter Claudia Lynch. |
| **Reed** | **2016** | Member and Senior Conservationist Darald "D.J." J. Reed (86) of Frederick County, Virginia, passed away on July 5, 2016, in Winchester Medical Center. D.J. was born in Osceola, Iowa. He was a graduate Iowa State University, Class of 1953 earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Mr. Reed was employed at the Department of Agriculture as a Para-Legal and retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a Realty Specialist in 1987 with many years of service. He was a member of Eagle's Club Aerie #824, Moose Lodge #1283, Elks Lodge 867 as well as a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church. His wife of 35 years, Bettie Lee Reed preceded him in death on June 9, 2014. Surviving are daughter, Brenda S. Hileman-Howe and her husband, William of Gerrardstown, West Virginia and son, James D. Hileman and his wife, Pamela of Warrenton, Virginia. Memorial contributions in memory of D.J. may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 2732 Martinsburg Pike, Stephenson, Virginia 22656-1712 or Eagle's Club Aerie #824, 700 Baker Lane, Winchester, Virginia 22601. Please view obituaries and tribute wall at www.ompsfuneralhome.com. |
| **Reed** | **2016** | Pearlie Sylvester Reed (67) of Marion, Arkansas passed away on April 8, 2016 in Methodist University Hospital. Pearlie was raised on a farm in the rural town of Heth, AR, where he was the ninth of eighteen children. He worked hard to attend the State University of Pine Bluff where he received his degree in Animal Husbandry, and he later earned a Masters of Public Administration degree from American University in Washington, DC. Pearlie began his remarkable career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in 1968 as a student intern in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. Through a wealth of experiences and job responsibilities, he eventually served and led NRCS as Chief from 1998 to 2002. He served as State Conservationist for several states including Arkansas, Delaware, Maryland, and California as well as the US Territories of Puerto Rico and Guam. Pearlie served as Assistant Secretary for Administration of the US Department of Agriculture from 2009 to 2012, retiring to return to work as a consultant in his own firm in Marion, Arkansas. Over the course of his career, Pearlie received numerous awards and honors. He is survived by his wife, Lesia Ann Reed and her son, Robert Charles Terrell, Jr.; his daughters, Cheryl Yvette Reed of Raleigh, NC, Teresa Reed of Raleigh, NC; a granddaughter, a grandson, a great-granddaughter and thirteen brothers and sisters. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Deloris W. Reed. |

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| **Renard** | **2016** | Kenneth George Renard (81) passed on February 8, 2016. Ken earned his BS and MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, and his Doctorate in Civil Engineering from the University of Arizona. He is survived by his wife if of 64 years, Virginia and two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. Ken started working for ARS in 1957 and was a leader in the development of USLE and RUSLE. Ken retired from ARS as Director of the USDA Southwest Watershed Research Center in 1994. |
| **Rexroat** | **2016** | David Bernard Rexroat (75) passed away peacefully on the morning of Feb. 11, 2016, after a long battle against multiple infections, while being attended to by his wife and oldest daughter at home in Natomas, California. David retired as the State Administrative Officer for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He was a Mason with the Woodland Lodge 81, a Shriner with the Ben Ali Shriners. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley Anne Rexroat. He is survived by wife, Shirley Kay Rexroat; three daughters, Valerie Rennie, Michelle Huffine and Stacy Dusseau; four stepchildren; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. |
| **Riggs** | **2016** | William Norman Riggs, 80, of Chillicothe, Missouri, passed away on June 6, 2016 in Lenexa, KS. William was born in Wentzville, Mo. and was a graduate the University of Missouri attaining a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Engineering. For 41 years William worked as an agricultural engineer for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He was a United States Army Veteran, serving from 1958 thru 1960 in Germany. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Chillicothe; the Kiwanis Club of Chillicothe and the Masonic Lodge of Bethany, MO. He was a Registered Professional Engineer since 1957 and a member of the Society of Agricultural Engineers since 1958. He was most proud of receiving the FFA State Farmer Degree in 1954 and working since 1983 with the Boy Scouts and receiving the Honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ruby of the home; three children, Russell Paul (Melinda) Riggs of Caruthersville, MO, Rachelle Renae (Jon) Lee-Warner of Norfolk, VA, and Ryan Alan Riggs of Warrensburg, MO; and four grandchildren. Memorials in honor of William Riggs may be made to Butterfield Youth Services in Marshall, MO, or to the United Methodist Church of Chillicothe and left at or mailed to Heritage Funeral Home, 3141 N. Washington, Chillicothe MO 64601. Online condolences may be left at www.heritage-becausewecare.com |
| **Rightmeier** | **2016** | Lyle S. Rightmeier (92) of Mankato, Kansas, was born on a farm four miles south of Montrose, Kansas. He passed away on February 16, 2016, at the Jewell County Immediate Swing Bed, Mankato, Kansas. Lyle, known as "Ike," was one of seven children. Ike graduated from Montrose High School. He joined the United States Army in April 17, 1943 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was discharged January 12, 1946, with the rank of Corporal serving in the 124th Horse Cavalry regiment. Ike lived his earlier years in Montrose, moving to Mankato in 1951. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a surveyor and soil conservation technician, serving his entire career in the Mankato Field Office. He retired in 1981. He was a member of the Harmony United Methodist Church, Mankato, Kansas. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Virginia of Mankato; daughter – Paula (Terry) Cherney, of Agenda, Kansas; son – Roger Lyle Rightmeier of Mankato, Kansas; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He enjoyed singing in barbershop quartets and gaining his private pilot license after his retirement. Lyle requested immediate cremation, and service will be held at a later date to honor his life. Online condolences can be left at www.melbymortuary.com. |
| **Rockenbaugh** | **2016** | Thomas G. Rockenbaugh (90) went to be with the Lord on July 10, 2016. Tom was born in Wills Point in 1926. He served his country in the US Army in the South Pacific during World War II. Tom graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in range and forestry. He began his career in 1951 with the Soil Conservation Service. He served in various roles throughout Texas before becoming SCS assistant state conservationist for Louisiana and deputy state conservationist for Kansas. In 1975, Tom was appointed as state conservationist for Arizona. He moved to Washington as SCS assistant chief for the Southwestern states in 1981. He retired as Associate Chief. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lois. Survivors include his loving wife of 43 years, Del Rockenbaugh; children, Vickie Rockenbaugh and Rob Rockenbaugh (Darlene); stepchildren, C.J. Witten (Alan) and Nancy Cooper (David); six grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or to Birchman Baptist Church's Harp Fund, 9100 N Normandale St., Fort Worth, Texas, 76116. |
| **Rule** | **2016** | John Chandler Rule (73) of Sevierville, Tennessee passed away after a long and valiant battle with lymphoma on November 20, 2016. John received his Bachelor of Science degree and worked as a Soil Scientist for the Conservation Service in California. John retired from his soil scientist work in the Sonora Soil Survey Office in 2008 and moved back to his house and orchard in the mountains of Tennessee. It was fitting that the soil survey of Stanislaus County, CA, Northern Part that he authored, was published that same year. |
| **Scates** | **2016** | Earl Edward Scates (74) of Warsaw, Virginia passed away on March 10, 2016. He was retired from the United Stated Department of Agriculture as a Soil Conservationist Technician in the Tappahannock Field Office. He was a member of Menokin Baptist Church. Earl is survived by a brother and a sister, four nephews, and a niece. Memorial contributions may be made to Menokin Baptist Cemetery Fund, c/o Julie Christopher, 4710 Menokin Road, Warsaw, VA 22572. |
| **Schaefer** | **2016** | Member George W. Schaefer (88) of Virginia Beach, VA passed away peacefully at home on July 27, 2016. He was born in Winona, MN. George was a former Marine who served in China after WWII, and during the Korean War. He was a Chosin Reservoir survivor. He retired from the USDA Natural Resource and Conservation Service after 32 years of service. After he retired, he served as a District Director on the Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District Board for over 10 years, serving as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, and on the Resource Conservation and Development Council. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach. George is survived by his wife of 37 years, Oksun Lee Schaefer; and one daughter Linda Schaefer-Seinfeld (Steve), of Tarzana, CA. |
| **Schober** | **2016** | Ernest Schober (93) of Duluth, Minnesota passed away on May 10, 2016, in Solvay Hospice House. He was born in Orpund, Switzerland. Ernie served the US Marines proudly during active duty during WWII in the Pacific Arena, receiving the Bronze Star of Valor and a Purple Heart Medal. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Forestry and retired from the US Soil Conservation Service. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and VFW. Ernest enjoyed golfing, fishing, playing cribbage, flower and vegetable gardening, traveling, and he always enjoyed the company of family. Ernest was preceded in death by wife, Marjorie, daughter, Susan Wisocki, and son, Richard Schober. He is survived by children Thomas (Irma), James (Becky), Daniel (Rosi), and Geoffrey, and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. |

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| **Schoepp** | **2016** | Arnold V. Schoepp (86) passed away on January 24, 2016 at Sanford off Sunset in Mandan, North Dakota. He was in the U.S. Army, 1951-1953, and served in Japan and Korea. Arnold served in the Montana National Guard and the North Dakota National Guard, achieving the rank of Sergeant Major of the 164 Group Command at Bismarck, ND. He began working for the SCS in Hazen, ND in Feb. 1958 and also worked in Fairview, MT, and the Bismarck field office retiring in December 31, 1988. He is survived by his son Gary (Karen) Schoepp, Sidney, MT; daughter Ava Schoepp, Bismarck, ND; son Kirk (Patty) Schoepp, Williston, ND; daughter Lucia (Jose) Villarreal, Medicine Bow, WY; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Vernice, two brothers, and a grandson. |
| **Schroeder** | **2016** | Gladys N. Schroeder (94) of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away on August 15, 2016 at Accura Health Care (Countryside Estates) in Cherokee. Gladys was born in Afton Township, Cherokee County, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. After high school graduation, she followed the secretarial and clerical trade. Gladys was married to Robert H. Schroeder on May 21, 1943 at the Air Force Base in Greenville, Mississippi. Following her husband's discharge from WW II, they returned to Cherokee County. In 1955, she started her employment with the Cherokee County Soil Conservation District, the first district clerk in that office, and retired in 1983. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and many great nieces and great nephews. |
| **Schuetz** | **2016** | Sharon Schuetz (75) of Oberlin, Kansas passed away on November. 4, 2016. She was born in Oberlin. Her husband Jerry served as the District Conservationist for SCS in the Oberlin Field Office, retiring in 1989. Survivors include her husband, Jerry, of Oberlin; two daughters and four grandsons. She was preceded in death by two daughters. |
| **Schulze** | **2016** | Lonnie Lee Schulze (72) of Salina, Kansas passed away on July 12th, 2016 at the Mitchell County Hospital, in Beloit. He was born in Norton, Kansas. Lonnie worked as a soil conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Jeanne, of Salina; two daughters and a son, a step daughter, and three step sons, a foster daughter, as well as 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Midwest Transplant Network, 1900 West 47th Place, Suite 400, Westwood, Kansas 66205. |
| **Scott** | **2016** | Arneal Scott (80) of Athens, Georgia passed away on April 7, 2016. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela Scott Haeberer. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Melba Colleen Scott; son, Michael Arneal Scott (Beth); and two granddaughters. Arneal began his career at the Soil Conservation Service in August 1957 in Hereford TX. He then became the Assistant State Conservationist in Athens, GA in November 1975, where he worked until he retired on November 30, 1990. He was a member of Tuckston United Methodist Church and was active in the Gideon Ministry. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Benevolence Fund at Tuckston UMC or the Alzheimer's Association. |
| **Shaffer** | **2016** | Louise Shaffer (86) of Athens, Georgia passed away on June 12, 2016 after being moved to St. Mary's Hospice. She is survived by her son Michael and other family members. Louise was the wife of former Georgia State Soil Scientist, Morris Shaffer who retired from the Soil Conservation Service. He passed in 2014. |
| **Sipes** | **2016** | Bobby L. Sipes (77) of Mound City, Missouri passed away on January 1, 2016. He was born in Bolckow, Missouri. The family moved to Holt County in 1943. He received his high school diploma on July 30, 1959 while serving in the Army. He served three years. The family lived in Bigelow, MO. where Bob worked for the Missouri Department of Transportation. In 1978 he started working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician at Mound City and remained there until his retirement in 2000. He joined the Big Lake Baptist Church in 1968, where he served as Sunday School Director for 35 years. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Mound City and a member of the Scottish Rite. He was an avid carver of birds of North America, and carved over 600 pieces in his lifetime. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Linda, of the home; daughter, Susan (Terry) Ecker of Elmo, Missouri; son, Robbie (Tracy) Sipes of Big Lake, Missouri; and five grandchildren. Memorials: Big Lake Baptist Church. |
| **Skiles** | **2016** | Betty W. Skiles (77) of Pickerington, Ohio passed away on October 17, 2016. She was born in Gap, PA. Betty worked for Pickerington Local Schools in the library for 33 years. She was a member of Peace United Methodist Church. Betty was also an avid quilter. Survived by her husband of 55 years, Mervin Skiles, an ARCSE member who retired from NRCS in 1995 as the State Resource Conservationist; children, M. Todd (Melanie) Skiles, Scott Skiles, and Jan (William) Stehle; and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to the Pickerington Police Department, Canine Unit, 1311 Refugee Rd., Pickerington, OH 43147 or Peace United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be found at www.spencefuneralhome.com. |
| **Skinner** | **2016** | David Michael Skinner ("Dave") (68) passed away on January 28, 2016 at his Moscow, Idaho home. He graduated from Washington State University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, specializing in Soils. He joined the Peace Corps and served in Iran from 1970-1972. Dave traveled throughout Europe and North Africa during this time where he climbed Mt. Kenya before returning home in 1973. He was a first class Botanist specializing in Native Plants of the Palouse. Dave spent 30 years working for the NRCS Plant Materials Center in Pullman, WA. He cared deeply about gardening, the Palouse, nature, environmental issues, National Parks, Baseball, square dancing cribbage, and photography. He was a founding member of the Palouse Preservation Foundation and Koppel Farm. He is survived by his wife Jo at their Moscow home; his son Sam (Melissa) of Boise, ID; his daughter Maggie of Twin Falls, ID; his mother Dorothy of Spokane, WA and brother Greg (Monica) also of Spokane. He was preceded in death by his father Don and sister Cathy. |
| **Smith** | **2016** | Howard R. Smith (91) passed away peacefully on July 29, 2016 in Boise, Idaho. He was born in Seattle, WA. After briefly attending Seattle University and the University of Washington, Howard joined the US Navy where he served during the closing years of WWII in the Pacific and Far East on an LST (Landing Ship Tank). After the war, he returned to the University of Washington where he met and married Joanne L. Hunt. Graduating with a geology degree, Howard and his wife moved to Montana where he worked for the US Geological Survey and the US Soil Conservation Service. In 1966, the family moved to Boise where he continued his career with the SCS. After retiring in 1980, Howard worked as a consulting geologist. He enjoyed his life gardening, camping and fishing, and as a food and nutrition fancier. Howard is predeceased by his wife Joanne and survived by his children Lytton (Janice Crosetti) of Bothell, WA; Randall of Boise, ID; Janine Smith Citron (Steve) of Kelseyville, CA; and Jeffrey N. (Tori) of Port Orchard, WA as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. |

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| **Smith** | **2016** | Joyce Cook Smith (87) of Athens, Georgia passed away around June 22, 2016. She was born in Athens. She married her childhood sweetheart Wilton Smith in 1947, a year after graduation, and began her life as a military wife. He served in both the Navy and the Air Force and retired to Athens where they lived with their four sons most of whom attended the University of Georgia. Joyce was a federal employee beginning her career at Robins Air Force Base, GA working as did her husband with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI). She also had top secret clearance as part of her role with OSI. She was also employed by the US Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service in Financial Management. Joyce retired in 1989 with 32 years of federal service. She is survived by her four sons, ten grandchildren, and fourteen precious great grandchildren. Contributions may be made to Prince Avenue Baptist Church. |
| **Smith** | **2016** | Katherine E. "as in Elvis" Smith (73) passed away peacefully in Lincoln, Nebraska on August 4, 2016. Kathy was born in Scott City, Kan. Her career for over 30 years in retail sales included owning her own unique fashion boutique. Kathy is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, P. Craig Smith, who retired from NRCS; two children and five grandchildren. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Condolences online at Roperandsons.com. |
| **Speed** | **2016** | Ruby Speed (101) of Pawnee, Oklahoma, formerly a resident of Huntsville, passed away on December 6, 2016 in her home in Pawnee. Ruby retired in 1980 as a fiscal clerk with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. She leaves behind her son, Roger Brashear of Pawnee, grandson Stephen Brashear of Orlando, Florida, and her daughter Debra B. Simpson of Huntsville. |
| **Spriggs** | **2016** | Erlene Spriggs (86) of Parsons, Kansas passed away on July 15, 2016. She was born near West Mineral. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from West Mineral High School. On Sept. 2, 1951, she and Donald B. Spriggs were married in Galesburg. Don retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1985 and preceded her in death on April 5, 2005. Erlene was a member of Faith United Methodist Church of Parsons. She is survived by two sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the Presbyterian Manor Good Samaritan Fund and may be left at or sent to the funeral home, Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357. Online messages may be left at www.wallfuneralservices.com. |
| **Stewart** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Donald Pierce Stewart (91) of Boise, Idaho passed away on August 7, 2016. He was born in Meadow, Utah. He met his future wife, Helen Maxine Logan, in band class at Boise High School. Following high school, Don entered the US Army where he served as a tail gunner on a photography aircraft. He was stationed in the Philippines and Okinawa. He flew over and took some of the first photos of Hiroshima after the bomb was dropped. He was proud of his military service but, like a lot of his generation, he did not talk about it. Don graduated in 1950 with a degree in engineering. His first job assignment with the Soil Conservation Service was in St. Anthony, ID. In December 1967, Don took a job with the A.I.D. This took all of the family, except Charles, to Tunisia for two years. He worked on irrigation and flood control projects for the Tunisian government as part of the "Foreign Aid Program." They returned to Boise from Tunisia in 1970. After two years in Portland, he retired as the State Irrigation Engineer in Oregon in 1981. He is survived by his wife of 70 years Maxine of Mountain Home; his sons: Charles (Sherrel) of Alaska; John of California; Mike (Denise) of Bruneau; Doug of Boise; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise, ID; University of Idaho Foundation in Moscow, ID; American Legion Post 2 in Boise, ID; or a charity of choice. |
| **Stockwell** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Donald M. Stockwell (98) of Groton, Massachusetts formerly of Leverett, MA, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's. He retired in 1984 as a design engineer with the Soil Conservation Service. Born in Springfield, MA, he grew up in various locations including Amherst NH which he considered his boyhood home. He lost his father William Stockwell to influenza when he was an infant and was raised by his mother Florence Beechler Harris. After attending boarding school at St. Bernard's School for boys in Gladstone, NJ, he went to the University of New Hampshire where he played freshman football and graduated with a B.S. degree in civil engineering. He was a veteran of World War II where he was a Technical Sergeant in General George Patton's Third Army. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and received five battle stars and a bronze star. He was honorably discharged on November 30, 1945. |
| **Stout** | **2016** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Maurice "Mike" Stout Jr. (92) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on February 18, 2016. He was born in Winchester, Ohio. He was a U.S. Marine veteran, WWII, Pacific Theatre. Mike was a soil scientist for Soil Conservation Service and retired in 1987 as Director of the Midwest National Technical Center. Survivors: wife of 71 years, Maxine (Young). Sons: Mike (Dianne), Dr. Steve (Peggy), Dr. J. Patrick (Karen) and Jeff (Sandy) Stout; daughter, Jane (Wayne) Munsterman; daughter-in-law, Paula (David) Schuelke; and ten grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, B.J. Stout. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, to Eastridge Presbyterian Church. Condolences can be left at lincolnfh.com. |
| **Strong** | **2016** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Marion E. Strong (98) of Tempe, Arizona passed away October 20, 2016. He was born near Clarksville, Michigan. Marion loved the P-38 Lightning, which he piloted in WWII; and his alma mater, Purdue University. He had a thirty-year career with the Soil Conservation Service, culminating in his appointment as Assistant Chief for the Midwest Region and Director of the Midwest Technical Service Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. After retiring in 1980 and moving back to Arizona, he served as treasurer for his church, The Church on Mill, until he was in his eighties. Marion was married to Ruth Lucile Skiles for nearly 63 years. She preceded him in death. He is survived by daughters Linda (Peter) Nelson of Mesa, and Marcia (Mark) Middents of Tempe, son James (MaryAnn) of Kent, WA and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in Marion's name to Honor Flight Arizona, P.O. Box 12258 Prescott, AZ 86304 or online at www.honorflightaz.org. |

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| **Sturgill** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Harold C. Sturgill (97) of Viroqua, Wisconsin passed away July 25, 2016 at the Bethel Home where he had been a resident since May 3, 2016. He was born in Ashland, West Virginia and graduated from Elkhorn High School in Elkhorn, West Virginia in 1935. Harold began working for the Appalachian Power Company until 1937. Later he began working as an inside coal miner at the Consolidated Coal Company in Bartley, West Virginia until he volunteered for the U.S. Army in early 1942. He served in the U.S. Army in the North Africa campaigns with General George Patton's Third Army serving in southern Italy as a signal corpsman until the war in Europe ended in 1945. In 1950 he married his beloved wife Effie White. He owned the Washington Street Texaco Station in Bluefield, West Virginia, for about 5 years. It was a predecessor to today's convenience stores, something called "jot 'em down store." He had already mined coal for 25 years in West Virginia before his career with the Soil Conservation Service began in 1966 in Viroqua (Vernon County), Wisconsin as a Soil Conservation Technician. After suffering a long illness of diabetes, Effie passed away in 1984. She was dearly missed by Harold. He is survived by his brother Richard (Dawn) Sturgill of Rancho Santa Fe, California, and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be given to the Bad Axe Lutheran Church Word of Life Radio Show which Harold enjoyed every Sunday, the Bethel Home, Viroqua or the Vernon County Aging Unit Meals on Wheels Program. |
| **Sykes** | **2016** | Charles W. Sykes (91) of Humboldt, IL passed away on March 25, 2016 at the Mattoon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Charles was born in Baylis, IL. He married Rachel Cuppy of Humboldt, IL on June 16, 1951 in Arcola, IL. She passed away on October 9, 2010. After graduating from Barry Community High School in 1943, he served in the US Navy until the end of WWII. In 1950 he graduated from the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, and after teaching vocational agriculture in Wisconsin and Illinois for several years, he served as District Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Henderson, Scott, Brown, Calhoun and Jersey Counties in Illinois. He retired from that position in 1983. He then farmed the home farm in Adams County until 1996 and until his death he attended to various farming and other interests such as beekeeping. He maintained an active membership in the First United Presbyterian Church of White Hall, IL and the White Hall Lodge 80 AF&AM until moving to Decatur, IL in 1989. He later would move to Humboldt, IL and attended the Humboldt United Methodist Church. He is survived by five children, seven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Humboldt United Methodist Church. |
| **Tatum** | **2016** | James E. Tatum, Sr. (77) of Mitchellville, MD peacefully entered into eternal rest on August 14, 2016. Beloved husband of 54 years to Dr. Verlene H. Tatum, he is survived by his loving wife; his son, James, Jr. (Sherri); and his three grandchildren. Jim retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1997 as a Special Assistant for Management. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the James E. Tatum Scholarship at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, Office of Development, 1200 North University Drive, Mail Slot 4981, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601. |
| **Thomasson** | **2016** | Frederick J. "Fred" Thomasson (69) passed away on September 8, 2016 at Essential Health in Fargo, North Dakota, from the effects of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. He worked for a few years at the SCS office in Leeds, ND. He is survived by his wife Susan of 47 years, his son James (Jessica) Thomasson, his daughter Kathleen (Paul) Gross, his four grandchildren, a sister and brother. |
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| **Timothy** | **2016** | Brian E. Timothy (67) of Wyoming, New York passed away on December 11, 2016 at the Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw. He was born in Warsaw. Brian was a veteran of the US Air Force. He worked for many years as a soil conservationist and District Conservationist in Wyoming County for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and also an instructor for Conservation Field Days, and was a passionate advocate for wildlife naturalization. Brian was an avid hunter and was an instructor for Hunter Safety courses. Surviving along with his mother are his wife of forty-eight years, Susan Stothers Timothy; his two sons, and his three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to University of Rochester Office of Gift and Donor Records, 300 E. River Rd., PO Box 270032, Rochester, NY 14623 (transplant services) or National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. Online condolences at www.robinsonandhackemer.com |
| **Tindal** | **2016** | James Forrest Tindal (83) of Springfield, Missouri passed away on January 4, 2016. He was born in Anaconda, MT. Forrest was an area engineer with the Soil Conservation Service. He is survived by a son Bruce Tindall, a daughter Monica Tindall, and a brother Doug Tindall. |
| **Treadway** | **2016** | Dwight Moore Treadway (82) of Jonesborough, Tennessee passed away on November 29, 2016 after a lengthy illness. He was born in Jonesborough. Dwight was an Agricultural Engineer and a University of Tennessee graduate. He enjoyed a long and distinguished career spanning 36 years in the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in Washington, DC as Director of Information for the organization. Upon retirement, he returned to Jonesborough and took great pleasure working around his tree farm. Dwight was preceded in death by son Tim and granddaughter Morgan Burger. Those he leaves behind to cherish his memories are his wife Emma Sue, Jonesborough; daughter Audrey (Steve) Burger, Lebanon; son Keith (Vicky), Johnson City; and five grandchildren. |
| **Tucker** | **2016** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Kermit Nelson Tucker, Sr. (100) of Decatur, Alabama passed away on May 23, 2016. Kermit retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1953 as a Soil Conservationist. |

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| **Turner** | **2016** | Stephen L. Turner (99) of New Philadelphia, Ohio passed away on January 16, 2016 after a brief illness. He was born in McKees Rocks, PA. After graduating in 1935 from Stonecreek High School, Stephen left the family farm in Stonecreek to work in the steel mills in Gary, Ind. In 1941, Stephen enlisted in the U.S. Army as a member of the 27th Infantry Division as a Technology Sgt. He was deployed to the Gilbert, Mariana Islands, as well as Saipan, and as a Platoon Sgt. was in charge of 43 personnel which were involved in some of the worst battles of the war. Injured in the battle, Stephen was a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Upon his discharge from the Army, Stephen attended THE Ohio State University, graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture. One of his fondest memories at OSU was attending the "Snow Bowl" of the 1950s. While in Columbus, Stephen met the love of his life, Wilma Hazel Caldwell who precedes him in passing. Stephen and Wilma were married June 13, 1953. After graduating from OSU, Stephen was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture and became the District Conservationist in Tuscarawas, Holmes and Noble County, a career that would last 30 years. He was a member of the Quaker Club, New Philadelphia Elks and Emmanuel Lutheran Church for many years. He is survived by his son, Gregory (Georgianne) Turner of New Philadelphia and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife and parents, Stephen is preceded in death by four sisters and four brothers. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Stephen's memory to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 202 E. High Ave., New Philadelphia, OH 44663. |
| **Vandenbos** | **2016** | Ruth Ann Junge Vandenbos (86) of Gresham, Oregon, died peacefully surrounded by her family at her home on February 28, 2016. She was the wife of Arlo who retired as a design engineer on the SCS Oregon Staff. He passed away January 1, 2003. She graduated from the Mary Lanning School of Nursing in Hastings, Nebraska, in 1950. She married Sgt. Arlo Ledell Vandenbos, USMC, on February 28, 1954, in York, Nebraska. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by nine of her 11 siblings. She is survived by her five children, 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Ruth was an RN for over four decades, including 18 years in Gresham at Mt. Hood Medical Center. She served as a volunteer with Mt. Hood Hospice for nine years. |
| **Viele** | **2016** | Duane Eugene Viele (62) of Lebanon, Missouri passed away October 19, 2016. He was born in Lebanon. Duane was a soil scientist for the state of Missouri Department of Natural Resources for 30 some years, mapping multiple counties in Missouri working with SCS/NRCS. He was a member of Community Christian Church in Camdenton. Survivors include his parents, one son, three daughters, and four grandchildren. Sign guest book at www.shadelscolonialchapel. |
| **Viner** | **2016** | Paul Viner (61) of Park View, Iowa, passed away on July 11, 2016, at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf. Paul was raised in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, as the second of 12 children. Paul spent his career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service working as a district conservationist in the Iowa counties of Muscatine, Greene, and Scott before retiring in 2012. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 35 years, Christine; three children, three grandsons and a granddaughter. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the family to be donated to a wildlife conservation program to be decided at a later date. |
| **Walker** | **2016** | Jerry E. Walker (68) of Jay, Oklahoma, passed away on October 16, 2016 after a long illness. He was born in Sunnyside, Washington. Jerry earned his Bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University. He proudly served in the United States Army during Vietnam. Jerry worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 26 years in the offices at Coalgate, Enid, Wagoner, Jay, Guymon and Miami where he retired as the District Conservationist. He served on the Delaware County Conservation Board from April 2003 through December 2009.He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gigging, team roping, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. Jerry was a member of the Triple Cross Ranch Church. He is preceded in death by his daughter Hayley Hughes. Left here to miss him dearly are his wife of 32 years, Kathy Walker of the home, daughter Ashley Treadwell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, son Matt (Whitney) Walker of Jay, Oklahoma, two granddaughters and a grandson. Oklahoma Family and friends can leave online condolences and share precious memories by visiting Jerry’s Book of Memories at www.honoringmemories.com. |
| **Walker** | **2016** | Life Member Ronald "Ron" Dean Walker (82) of Ankeny, Iowa passed away January 29, 2016, surrounded by loved ones. Ron was born in Ida Grove, Iowa. He was married to Janice Kasner on August 31, 1957 and they lived in Moville, Iowa until moving to Ankeny, Iowa in 1969. He worked 43 years as a drill rig operator for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. Ron loved watching Iowa State Cyclone football, where he regularly cheered and enjoyed tailgate parties for over 35 years. He was an avid collector of John Deere tractors and other toys. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Janice of Ankeny, Iowa; children Debra (Joel) Twardokus of Princeton, WI; Darcy (Tim) Fitzgerald of Chariton, Iowa; and Rusty Walker of Ankeny, Iowa; 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son, Randy "Walk. |
| **Wallin** | **2016** | Diana Wallin (73) of Rainier, Oregon passed away on December 19, 2016 at Community Home Health and Hospice in Longview. She was the wife of ARCSE member Don Wallin who retired in 1995 as Head Design Section at the WNTC. Diana was born in Clatskanie, OR. She graduated from Rainier High School in 1961. She attended Oregon State University, Portland State University, and worked for Pacific NW Bell for several years. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, Rainier Garden Club, and was a Master Gardener. Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Don; daughters, Lisa and Kristina; and granddaughter, Lindsay. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church, Community Home Health and Hospice, or the charity of your choice. |
| **Ware** | **2016** | Samuel “Sam” Joseph Ware II (55) of Parkersburg, West Virginia passed away at his home with his loving family by his side on September 23, 2016. He was born in Clarksburg, WV. He was a graduate of West Virginia University School of Engineering. He was employed as a Civil Engineer with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service for 33 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Katrina (Morehead) Ware, two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren, and his mother. Sam was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a past board member of the Parkersburg Art Center and a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Joan Bisesi Fund for Head and Neck Oncology Research (Fund Number: 640545), Wexner Medical Center Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, 660 Ackerman Road, 6th Floor, Columbus, OH 43202. Please visit www.lamberttatman.com to share online condolences with the family. |

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| **Warner** | **2016** | John Waydell Warner, Jr. (86) of Marco Island, Florida passed away July 9, 2016. He was born in Bluefield, WV. John graduated in 1948 from Greenbrier Military Academy in Lewisburg, WV. In 1952, he graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture. He served his country in the Army in Korea for two years. After being called to serve again in the National Guard for a year during the Berlin crisis, John earned a Master's Degree in Agriculture from WVU in 1957. He worked for USDA in the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist in WV and NY and retired as State Soils Correlator in NY in 1985. He then went on to work as an independent contractor for another ten years. Upon retiring to Marco Island, FL he served as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for 18 years. John enjoyed many volunteer activities that served his church and community, including Habitat for Humanity where he was known for being the man on the ladder. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Rosellen; their daughter Janellen Lents of Naples, her husband, and their two sons; their son John Warner of Burke, VA and his wife Betsy, and their two children. Contributions may be made in his memory to Camp Able at St. Marks, 1101 N. Collier Marco Island, FL. |
| **Wells** | **2016** | Doris Faye Wells (59) of Stephenville, Texas passed away May 24, 2016. She was the spouse of Chester Wells who retired in 1974 as a district conservationist in the Burlington, Kansas field office and preceded her in death in 2009. Doris was born in Mineral Wells, and she worked in the nursing field for many years. |
| **Welsh** | **2016** | Member and Senior Conservationist Gerald B. Welsh (86) of Little River, South Carolina passed away. He is survived by his wife Alice. Gerald retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1990 as the National Research Coordinator. |
| **Whitaker** | **2016** | Josephine Stone Whitaker (79) of Crab Orchard, Kentucky formerly of Richmond, passed away October 30, 2016. She was born in Richmond, Kentucky. She was a farming business partner with her husband and had a keen interest in health and natural remedies and enjoyed music, both singing and playing her guitar. She was a longtime member of the Crab Orchard Christian Church. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Orville J. Whitaker of Crab Orchard; two sons, Doug Whitaker (Julie) of Brooks, KY, and Larry Whitaker (Sharon Toller) of Aberdeen, OH; and one grandson. Orville is a retired NRCS Soil Scientist, and son Larry works for NRCS in Ohio. In lieu of flowers, people are encouraged to make donations to the Crab Orchard Christian Church, P O Box 393, Crab Orchard, KY 40419. |
| **Willmeth** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Francis V. Willmeth (96) of Jewell, Kansas passed away on June 4, 2016. Francis retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1976 as the District Conservationist in the Smith Center Field Office. |
| **Wise** | **2016** | Senior Conservationist Grady Lee Wise (101) of Reidsville, North Carolina passed away on April 4, 2016. Grady retired in 1973 as District Conservationist in Reidsville, NC. He was born in Coffee County, Alabama and worked his way through Auburn University graduating in 1939 with a BS degree in Agriculture. His first job was with the Farm Security Administration in Marion, Alabama. In 1941 he was drafted into the US Army. While stationed in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, as a Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, he met and married Frances E. Onyun, March 14, 1942. Following his discharge Grady worked for the Soil Conservation Service his entire career in Rockingham County. Grady was predeceased in death by his wife, eight brothers and three sisters, including Dr. French P. Wise of Greensboro, NC. He is survived by his children, Janet Wise Pugh of Greensboro, Joan Wise Dalrymple (Neill) of Holly Springs and David Keith Wise of Reidsville; his four grandchildren, and his four great grandsons. Grady was civic minded and a faithful member of the American Legion Coleman-Southard Post No. 79 where he served as treasurer for over 40 years. He was a member of the Exchange Club, delivered Meals on Wheels (into his 90's) was a member of NARFE, an active member of Main St. United Methodist Church and a member of the United Methodist Men. Not enjoying idle time, he purchased a small farm outside of town in 1952 where he spent all his spare time; growing tobacco, organic vegetables for the family, cattle and U-Pick strawberries. |
| **Work** | **2016** | Ralph Work "Mike" (95) passed away January 25, 2016, in Troy, New York. Mike was born in Ithaca, and was one of four children born to the late Professor Paul Work and Grace Nicholas Work. Mike attended Cornell University where he received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. In 1943, he enlisted and served as an Aviation Cadet Trainee in the Armed Forces and served his country until he was Honorably Discharged in 1946. Mike continued his public service with the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist for over 40 years until his retirement in 1987. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 52 years, Eleanor Smith of Rutland, Vt. They had a son, Aaron William Work, who was born in 1956 and died shortly after birth. Mike was an avid collector of bottles, stamps, railroad memorabilia, coins and fishing stories. He was a lifelong supporter of Trout Unlimited and donated many days improving habitat along the Battenkill and Hoosick Rivers. In addition, he was a lifelong member of the Boy Scouts. Over the years, he and his wife Eleanor assembled one of the finest collections of Saratoga type carbonated water bottles. Mike donated the majority of his collection to the National Bottle Museum, of which he was a founding member. Mike is survived by many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The National Bottle Museum, 76 Milton Ave. Ballston Spa, NY, 12020. To leave a message for the family, please visit LGFuneralHome.com. |
| **Wynia** | **2016** | Richard "Rich" L. Wynia (64) of Manhattan, Kansas passed away on April 3, 2016. He was born in Platte, South Dakota and served in the United States Navy from 1974–1977. He later earned his PhD in Agronomy from South Dakota State University. Rich devoted 30 years of service to the USDA-NRCS and the Plant Materials Program. He had served as the Manager of the Plant Materials Center in Manhattan, Kansas since 1991. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Shirley of the home, three daughters, and four grandchildren. |
| **Youberg** | **2016** | Charles Frederick "Chuck" Youberg (92) of Albuquerque, New Mexico peacefully entered into eternal rest on October 24, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Juliet Youberg; three children, Fred, Allan, and Carol; two stepchildren, Susan and Dawn; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother David; and sister Margaret. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bette Youberg, and great-grandson, Gavin Price. He was born in Denver and grew up in Kremmling, CO. In 1942, he was drafted into the Army at the beginning of WWII. He served 4 years in Italy and France and was awarded two purple hearts. He then served three additional years in the Reserves as a photo interpreter during the Korean Conflict. He completed his education at Colorado State University and received his degree as a soil scientist/agronomist. For 33 years, he was employed by the USDA and worked in Goodland, KS, Washington D.C., and Albuquerque, NM. He retired in 1978 as the Assistant State Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, UDSA. In the 1960s, Chuck was an active leader in the Boy Scouts of America. He also enjoyed remodeling Volkswagens and a 1929 Model A Ford. After his retirement, Chuck and Juliet traveled extensively and were active members at St. Stephens United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, consider contributions to Chuck's favorite charity--Albuquerque Rescue Mission, Joy Junction, or The Storehouse. |

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| **Andrews** | **2015** | John W. Andrews (72), Greensboro, NC, died June 20, 2015. John retired as District Conservationist, Greensboro Field Office with over 35 years of federal service. He graduated from N.C. State University. A veteran of the US Army, he served our country in Korea. John was a lifetime member of the V F. W. Post #7726. He was a generous, kind, and loving man and enjoyed outdoor pursuits with his sons, Ward and Bryan. He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Patricia Potter Andrews, sons, Jonas Ward Andrews of Greensboro, William Bryan Andrews and wife Mindy of Greensboro; brother, Jerry Andrews and wife DeAnna of Charlottesville, VA and granddaughters, Liliah Erykah Andrews and Ella Harper Andrews. |
| **Appleton** | **2015** | Lance C. Appleton (62) of Columbia passed away February 18, 2015, at home with family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 42 years Merna Appleton (computer specialist in IT (OCIO) in the NRCS State Office, Columbia, Missouri). Also surviving are two children and six grandchildren. Lance had a 30-year, full-time international evangelistic ministry. He was a prolific songwriter and accomplished musician on the piano, flute, guitar and harmonica. Lance recorded eight albums. Online condolences and tributes can be shared with the family at www.bachyager.com. |
| **Ard** | **2015** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Roy G. Ard (90) of Wilcox, Arizona passed away on July 6, 2015 while visiting family and friends in Oklahoma. His wife of 69 years, Fran and two oldest sons were with him when he finally lost his long battle with Parkinson's Disease. His third son, Jeff is also a Parkinson's victim. Greg his youngest son had a heart attack and died September 4, 2014. Roy worked for SCS for over 30 years, all over Arizona. He retired as a RC&D Coordinator in 1990. He was born on April 24, 1925 in Drumright, Okla. In 1942, Roy accepted a position as a roughneck on a drilling rig working for Taylor Drilling Company of Fairfield, Ill. On April 23, 1943, Roy enlisted into the service of his country in the United States Navy. After completion of basic training in San Diego, Calif., Roy attended Landing Craft School (LCS) and was assigned to USS Megrez (AK-126); a Crater-class cargo ship commissioned in World War II and responsible for delivering troops, goods and equipment to locations in the war zone. He was honorably discharged from military service on March 1, 1946 in Norman, Okla. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1950. Roy was an active member of many organizations including Elks Lodge, American Legion, and was a 32nd Degree Mason of Safford, Arizona Lodge 16. He was also a member of the Methodist Church. He served in numerous capacities and offices of these organizations. Roy was an amateur geologist and was considered by many as a rock hound. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Frances Ard of the home; three sons, Stephen Ard of Drumright, Okla., Anthony Ard of Hope, Idaho, and Jeffrey Ard of Kennewick, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. |
| **Arms** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Fred Arms (97) of Danville, Kentucky (formerly of Russell County) passed away on September 25, 2015. He was a World War II Veteran of US Army, a member of First Christian Church in Danville and worked for US Department of Agriculture. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1979 as the Asst State Soil Scientist. He was a member of Duvall Masonic Lodge #6 in Bardstown, KY. He was preceded in death by his wife of sixty years, Enola Belle Foley Arms. Survivors include two children: Eric Arms, Lexington, KY and Laura (Jason) Craven, Louisville, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. |
| **Bertsch** | **2015** | Life Member Walter John Bertsch (84) of Bryan, Texas passed away on January 15, 2015. Walter was born in Coffeyville, Kansas. His family relocated to Aransas Pass, Texas where he lived until he was 21. Walter's enjoyment of classical music and opera began in high school while learning to play the trombone. He became a fervent scholar of The Hebrew and New Testament scriptures and was passionate about living a life that reflected the teaching of Jesus. He served in the US Navy, 1951-1956, and was in the Navy band. During his final tour in Boston, Walter met his beloved Rhoda. They married June 2, 1956. The couple moved to College Station, Texas where Walter earned a BS from Texas A&M University in 1961. Walter retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1993 after 42 years of service in west Texas. He and Rhoda made Bryan their home in 2003 to be near children and grandchildren. Walter was a mentor and ardent supporter to their four children and spouses: Lawrence and Jill, John and Kent, Carol and Jody, Nancy and Kelly. To his six grandchildren, he was a gentle playmate, a family leader, and an amazing waffle chef. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Brazos Valley Inpatient Care Facility, Bryan Texas; Friends Congregational Church; or your charity of choice. |
| **Betler** | **2015** | Glen Arnold Betler (89) of Union, West Virginia passed away on June 18, 2015 at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea, WV following a long illness. Glen was a U.S. Army World War II Veteran. He saw action in Northern France and Belgium where he became a Prisoner of War during the Battle of the Bulge. He received several ribbons and the Bronze Star Medal. After the war, he enrolled in West Virginia University where he graduated in 1951. Following graduation, Glen was employed by the West Virginia Conservation Commission and the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring as the District Conservationist in the Union Field Office after 31 years of service. Glen was a member of the Union Presbyterian Church where he served as Deacon, Elder, and Treasurer. He also served on the Bluestone Conference Committee. Survivors include his loving wife of 61 years, Patricia "Pat" Smith Betler of Union, WV; and one son, Mark D. Betler of Union, WV; one sister and three brothers. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to the Union Presbyterian Church C/O Bob Miller Union, WV 24983. Those wishing online condolences may do so by visiting www.grovesfuneralhome.com |
| **Betts** | **2015** | Elaine Betts (83) passed away on July 8, 2015. Elaine was a resident of Cassville, Missouri at the time of her passing. She graduated from Bagley High School, Bagley, IA in 1951. She was preceded in death by her husband Warren in 2009. Warren retired from SCS in 1988 as an engineering technician. |
| **Bingham** | **2015** | Ruben Donald Bingham (88) of 420 Sugarcreek Road, Dry Ridge, Kentucky passed away May 27 at home. Don was born in Grant County, KY and retired on April 30, 1984 from the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician after 24 years of service in Carroll and Gallatin Counties. He proudly served his country during World War II in the United States Army and he entered service in Ft. Hayes, OH. on Nov. 1, 1946 and was honorably discharged from Camp Stoneman, CA. on May 6, 1948. Don was a longtime member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he served as deacon and was a Sunday school teacher for 60 years. He formerly served as moderator, clerk and treasurer for the Ten Mile Baptist Association and was a member of the Gideons. Don leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 66 years: Fredericka Ferrell Bingham, two daughters: Garlene Glacken-Haley of Dry Ridge, KY., Gracella (Gerald) Morris of Cullowhee, NC., one son: Harold Ray (Debby) Bingham of Warsaw, KY., eight grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Memorial contributions if desired may be directed to the Gideons or to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Building Fund. |

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| **Bivens** | **2015** | Donald Clarence Bivens (84) of Brentwood, Tennessee passed away at his home on December 23, 2015. Don was born in Athens, Tennessee. He met his wife Judy at the Soil Conservation Service office in Cookeville where they both worked while attending Tennessee Technological University. After graduating with a BS in Agricultural Science and his marriage to Judy in 1951, he spent several years as a Captain in the US Army and almost 20 years in the Army Reserve. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma in 1972. Don enjoyed a 36-year career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service that took him and his family across Tennessee from Jonesboro to Gainesboro, then to Indiana, Missouri, Colorado, and Oregon, and back to Tennessee in 1975 when he became the State Conservationist. He retired in 1987 and immediately started a new career as a realtor and especially enjoyed involvement with farm land and rural properties. Don was a pilot, farmer, and gardener. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Judith Ann Hill Bivens; his four daughters Sandy Bivens (Bob Parrish), Susan Bush (Gary), Donita Powell (Bill), and Sara Beth Schwab (Al); his seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Friends of Warner Parks or a charity of your choice. |
| **Bogner** | **2015** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Neil F. Bogner (89) of Catonsville, Maryland passed away on September 6, 2015. He was born in Henry, IL and married Eleanor V. Johnson on Nov. 25, 1954. She survives as do their sons - Douglas N. (Kathy), Catonsville, MD; Paul D., Hollywood, MD and Carl E., Milwaukee, WI, also their two granddaughters - Emma and Sarah in Catonsville, MD. The first six years of his education was at Red Town, a one room school. He graduated from the University of Illinois where he earned degrees in Agricultural Engineering and Agriculture. After graduating from the University he began a career with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), US Dept. of Agriculture. He started as a student trainee engineer in the Marshall-Putman SWCD, Henry, IL and then moved on to Bloomington, IL, Caruthersville, MO and Urbana, IL. It was at Urbana that he had the great fortune to meet and marry a fellow SCS'er, Eleanor. After their marriage they were moved to Macomb, IL where he became the project engineer on the Old Tom Creek Watershed Project. His career took them through a number of locations and levels eventually leading to the Director of Engineering in the National Office. Neil served in that position for 7 years (second longest term for the Agency at that time) and then ended his career as the Associate Director for Technology. He retired after over 33 years in 1983. He was a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois. He maintained Membership in the American Society of Agricultural Engineers from the day he graduated until his death. He was named a Fellow in the Society and received the John Deere Medal. He served on numerous committees and, at one time, was Director of the Soil and Water Division. He was also a Member of the SWCS for many years. Neil was named an Honorary Alumnus of the Univ. of Ill. College of Engineering. He was also an original member, representing the USDA, when the Interagency Committee for Dam Safety was established and he represented USDA on the Federal team that investigated the failure of the Teton Dam. Upon his retirement he joined the Association of Retired SCS Employees and served in numerous positions over the next 25 years, including being President and Secretary –Treasurer. Neil and Eleanor were the first couple to be named Senior Conservationists by the Association. He and Eleanor volunteered at Fairfax INOVA Hospital for 17 years amassing many hours. They moved to the Charlestown Retirement Community near Baltimore in 2009 to be near their son and his family. There he was a member of the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels. In lieu of flowers memorials may go to the donor's choice. |
| **Borst** | **2015** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist George Borst (102) of Fallbrook, California has passed away. George retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1969 as a Soil Scientist on the River Basin Staff. |
| **Bossuyt** | **2015** | Maurice John Bossuyt (95) of Tucson, Arizona passed away October 25th, 2015, at Mountain View Assisted Living Facility. Maurice was born in Moline, Illinois on October 10, 1920 to Alberic and Rachel Bossuyt. Maurice was a World War II veteran, having served 5 years in the US Navy aboard the battleship USS Arkansas and the aircraft carrier USS Santee. Maurice and his wife Kathryn Knobloch married in November 1950. He attended Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, completed his studies at Iowa State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy in 1950. They moved to Arizona in 1951, where he took a job with the University of Arizona Extension Service and was assigned to the office in Casa Grande, Arizona. Later, he was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and transferred to Tucson where he served as District Conservationist until he retired in 1987. At the time of his death, Maurice was survived by his loving wife Kathryn, son Joseph of Tucson and daughter Colette (David) Kramer of Pueblo West, Colorado. |
| **Brewer** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Edward O. Brewer (91) Wilkesboro, North Carolina passed away on January 1, 2015. Ed retired July 1, 1982 as Area Soil Scientist, Wilkesboro Area Office. He was born in Henderson County, Tennessee, and graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1951. He began his career with SCS in Wadesboro, NC in July 1953. He also worked in Salisbury before transferring to Wilkesboro. Ed was a WW II veteran having served in England and France. After the war ended, he served in Germany with the Civilian Police force. He was an active member of the Wilkesboro Baptist Church where he served as Deacon, RA leader and Sunday school teacher. Ed is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Brewer; three sons, Michael Edwin Brewer and wife Debby Hallyburton of Winston Salem, Kenneth Wayne Brewer of Raleigh and David Lee Brewer of Marietta, GA; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Bridges** | **2015** | Sarah T. Bridges (68) of Falls Church, Virginia passed away on March 31, 2015. Sarah, a Cultural Resources Archeologist, was with Federal government for over 31 years and served much of that time as NRCS' National Cultural Resources Specialist and Federal Preservation Officer. She worked tirelessly ensuring NRCS programs and activities protected historic properties. Sarah was preceded in death by her husband, Bert Salwen. She is survived by a daughter, Sarah and her husband, Max Prilutsky, and two stepsons and their families. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bert Salwen Fund Archaeological Research Fellowship. |

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| **Brock** | **2015** | Bobby G. Brock (74) of Apex, North Carolina passed away on July 23, 2015. Bobby retired in 2006 as Conservation Agronomist on the State Resource Conservationist Staff. His work assignments during his 45 year career with NRCS included Soil Conservationist in Harnett and Iredell Counties as well as District Conservationist in Sanford, Goldsboro and Raleigh Field Offices before transferring to the state office in May, 1983 as Conservation Agronomist. Bobby probably did more than anyone in North Carolina to promote the use of long term no-till. He was reared on a general farm in the South River Community of Cumberland County, North Carolina. He graduated from NC State College (University) in 1963 with honors and took several graduate agronomy courses after moving to Raleigh. Bobby was active in Civitan Clubs, Soil and Water Conservation Society where he received the Fellow Award, and the NC Land Use Congress. His hobby was collecting and restoring older John Deere tractors. Bobby is survived by his wife, Linda Griffin Brock; daughters Michelle (Robert) Andersen of Clayton, NC, Marlette (Thomas) Truitt of Garner, NC; son, Geoffrey Adam (Brittney) Brock of Fuquay-Varina, NC; and two grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister. |
| **Browing** | **2015** | Harry T. Browing (84) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania passed away on Sept. 18, 2015. Harry was a Korean War veteran. He began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in April 1957 at the E&WPU in Upper Darby. He was an Engineering Draftsman throughout his career until he retired in 1986 from the NENTC in Chester, PA. Harry had an excellent knack of seeing how drawings should be organized. Harry was a plasterer by trade but his wife, Anne, was worried because drywall was replacing plastered walls in many areas and she wanted him to have a more dependable job. He and Anne were married 65-years. Harry is survived by Anne, his daughters, Nancy Synder and Dianne Gleason, and five grandsons and his sister May Kucher. |
| **Calhoun** | **2015** | Herman H. Calhoun (80) of Lynchburg, Virginia passed away at his home on January 24, 2015, surrounded by family after a short illness. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana, in 1958 and was a civil engineer with the USDA Soil Conservation Service for over 35 years. Herman worked in four states and completed his career in that agency's national office in Washington, D. C. Prior to his retirement in 1990, he received the Secretary of Agriculture's Superior Service Award. After retirement, Herman and his wife moved to Lynchburg where they restored an historic home in the Garland Hill neighborhood, and he served as a volunteer with the Lynchburg Museum System for 14 years. His main hobby in retirement was restoring vintage light fixtures, lamps and clocks. Herman is survived by his wife of 60 years, Frances, by one daughter, Gayle Calhoun and her husband Aubrey O. Friedhoff III; a granddaughter, two step granddaughters, and five step great-granddaughters. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are asked to consider the Lynchburg Humane Society. Online condolences may be submitted to www.whittenparkavenue.com |
| **Carlson** | **2015** | Zilda Carlson (89) passed away July 26, 2015 in Boise. She worked for SCS in Lewiston, Idaho, and later married Mel Carlson, SCS woodland conservationist. Zilda and Mel spent many happy years together camping hiking and traveling throughout many countries of the world. |
| **Cartagena** | **2015** | Alberta Josephine (Keech) Cartagena (84) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on September 18, 2015. She was born in Lincoln. Alberta retired from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service as a cartographic supervisor. After retiring from the government, she continued her working career at Tabitha Health Care Services. Alberta was an artist, who loved to paint, quilt and write poetry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carlos Cartagena. She is survived by her children, Steven and Teresa; daughter-in-law, Lori; and two grandchildren. The family requests memorials to the American Heart Association. |
| **Cavanaugh** | **2015** | Member and Senior Conservationist John Patrick Cavanaugh (89) of Chino Valley, Arizona passed away on July 23, 2015. Pat was born in Van Hook, North Dakota. He was called Pat since his birth because of five other Johns in the family. He was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus. He was the oldest of six children. Pat served in the Navy in WWII. After his honorable discharge, he married his first wife, Julia V. (Kina) Edmunds. He attended Montana State College in Bozeman, Montana using the G.I. Bill. He went to work with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He retired in 1989 as a Planning Engineer at the SCS National Technical Center. After retiring, he worked as a consultant for FEMA. His career took him throughout the U.S. and to several foreign countries. Following Kina's passing, after 56 years of marriage, Pat found love again and married his second wife, Joyce E. Gray. They shared 11 years together. He is survived by his second wife, Joyce; seven children - Michael (Rose), Arlys (Richard), Kathleen (Ronald), David, John Jr. (Tammy), Susan (Kim), and Christopher (Jochebed); three stepchildren - Edward (Patricia), Michael (Karen) and Patricia (Ronald); 24 grandchildren; 12 step grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; 31 step great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. |
| **Churchman** | **2015** | Ralph Eugene Churchman (72) of Salina, Kansas, passed away on October 24, 2015. Ralph was born in Decatur, Illinois. He worked for Leon Dinkel for over 30 years and then started Excel Security Systems in 2000. Survivors include his wife, Karen of the home, two daughters of Salina, Kansas, and four grandchildren. Ralph was the spouse of Karen Churchman, who served a number of years in the NRCS Kansas State Office as the Secretary for the State Conservationist. Memorial contributions may be made to Salina Breakfast Ambucs in care of Carlson-Geisendorf Funeral Home, 500 S. Ohio, Salina, Kansas 67401. |
| **Clause** | **2015** | Mark Clause (78) Sioux City, Iowa passed away on September 25, 2015. He was the husband of Judy (Rathel) Clause. She was an Area Clerk in Sioux City. |
| **Cook** | **2015** | Kevin Ray Cook (46) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away on June 11, 2015 in Rochester, MN after a brief illness. He was a member of the Glencoe Church of Christ. He graduated from OSU in 1991 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Engineering. His career with the USDA began at the state Agricultural Research Station in 1986 and continued at the NRCS until his death. He could honestly refer to it as a "dam" good occupation with many "dam" good co-workers. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Brent and Lyndsie; and his mother and sister. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Kevin Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund established at Glencoe Public Schools, 201 E. Lone Chimney Rd., Glencoe, OK 74032 |
| **Corpstein** | **2015** | Kenneth Corpstein (74) of New Albany Mississippi passed away on Oct. 7, 2015. He was born in Tipton, Kansas. He graduated with an agriculture engineering degree from Kansas State University and served in the Army Reserves. He worked as a hydraulic engineer with the Soil Conservation Service in Salina, Kansas, and transferred to New Albany in 1979 where he retired after 31 years of service. Ken loved helping people and served in leadership roles at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Union County Good Samaritan Center and Habitat for Humanity. He was honored as a United Way Community Hero in 2008. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Karen Corpstein, his four children and six grandchildren. |

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| **Cosby** | **2015** | Jasmine M. Cosby (20) of Columbus, Ohio passed away on March 2, 2015. She was a member of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Anointed Ministries, and a junior at Ohio University in Athens. She is survived by her loving family, parents, Terry and Brenda Cosby; and brothers, Terrance and Cory Cosby. Terry is the NRCS State Conservationist in Ohio. |
| **Cox** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Arlie Ray Cox (89) of Cuba, Kansas passed away on March 25, 2015. He was born in Haddam and grew up in that area. He attended the Crescent Country School and Haddam High School, graduating in 1942. After high school, he joined the army Oct. 14, 1944 as part of the U.S. Army Infantry stationed in Luzon Philippines. He served in WWII until Nov. 17, 1946. He married Annemay Kennedy Oct. 10, 1947. The couple made their home on a farm north of Haddam with two children Lonnie and Kayleen. He was a farmer. After a back injury, in 1954 he purchased a pool hall in Haddam, and the family moved to town. He sold the pool hall in 1959, went to work for Boeing Aircraft, and moved his family to Douglass, KS. While working for Boeing, the family lived in several states: Hagerman, NM, Caribou, Maine, and Douglass, KS. He began working for the Soil Conservation Service in August 1961 and moved to Ness City. After a short time in Ness City, KS, he was transferred to Meade, KS where he and his family lived for 37 years. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service Oct. 5, 1985 as a Soil Conservation Technician. His wife died in 1997. He married Dorothy (Rott) Zenger on Nov. 7, 1998 and moved to Cuba. He was a life member of the American Legion. He was instrumental in establishing the Avenue of Flags in the Haddam cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son Lonnie (Pattie), daughter Kayleen and Clell Miller, 14 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren, two step sons, and a step-daughter. Memorials to the church or Meadowlark Hospice. |
| **Crews** | **2015** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Logan W. Crews (96) of Temple, Texas passed away on February 20, 2015, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He graduated from Texas A&M College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy in 1939. Logan began his work for the Soil Conservation Service in Athens followed by assignments in Mt. Pleasant, Wortham, Hubbard, Corsicana, and finally in the state office in Temple. After 37 years of service, he retired from the SCS as an assistant state conservationist. During his SCS career, he was honored with various awards, including the USDA Superior Service Award from the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. After retiring from SCS, he also worked in real estate as an independent appraiser. He worked as the Elm Creek Watershed Authority consultant for more than 20 years. During World War II, Logan was drafted in the U.S. Army in February 1943. As a T4 Sergeant he deployed to England as part of the 5th Engineer Brigade to train for the Invasion of Europe. He participated in the D-Day Invasion, the liberation of France, the Battle of the Bulge, and Rhineland Campaign. He was honorably discharged on November 28, 1945. He was awarded medals including an EAME Campaign Medal with three Bronze stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Croix de Guerre, and the World War II Victory Medal. Logan was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Temple for over 50 years where he served as an elder, a trustee, a youth group leader, and an adult Sunday School teacher. He is survived by his wife of nearly 73 years, Carrie Frances Crews, daughter and son-in-law Laura Nell and Phil Higgins of Huntsville, daughter and son-in-law Kathy Frances and Mark Erskine of Temple, and son and daughter-in-law Steven Logan and Renee Crews of Magnolia. He is survived by seven grandchildren by 17 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Handbell Choir Fund, First Presbyterian Church, 12 West French, Temple, Texas 76501; Bethesda Cemetery Association, PO Box 1991, Lindale, Texas 75771; or to a charity of your choice. |
| **Crowner** | **2015** | Daniel Jaynes Crowner (65) of Harrisonburg, Virginia passed away on April 4, 2015 at his home. He was born in Columbus, Ohio. Dan graduated from Ohio State University and was a Soil Scientist and IT Support Specialist for the USDA-NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service). He also was a graduate and took many classes/seminars with Landmark Education. He is survived by his wife, Judith Nance Ligon of Harrisonburg and brother, David Brent Crowner of Ohio. A sister, Diana Lenzmeier preceded him in death. A time for a Harrisonburg and Ohio Celebration of his life will be announced in the near future. |
| **Cyr** | **2015** | Member and Senior Conservationist Sylvia Cyr (91) of Sparks, Nevada passed away in May 2015. Sylvia retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1981 as Chief Information Officer. |
| **Day** | **2015** | Edward L. "Eddie" Day (85) of Clinton, Oklahoma passed away on January 12, 2015 at his home after a battle with cancer. Eddie began his SCS career in 1957 as a Watershed Vegetation Specialist in Clinton where he assisted in the vegetation of newly constructed watershed structures on the Washita River in western Oklahoma. He retired in 1987 after serving 15 years as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Weatherford Field Office. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Charles “Chuck” Edward Day. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Lola, and grandson, Dirk , both of the home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arapaho First Baptist Church. Obituary link: www.lee-funeralhomes/.com/obituaries/Edward-Day/#!/obituary |
| **Day** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Bobbie Gene Day (87) of Clinton, Oklahoma passed away on October 3, 2015 in the Methodist Health Care Center in Clinton. Bob was raised in the Trail Flats area near Leedey. He soon moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma and attended A&M College (now Oklahoma State University) and was a part of the R.OT.C. Program. He received a degree in Agriculture in 1951. He was commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1951 and served in Korea. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1953 and returned home. He became a member of the U.S. Army Reserved for the next 8 years. He and Betty made their home in Clinton and he began a career as an Agriculture Engineer for the Soil Conservation for 33½ years, retiring in 1985. He then became employed in his sons Optometry Practice and helped there until 2012. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, the American Legion, and the Evening Lions Club. He is survived by his wife, of almost 69 years, Betty of the home, two sons, Dan (Betty) Day and Dr. Pat Day and wife, Suzanne, all of Clinton; four grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. |

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| **Dearborn** | **2015** | Arthur G. Dearborn III (77) of Holden, Maine, passed peacefully on June 8, 2015, surrounded by those he loved. Art was born in Bangor, Maine and is survived by his “guardian angel” of 56 years, Frances M. Dearborn of Holden. He is also survived by three children Arthur “Chip” G. Dearborn IV of Holden, Deborah L. Dearborn of Holden and Trevor L. Dearborn of Bangor, two grandchildren, one great-grandson, and a step great-grandson. Art was predeceased by a son, Mark C. Dearborn. Art was a graduate from the Orono ROTC, UMO, and received a BS in agricultural engineering. He entered the Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in 1960 as first lieutenant and was discharged in 1964 as Captain to return to his roots. Art dedicated 35 years of his life to the USDA Soil Conservation Service, at the Orono office, 30 of those years as a Maine State Conservationist Engineer. He retired in 1996. Those who wish to remember Art in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Eastern Maine Dialysis Unit, C/O EMHS Foundation, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME 04402-0931. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com. |
| **Donaldson** | **2015** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Norman Cesko Donaldson “Norm” (98) passed away on October 29, 2015 in Colville, Washington. He was born in Pomeroy. Norm graduated from Washington State College (now Washington State University) in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. He then entered the U. S. Army Air Corp for three years during WWII and was honorably discharged on October 19, 1945 from the Fort Lewis Base in Washington. In November, 1945 he began work with the Garfield County engineer’s crew, then as field man in the Production Marketing Administration until 1952 in Pomeroy. It was in 1952 that Norm began his career with the Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist. He was the party leader in charge of soil surveys in Spokane, Stevens, Whitman and Pend Oreille counties. He retired in 1982. In 1962 Norm married Dorothy Freeman. They shared their life in marriage until 1977 when Dorothy passed away. Norm has been an active community service volunteer in Colville, offering his assistance. He has been an active member in the United Methodist Church for many years. He is survived by his wife’s sister, Lois Lunden and her husband, George, Newport and their children; and his “adopted” family, Lynn Andrews and his wife, Johanna, Colville and their children. Memorial contributions may be given to the The Hub Senior Center in Colville. Please visit the on-line me-morial and sign the guestbook at www.danekasfuneralchapel.com. |
| **Ducommun** | **2015** | Wayne W. Ducommun (87) of Sioux City, Iowa passed away on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at his residence comforted by family. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.meyerbroschapels.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Wayne received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Iowa State University in Agricultural Engineering in 1949. He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and was an instructor in Etta Jima, Japan for construction of roads and bridges. In 1952, Wayne started working for Duke’s Radio in Sioux City and remained there until starting his career as a project engineer with the Soil Conservation Service in 1957. His final project, after 30 years of service, was the Bacon Creek Project. Wayne retired as an area engineer for N.W. Iowa designing dams and water sheds. Following his retirement, Wayne worked at the Siouxland Center For Active Generations as a counselor until 2013, assisting others with tax preparation, and offering financial advice for 29 years. He was a member of Sioux City Engineer’s Club, and was a trustee for the Westminster Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeri of Sioux City, three children, and three granddaughters. |
| **Dugan** | **2015** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist William Dugan (92) of Forest Grove, Oregon passed away Jan. 17, 2015. He was born in Lander, Wyoming, graduated from Lander High school and earned a bachelor’s degree in forestry from the University of Montana in Missoula. He retired in 1981 as assistant state conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Portland after a 36 year career. Len met the love of his life of 43 years, LaVonne, in Portland. He is survived by his sons, William "Len" Jr. (Tiffany) and Daniel (Kim); stepchildren, Julia and Paul; and five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and their families. Len will be remembered for his sense of humor and kind heart. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation, 9 Lake Bellevue Drive, #203, Bellevue, WA 98005. |
| **Dunn** | **2015** | Sheila Beth Dunn (70) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania passed away after a short battle with cancer. She is survived by two brothers, a niece and her 3 nephews. While at Camp Hill High School, Shelia was a star athlete and a member of her championship basketball team. After graduating high school she attended Lock Haven University. Shelia worked most of her life on watershed projects for the Soil Conservation Service. She was an accomplished and meticulous drafts person. To leave an online condolence to the family please visit us at GeigleFuneralHome.com |
| **Dupont** | **2015** | David P. Dupont (64) of Dansville, New York passed away unexpectedly on July 3, 2015. He was a true outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and shooting with his wife, family and friends. He was a member of numerous organizations supporting these activities. Dave was a graduate of Alfred University and Tech. He retired from the USDA-NRCS as a conservationist based out of Bath. In recent years he had his own conservationist consulting business. He was a US Army veteran serving from 1970 to 1978. He is survived by his dear wife of 36 years, Debra, a daughter, Erin (Kyle) Cloutier of MA, a son, Jon (Heather) Dupont of PA, and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers please make memorials to the Dansville Fish and Game Club, 35 Gibson St., PO Box 406. |
| **Edwards** | **2015** | Beverly “Jeanie” Brewster Edwards (69) of Pryor, Oklahoma passed away on April 13, 2015. She was the retired District Secretary for Mayes County Conservation District at Pryor with 30 yrs. of service. |
| **Edwards** | **2015** | Kay L. Edwards (76) of Columbia, Missouri passed away on January 28, 2015. Kay is survived by her husband Jerry Edwards and they just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on January 23, 2015. Jerry was the hydraulic engineer on the watershed planning staff in Missouri, retiring in 1996. Kay is also survived by a daughter, Pam (Dan) Budd and a son, Paul Edwards. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. |
| **Elmore** | **2015** | Life Member Joseph L. (Joe) Elmore (82) passed away on November 17, 2015, at his home in Baxter, Tennessee, on the farm where he was born. He began his career with Soil Conservation Service in 1957 as a Soil Conservationist Student Trainee in Gainesboro, TN. He was a Soil Conservationist in Gainesboro, an Administrative Assistant in Albuquerque, NM, and a Classification Specialist in Washington, DC. He worked as State Administrative Officer in Albuquerque, NM, Columbia, MO, and Columbia, SC. He also was Assistant State Administrative Officer in Nashville, TN, and RC&D Coordinator in Chattanooga, TN. He retired in 1986 as a Management Analyst in the Productivity Enhancement Division of SCS in Washington, DC. He was a Korean War veteran. Joe is survived by his wife of 35 years Dianne Elmore and son Lynell (Christie) Elmore, of Baxter, TN, and daughter JoAnn (Michael) of Cookeville, TN. Survivors also include six grandchildren and one great-grandson. |

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| **Esworthy** | **2015** | Larry David Esworthy (77) of Olney, Illinois passed away on February 1, 2015 at his home. Larry was an Elder of First Presbyterian Church in Olney and a board member of Fox River Apartments. For 30 years, he was District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service at Pekin, Shelbyville, Toledo and Olney field offices. Larry was a graduate of the University of Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sandra of Olney, a daughter Lori (Peter) Chien of Rome, NY; a son, David (Kristi) Esworthy of Sanford, FL, and five grandchildren, three stepchildren, seven step-grandchildren. |
| **Evans** | **2015** | Steven T. Evans (60) of Albemarle, North Carolina passed away on February 8, 2015. Steve retired in December 2012 as Soil Survey Project Leader, Greensboro MLRA Soil Survey Office with 33 years of service. He passed away at Duke University Medical Center after two months of progressive illness. Steve was a native of Alamance County and graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in soil science. He spent his career mapping soils in North Carolina. He worked on the soil surveys for Brunswick, Gaston, Haywood, Jackson, Montgomery, Polk, Richmond Counties and the update of Scotland County. In his last assignment before retiring he was assisting with the update of Alamance County and the initial soil survey of Caswell County. Steve is survived by his wife Linda Phillips Evans of 35 years; a stepson, Tom Fetzer and wife, Donna; and two grandchildren, his mother Clara Kivett Evans, and brother, Tony Evans. |
| **Fagan** | **2015** | William C. (Bill) Fagan (84) passed from this life on November 14, 2015 in Mena, Arkansas. He was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He is a 1959 graduate of OSU. Bill was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the US Navy. While raising his nine children, he was active on the Garber school board and served as mayor of Fairmont. During the years his children were in school, he manned the game clock at every home football game. Bill spent his career as a Project Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service in Enid and Perry, OK, and designed and built many of the watershed dams across northern Oklahoma. He retired in 1990 after 37 years of service. In 1991, he and his wife Patsy moved to Big Fork, Arkansas to help his oldest son start a marble and granite fabrication company. He resided in Big Fork since that time. He is preceded in death by two sons, Charles Edward Fagan and John Anthony Fagan. Bill is survived by seven children, Steve Fagan (Brenda) of Poteau, OK; Jim Fagan (Carlene) of Mena, AR; Cathy Lantz of Fairmont, OK; Tim Fagan (Tammy) of Garber, OK; Patty Sanders of Morrison, OK; Mary Malloy (Jerry) of Temecula, CA; and Susie Masters (Joe) of Morrison, OK. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Online Guestbook: www.bowserffh.com. |
| **Fedak** | **2015** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Theodore Fedak, (92) of Niskayuna, New York passed away on August 3, 2015 in the comfort of his home with his loving wife of 64 years, Margaret, at his side. Born and raised in Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania, he was a graduate of Pennsylvania State University. Theodore served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II. He was honorably discharged on February 8, 1946 and awarded the Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal. A soil scientist, Theodore was employed for 32 years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1980. During those years he resided in Niagara Falls, Buffalo, East Aurora, Syracuse, Corfu and, most recently, Colonie. He was proud of his Ukrainian heritage and was a member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Watervliet where he was a member of the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Society and sang in the church choir. In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his dear brother John (Ruth) Fedak of Rockville, MD and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. |
| **Fehr** | **2015** | James (Jim) Fehr (84) of Winchester, Kentucky passed away Dec. 10, 2015. He served as a soil scientist for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1986. |
| **Feltes** | **2015** | Deanna K. Feltes (63) of Salina, Kansas passed away on Sept. 18, 2015, after a six-year battle with cancer. She was born in Salina. Deanna graduated from Washburn University and worked for KPL and Kansas Gas Service, the Internal Revenue Service and USDA/NRCS prior to her retirement. She also served in the U.S. Army Reserves. She worked as a Budget Analyst in the Kansas State Office in Salina. Her husband of 24 years, Allan, survives. Also surviving are a daughter, a son, a stepson, and five grandchildren. A memorial reception and life celebration will be announced at a later date at the Mentor United Methodist Church, Mentor. |
| **Feusner** | **2015** | Mary Margaret Feusner (89) of Upper Arlington, Ohio passed away December 5, 2015. She graduated magna cum laude from Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa. She worked as a teacher throughout her career and retired from Worthington High School. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, LaVern M. Feusner, former SCS State Agronomist in Ohio. Mary is survived by three sons, eight grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.schoedinger.com. |
| **Fitterer** | **2015** | Eugene “Gene” Fitterer (77) of New England, ND, passed away on January 4, 2015 at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Dickinson, ND. He worked for SCS for 34 years in Mott, New England, and Dickinson, ND locations. Gene is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rose; their three children, Kim (Dennis) Candrian, Beulah, ND; Shawn (Cami Jo) Fitterer, Dickinson, ND; and Tammy (James) Kramer, Dickinson, ND; six grandchildren; four sisters; and four sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers. |
| **Foerschler** | **2015** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist William (Bill) T. Foerschler (91) of Chapman, Kansas passed away on February 3, 2015. In 1948 Bill started his career with the Soil Conservation Service in Abilene, Kansas, and retired there in 1980 as the District Conservationist. He attended a vo-tech school and later worked at Ft. Riley as a carpenter’s apprentice. He entered the U. S. Army in the fall of 1942, and was discharged in October of 1945. He was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, and was active in St. Michael’s Ecumenical Ministry since 1975, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Chapman American Legion Post #240 since 1945, a Legion Advisor to Kansas Boys State for 26 years, 4-H community leader, and the maintenance man for the Lyons Creek Watershed. Bill and Helen hosted several 4-H exchange students, and one AFS student, Mike Reux from France, and hosted many children from Cross Lines in Kansas City. His wife of 68 years, Helen, preceded him in death on Oct 21, 2011. He is survived by four sons: Bill and wife Maggie of Lakeside, CA, Robert and wife Paula of Livermore, CA, Dennis and Suzie Foerschler of Minneapolis and Kevin and Maria Foerschler of rural Junction City; three daughters—Denise (Henry) Letourneau of Concordia, Kathy (Ray) Hoffman of rural Abilene, Marilyn (Walter) Revell of Topeka; 56 grand and great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be sent in care of the Londeen Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 429, Chapman, KS 67431. |
| **Ford** | **2015** | Betty Joe Jones Ford (83) of Winterville, Georgia, passed away on October 19, 2015. She was the widow of Cosby L. Ford. She was born in Clarke County, Georgia. She retired from the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1986. Survivors include one daughter, Jackie Adkins, one grandson, a great-grandson, and three great-granddaughters. |

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| **Forquer** | **2015** | Ralph W. “Billy” Forquer (89) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away January 21, 2015, at Baptist Health Lexington. Billy retired as a civil engineering technician with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. He served his country in WWII with the U.S. Army. He ministered to many while a member and retired minister of Corinth Christian Church in Richmond. Billy is survived by: his wife, Doris (Pyles) Forquer of Lexington; daughters Kathy Armstrong (Raymond) of Midway, Debbie Busson (Terry) of Richmond and Jennie Willson (Bill) of Versailles; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson. Memorial contributions may be given to the Salvation Army. |
| **Frederick** | **2015** | Wayne D. Frederick (84) of rural West Branch, Iowa passed away at the University of Iowa Hospitals on July 12, 2015, after an extended illness. After graduating from Iowa State University, he worked as a soil scientist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service for more than 21 years prior to farming full-time near Springdale. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Hand) Frederick and four children. He was very proud of his 20 grandchildren and their many accomplishments. In keeping with Wayne's directives, he has deeded his body to scientific research at the University of Iowa, and no services will be held. A private memorial will take place at a later date. |
| **Gertsch** | **2015** | Life Member Marion L. Gertsch (83) of North Platt, Nebraska passed away December 22, 2015 at his home. He was born in Columbus, NE. Marion graduated from Lincoln North East High School in 1949, entered the military and served with the Navy from January 1951 until his honorable discharge on November 3, 1952. He was united in marriage to Mary Lou Parli on August 1, 1953 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Marion served as a Boy Scout leader and a 4-H club leader. He was also a member of the Lincoln County Fair board and various other organizations. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He retired as an Engineering Technician after 31 years of service from the Soil Conservation Service in December, 1989. Marion is survived by four children, David [Donita] Gertsch, Plattsmouth NE; Douglas [Marie] Gertsch, North Platte; Dwight [Sandy] Gertsch, Chandler, AZ; and Dawn [Chuck] Kincaid, North Platte; nine grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou in 2000. Online condolences may be shared at www.carpentermemorial.com. Memorials are suggested to Public Television. |
| **Gorman** | **2015** | Becky Gorman (60) of Jamestown, Missouri passed away on December 18, 2015, at her residence. She was born in Hutchison, KS. She was married on April 20, 1973, to Bruce Gorman in Jamestown, MO, who survives of the home. She graduated from California High School in 1973. She worked for the Federal Government as an Administrative Assistant for the USDA-NRCS. Becky is survived by one son, Joel Gorman (Alison) of Jamestown and two precious grandsons. Memorials are suggested to the Family of Becky Gorman, c/o the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Service, 100 S. Oak St. California, MO. |
| **Grabast** | **2015** | Ethel M. Grabast (93) of Portland, Oregon, passed away on June 17, 2015. She was born in Norton, Kansas. Ethel attended college at Portland State University. Ethel worked for the Soil Conservation Service in the Portland, Oregon state office. She was predeceased by her husband of 71 years, David, in 2012. She is survived by a daughter and a son, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. |
| **Habiger** | **2015** | Member James N. Habiger (78) of Shell Knob, Missouri, passed away December 24, 2015 in Springfield, Missouri, from kidney and heart failure. He grew up in Republic, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, of 57 years; daughter, Jana (Mark) McKinney of McPherson, Kansas; son, Mark (Janet) Habiger of Salado, TX; and two granddaughters and two grandsons. Jim started his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service after graduating from Fort Hays Kansas State College 1959. His long career started in Mission, South Dakota, and took him to Scott City, Kansas, Minneapolis, Kansas, Boise, Idaho, and finally as the State Conservationist of Kansas for the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) in Salina, Kansas for 10 years. In 1997 Jim retired and he and Jeanette moved to their dream home on Table Rock Lake near Shell Knob, Missouri. |
| **Haenisch** | **2015** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Charles Haenisch (90) of Floydada, Texas passed away July 24, 2015. He was the first baby born in Rosebud, Texas in 1925. He attended the public schools in Rosebud and was a proud Class of '46 graduate of Texas A&M. He married Emagene Sansom in Goldthwaite, Texas, on November 9, 1946. She preceded him in death in 2012. After a 38-year career with the Soil Conservation Service that took them to Goldthwaite, Eden, Lubbock, Stephenville, Alice, and Harlingen, they retired to the family farm in Rochelle, Texas. In 1998 they moved to Floydada to be closer to family. Charles and Emagene became involved and were a vital part of every community in which they lived. Always active in a variety of areas, Charles was a scout master, an Eagle Scout, and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow with the Boy Scouts. He served on the board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for many years. Charles served the churches where he lived as a Deacon and taught Sunday School until the age of 85. He was a member of the Lions Club for over 50 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star. Charles and Emagene both volunteered as readers with elementary school children. Charles is survived by his son Barry Haenisch and wife Linda of Round Rock, Texas, and daughter Jo Lynn Dean and husband, Bill, of Floydada. He was very proud of his four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Floydada Senior Citizens. Online condolences may be made at moore-rose.com. |
| **Hall** | **2015** | Sherwood E. "Woody" Hall (84) of Richmond, Virginia passed away February 28, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Hume Hall. He is survived by his sister, Jean Edwards Hepp, and many loving nieces and nephews. He retired from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in 1985 as a Contracting Officer. Woody was an Air Force veteran and long-time member of Southminster Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to Southminster Presbyterian Church. |
| **Ham** | **2015** | Jearl Ham (81) of Cooper, Texas passed away on June 23, 2015 in Sulphur Springs. He graduated from Cooper High School. Jearl served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had retired from the Soil Conservation Service after 40 plus years as a Soil Conservation Technician in Cooper and later worked for the Delta SWCD. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Genell Ham of Cooper, two sons; Marc Ham and wife Mindy of Granite Bay, CA, and Kevin Ham and wife Kay of Winnsboro, and two granddaughters. |
| **Hardiman** | **2015** | Hariett Jeanette Hardiman (82) of Columbia, Missouri passed away on September 25, 2015. She was a member of Second Baptist Church, the Frederick Douglass Coalition and the Class of 1951. Jeanette worked for the Soil Conservation Service in the Carto Unit at the state office. She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, two sons, and eight grandchildren. |

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| **Harjo** | **2015** | Marcus Lee Harjo (30) of Holdenville, Oklahoma, passed away on January 2, 2015 in a car accident. Marcus was born on February 5, 1984 to Carol Harjo in Ada, Oklahoma. Marcus looked up to his grandfather, Newman Harjo Jr., and treasured their time spent together. He attended Holdenville Public Schools and graduated in 2003 and later attended Seminole State College. He worked for the Hughes County Conservation District as an Engineering Aide. He was active in the Muscogee Creek Nation where he loved to mentor young people. Survivors include his wife Staci of the home and their four children. Online condolences to the family can be made at www.phillipsfuneralservice.com. |
| **Helmey** | **2015** | Marilyn Howe Helmey (78) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on May 20, 2015. Born in Salina, Kansas, she was a homemaker and former nursery school teacher. At the time of her death she was a member of St. Philip Lutheran Church of Raleigh, In Athens, GA, she was a member a member of the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary giving more than 2000 hours of service She is survived by her husband Edgar Lebey Helmey of Raleigh, NC who retired as the Deputy State Conservationist in Athens, Georgia. Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Julie Helmey of Raleigh, NC, Brian and Kim Helmey, and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to St. Philip Lutheran Church of Raleigh, NC, Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Athens, GA, or a charity of your choice. |
| **Herndon** | **2015** | Velma “Jean” (Wynn) Herndon (96) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away on November 4, 2015. Jean was born at home in the remote western Oklahoma community of Carpenter. She graduated from Elk City High School in 1936 and from Hills Business College in Oklahoma City before starting her career with the Federal Government (USDA-SCS State Office), where she retired in 1980 after 30 years of service. Jean was married to John “Roy” Herndon for over fifty years, until his passing in 1999. She is survived by son Royce Gene Herndon of Stillwater and daughter Regina Herndon Phillips, one granddaughter, and three great grandchildren. Jean was very talented, enjoying many activities and organizations in Stillwater throughout the years: NARFE as a past president, won ABWA Woman of the Year, had a great time singing with the Silver Bells and was proud to be a charter member of Total Health where she exercised until she was 95 years old. She had a great faith in God, attending the Stillwater Church of Christ for more than 60 years. Condolences may be emailed to the family, and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com |
| **Higgins** | **2015** | Robert Joseph “Bob” Higgins (82) of Salina, Kansas passed away on March 24, 2015. His career had spanned 30 years with the Soil Conservation Service when he retired in December 1989 as a Biologist on the Resource Conservation Staff in the Kansas State Office in Salina, Kansas. He rose in two years to Army sergeant with his innate leadership during the Korean War. Bob was a proud member of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Knights of Columbus, Audubon Society, and Jolly Mixers dance group. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Cecilia Hutton in 1988. They raised six children, Amy, Michael, Gabriel, Patrick, Kate and Luke. He had five grandchildren. He enjoyed many years of retirement with his second love, “Lady Pat” Storey. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob’s name may be made to Heifer International, an organization he supported and believed in deeply. |
| **Hinkle** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Joan Rose Hinkle (93) of Philippi, West Virginia passed away on February 18, 2015, in Mansfield Place, following an extended illness. She was born July 30, 1921, at Washington, D.C. On Sept. 14, 1957, she was married to Franklin Lee "Bulldog" Hinkle, who survives at their home in Philippi. Also surviving are one brother, Neil (Betty) Irvine of Philippi; one sister, Connie Payne of Houston, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. Joan was a homemaker and retired in 1984 as an Area Clerk from the USDA's Soil Conservation Service. She was a member of Crim Memorial United Methodist Church where she had long served as organist and pianist. She was a proud member of James Barbour Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Online condolences may be posted at www.stempleforman.com. |
| **Hodges** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Franklin T. Hodges (85) Dobson, NC, passed away on January 12, 2015. Frank retired as Soil Conservation Technician in Stanly County. He began his career with SCS in 1946 as a part-time technician in Surry County. In 1958 he assumed a full-time position in Davidson County. He was transferred to Rowan County in 1959 and then to Stanly County where he worked and made his home in the town of Richfield for 35 years. He was a member of Richfield Baptist Church where he served as Deacon, Sunday School Director, Church Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Sunday School Teacher and Royal Ambassador Leader. He was active in his community having served as secretary and president of the Richfield Civitan Club, member of the Richfield-Misenheimer Fire Department for 20 years and was a member and Secretary of the Richfield Planning Board. After retirement, Frank and his wife returned to Surry County in 1996. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Vernelle Wood Hodges; sons, Larry Franklin Hodges and Dennis Nelson Hodges. |
| **Holstine** | **2015** | Member Leland Leroy Holstine (84) passed away at his Meridian, Idaho, home on March 4, 2015. Lee served in the Navy on the USS Estes during the Korean War. After graduating from Montana State University, Lee started work for Soil Conservation Service which took him to Hardin, Ft. Benton and Havre, Montana, and then to Meridian, Idaho, as District Conservationist. After retiring from SCS, he worked for the State Soil Conservation Commission. He was a 32nd degree Master Mason of the Scottish Rite. Leland is survived by his wife, Leah, and children, Chris Holstine (Shannon), Dana Ahlstrom (Scott) and Eric Holstine (Vanessa) and seven grandchildren. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Luther Heights Bible Camp, HC 64, Box 9381, Ketchum, ID 83340. |
| **Hostad** | **2015** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Wesley Hofstad (97) of Silver Spring, Maryland passed away at home with hospice care after months of complications from a heart attack. Wes remained very active in mind and body until the last weeks of his life. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1982 as an economist at the Northeast National Technical Center, having begun his career with SCS in Minnesota. He was predeceased by his first wife, Virginia, and a daughter, Lee Ann Anderson. He and Virginia had five children. Wes is survived by four children and his second wife of twelve years, Dorothy Davis. They lived at Leisure World. |
| **Hotz** | **2015** | Charles F. Hotz (82) of Spencer, Massachusetts passed away on June 17, 2015. Charlie was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Phyllis “Jane” Hotz in 2013 for whom he lovingly cared during her extended illness. Born in Jersey City, NJ, Charlie earned a B.S. in dairy science from Rutgers in 1951. Despite being profoundly hard of hearing and gradually losing his sight, he worked for SCS/NRCS as a Soil Scientist for 37 years before retiring in 1997. In his early years with SCS, Charlie conducted soil surveys throughout the U.S. including West Virginia and Alaska. After some loss of vision, Charlie drafted soil maps for publication. Charlie and his wife hosted children for the Fresh Air Fund for urban children and participants in the 4-H International Exchange Program. |

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| **Hunt** | **2015** | Life Member William Paul (Bill) Hunt (71) of Woodbury, Minnesota passed away on February 22, 2015 after a year-long battle with cancer. He was from Boley, Oklahoma and a graduate of Langston University. Bill is preceded in death by mother Illinois Hunt and survived by father Allen Hunt, wife Alvenia, son Anthony (Angela), daughter Darla and 3 grandchildren Marcus, Aaron, and Valerie. During his career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bill served several years as the Deputy State Conservationist in Pennsylvania and retired as the State Conservationist in Minnesota. He is one of the employees featured on the USDA/NRCS 2015 Black History Month poster. Here is the poster link: http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/PA_NRCSConsumption/download?cid=stelprdb1269505&ext=pdf. In lieu of flowers, donations, in memory of William Hunt, may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society at www.braintumor.org, or mail to National Brain Tumor Society, 55 Chapel Street, Suite 200, Newton, MA 02458 (617) 924-9997. You may send online condolences to the family at http://www.biglowf |
| **Irwin** | **2015** | Harold A Irwin (93) of Hammon, Oklahoma passed away on August 29, 2015, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, surrounded by his loving family. He graduated from Hammon High School in 1941. Harold married his best friend and sweetheart, Lizzie Ruth Collins on November 22, 1941. Harold was an active member of Hammon First Baptist Church, where he served as Treasurer, as well as serving on many committees. He was a member of the American Legion, a 32nd degree member of the Masonic Lodge, and charter member and treasurer of the Hammon Lions Club. Harold proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1943. After basic training in San Diego, California, he served in the South Pacific for approximately two years, where he fought in the battle of Iwo Jima and occupation of Japan. After returning from active duty, he and Ruth purchased the farm east of Hammon, where they continued to live. He was employed with the Soil Conservation Service for thirty years as an inspector and surveyor. Harold assisted in the US Stream Flood Project on the Upper Washita River near Cheyenne, Oklahoma. He retired from the SCS in 1973, but continued his work surveying for the city, county and friends. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ruth of 74 years. Other survivors include his daughter, Bama and her husband, Don Blount of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; son, Robert Irwin of Hammon, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, and two great granddaughters. Preceding him in death was one grandson, James W. Wheeler. Memorial Contributions may be made to Make Promises Happen in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home, 600 West Country Club Blvd., Elk City, OK 73644. |
| **Johnson** | **2015** | Gary L. Johnson (80) passed away November 21, 2015 in Spokane Valley, Washington. Gary was born in Fargo, North Dakota, attended North Dakota State University where he earned a bachelor's degree. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Eastern Washington for 36 years, retiring in 1955 from the State Office in Spokane on the River Basin Staff. In retirement Gary served on the Board of the Spokane NARFE Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Elinor, and son, Mitchell, both in Spokane Valley, WA. He was preceded in death by his son, Shannon William Johnson. |
| **Johnson** | **2015** | Paul Richard (Dick) Johnson (86) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on Nov. 24, 2015. Dick was born in Denison, Iowa. He graduated from Denison High School, Iowa State, and the University of Illinois in Champaign, earning a PhD in Agronomy. Dick interrupted his studies to serve in the US Air Force during the Korean War as a Staff Sergeant from 1951-1953. Dick and Helen met in Champaign and were married on January 26, 1958. Dick had a passion for the land and for helping farmers make the best use of their soil. He joined the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Lincoln, transferring to Sturgis and then Huron, SD, and back to Lincoln in 1972 where he retired as a Soils Correlator. Dick was preceded in death by his wife Helen. Survivors include his three children and nine grandchildren. Memorials to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital Long Term Care or Teammates. |
| **Jorgensen** | **2015** | Member and Senior Conservationist George N. Jorgensen Jr. (88) of Troy, Kansas passed away on April 18, 2015, at a nursing home in Highland, Kan. He graduated from KSU. George served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He farmed, was a stockman and worked for the Soil Conservation Service at Troy, retiring as a District Conservationist in 1984. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, Lions Club, and American Legion Post#55, all of Troy. George had also served on the Doniphan County Library Board, Troy Fire Department, RC&D, NARFE, Courter Richey Cemetery Board and had been involved in other endeavors too numerous to mention. George is survived by his wife of 64 years, Charlene. Additional survivors include sons, Eric (Carol) Jorgensen, of St. Joseph, Mark (Loretta) Jorgensen, of Leavenworth, KS; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Troy Ambulance, Doniphan County Historical Society, Doniphan County Library District or donor's choice. |
| **Jungk** | **2015** | Mark L. Jungk (54) of St. Joseph, Missouri passed away on November 7, 2015. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa. Mark graduated from Benedictine College with a piano performance degree, and later obtained a physical therapy degree at MU. He worked at Saint Luke's Health System. Mark is survived by: his wife of 26 years, Mary Beth; and son, Brian; and his mother, Louise. Mary Beth Jungk is a Resource Conservationist with NRCS in St. Joseph. |
| **Keep** | **2015** | Thomas Alan Keep (68) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away November 20, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. He worked as an engineer for the USDA from 1971 until he retired in 2004 as the Agricultural Engineer for NRCS on the Regional Staff. He graduated from Purdue University. Tom was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Davey; Knights of Columbus; Soil & Water Conservation Society; certified professional engineer; American Society of Agricultural Engineers; and an avid golfer, Lincoln Seniors Golf League. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca of Davey; son, Andrew Keep, a District Conservationist in Imperial, NE; and mother, JoAnne Keep of Ashland, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Keep who worked for SCS as a District Conservationist in Ohio. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Davey or Lincoln Parks & Rec. Foundation Golf Legacy Tribute. Condolences online at Roperandsons.com |

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| **Kesecker** | **2015** | H. Arless Kesecker (92) of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia passed away on February 20, 2015, at his home. He was born on his parents' home farm at the mouth of Sleepy Creek on the Potomac River. Arless graduated from Berkeley Springs High School in 1942, and shortly thereafter enlisted in the United States Navy, serving in the Pacific Theatre until the end of World War II. He attended West Virginia University and enjoyed a 30-year career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, serving farmers in Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson counties. During his career, he served on the Morgan County Planning Commission, the Administrative Council of James Rumsey Vo-Tech School, the Morgan County Fire Board, the Morgan County Environmental Council, and the Mountaineers for Rural Progress. Arless also served as district supervisor for the Eastern Panhandle Soil Conservation District. Upon retirement in 1977, he continued doing earth-moving construction work for several years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Nora "Pearl" Nicholson Kesecker and two sons, David Allen and James Andrew Kesecker. He is survived by three daughters, three sons, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sleepy Creek Watershed Association, P.O. Box 991, Berkeley Springs, WV. |
| **Kidney** | **2015** | Matthew "Matt" Scott Kidney (35) of Belgrade, Montana passed away on April 1, 2015. He was the son of Kim and Sharon (Beaupre) Kidney who retired from NRCS in 2006. He graduated from Rocklin High School and earned associates degree in both accounting and marketing from Sierra College in Rocklin, California. He moved back to Bozeman with his family in 2002. He had worked in Human Resources for the USDA, NRCS since. Survivors include his wife Jennifer "Jen" and his two sons Hunter and Gavin all of Belgrade; his parents Kim and Sharon of Green Bay, Wisconsin; his brother and sister-in-law Keith and Brietta. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com. |
| **King** | **2015** | Mary Virginia “Miss Ginn” King (72) of Spencer, West Virginia passed away on August 12, 2015 after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband of nearly 54 years, Michael; two children, Kelli King of Martinsburg and Doug (Cristy) King of Greenville, Ind.; and two grandchildren. Michael retired from SCS in 1994 as the Director of the Administrative Services Division. Miss Ginn was a homemaker and mother. She was a member of the Meadow Dale Baptist Church and a graduate of the West Virginia Baptist Convention School of Christian Studies. Also, she was an active grief counselor and former pilot. Memorial donations are preferred to the National MS Society, Virginia-West Virginia Chapter, P.O. Box 27326, Richmond, VA 23261-7326. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com. |
| **Kirschner** | **2015** | Frank Kirschner (98) died peacefully at home overlooking the Gila River, in Cliff, NM on August 30, 2015. If you have ever hiked in the Gila National Forest, Wilderness and beyond, you might have run into Frank and the hiking group he started. He is survived by four sons, Eric, David (Joni), Ted (Carrie), and Lyn (Michele), a Soil Conservationist for NRCS in the Central NTSC. Son Bruce (Anna), daughter Janet and two wives (Virginia and Mary), preceded him in death. Frank also has five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is also survived by his long-time friend, Sandy. Frank was born in Pittsburgh, PA on an infamous day, April 6, 1917, the day the U.S. entered World War I. He was a World War II veteran serving in the Coast Guard in both the Atlantic and Pacific. After the war he went to college, receiving Soils and Agronomy degrees from Utah State and the University of Florida. Frank worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Soil Conservation Service in Indiana, Alaska and Saudi Arabia until his retirement in 1983. In memoriam, please donate to hospice or Upper Gila Watershed Association (UGWA). |
| **Klee** | **2015** | Gerhard Klee (84) of Walton, New York a resident since 1959, passed away at home on January 26, 2015. Gary was born immigrant parents and was one of five siblings… a sister Renate of Edmeston, NY and Gottfried, Traute and Rosemarie who predeceased him. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jeanie, son Gary and partner Jean Ann, and two beloved granddaughters. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and was in the Coast Guard for three years as an aviation mechanic. Gary received an Agricultural Degree from Cornell University. He then became a Soil Conservationist that led him to stops in Binghamton, Walton, Glens Falls and Canton, NY. He retired in 1988 and returned to Walton. He also became an avid hiker and member of the Catskill 3500 Club. Any contributions may be made to Delaware Valley Hospital, 1 Titus Place, Walton, New York 13856. |
| **Kleppe** | **2015** | Paul A. Kleppe (84) of rural Hiawatha, Kansas passed away on June 29, 2015, at Hiawatha Community Hospital. Paul graduated from Hiawatha High School in1949. He wed his high school sweetheart, Mary Fraser. They lived their entire lives in Brown and Doniphan counties where Paul farmed and worked thirty-six years as a soil conservation technician for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 2013. He was proud that both his grandsons followed in his footsteps with careers in the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Paul is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary of the home, a son Bruce Kleppe, a daughter Debra (Jim) Ewing, all of Hiawatha; four grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, which may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434. |
| **Koster** | **2015** | Jerome Koster (82) of Breda, Iowa passed away November 6, 2015 at the St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll. Born at Breda, Iowa, Jerome served in the United States Army and upon his honorable discharge returned to Iowa. He attended Iowa State College where he met his future wife Jean. Following their marriage Jerome and Jean lived in California and in 1965 moved back to the Midwest where Jerome was a Soil Scientist and later became District Conservationist, working for the Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1986. They later moved back to the Breda community. Jerome was a member of St. Bernard’s Parish and the Breda American Legion. Survivors include his two children, Jeffery (Denise) Koster of Rochester, MN; and Jennifer Koster of Breda; and three grandchildren. Jerome was preceded in death by his wife, Wilda Jean Koster. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda, and online condolences may be left for Jerome’s family at www.sharpfuneral.com. |
| **Kuenning** | **2015** | Harold "Joe" Kuenning (85) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on February 16, 2015. He served in the Navy from 1951 to 1955. Joe built and inspected dams for Soil Conservation Service which led the family to live in several towns including Plattsmouth, Syracuse, Wahoo, Broken Bow and they have lived in Lincoln since 1984. Joe is survived by four children, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by wife of 58 years, Delores. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Tabitha Health Care. Condolences may be left at www.bmlfh.com |
| **Lady** | **2015** | Donald Lady (79) of Morris, Oklahoma passed away on April 15, 2015. Donald retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a Construction Inspector Okmulgee Watershed Office. He is survived by his wife Sylvia. |

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| **Larsen** | **2015** | Royce L. Larsen (91) of Neillsville, Wisconsin passed away April 21, 2015, nine days before his 92nd birthday. Following H.S graduation, he entered the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCCs), which sparked his love for the outdoors and the beauty of Wisconsin. His passion was helping to preserve forests, water, and soil. Royce was drafted into the Army during WWII, serving from 1943–1946. For 18 months he was stationed in Hawaii as a radar specialist. He then attended U.W. River Falls, earning a B.S. in agriculture. Royce enlisted in the Army Reserves and served two years during the Korean War, stationed in Germany. Following college and military service, he spent most of his career (28 years) working for the Soil Conservation Service in Neillsville and Stratford. Royce is survived by his wife of nearly 67 years, Dorothy, along with their three children, Tana (Frank) Schimberg, Brentwood, CA; Rhonda (Rudy) Forjan, Eustis, FL; and Jay (Mary Jo) Larsen, Cottage Grove, MN. He is also survived by six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Neillsville. |
| **Latarre** | **2015** | Mary Latarre (in her mid-80s) of Broomall, Pennsylvania passed away on February 12th, 2015. Mary worked as a secretary on the SCS Engineering staff at the Northeast NTC. Beloved wife of Joseph Latarre and loving mother of Joseph Sr. and Robert Latarre. |
| **Laughlin** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Arthur W. Laughlin (90) of Ashland, Nebraska passed away on February 28, 2015 at Tabitha Heath Care in Lincoln. Art loved his country and following graduation from Ashland High School, he reported for duty to the U.S. Army Air Corp in February 1943 for pilot training where he was awarded his silver pilot wings. He served in WWII, stationed in Nuthamstead, England where he was a co-pilot of B-17's with the 398th Bomb Group, flying 26 combat missions over Germany. He was honorably discharged on October 3, 1945 from active duty and then served until April 25, 1955 in the Air Force Reserves. Art returned home from the war to work on the family farm until 1960. He worked for 25 years with the Soil Conservation Service as a Civil Engineering Technician at the Soil Mechanics Laboratory in Lincoln. Upon his retirement in 1985, Art continued to work on the family farm and participate in numerous organizations. He has been a member of the Congregational Church in Ashland for over 75 years, serving as a board member and church treasurer. Art also served as Master of the Ashland Grange #386 and Master of the Lodge. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 64 years. Art is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Wes and Connie (Reinke) Laughlin of Weeping Water, three granddaughters, two great-grandsons, and a very special friend of over 20 years, Fern Hauschild of Ashland. He is preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Esther (Leikam) Laughlin; sons, Terry and Jim Laughlin. |
| **Lawrence** | **2015** | Donald Lawrence (77) of Jonesville, Louisiana passed away on May 11, 2015. Donald was proud to serve his Country in the United States Army. He was a forester for many years working for Fisher Lumber Company and USDA/NRCS. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Geraldine (McMillin) Lawrence and son, Greg Lawrence of Ruston, Louisiana. |
| **Lee** | **2015** | Bonnie L. (Sullivan) Lee (78) of Tiffin, Ohio passed away on July 19, 2015, at the St. Francis Nursing Home in Tiffin. Bonnie is survived by her husband of 47 years, Josiah Lee of Tiffin; two stepdaughters, Dorothy Barry of Medina, Mary (Mike) Mennell Homerville; four granddaughters; and eight great-grandchildren. Bonnie worked with the Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, retiring in 1994. She enjoyed traveling, antiques, and cars. She was a 1955 graduate of Bettsville High School. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.engleshookfuneralhome.com |
| **Lieske** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Robert John Lieske (94) of Ripon, Wisconsin passed away May 26, 2015, at Prairie Place surrounded by family. Robert married Dorothy Schlaack in Pickett, WI, February 20, 1943. He and Dorothy farmed at home on Cork Street until 1958 and then Robert began his employment with the Department of Agriculture as a Soil Conservationist for Outagamie and Fond du Lac Counties. He retired in 1980. Robert was a member of Our Savior's United Church of Christ and served on the Council. He loved music and sang for the Appleton and Ripon Choirs. He was a member of The Harmony Kings Barber Shop Choir and in 1985 was Barber Shopper of the Year. He is survived by his children, Gary (Cheryl) Lieske of Ripon, WI, John Lieske of Neshkoro, WI, and Jim (Lynnette) Lieske also of Ripon; nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Dorothy in 2008, one son and one daughter. A memorial is being established. |
| **Loe** | **2015** | James Loe (84) of Monroe, Louisiana passed away on June 5, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Robbie Barnett Loe, two daughters, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He attended LSU and graduated from LA Tech University. He was a member of the United States Air Force. He was employed for 33 years by the USDA Soil Conservation Service retiring in 1990. |
| **Loucks** | **2015** | Curtis L. Loucks (94) passed away on November 13, 2015 at his workshop in Rugby, North Dakota. He began his SCS career at Langdon, ND in 1948 and transferred to Rugby, ND in 1957 as the District Conservationist for Pierce County. He retired in 1979. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joyce of Rugby; one son, Brian of Minot; three daughters, LaNeta (Gordon) Pieterick of Rugby, Wendy (Paul Hendrickson) Loucks of Fargo, and Laurie Loucks of Dunseith; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters. |
| **Loudon** | **2015** | Robert "Bob" Loudon (85) of Creston, Iowa passed away on February 1, 2015, at Crest Haven Care Centre, in Creston. Memorials are suggested to Friends of 4-H. Online condolences may be left under the obituary category of www.powersfh.com. Bob obtained his Bachelor Degree from Iowa State University. He served his country as a part of the United States Air Force. He was a long time District Conservationist, RC&D Coordinator, and Grassland Specialist in southern Iowa, retiring in January of 1986. Bob was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Creston, and also worked RAMP (Rural Abandon Mine Program). Survivors include his son Tim (wife Karen) Loudon and grandson Tyler of Creston. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years Jo in 2014. |

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| **Lowe** | **2015** | Member Robert L. Lowe (84) of Amboy, Illinois passed away peacefully on December 22, 2015, at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. He was born in Pana, Illinois, and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Agriculture in 1953. He was employed as District Conservationist for 41 years, first serving as a trainee in Hancock and Macon Counties, then D.C. for 12 years in Cumberland County, and then assisted Whiteside County while also serving as D.C. in Lee County, prior to his retirement in 1993. Robert was a Veteran of the US Army. He was an active member of Zion United Methodist Church in Mendota, and had been actively involved in DeKalb Dist. United Methodist Church, serving as Lay Leader for 8 years as well as Annual Member to conference for many years. He was also active in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. Robert was a Freemason belonging to the Illinois Central Lodge #178, a member of the Amboy American Legion, and the Amboy Lions Club. He leaves to mourn his wife of 63 years, Shirlene; daughter Susan (Stephen) Florschuetz of Sublette; daughter-in-law Barbara (Gary Lohse) Lowe of Blue Grass, IA; 5 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren He was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Lowe, and great-granddaughter Rosa Florschuetz. Memorials have been established to Serenity Hospice, Zion United Methodist Church, and Midwest Mission Distribution Center. |
| **Maddy** | **2015** | Wilma Weston Maddy (97) of Des Moines, Virginia passed away on March 1, 2015. Wilma was the wife of the late John Maddy who retired from the Soil Conservation Service as the State Agronomist. She attended Iowa State College where she studied home economics and worked in the botany department. During WWII, Wilma worked in the Office of Army Camp Post Exchanges and later for the Secretary of the City Clerk in Ames when John was overseas. In later years she worked for several churches, insurance and architectural companies. She is survived by three children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John. |
| **Mapes** | **2015** | Carolyn “Carol” Jane Mapes (74) of Powell, Ohio passed away on March 23, 2015 surrounded by her family. She was the wife of Member Rex Mapes who retired as a soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service in 1994. She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Donald Rex Mapes; children, Linda (Tim) Ellis of Westerville; Ron Mapes; Columbus, Steve (PollyAnn) Mapes; Columbus, and Valerie (Matt) Scheibeck of Lewis Center. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren. She attended Western Illinois University, where she met her husband. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or The Harlem Road United Methodist Church. Visit www.schoedinger.com to send online condolences to the family. |
| **Marietta** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Merle H. Marietta (91) of Mount Vernon, Ohio passed away on October 29, 2015 at his home. He was born in Canton, Ohio. Merle was a member of the First Christian Church and a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran. He was a graduate from The Ohio State University in 1955 on the GI Bill. He worked at the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District for a number of years, retiring 1983. Merle was a BMW motorcycle enthusiast and life member of the AMA and Buckeye Trail Association. He was also a member of the Sharon Masonic Lodge #0136 and a former Boy Scout Leader. Merle is survived by his wife of 67 years, Wanda (Roach) Marietta; one daughter, Connie (Richard) Uveges of Middleton, NY; two sons, Rodney Marietta of Hanover, and David (Margo de Camp) Marietta of Gambier; four grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, William H. “Bill” Marietta who passed just a few short hours prior to Merle, and an infant daughter Susan. Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice of Knox County, 17700 Coshocton Road, Mount Vernon. To share a memory or send a condolence to the family of Merle H. Marietta, please visit the funeral home website www.lasaterfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Martin** | **2015** | William Paul (Bill) Martin (86) passed away on March 28, 2015 in Williamsport, Maryland where he had lived since 2010. Bill was born in Bottineau, ND. He grew up on a farm in Benton County, IN. He was a graduate of Otterbein High School in 1947, and Purdue University School of Agricultural Economics in 1951. While at Purdue, he was in the Military Band and a member of FarmHouse Fraternity. Bill served two years in the army during the Korean War, with service in Korea. He was the District Conservationist in Rush and Tippecanoe Counties in Indiana for over 30 Years. Bill is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Colleen. |
| **Mast** | **2015** | Robert E. (Bob) Mast (79), Frankfort, Indiana passed away on August 24, 2015. Bob worked primarily in water resources activities in Indiana and later as Assistant Director of the Lincoln and Hyattsville Cartographic Units. He retired as Assistant State Conservationist in Indiana leading watershed work and introducing automation into the daily activities of NRCS at the field office level. Bob was a 1959 graduate of Purdue University and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Frankfort Rotary, Masonic Lodge #119, and many other organizations. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor given by the Boy Scouts of America. |
| **McArthur** | **2015** | Linda McArthur (61) passed away February 17, 2015 peacefully at home in Bismarck, ND. She began work in the Bismarck, ND State Office in 1978 as a part-time clerk and later that year to Administrative Secretary. She later became Purchasing Agent and was Supervisory Contracting Agent when she retired in Nov. 2013 with over 25 years of service. She is survived by her husband of almost 41 years, Gary; her children, Joni and Travis; four grandchildren; two sisters, and one brother. She was preceded in death by her parents and her mother-in-law. |
| **McCann** | **2015** | Elizabeth (Betty) Ruth McCann (96) of Urbana, Illinois passed away on April 13, 2015 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She graduated from Cambria High School and Brown's Secretarial School in Milwaukee. She met her future husband, Wesley McCann, while they were both employed by the Regional Office of the Soil Conservation Service in Milwaukee. They were married June 2, 1945. Wes retired as the State Administrative Officer of SCS in Champaign. Elizabeth was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Urbana for more than 60 years. Survivors include her daughter, Janet Lynn (Lee) Mears of Bloomington; three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley; and her daughter, Phyllis Siems. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Urbana and the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Condolences may be offered online at www.HeathandVaughn.com. |

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| **McCarty** | **2015** | Robert Lee McCarty (78) of Jefferson City passed away on August 10, 2015, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was a 1959 graduate of the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. He served with the Missouri National Guard for six years. Robert worked as a contract specialist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 32 years, retiring in 1995. He also had worked for the United States Postal Service and the United States Geological Survey. He was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Jefferson City where he participated in mission projects and mission trips and also served as a Volunteer In Corrections with the prison ministry project. In addition to his wife, Mary Lou of 56 years, he is survived by two sons, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Bible Baptist Church Missionary Fund, 4730 Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Those wishing to email tributes or condolences to the family may do so at the www.dulletrimble.com website. |
| **McCaw** | **2015** | Jerry McCaw (68) of Durango, Colorado passed away peacefully at home on August 28th, 2015 of pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Lora McCaw; sons, Ed and Allen McCaw and their wives and four grandsons. Jerry was born in Durango and graduated from Colorado State University in 1972 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He moved back to the family farm and worked for the Soil Conservation Service for the next 37 years as a civil engineer, helping many farmers and ranchers implement conservation and irrigation practices. Jerry was active on local boards of directors including the Ignacio School Board, Basin COOP, La Plata Electric Association, Habitat Partnerships, King Consolidated Ditch, and the Southwest Basin Water Round Table. |
| **McGrane** | **2015** | Janet L. McGrane (58) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on March 25, 2015. She was the wife of Pat McGrane who retired as Information Officer for NRCS in NE. Janet was employed with the Department of Homeland Security as an immigration officer. She attended Zion Lutheran church in Harbine. She attended Zion parochial school and graduated from Tri County High School in 1974. Janet is survived by her husband, Pat; parents, Darold and Lillian Schmidt of Harbine; daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Jeff Swenson of Lincoln; three step children, eleven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Condolences may be left at www.bmlfh.com |
| **McMulkin** | **2015** | Marilyn Kay McMulkin (76) recently of Topeka, Kansas passed away on July 3, 2015. She was a graduate of Edmond High School and Washburn University. She was a member of National Secretary Association and served as a secretary with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1994. Marilyn was a member of Countryside United Methodist Church in Topeka. Survivors include two sisters, a brother, and numerous nieces and nephews. Marilyn was cremated. A memorial ceremony will be held at a later date in Norton, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be made to your local Meals on Wheels. |
| **McNare** | **2015** | Robert C. "Bob" McNare (94) of Falls Church, Virginia, passed away on July 7, 2015, at his home. Bob was born on August 21, 1920, in Wood Lake, Nebraska. He served in the United States Army during World War II in Italy and North Africa. After the war, Bob attended the University of Nebraska. He graduated with a degree in accounting and served in various capacities with the United States Department of Agriculture over the course of his career, retiring in 1980 as the Head of Accounting Systems for the Soil Conservation Service. His hobbies included square dancing, gardening, and bowling. He was resident of Falls Church for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; his five daughters, Claudia Reingruber, Cynthia Withrow, Susan Kelley, Carol Edney, and Beverly Hawkins; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. |
| **Miller** | **2015** | Kenneth Arno Miller (91) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away on October 5, 2015. He was born in Jay, Oklahoma. An Oklahoma A&M grad., he joined the A&M faculty for two years before working for 38 years as a Soil Conservation and Flood Control Design Engineer for the USDA in Oklahoma. Kenneth was a devoted family man and faithful Christian actively serving for over 50 years as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Stillwater First Baptist Church. As a young man of 19, he served as a Light Mortar Crewman in the 99th Infantry Division, 395th Regiment of the US Army. The 99th Infantry Division distinguished itself defending the North shoulder of the Ardennes in the Battle of the Bulge. It was the first full infantry division to cross the Rhine River at Remagan. It collapsed the Ruhr pocket and conquered more than 1,000 square miles of territory before reaching the Austrian border on V-day. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Juanita Jo; a son, Mark and partner Wade Burkholder; daughters, Kerry Staley, Nancy Miller and husband Rick Froelich; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Condolences may be emailed to the family and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com. |
| **Miller** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Arthur Wallace “Roundy” Miller (96) of Fredonia, Kansas passed away May 29, 2015. He graduated from Dunlap High School in 1936. Arthur enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September 1941 and served in the Pacific Theater in World War II as a Pharmacist’s Mate First Class and as a Second Class Hospital Corpsman. He made the invasions of Guadalcanal, Guam and Vella Lavella. He was honorably discharged in December, 1945. Arthur enrolled at Kansas State College, now KSU, and was then recalled to the Navy, where he served two years aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saipan in Guantanamo Bay and in the Mediterranean Sea during the Korean War. He was finally discharged in 1952. He received his bachelor’s degree in Agronomy in 1955 from Kansas State College. Arthur was a district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service and retired in 1974. He was a member of the Lions Club and First Christian Church, and a lifetime member of the VFW. He loved to play softball, and played in three Senior Citizen World Series tournaments in Arizona, Kansas City and Des Moines. He played short stop and was the designated runner. He would substitute out once a runner reached first base. Nicknamed by one umpire as “Twinkletoes,” he once ran in 22 runs in one game. He last played organized softball at age 84. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patricia, of the home; his three daughters, three grandchildren and three step grandchildren. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. |

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| **Mitchell** | **2015** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Ronald "Gene" Mitchell (89) of Bourbonnais, Illinois, passed away from natural causes on January 9, 2015 at his home. Basketball, track, band, plus Future Farmers of America and farm work were among his many activities in his earlier years. Gene served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, part of which was on a destroyer in the Atlantic, the USS Meredith DD-890. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. His life work included nearly 37 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in the Columbus, Ohio area, then as an Illinois District Conservationist in the counties of DeKalb and Kankakee. While in DeKalb, Gene obtained a master's degree in business administration at Northern Illinois University. On Oct. 14, 1951, he married Ruby M. Johnson, in Hillsboro. They had three children. Ruby preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 1991. Gene served in many church and community activities including serving as president of Kiwanis Club of Kankakee. Surviving are his wife of 15 years, June; sons, Stephen (Betty) Mitchell, of Normal, and Dr. Thomas (Lisa) Mitchell, of Raleigh, N.C.; daughter, Marilyn (Horacio) Acevedo, of St. Anne; seven grandchildren, two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter, two step sons and several step grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at an undetermined later date at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. Please sign his online guestbook at schrefflerfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Naylor** | **2015** | Betty Mitchell Naylor (84) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on July 7, 2015. Betty worked in Administrative Services in the SCS state office for many years before transferring to the ASCS state office. She was preceded in death by her husband of 31 years, Eugene Naylor (Gene). She is survived by her four children from her first marriage to Clyde Mitchell: Vicky (Jeff) Davison of Benson, NC, Kathy (Tim) Scholl of Angier, NC, Cindy Mitchell of Raleigh, NC, whose husband Joe Melton preceded Betty in death, Marty (Charlie) Page of Longmont, CO. Both Betty and her husband Gene were long-time members of Highland United Methodist Church. They helped launch the Wednesday Night Suppers program providing delicious meals to encourage friendship and fellowship among the church's members. |
| **Nettleton** | **2015** | Dr. Wiley Dennis Nettleton (83) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on Nov. 21, 2015 at his home surrounded by family. He was a long-time research soil scientist with the USDA National Soil Survey Laboratory. He was united in marriage to Norene Lutz on June 9, 1956. To this union were born four children, 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by grandson J. Foster McCracken, and great-grandson Asher Damrow. In lieu of flowers, please place your memorials towards the Prayer Chapel of Southview Baptist Church. |
| **Newcombe** | **2015** | Dean Edward Newcombe (51) of Fairfax, Virginia passed away October 10, 2015. He is survived by his father, brother, longtime companion, family and friends. Dean was preceded in death by his beloved mother Kathryn in 2004. His father, Paul, retired from SCS in 1989 as the Director of the Financial Management Division. |
| **Nordean** | **2015** | Lilian Shirley Nordean (94) formerly of Konawa and Ada, Oklahoma passed away on April 28, 2015. She was born at Summitt, Arkansas. She graduated from Yellville-Summit High School. She also graduated from East Central University in 1975 (after 17 years of night school), where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Sociology. She completed an additional 15 hours towards a Masters in Psychology. Lilian was employed with the Soil Conservation Service for 32 years. Survivors include three sons, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Charles Leslie Nordean, a son, C. Russell Nordean, and a grandson, Ross Alan Nordean. Online condolences sent to crsiwellfh.com. |
| **Oler** | **2015** | James W. “Jim” Oler (75) of rural Yates Center, Kansas, passed away February 13, 2015, at his home. He grew up on the farm and graduated from Parsons High School in 1957. Jim was employed as a soil conservation technician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His first job was in Abilene, Kansas, and then in 1967 he and Betty moved their family to Yates Center and Jim continued his work there. He retired from the Department of Agriculture after 30 years of service. When Jim and Betty moved to Yates Center they started a successful cattle operation which they continue to operate. He also served as a 4-H leader when his daughters were growing up and served in the Army National Guard for 14 years. He was a member of the Yates Center United Methodist Church. He leaves Betty, his wife of more than 51 years, of the home; his two daughters and five grandchildren. |
| **Olson** | **2015** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Robert J. Olson (93) of Spokane, Washington passed away on October 2, 2015. He joins his wife of 62 years, Lillie Mae; son, Mark; granddaughter, Kristy; and brother Don. His father was in charge of the replanting of the Bitter Root range after the “Big Burn” of 1910, and Savanac nursery, Montana, became Bob’s much loved playground. He began his University studies in Lincoln, Nebraska but was called into duty for World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge under General Patton. He attended Stanford and then graduated from Washington State University. He followed his father’s path into forestry and soil conservation and was the State Forester for the Soil Conservation Service in Spokane, Washington when he retired in 1979. Bob is survived by his children, Susan DeLine (William), Ken Olson (Margo), Catherine Olson (Ron); and daughter-in-law Eleanor Olson. He had eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Oshel** | **2015** | Maxine Wilson Oshel (92) passed away on May 31, 2015, at Prestige Assisted Living in Sierra Vista, Ariz. She was born in the same rock house that her mother was born in near Edgerton, Kan. She attended Baker University at Baldwin City, Kan. and when her soldier sweetheart returned from World War II she transferred to Kansas State College, and married Loren Leslie Oshel and got her degree in mathematics. Loren was hired by the federal government as an agricultural engineer and as the family grew they moved to Arizona, South Dakota, Michigan, and overseas to Indonesia. Loren retired from SCS as the State Conservation Engineer. When her children were grown, she worked for the State Climatologist in Michigan for 15 years. Loren died in 2012 after 66 years of marriage. She is survived by two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren |
| **Otte** | **2015** | Member Karl F. Otte (80) of Springfield, Virginia passed away on April 8, 2015. He was receiving care from Halquist Impatient Care Center after enduring a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Karl was born in Staples, MN. He was a graduate from Coloma Michigan High School in 1953. He furthered his education through Michigan Tech University for an engineering degree and the University of Washington for a Master’s Degree in his governmental related field. After 39 years of service, Karl retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1994 as Assistant Director of the Watershed Division and then worked as a consultant for the state of Delaware. Karl and Mary Jane Otte were married for 56 years. They have 3 daughters: Kimmerly Martiniz, Kathi Laakso, and Karin Otte. He also leaves 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 12-23. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made online to the Humane Society of Fairfax County. Karl was a pet lover and felt they touched many lives with their innocence. |

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| **Owen** | **2015** | David Ira Owen (69) of Richmond, Missouri, passed away on October 2, 2015 at his home. Dave was born in Kansas City, Mo and is survived by his wife of 45 years Glenda Pobst, two sons, two daughters, and eight grandchildren. Dave was a conservationist for the U.S.D.A. in Scott County, Cape Girardeau County and retiring form NRCS in Ray County, Mo, after 42 years of federal service. He then worked as an ACES participant. Dave was also a farmer and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Richmond. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council #7605. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Missouri. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, where he was a helicopter pilot. Dave was also a board member of the Missouri Farm Bureau. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to either the Ray County Veterans or to Guardian Angel Catholic School. On line condolences may be left on our website at www.thurmanfuneralhome.com. |
| **Patterson** | **2015** | Alice Margaret (Leslie) Patterson (81) of Portland, Oregon passed away on April 22, 2015. Alice was the great granddaughter of Esther Short who homesteaded part of what is now Vancouver. She attended Oregon State University where she met and married the love of her life, Peter V. Patterson who retired in 1992 as an engineering geologist with the Soil Conservation Service. They were happily married partners for 56 years. Alice was an avid skier and hiker. She is survived by her five children; 20 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Remembrances may be made to OHSU Layton Aging and Alzheimer's Disease Center. |
| **Perkins** | **2015** | Lewis Harold Perkins (85) of Hodgenville, Kentucky passed away on October 30, 2015, at the Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown. He was a retired LaRue County District Conservationist and school bus driver for LaRue County Schools, a member of the Hodgenville First Baptist Church and a 54 year member of the B. R. Young Lodge #132 F&AM. Lewis also served as a Conservation District Board member. Lewis is survived by his wife of 61 1/2 years, Jean Becker Perkins, three sons, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Perryman** | **2015** | Thomas Earl Perryman (94) of Altus, Oklahoma passed away February 6, 2015. He attended school in Duke. Tom joined the U.S. Air Force and served his country during World War II. After his service, he completed his education at Oklahoma A&M (OSU). He was a Vocational Agriculture Instructor for a few years and then began working with the US Department of Agriculture in Soil Conservation. He retired from the USDA as an Area Conservationist in Duncan. He and Gerry made their homes in Duke, Stillwater, Eakly, Altus, Clinton, Hammon, Cheyenne, Woodward, Duncan, Enid, and Norman. He was a faithful Christian and was always active in the Baptist Church where they lived. Tom leaves behind his wife of nearly 70 years, Gerry Perryman; daughter, Doris Perryman of Norman; three grandsons, and two great-grandchildren. Online tributes may be made to the family at www.Lowell-Tims.com |
| **Piper** | **2015** | Raymond A. Piper (71) passed away on June 7, 2015 at his home in Mapleton. He graduated from UMO in 1967 with a degree in Economics. He served in the Army, and then retired from the Air National Guard after 20 years. He was a District Conservationist with SCS in the Skowhegon field office. He owned and operated an insurance business, Raymond A. Piper Insurance Co. in Presque Isle. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Paula (Reynolds) Piper of Mapleton, two daughters, and two grandchildren Online condolences may be shared at www.duncan-graves.com |
| **Pond** | **2015** | Bonnie Jean Pond passed away on June 13, 2015 in a Boise, Idaho nursing home. She was born in Boise in 1935. Bonnie had several secretarial jobs for SCS in the state office and served as Federal Women's Program Coordinator for a number of years. She is survived by her five sons, a daughter, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Pope** | **2015** | Honorary Member Arthur (Wayne) Pope (94) formerly of Waretown, South Dakota passed away Monday July 27, 2015 at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls. Wayne was born in Little River, Kansas. He married the love of his life, Doris (Donna) Bratton on March 11, 1945 in Yuma, Arizona. They just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year. Wayne graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Business Agriculture and was a Soil Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service for 31 years before retiring as an Area Conservationist in 1976. His second career was working for the Northern Border Pipeline as the “Right-A-Way-Man.” He retired for the second time in 2007. Wayne was a WWII veteran in the Air Force. He was also an avid golfer. He lived for golf and played almost daily until he had to stop at the age of 90. He had the honor of getting two hole-in-ones throughout his lifetime. Wayne was a past Grand Master of his Masonic Lodge, Commander of the American Legion, and Exalted Ruler of the Elks. He is survived by his wife Donna, his daughter Mary (Dr. James) Labesky, of Sioux Falls, his son, Jim Pope, Greenville, TX; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Pope** | **2015** | Muriel E. Pope (87) passed away on November 26, 2015 at St. Catherine's Living Center, Wahpeton, North Dakota. She was the wife of the late Eugene Pope, an engineer, who worked for SCS in ND, the National Technical Center in Lincoln, NE and a four-year tour of duty in India. She is survived by her children, Randall (Joan) Pope of Wahpeton, ND; Deborah (David) Starbuck of Kaneohe, HI; Doug (Lynn) Pope of Greenfield, WI; Steve (Janet) Pope of N. Potomac, MD; Gene Pope Jr. (Polly) of Overland Park, KS; Dan Pope of Duluth, MN; two sisters; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters, and three brothers. |
| **Porter** | **2015** | Rick Porter (60) of Olathe, KS, suddenly passed away on January 2, 2015. He graduated with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Agronomy in 1975 from the University of Arkansas. Rick worked a variety of job prior to beginning his career with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), from 1980 until his retirement in July, 2011. He served as Soil Conservationist, District Conservationist, and Lake Region Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Coordinator, 1992 until retiring. Rick earned numerous national, state and local awards for his volunteerism and dedication to conservation efforts including: National Organization of Professional Black NRCS Employees, National Pearlie Reed Award (for his Commitment to Excellence) and a National RC&D Award Rick is survived by three daughters, one stepson, and five grandchildren. The Family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Rick Porter to the: UAPB/ AM&N Alumni Association, 1200 North University Drive, Mail Slot 4813, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601. |

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| **Post** | **2015** | Gerald John Post (85) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on November 19, 2015. He was born in Burkettsville, Ohio. Gerald is a member of Saint Peter's Catholic Church, Army Veteran, member of American Legion Post #3, American Society of Agronomy, and the Soil Science Society of America. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1989 as a Supervisory Soil Scientist. Survivors include wife, Dorothy Post, sons and daughters-in-law Paul (Patricia) Post of Thornton, CO; Michael (Sharon) Post of Hilliard, OH; Thomas (Karen) Post of Lincoln; Larry (Kristie) Post of Lincoln; daughter and son-in-law Theresa (Gary) Gremling of Columbus, OH; and ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Preceded-in-death a grandson Steven Gremling. Online Condolences can be left at www.bmlfh.com. |
| **Powles** | **2015** | Erskine E. Powles (98) of Sidney, Iowa passed away on June 27, 2015 following a brief illness. He was a graduate of the Thurman, IA High School and on December 18, 1938, he was married to Thelma M. Barnard in Rock Port, MO. He was a member of the Sidney Presbyterian Church, a Charter Member of the Sidney United Faith Church and the Williams-Jobe-Gibson American Legion Post #128 of Sidney, IA for over 60 years. Erskine served in World War II in the Philippines and was a member of the Japanese Occupation Forces. Returning home in 1947, he began his long and distinguished career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in southwest Iowa as a Soil Conservation Technician. He is survived by his son, Dennis D. Powles and wife Beverly of Sidney, IA; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Qualls** | **2015** | Bill “Billy” T. Qualls (86) of Iola, Kansas passed away September 10, 2015. He retired in 1987 as the District Conservationist at the Iola Field Office. His wife of 56 years, Lillian, preceded him in death on August 4, 2006. Bill was born in Peno, Okla. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree from Oklahoma A&M in Agriculture Education in 1949. Bill served in the United States Navy during World War II with the 121st Naval Seabees Battalion. Upon discharge he continued in The Naval Reserve and later National Guard retiring with a total of 35 years of military service. He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a conservationist for 39 years before retiring in 1987. He attended the First Baptist Church of Chanute where his oldest son is pastor. Survivors include two sons and their families, the Rev. Rick Qualls and his wife, Nancy, Chanute and Dr. Randal Qualls and his wife, Cathy, Lebanon, Mo.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. To sign the guestbook online or leave a condolence, go to www.iolafuneral.com. |
| **Quilliam** | **2015** | Member and Senior Conservationist Robert Eugene Quilliam (91) of Okeechobee, Florida passed away on September 2, 2015. He was born in Daviess County, Indiana. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Robert began his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, working in Indiana and Alabama, and was the State Conservationist in West Virginia and Ohio, retiring in 1979. A resident of Lakeport for 25 years, he was an elder at Lakeport Christian Church. He enjoyed farming and fishing. Bob is survived by his wife of 67 years, Maxine Quilliam of Lakeport; son, Randall (Tanya); daughter, Karen Taylor (Tom); two grandsons, and four great grandchildren, and four step grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lakeport Christian Church, 10947 E. State RD 78, Moore Haven FL 33471. Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com |
| **Rauch** | **2015** | Robert Lee Rauch (90) Blue Eye, Missouri passed away on August 3, 2015, at the Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville, MO. He and his twin sister just celebrated their 90th birthday a few months ago. Then three weeks ago he found out he had lung cancer. He was a veteran of World War II. Following the war he returned to the family farm and later worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist in Northern Missouri until retirement in 1985. He and his wife also operated a channel catfish farm near Higginsville, Mo. He is survived by his wife and soul mate of 47 years, Judy, of the home; sons, Robert William Rauch (Carolyn), of Higginsville; David Rauch (Chris), of Billings; Carl Mustain (Melissa), of Valrico, Florida; Craig Mustain (Nelsa) of Ocala, Florida; and daughter, Dr. Kristin Rauch (Brian Kerns), of Missoula, Montana; fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Please visit www.meadorsfuneralhome.com for a more extensive obituary, and for memorial and condolence information. |
| **Richards** | **2015** | Grace Richards (83) of Circleville, Ohio passed away on December 4, 2015 at Grant Hospital due to a brain aneurysm. Grace is the wife of ARCSE member Bill Richards, former Chief of the Soil Conservation Service. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Grace was a full partner and corporate officer in the Richards’ Family Farm operations. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church where she served on many committees. Grace was a member and past president of the Child Conservation League. While living in Washington D.C., she was active in the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.). Grace is survived by her husband of 63 years, Bill Richards; sons, Bruce S. (Betsy) Richards and Elmon (Connie) Richards of Circleville; daughter-in-law, Loribeth Kowalski, Circleville; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Steve Richards. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Grace Richards Memorial Fund in care of the Presbyterian Church 134 E. Mound St., Circleville, OH 43113. |
| **Roberts** | **2015** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Francis M. (Rob) Roberts (99) of Spokane, WA passed away on August 26, 2015. He graduated from Washington State College (now WSU) in 1939 with two BS degrees, one in engineering. His first assignments with the Soil Conservation Service were in Buffalo and Afton, Wyoming. Rob entered the Army in an engineering company in 1943 and was part of an advanced unit sent to Nagasaki, Japan in 1945, after the surrender. He resumed his position with the SCS, from which he retired in 1976, in Spokane, after 36 years. His longest position was as area engineer in Ephrata, WA, but he also served as Area Conservationist and retired in the Spokane State Office as an engineer on the Watershed Planning Staff. Rob also served three years on loan to USAID in New Delhi, India in the late 1960s. He was active in ARCSE and was the Washington State Representative for many years. He was preceded in death by Naomi his devoted wife of 69 years in 2009, and a brother in 2012. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, William and Deborah Roberts, Chicago, Illinois and John and Linda Roberts, Austin, Texas; a granddaughter, and a great-grandson; and “adopted” daughter, Marilyn (Jones) McBride, Issaqua, WA. |
| **Ruhland** | **2015** | Jean Ruhland (76) of St. Paul, MN passed away on September 14, 2015. She is survived by her husband of 53 years Victorin, an ARCSE member who retired from SCS as a Resource Conservationist. Also surviving are five children: James (Jayne) of Mitchell, SD; Kenneth (Lori) of West Fargo, ND; Kathy (Steven Geis) of Woodbury, MN; John of Roseville, MN; and Brian of Winona, MN; and six grandchildren. Preceding her in death was a son Joseph. www.WulffFuneralHome.com |

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| **Rush** | **2015** | Annette Rush (77) of Grove City, Ohio went peacefully home to be with her Lord on December 27, 2015. She was a graduate of Claredon High School. She is survived by Richard W. Rush, her husband for 54 years. An ARCSE member, Richard retired in 1994 as the CAMPS Specialist for SCS in Ohio. They traveled around the world together after retirement. Also survived by her daughter, Laura Rush, of Grove City. She was a faithful and active member of St John's Lutheran Church, serving in the Saturday Night Choir, Prayer Warriors, Sunday School, Bible Study Groups, Women's Circle, and served for more than 20 years as a Grove City LifeCare Alliance Meals On Wheels Volunteer Coordinator. She also was active in Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), Vaughn E Hairston YMCA Urbancrest, and with her husband was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Dept. of Aging. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Organ Fund. Visit www.schoedinger.com to share a favorite memory or extend condolences. |
| **Schiermeister** | **2015** | Ervin Schiermeister (79) passed away on December 10, 2015 at a Bismarck, North Dakota hospital. He worked for 32 years in SCS offices in Linton, Mott, and Bismarck, ND. His wife, Joan, died recently on September 2, 2015. Ervin is survived by his daughters, Gail (Terry) Mees and Sandy (Donny) Gleich; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and seven sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, three sisters, four brothers, and two brothers-in-law. |
| **Schiermester** | **2015** | Joan Schiermester (76) wife of Bismark, North Dakota passed away on September 2, 2015, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck, ND. They had lived and worked in Linton, Mott, and Bismarck. Joan worked for the federal government for 31 years. She is survived by her husband, Ervin of 57 years. He was a Civil Engineering Technician for SCS in the State Office in Bismarck, ND. Also surviving are two daughters, Gail (Terry) Mees and Sandy (Donny) Gleich; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and a baby boy due in December; 6 brothers and 3 sisters. |
| **Schmelzer** | **2015** | Member and Senior Conservationist George L. Schmelzer (90) lifelong resident of Bremen, Ohio passed away on March 23, 2015 in Lancaster. George was a veteran of the United States Army proudly serving his country in WWII. He was a graduate of The Ohio State University and a true Buckeye fan. He retired in 1980 after 35 years from the Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service as District Conservationist in Perry County, Ohio. George was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul. He was involved in the local schools and community activities of Bremen, a 4-H leader for 25 years and a 50 year member of the Rushcreek Grange. He, along with his wife, Joan, delivered Meals on Wheels and was instrumental in bringing this service to Bremen. George is survived by five sons, George (Judith) Schmelzer, Lawrence (Jacqueline) Schmelzer, James (Donna) Schmelzer, Donald Schmelzer and Richard (Nancy) Schmelzer; two daughters, Margaret (Jackson) Muchoki and Mary Ann (Steve) Reichley; daughter- in-law, Kathi Schmelzer; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joan; sons, Harry and Thomas Schmelzer. Online condolences at www.morganfuneralhomeohio.com |
| **Scott** | **2015** | Michael L. Scott (50) of Hobart, Oklahoma passed away on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, in Hobart, OK. He grew up in Hobart, OK. Michael went to Cameron for two years, moving to Arkansas to get a Master Degree. After receiving his Master's he went to Mississippi State for a Ph.D. Michael moved to Washington DC to work as a Research Animal Scientist. He moved back to Hobart ten years ago to care of his parents. Michael worked for NRCS in Taloga for three years and in Anadarko for the last five years as a Soil Conservationist. Michael was a wonderful photographer. He is survived by his father Leo Scott, of the home, an uncle and several cousins. |
| **Semin** | **2015** | Dean J. Semin (79) of Ulysses, Nebraska passed away May 22, 2015. He graduated from Ulysses High School in 1953 and enlisted into the U.S. Navy Jan. 4, 1954, and honorably discharged on Feb. 7, 1956. Dean then enlisted into the U.S. Army Feb. 8, 1956, where he served in the Special Services, and was honorably discharged Jan. 4, 1962. Sep. 16, 1960 Dean began working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1965, as a Soil Conservationist Technician, retiring in 1994. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ulysses. Survivors: wife of 54 years, Marie of Seward, relatives and friends. Memorials: Donor's Choice. Condolences: www.zabkafuneralhome.com |
| **Simmons** | **2015** | J. R. "Dick" Simmons (88) of Fairfield, Iowa, passed away July 28th at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City. He attended Penn # 10 one-room school through the 6th grade. He graduated from Pleasant Plain High School in 1944. He served with the U.S. Army in World War II, and over 20 years with the Iowa National Guard, attaining the rank of First Sergeant when serving in the Red Bull Division Medical Company. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service office for 32 years as a soil conservation technician in Lee, Scott, and Jefferson Counties. He farmed for 20 years and served as a Jefferson County Supervisor for 20 years. He was a member of the American Legion and was an avid deer hunter and outdoorsman. Surviving are his wife of 61 years Lorry; three sons: Tim Simmons of Fairfield; Perry ( Phyllis) Simmons of Ankeny; Tom ( Carolyn ) Simmons of Fairfield; one daughter, Dee ( Ray) Lehn of Fairfield, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Dick has donated his body to medical science at the University Hospital in Iowa City. |
| **Simonson** | **2015** | Dennie L. Simonson (86) of Sturgis, South Dakota passed away on January 26, 2015, peacefully at home. Dennie was born in Timberlake, SD. He spent his childhood in South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana; graduating from Corvallis, MT, in 1947. He worked as a carpenter, and then joined the United States Navy, in 1951, serving for four years. After the Navy he went to college and graduated from Utah State University. During his college years, Dennie began his career with the Soil Conservation Service that spanned thirty years. He also helped begin the Range program that was integrated into 4-H at Broadus, MT. He helped organize Range and Wildlife camps in South Dakota. Dennie is survived by his wife, Leith; four children, 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established to South Dakota 4-H. |

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| **Smith** | **2015** | Member Paul Dee Smith (77) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on Feb. 8, 2015. He was raised on a farm five miles northeast of Lyons. He graduated from high school in 1955 and was honored as co-captain of the football and basketball teams, setting scoring records and being chosen the 1955 Sports King. He spent several summers at horse racing tracks helping race family owned thoroughbreds and maintained a life-long interest in horse racing. He graduated from UNL in 1959 with a BS in Agriculture with a major in Soil Conservation. He spent 35 years with USDA, Soil Conservation Service and lived in eight towns in Nebraska, serving in 11 positions. Paul retired in 1994 as a Resource Conservationist. He received two National Commendations from Soil and Water Conservation Society and five Certificate of Merit Awards from SCS. One of his greatest joys was coaching his kids in various sports and also attending games and matches of all the grandchildren. In retirement, he enjoyed genealogy, photography, and computers. Member: St. Teresa Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus for 50 years, Soil and Water Conservation Society, and past SCS Retirees Club president. Survived by wife of 56 years, Sharon; children, Jody Cotton (Dwayne) of Omaha, Cheryl Bell (Mark), Kevin Smith, Lisa Andersen (Steve), all of Lincoln; 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Memorials: Soil and Water Conservation Foundation, St. Teresa Catholic Church, or Pius X High School. |
| **Smith** | **2015** | Ray Smith (89) of Bozeman, Montana passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones on February 26, 2015. Ray was born in Ririe, Idaho. Before graduating from Idaho Falls High School, his innate patriotism led him to lie about his age in order to enlist in the Navy in March of 1943. He was sent to boot camp in Idaho Falls and electrician's school in Minnesota. After boot camp, Ray was assigned to the USS Coolbaugh, a destroyer escort, stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. While the fleet was in the South Pacific, he was selected from the squadron to attend Officer's Candidate School. He returned to Helena, MT and attended Carroll College. While in Helena, Ray met and fell in love with Nina Jones. The two hitchhiked to Townsend, Montana, and were married in the preacher's backyard on August 4, 1945. The war ended before he could finish Officer's School and he was honorably discharged in 1946. After being discharged from the Navy, Ray worked for his father on the farm outside of Ririe, Idaho, for two years before moving to Forsyth, Montana, to farm with Nina's family. A few years later, he moved the family to Sidney, Montana, where he joined the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a technician. In 1959 the family moved to Bozeman, Montana, so Ray could obtain his Engineering Degree from MSU and continue working for the SCS. Throughout the next 27 years in his career with the SCS, he was promoted from Design Engineer to State Design Engineer and eventually to State Conservation Engineer. He retired in June 1986, but continued to do private consulting work for the next 9 years. Ray was preceded in death his first wife, Nina in 1989 and second wife, Dorothy in 2007. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; a daughter, a granddaughter, five step-children, and numerous step-grandchildren. |
| **Smith** | **2015** | Wilton Uzzle Smith (85) of Louisburg, North Carolina passed away on March 15, 2015. Wilton retired as District Conservationist in Louisburg, NC. He was employed by SCS/NRCS for 33 years. Wilton was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He served as a deacon, treasurer and an advisory board chairman of the Louisburg Baptist Church. He also served as president of the Louisburg Lions Club. Surviving are his wife, Mary John Inscoe Smith, a daughter Marilyn S. Huey of Roxboro, NC, a grandson, one granddaughter, two great-granddaughters and a brother. |
| **Smithhisler** | **2015** | Member John Wendelin Smithhisler (87) of Manhattan since 2011, passed away on February 27th, 2015 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House. He was a District Conservationist and a Resource and Soil Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Kansas and Illinois until his retirement in 1985. He was united in marriage to Rita Jean Downey on June 7, 1954 and she precedes him in death. He graduated from KSU in 1953 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture. He was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, NARFE and the VFW. John served in the U.S. Air Force as a weather observer during WWII. John is survived by his son John W. (Marsha) Smithhisler, Jr, of Dodge City; son Matthew L. (Patricia) Smithhisler of Manhattan; a daughter, Mary A. (Sean) Salsbury of Bowlingbrook, IL; daughter Judith L. Smithhisler, of Lake Villa, IL; and a son Peter D. (Christina) Smithhisler, of Zionsville, IN; and eleven grandchildren. The family request donations to the Good Shepherd Hospice House, 3801 Vanesta Dr or Manhattan Catholic Schools. |
| **Spangler** | **2015** | Richard Spangler (88) of Indianola, Iowa passed away on November 7, 2015. He was the husband of the late Connie Spangler. Connie worked in the SCS state office in personnel from the early 70s to the early 90s. |
| **Stoner** | **2015** | William "Bill" Stoner (94) of Mifflintown, Pennsylvania passed away on September 26, 2015. Bill was a Soil Conservation Technician in Juniata County, PA for over 30 years. He trained numerous soil conservationists and technicians in the planning, design and application of conservation practices. In retirement, Bill served on the Juniata County Conservation District board for several years. He was also a member and past president of the Juniata County School Board and a member of the Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Mifflintown, where he served as Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. Bill was a lifelong farmer and a veteran of World War II. He is survived by 5 children, 13 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren. His wife of 59 years, Martha (Auker) Stoner preceded him in death on March 8, 2005. |
| **Stormann** | **2015** | Merton Ray "Pudgy" Stormann (78) of Bangor, Maine passed away peacefully at home, February 11, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. Ray served three years in the Marine Corps, then went to work at the USDA Soil Conservation Service in the accounting department. He was in the Navy and air guards for a short time. Ray enjoyed line dancing, square dancing, roller skating and ice skating, and hunting and fishing with his brothers. He met Nina roller skating at the age of 15 and they were married in 1955, enjoying almost 60 years together. Surviving are his loving wife, Nina (Smart) Stormann of Bangor; two daughters, one granddaughter, one great-granddaughter. Gifts in his memory may be sent to CancerCare, C/O EMHS Foundation, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME 04402-0931. |
| **Swan** | **2015** | Melvin Wayne Swan (84) of Spooner, Wisconsin passed away on April 24, 2015, at home of complications of dementia. He graduated from Spooner High School in 1948 and married Bertha Vallem of Hayward on March 28, 1950. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Bertha retired from the Soil Conservation Service. His surviving family includes wife, Bertha of Spooner; sons Dale of Spooner and DuWayne/Jeana Jarvis of Stratford; a granddaughter; a grandson; and two great-grandsons. Online condolences may be left at www.scalzo-taylor.com |

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| **Tankersley** | **2015** | Howard Charles Tankersley (81) of Ft. Collins, Colorado passed away on November 29, 2015. He was born in Gooding, ID. Howard graduated from the U of Idaho with a BS in Ag. Ed. (1956), and from the U. of Oregon with an MS in Public Admin. (1969). After teaching for two years, interrupted by a one-year stint in the Army, he began a long career as a civil servant in the USDA, where he achieved upward mobility through county, state, and national service. Howard was the last Senior Information Resources Management Officer (SIRMO) with SCS/NRCS, precursor to what now is the Chief Information Officer (CIO). He retired in 1992. He leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Cherrie, daughters Leslie Black (Don), Laurie Seiler, and son David Tankersley (Patti), seven granddaughters, and three great-grandsons. The family requests that donations to the following charities be considered in lieu of flowers: Larimer County Food Bank or Habitat for Humanity, in care of Allnutt Funeral Service, 650 W. Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526. |
| **Thorn** | **2015** | James Eugene Thorn (81) of Morgantown, West Virginia passed away unexpectedly October 30, 2015. He was born in Brilliant, Ohio, graduated from high school in Point Pleasant, and was a Morgantown resident since 1970. James was an avid runner having completed more than 40,000 miles during his lifetime and was only hit by lightning two times. He served as the Public Affairs Specialist for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1992. James is survived by his loving wife, Julia Hathaway Zay Thorn, his three sons, a stepson, and eight grandchildren. Condolences: mcculla.com |
| **Thornburg** | **2015** | Gene Thornburg (72) of Helena, Montana passed away on January 10, 2015 after a courageous battle with ALS. Gene was Watershed Staff Leader in Bozeman, MT when he retired after 30 years with the Soil Conservation Service, having worked in Indiana, Washington, Michigan, Montana and Wyoming. He graduated from Purdue University in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering. After Gene's retirement he and Donna traveled the United States in an RV and spent several winters in Florida. Gene leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Donna, three children, and six grandchildren. See more at: http://retzmemorials.com/obituaries/gene-r-thornburg-age-72-of-helena/#sthash.QRmRSy35.dpuf |
| **Townsend** | **2015** | Life Member Harold B. Townsend (90) of St. Joseph, Missouri passed away May 9, 2015, at Mosaic Life Care. He was born in Bolivar, MO and grew up in Orrick, MO and graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in engineering. He worked throughout Northwest Missouri for over 30 years as an engineer for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1980 as the State Construction Engineer. Harold proudly served in the U.S. Army during WW II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of and a very active volunteer at the First Christian Church. He enjoyed gardening and woodworking. Surviving family include his wife of 62 years, Wava Townsend of the home; two daughters, Debra Howard, St. Joseph and Susan Arrow (Alan), Houston, Texas; son, Mark Townsend (Sue), Wilmington, N.C.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The Family has requested Memorials, in lieu of flowers, be made to Camp Quality of NWMO or the American Cancer Society. |
| **Turman** | **2015** | Della M. (Hindman) Turman (96) of Bismarck, ND, died peacefully, surrounded by her family on May 2, 2015. She was the wife of the late Ralph Turman, who worked for the Soil Conservation Service in various locations in North Dakota including Cavalier, Hillsboro, and Bismarck. She is survived by four sons: Frank (Julie), Joseph (Ranelle), Michael (Lottie), Richard (Sarita); 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. |
| **Uhrig** | **2015** | Jeannine E. Uhrig (78) of Black River Falls, Wisconsin passed away on June 18, 2015 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire. Her husband Robert survives and retired in 1999 as a District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. There will be a Memorial Service on Tuesday July 7th at 2PM with a visitation at 1PM at the United Methodist Church here in Black River Falls and a dessert type lunch following the service. Jeannine liked Bagpipes so a piper will be there to play several numbers during the service and during the lunch. |
| **Vennes** | **2015** | Paula M. Vennes (76) of Spokane, Washington passed away on March 17, 2015 due to complications from surgery. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Carl Vennes, who retired as Spokane District Conservationist. Other survivors include her four daughters, and her three stepchildren, her 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; two nieces and three grandnephews. An online memorial may be viewed by visiting. www.hennesseyfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Walker** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Helene Ruth Kiser Walker (97) of Somerset, Kentucky, passed away December 29, 2015. Helene was born November 21, 1918, to the late George and Elizabeth Trimble Kiser in Somerset, Kentucky. She met the love of her life, Kenneth Walker, and they married on Valentine's Day 1953. Helene was stricken by the dreaded disease known as polio at the age of two, however, it did not deter her. After receiving treatments at polio hospitals around the country, her family returned to Somerset where Helene attended school and was a member of the 1937 graduating class of Somerset High School. She continued her education to become a business professional and began her career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Office in Somerset. She served as the Area Clerk in Somerset for many years. After retiring, Helene and Ken traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and many countries in Europe. Helene was a member of First Baptist Church Somerset, where she was enrolled on the Cradle Roll as an infant. Helene is survived by a niece and four nephews who live in Wisconsin. |
| **Walthall** | **2015** | Thomas C. "Tom" Walthall (65) of Powhatan, Virginia passed on September 16, 2015, at home after a long battle with cancer. Tom was a Federal employee of NRCS, as an office assistant and retired on July 31, 2015 after 22 years. He loved his country and served in the U.S. Army. Tom became a paralyzed veteran in 1990. A member of The Sitting Ducks and past president of The Sitting Ducks Plus bowling league. Tom was a member of the Mid-Atlantic PVA for 25 years, past National Champion of the American Wheelchair Bowling Association, member of IWAA and the Rimriders Basketball Team. He is survived by his loving and devoted partner, Alicia "Lisa" Rhinehart and her children and by his four grandchildren and one great-grandson. Tom was preceded in death by a daughter, Tommie Walthall. |
| **Ward** | **2015** | Senior Conservationist Anne O'Brien Ward (84) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on January 21, 2015. She was a long time secretary in the "front office" of the Raleigh Soil Conservation Service State Office. She retired October 17, 1992. Anne battled cancer for the last few years. She was born in Henderson, NC. Her parents were living in Washington, DC at the time but her mother came back to Henderson to give birth so that her daughter would be a "true Southern Belle." When she was fourteen, Anne's family moved to Raleigh where she spent the remainder of her life. Anne graduated from Sacred Heart Cathedral Latin School and a business program at Peace College. She was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church and was a regular volunteer at the North Raleigh Ministries and Meals on Wheels for many years. Anne is survived by her husband Don of 60 years, son Neil, daughter Donna, and three grandchildren. |

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| **Wells** | **2015** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Colonel Robert Dial Wells (95) of Columbia, South Carolina passed away peacefully in his sleep November 2, 2015. He was born in Young County, Texas, one of nine children. Bob graduated from Texas A&M College in 1941 and went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He was the SCS State Soil Scientist upon his retirement in 1975. Bob was also a lifelong proud member of the United States Marine Corps. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, he signed up as an aviation cadet in the Navy. In the Navy he trained to be a fighter pilot, later transferring to the Marines where he was affectionately known as “Oily.” His favorite plane to fly was the Corsair and he liked to say it was the best ever plane to fly as long as you weren’t being shot at. Bob was deployed in Operation Downfall in 1945 and continued to patrol the Pacific after the Japanese surrender. He again deployed with Ground Forces to Korea in 1951 to coordinate ground forces with air-based troops and supplies. He counted his service with the Marines as some of his strongest bonds. Semper Fi was his lifelong motto that he lived out each day. He was often heard to declare, “Once a Marine, always a Marine.” He was a faithful member of North Trenholm Baptist Church for 48 years. He served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for most of those years. Bob was an avid reader, coming home weekly from the library with 10 or more books on a variety of topics. He was a proud member of Toastmasters for 30 years and was an enthusiastic speaker. He enjoyed excellent health throughout his life, walking three miles a day well into his 90s. He encouraged others to be healthy, too, with his well-known plan for longevity: “genes, beans, miles and smiles.” All who knew Bob loved him and will not soon forget him as one of the kindest and best Americans of the Greatest Generation. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Myrtle; his daughter, Nancy; and his son, Ben. He is survived by his children, Margie Welch, Sally Koon (Wayne), Evelyn Fletcher (John), Ken Wells (Lisa); his 11 grandchildren and his five great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Trenholm Baptist Church, 6515 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29206. |
| **Whaley** | **2015** | CMSGT Leland C. “Lee” Whaley USAF (R) (85) of Baldwin City, Kansas, passed away on November 27, 2015. Lee worked most of his career as a technician for the Soil Conservation Service in Brown, Miami, Douglas and Franklin counties. He also served 37 years between the active and reserve U.S. Air Force, retiring as Chief Master Sergeant, and spent considerable extra duty with the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, earning two Joint Services Commendations. He was born in Brown County. He served two terms on the Baldwin City council and multiple terms on the Douglas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Lee is also survived by his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth “Ann” Field, a daughter Karla R. Grosdidier (David) of Eudora Kansas; two sons, Darren Whaley (Paulette) of Avondale, PA, and Mark Whaley of Baldwin City, KS; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions suggested to the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434. |
| **Whitehurst** | **2015** | Bryan Kelly Whitehurst (89) of Williamson, Georgia passed away on December 23, 2015 at his residence. Bryan was born in Adel, Georgia. He is preceded in death wife of 61 years, Carolyn Howard Whitehurst. Bryan served in France and Germany during World War II, and after Germany’s surrender, he returned home to complete his education. He graduated from The University of Georgia in 1948. Bryan was a farmer and the USDA-SCS District Conservationist. At various times he served Pike, Spalding, Lamar, Upson and Monroe Counties. He was the mayor of Williamson and a beloved member and co-founder of The Church of Joy. For many years he served as a devoted Elder and leader. Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Lil and John Lassiter of Crawfordville, FL; Kella and Thomas Barnett of Williamson; and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Church of Joy, P.O. Box 41, Williamson, GA 30292 in memory of Mr. Whitehurst. |
| **Wilimek** | **2015** | Member Frank E. Wilimek (81) of Tempe, Arizona passed away January 12, 2015. He was born and raised in Iowa. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration at the University of Colorado. He served his country in the Army Security Agency with the 6th Infantry Division in Korea. Frank was employed with the Soil Conservation Service for 30 years working in Wyoming, West Virginia, and Arizona. He worked as a Contract Specialist in West Virginia and retired as Assistant State Administrator in Arizona. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ruth of Tempe AZ; a son David of Tempe, AZ; a son Steven of Chandler, AZ; and one sister. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society – 4550 East Bell Road, Suite 126, Phoenix, Arizona 85032. |
| **Williams** | **2015** | Norris L. Williams (80) passed away on June 11, 2015. Memories of Norris will be kept alive by his wife of 57 years, Sandra Williams; children Kristi Williams, Kevin (Eva) Williams, Kendra (Michael) Paul, Kyle (Kristen) Williams; and six grandchildren. Norris was a graduate of The Ohio State University. He worked as a soil scientist for the state of Ohio for 32 years before starting his own soil consulting service. Norris and his family also owned and operated a Christmas tree farm in Middlefield, Ohio. He proudly served in the U.S. Army as a medic while stationed in Germany from 1957-1959. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Legacy House hospice at 9505 SW 110th St, Ocala, FL 34481 or to the charity of your choice. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. |
| **Wilson** | **2015** | Clay Wilson (64) of Seneca, Missouri, passed away on July 26, 2015 suddenly at his farm in rural Wyandotte. Clay received his Bachelor’s degree at OSU 1973. He retired in 2000 from the US Department of Agriculture where he worked as an Area Resource Soil Scientist. Clay was a Mason and a member of the Seneca United Methodist Church. He married Marsha Elaine Sparks, January 10, 1972 in Miami, OK and she survives. Additional survivors include two sons, Ethan Wilson and Jami, Wyandotte and Galen Wilson (an NRCS employee in Kansas) and wife Mellisa, Garnett, KS and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the Susan G. Koman Foundation (Breast Cancer) in care of the Campbell-Biddlecome Funeral Home, PO Box 380, Seneca, MO 64865. |
| **Zutz** | **2015** | Vincent Earl Zutz (90) of Winner, South Dakota, passed away on February 17, 2015. He was born in Burke, SD and served in 10th Armored Division, US Army, in Europe during WW II, discharged in July 1945. Earl attended Iowa State College and South Dakota State College under the GI Bill. He served as Work Unit Conservationist, later as District Conservationist, USDA Soil Conservation Service, Burke, SD, until 1965 when he transferred to Gettysburg, SD, as District Conservationist. In 1976 he transferred to District Conservationist position at Winner, SD, where he retired in 1981. He obtained his real estate salesman’s license and remained active for many years. Earl was active in several veterans and community organizations. He was especially proud of the many Great Plains Conservation Program participants assisted. Survivors include two sons, Jerry and Darin, a daughter, Sandra, and their spouses and children. |

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| **Atwood** | **2014** | Nova D. Atwood (92) of Salina, Kansas passed away on September 15, 2014. He retired in 1979 after 32 years from the USDA as a Soil Conservationist/Agricultural Economist on the Water Resources Planning Staff in the Kansas State Office. He was a member of the National Association of Federal Employees and the First Christian Church Salina, Kansas. Survivors include son, Darroll (Lanis) Atwood of Ozawkie, Kansas; daughter-in-law, Sherrie Atwood of Salina, Kansas; and one granddaughter. He is preceded by his wife, Dorothy (Jones) Atwood; and son, Doyle D. Atwood. Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 2727 E. Crawford, Salina, Kansas 67401. |
| **Austin** | **2014** | Clarence "Bobby" Austin (71) passed away on July 12, 2014 at his home in Fond du Lac, WI. His Christian faith and life foundation began at an early age at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Horntown, Virginia. At his passing, he was a member of the Albright United Methodist Church in Milwaukee, WI. Clarence graduated from Delaware State University in Dover, Delaware. He was a very proud veteran of the United States Army. After a tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to various soil and water conservation (Natural Resources Conservation Services) districts in the state of Wisconsin as well as the National office, retiring in 1998 from the Administrative Service Division in Washington, D.C. Clarence was united in Holy Matrimony to Mary Council in Beloit, WI on June 20, 1981. They made their home in Fond du Lac, WI. After retiring, he devoted his years to family, church ministries and educational projects in the Fond du Lac community. Clarence and his good friend, Dr. John Lent, inspired the vision and development of Community Education Opportunities (CEO) to empower children and youth of Fond du Lac with a strong educational foundation. He leaves to cherish great memories: his wife, Mary and his father, Irving Austin. Memorials can be directed to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation – Community Education Opportunity Organization in Clarence's name. They are at 384 N. Main Street, Suite 4, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. |
| **Bennett** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist James Stephen Bennett (94) of Cape Coral, Florida passed away on May 5, 2014. He graduated from WVU with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture. Following active duty with the Army Air Force, he was employed in Ohio by the USDA Soil Conservation Service as Assistant State Conservationist. Jim served as the first president for the Ohio SCS Retirees. He was appointed as State Conservationist in West Virginia in 1970. Jim received the highest honor in a Fellow Recognition by the SCS, the USDA Superior Service Award for Rural Development, was first President of the Alumni Association for the College of Agriculture and Forestry, and served as Chairman of the WVU Rural Progress Organization. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for the West Virginia University College of Agriculture and Forestry. Jim and Naomi retired to Cape Coral, FL in 1977. For his leadership and work on conservation and the environment in Cape Coral, Jim was nominated by Kiwanis as a candidate for Cape Coral Citizen of the Year in 2003. He is survived by his loving wife, Naomi Lee of 71 years; daughters, Judy Chester, Marjorie Stephens; and son, Stephen Bennett (Karen); six grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Condolences to family may be sent to www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com |
| **Boehlert** | **2014** | Edward Boehlert passed away in February, 2014 in Florida due to pancreatic cancer. Ed was a former Purchasing Agent for the Soil Conservation Service in New York. |
| **Borchard** | **2014** | Raymond Clyde Borchard (89) of Carmichael, California passed away peacefully October 1, 2014. He suffered a massive stroke just 20 days after losing his dear wife of 66 years Shirley on September 4, 2014. Ray was an active member of Sunrise Community Church where he taught Bible study for many years. He was raised on the family farm in Oxnard, CA where he raised truck crops with his father. Like many young men of his generation, he served in the Army Air Corp during WWII as a copilot on a B17. He was a graduate of the California State University, San Luis Obispo. Ray worked for Allis-Chalmers to support his farming habit before leaving the farm to begin a career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS). His career with SCS required the family to move to several communities in northern CA, finally settling in Carmichael in 1973. Position at retirement, Area Conservationist, Sacramento, CA. He is survived by his sons Mike (Janice) Borchard of Orangevale, CA; and Steven (Donni) Borchard of Medford, OR; fourteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a beloved charity in his name. |
| **Boyd** | **2014** | O. B. Boyd (64) passed away November 18, 2014 in Holdenville, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Texas Banner Church of God. O. B. worked as an Engineering Aide for the Hughes County Conservation District from 1986 to 1998, before starting with the Holdenville Field Office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) where he has been employed for the last 15 years as the Soil Conservation Technician. Surviving are his wife 20 years, Sandee of the home, four children, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. |
| **Bozeman** | **2014** | Sara Helen Bozeman (92) of Plains, GA, passed away on March 4, 2014, just 4 months following the death of her beloved husband, the late David E. Bozeman, a retired USDA Soil Conservationist. They were married for 58 wonderful years having two daughters, Lynn (Marvin) Griggs and Diane B. (Roy) Worrell, 4 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. She was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, GA. |
| **Branigan** | **2014** | Member and Senior Conservationist William J. Branigan of Mount Jackson, VA passed away on July 30, 2014 from complications (pneumonia) following knee surgery. Bill retired in 1987 as an RC&D Coordinator with the Soil Conservation Service in Maine, having been a District Conservationist in Allentown, Media (Delaware Co), and Meadville, PA. After retiring, he owned and operated a bed and breakfast called the Roaring Lion in Waldoboro, ME for 25 years. |
| **Braymen** | **2014** | Beverly Ann Braymen (74) of Creston, Iowa entered eternal rest on December 16, 2014 at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa. Beverly was the wife of Tom Braymen, a long time technician in the Creston Engineering and Field Offices. Bev graduated from Clarinda High School and worked more than twenty years for Farm Credit Service of America. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. Left to cherish Bev's memory are her husband of 52 years, Tom Braymen, Creston; a daughter: Lisa (Dave) Carter, West Des Moines; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter: Julie Braymen. |
| **Brewster** | **2014** | Robert Walker Brewster (93) of Glen Allen, Virginia passed away on January 8, 2014. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pat Dye. He is survived by his three daughters, his wife, June Adams Hogg of Mechanicsville, VA, who he married in March, 2009, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. June retired from the SCS in 1994 as Special Program Assistant. After college at the University of Texas, Bob joined the U.S. Border Patrol in 1941 and ended his career as Assistant Southeast Regional Commissioner with the Patrol, taking a leave of absence from the Border Patrol for service as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Laurel Park United Methodist Church, 2700 Hungary Rd., Henrico, Va. 23228. |

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| **Brost** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Ken Brost, (96½) of Madison, Wisconsin, passed away on June 10, 2014. In 1966, he began his career as a contract specialist for USDA Soil Conservation Service in the Wisconsin State Office. Ken retired in 1979. He is survived by six children, Ken (Eileen) Brost Jr., Barbara (Bill) Sippel, Mary (Tom) Misco, Susan (Steve) Kluess, Paul (Debbie) Agarwal, and John England; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Ken was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 64 years, Jean (Sowle). He grew up in Cross Plains and Verona, WI. After high school graduation he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked on CCC projects on Isle Royale, MI, and in a Milwaukee, WI County Park. In March 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps then transferred to the Navy and joined the Pacific Theater in World War II. He wrote home to his family, "If I make it out of this "thing" alive, I'm going to make my life useful." And he did. He earned his law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1952 and worked as a claims adjuster, manager, and agency director for State Farm Insurance for 12 years. In 1966, he began his career as a Contract Specialist for USDA Soil Conservation Service in the Wisconsin State Office. During these years, in addition to their six children, Ken and Jean shared their home with over 50 foster babies, providing a temporary home before permanent placement by Catholic Social Services. He was elected the first president of the Wisconsin Federation of Foster Parent Organizations. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Blessed Sacrament School Educational Endowment Fund. |
| **Brownfield** | **2014** | Marjorie A. Brownfield (83) of Shelbyville, Illinois passed away peacefully on October 6, 2014, in Shelbyville Rehabilitation and Healthcare. She died of Lewey's Body Dementia. Her husband, Shelby, was the sole caregiver 24/7 for over four years. Marjorie was born in Jacob, ID. She was known by Marjorie Sullivan most of her career as a special education teacher. She married a school mate and longtime friend, Shelby H. Brownfield, of Boise, Idaho, on May 24, 2003, in Shelbyville. Shelby is an ARCSE member who retired as the State Soil Scientist in Idaho in 1986. They lived about one-half of the year each in Boise, Idaho and Shelbyville. They resided in a log home designed by Marjorie that she and her family built. She was a much loved friend and respected stepmother of Shelby's five children and three stepchildren, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Marjorie received her bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from the Illinois State University. She has traveled worldwide including two short term missions to Malawi, Africa where she taught in a Marian Medical Mission, Deaf School. Any gifts or donations can be given to First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville, or Alzheimer's Association. To send online condolences, visit www.lockartgreenfuneralhome.com. |
| **Burns** | **2014** | Patricia Burns (73) of Fairmont, West Virginia passed away on November 13, 2014 after a long struggle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Life Member Dave Burns who retired in 2003 as the IRM manager in West Virginia, and her daughter Stephanie Burns, of Morgantown. Patricia was a graduate of Morgantown High School. She was a member of the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church where she was active in the United Methodist Women. She retired as an office manager at Jones Fur Service with many years of service. She was a member of the TOPS Club 0070. Patricia enjoyed volunteer work after her retirement. She was involved with the Fairmont-Marion County food pantry. She volunteered for the American Cancer Society where she proudly walked the survivors' lap at the Monongalia County Relay for Life for the past seven years. She was a loyal Mountaineer Fan and enjoyed going to home football and basketball games. Online condolences may be made to www.fordfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Busch** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Howard Busch (98) of West Chester, Pennsylvania passed away on September 15, 2014. Sara (94), his wife of 70 years passed away twenty days later on October 5th. He attended Pennsylvania State University and graduated with a degree in Forestry and a minor in Civil Engineering. Howard saw four and one half years in the service during World War II part of which was as an Infantry Company Commander with the 76 infantry Division of the Third U.S. Army in Europe. After the war he remained in the Reserves and retired with the rank of Colonel. His civilian career was with the Soil Conservation Service. Assignments included Lancaster, Glen Rock, Lock Haven, and West Chester in Pennsylvania; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Champaign, Illinois. Howard retired as Illinois State Conservationist in 1975 and moved back to West Chester, PA in 1978. He was a member of The Soil Conservation Society of America (in which he was elected a Fellow) and the American Forestry Association and was a Thirty Second Degree Mason. He was also a past Commander of the Philadelphia Chapter, Military Order of the World Wars as well as a trustee of the MOWW Memorial Fund. In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, H. William Jr. of Wilmington, DE, a daughter, Barbara A. of Albuquerque, NM, and two grandchildren and one great grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to the Military Order of World Wars, for the "Memorial Fund for Patriotic Education," c/o Major William Magill, 312 Box Elder Drive, West Chester PA 19380. |
| **Button** | **2014** | Helen Connelly Button (85) of Richmond, Virginia passed away on April 9, 2014 after a second battle with cancer. Helen graduated from Longwood College in Farmville, VA and was a retired school teacher. She was predeceased by her son, Louis Stanley Button III of Richmond. Helen is survived by her husband of 62 years, Louis Stanley (Curly) Button Jr., former State Conservation Engineer, of Richmond. Also surviving are her daughter, Helen Rebecca (Thomas) Cournow of Stevensville, Md; sons, John Connelly (Rosemary) Button of Madison, NC and Thomas Robert (Heather) Button of Millford, VA; a granddaughter and three grandsons. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fellowship Fund at Westminster Canterbury. |
| **Carlton** | **2014** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Earl Parker Carlton (97) of Carrollton, Ohio passed away on December 2, 2014 in his home with his family at his side. He was husband of the late Marie Carlton, his wife of 60 years. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1941 and remained a loyal Buckeye throughout his life. Earl served as a Naval Officer in the Pacific during WW II. Returning home, he began a 27 year career with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Summit County. In 1952, he began yearly plantings of Christmas trees on Mrs. Carlton's grandparents' farm in Carroll County. The trees were harvested and sold by his family in the Cuyahoga Falls area. Eventually his three sons joined him in partnership. The farm and business grew and Carlton Tree Farms Inc., a tree farm nursery, developed. Earl served on the Ohio Reclamation Board of Review for 25 years. He received numerous awards including being named to the Conservation Hall of Fame and the Christmas Tree Growers Hall of Fame. He belonged to and held leadership positions in many organizations including Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Carrollton First United Methodist Church and was a 70 year Mason. He was an avid bridge player. He is survived by three sons Rick (Cathy), Ron (Judy), Bruce (Catherine), all of Carrollton and one daughter, Linda Haskett (Jim) of Stow; nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice, 789 N Lisbon, Carrollton, OH 44615. |

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| **Coffing** | **2014** | Member Charles H. Coffing (72) of Covington, IN, passed away on May 10, 2014 in Fountain County, IN. He first married Ruby Yang who preceded him in death. He later married Faith "Jody" Tanesky on September 1, 1984. She also preceded Charles in death. He is survived by his three children, Rachel Sueann (Nick) Hilweh of Oregon, Angelia K. (Chris) Compton, also of Oregon, and James Frances (Angela) Coffing of Ft. Wayne, IN; a stepson, Dave (Marge) Smith of Ft. Wayne, IN; and ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Brianna. Charles served his country by enlisting in the US Army where he was a Green Beret in the Special Forces. He served active duty from 1960-1967 and later retired from the reserve. Charles was a Covington High School Graduate and earned his bachelor's degree from Purdue University. He worked with the US Department of Agriculture as a certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control and was a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Charles was a pilot and had a passion for flying. He was a member of the EAA and enjoyed skydiving. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. |
| **Combs** | **2014** | John Combs (88), passed away on June 29, 2014 at Hilltop Home of Comfort in Killdeer, ND. He worked the majority of his SCS career at the Killdeer Field Office. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ferne; daughter, Carolyn Moyer of Colorado Springs, CO; step-daughters Doreen (Dale) Orf of Grassy Butte, ND; Candace (Charlie) Jerke of Florence, MT; step-son, Kenton Nordin of Glendive, MT; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a step-son, two brothers and a sister. |
| **Cooper** | **2014** | Walter F. Cooper (80) of Morganton, NC, passed away on March 5, 2014. Walter retired in 1988 as Area Conservationist in Waynesville, NC. Prior to transferring to North Carolina in 1979, Walt worked in Missouri and several locations in Ohio. He was a native of Kentucky and graduated from Berea College in 1954 with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. On his college graduation day, he married his wife, Emma. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and upon his return he began his career with the Soil Conservation Service. In addition to having a passion for bluegrass music, Walter was a postmark collector with a collection of over one million postmarks from all over the world. He spent many volunteer hours with the Postmark Collectors Club and at the Postmark Museum in Bellevue, OH. As a result of his hobby and his love of rural places, he visited all 3,144 counties and equivalents in the United States and six continents, including Antarctica. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Emma; daughter Amy Cooper (Tony) Outlaw of Atlanta, GA; son Alan (Janet) of Great Mills, MD; and four grandchildren. |
| **Crowe** | **2014** | Clement Eugene “Clem” Crowe (92) of Princeton, West Virginia passed away on October 21, 2014 at his residence. Clem was employed as an engineering technician by the USDA Soil Conservation Service working in Monroe County for eleven years before transferring to Princeton in 1959. After retiring in 1980, he was employed by the Southern Soil Conservation District and the Mercer County Commission. He was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Princeton where he formerly served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and President of the United Methodist Men. Clem was a 70-year member and Past Master of Monroe Masonic Lodge #77, AF & AM, and Past President of the Bluegrass Ruritan Club in Monroe County. His wife of 65 years, Cora Pomphrey Crowe; four sisters; and two brothers preceded him in death. Survivors include one daughter, Dr. Judith Crowe Carter of Princeton. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 304, Princeton, WV 24740. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.seaverfuneralservice.com. |
| **Currier** | **2014** | Dixie Currier, wife of Member and Honorary Senior Conservationist Raymond (Ray) L. Currier, passed away April 19, 2014. They had only recently moved from their home in Ogden, IA to the Eastern Star and Masonic Home in Boone, IA. Ray retired in 1980 as the District Conservationist in Webster City, IA where he had worked most of his career. They had spent winters in Lillian, AL. |
| **Czartoski** | **2014** | Bernie Czartoski (71) of Ney, Ohio passed away on April 20, 2014. Bernie is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ruthann (Bittaker), four sons and nine wonderful grandchildren. Bernie graduated from The Ohio State University College of Agriculture where he was also a flight instructor at Don Scott Field. After graduation, he started the Vocational Agricultural program at Conotton Valley Schools in Sherrodsville, OH. For 31 years he was employed by the USDA, Soil Conservation Service, serving the Area Conservationist for Northwest Ohio and as the Maumee Valley Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator. Charitable donations may be made in Bernie's memory to the following organizations: Defiance Area Foundation to the grandstand fund or Fairview High School. http://www.defianceareafoundation.org/, 507 Fifth Street Defiance, Ohio 43512; Tel: 419-782-3130. Cards may be sent to Ruthann Czartoski – 04087 Behnfeldt Road, Ney, Ohio 43549 |
| **Darden** | **2014** | Ronald Anthony Darden (72) of Cape Girardeau, MO passed on March 25, 2014, at his home, following a courageous battle with cancer. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 and a master's degree in 1973, both at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. Ron retired as an Area Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Survivors include his loving wife, Kathleen Walch Darden. He was preceded in death by two unborn children. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ron's memory for the loving and nurturing care of Southeast Hospice in his final days would be appreciated. Mail to 10 Doctors' Park, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703. Online condolences may be made at fordandsonsfuneralhome.com. |
| **Davis** | **2014** | Darrel Dale Davis (69) of Sugar Land, Oklahoma passed away on November 30, 2014. He attended Oklahoma State University and received a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Agricultural Economics. Dale was employed by the Soil Conservation Service as an Ag. Economist and eventually served in numerous roles with Halliburton from 1982 to 2011. Dale is survived by his wife of 48 years, Karen Davis, a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren. |
| **Day** | **2014** | Virginia Day (103) of Portland, Maine passed away on June 8, 2014. She was the wife of deceased S Von Day who was a District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Portland in the 1960’s and then the first RC&D coordinate in Presque Isle. |

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| **Dester** | **2014** | Eugene P. “Gene” Dester (84) passed away August 23rd in Enterprise, Kansas. Growing up in Deer Creek, Gene attended local schools, graduated from Deer Creek High School, and attended Bethel College from 1948 to 1951. From 1951 to 1953, he served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater stationed in Japan. Gene graduated from Oklahoma State University and taught Vocational Agriculture. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Winfield, Ness City, Larned, and Meade before making their home in Abilene in 1976. He was the District Conservationist in Dickinson County, retiring in 1992. Gene was a member of the Abilene First United Methodist Church and Kiwanis. Survived by: wife of 60 years Daisy I. Sawyers Dester, Enterprise; son Steve (Janice) Dester, Solomon; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren The family suggests memorial contributions in his name be given to the Elsie Brooks Cancer Fund. Condolences: http://dannerfuneralhome.net/. |
| **Dilsaver** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Millard F. "Pete" Dilsaver (98) of Greeley, Colorado passed away on March 1, 2014 at his home at Grace Pointe Assisted Living in Greeley. He was born on a dry land farm three miles northeast of Athol, Kansas. There he attended grade school in a one room school house and graduated high school. Following high school, he enrolled in Kansas State College majoring in Agricultural Engineering. In his junior year, there was a flu epidemic and he was confined to the college hospital. There he met his wife Agatha Hermon who was a nurse. Upon completing college, Pete was employed by the Soil Conservation Service. He was drafted into the Army in September 1943 and received a 10 day leave the following March before being deployed. Their first child Evelyn Marie was born during that leave and both she and Pete were baptized together in the Catholic Church. Pete was part of the 79th Infantry Division that was in a battle to end the war in Europe where he received the Bronze Star for his services. While in Greeley, Pete became a member of the American Legion, VFW, Knights of Columbus Council 2160 and Elks Lodge #809. He served as Grand Knight in Greeley and in Littleton, CO and also District Deputy and was in the 4th Degree of the K of C's. He is preceded in death by his wife, Aggie and sons Michael and Roy and daughter Judy O'Neill. He is survived by daughter Evelyn (Bill) Burke, son Ben (Linda), daughter-in-law Jonnie Dilsaver, son-in-law Steve (Mari Ann) O'Neill, and eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and a great-great grandson. In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be made in care of Stoddard Funeral Home, 3205 W. 28th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80634, to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greeley, Colorado or the Purple Stride Pancreatic Cancer Walk, for Team Dilsaver. Please visit www.stoddardsunset.com to sign online guestbook. |
| **Donahue** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Robert L. Donahue (97) of Solvay, New York passed away January 1, 2014 at his home with his two daughters at his side. He retired from the US Soil Conservation Service in Syracuse in 1976 where he was State Administrative Officer. Robert had been a federal employee since 1934, having served in the Civilian Conservation Corp and in the Army in WWII in the Southern and Western Pacific. He was an elder, trustee, and former deacon of South Presbyterian Church, a member of the Syracuse Kiwanis Club, the Syracuse Scottish Rite bodies of Masonry, and the American Legion. He was a volunteer for many years at Community General Hospital and was a member of the Hospital Auxiliary and its Board of Directors. He was predeceased by his wife Denise. Robert is survived by his daughters, Barbara Kriesel of Syracuse and Didi (Richard) Acosta of Albuquerque, NM; six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North St., Liverpool, NY 13088. |
| **Drullinger** | **2014** | Florence (Carter) Drullinger (98) of Holt, Michigan passed away on March 18, 2014. She graduated from MSU in 1939 with a degree in music and later worked for the Crop and Soil Science Department. She married her college sweetheart, Richard H. Drullinger. Richard retired in 1975 as the State Resource Conservationist for SCS. Surviving is one daughter, three sons, eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. On line condolences may be made at www.greastlansing.com |
| **Dunnigan** | **2014** | Member and Senior Conservationist Lorn P. Dunnigan (87) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on October 16, 2014. Borne in Cavalier County ND, Lorn was a U.S. Navy veteran 1945-1946. He graduated from NDSU in 1951 with a degree in soil science. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1989 as Head of the Soil Mechanics Lab. Lorn is survived by his wife of 63 years, Cecilia and children and spouses: David (Joy) Dunnigan, Clatonia; Diane (Tom) Lamb, Lincoln; Joan Dunnigan and (Bob Cohn), Louisville, KY; Karan Dunnigan and (Gary Connelley), Billings, MT; and Brian (Jody) Dunnigan, Lincoln; 13 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Preceded in death by daughter, Beth Louise Dunnigan; four brothers and one sister. |
| **Durban** | **2014** | Clarence W. Durban (93) of Plain City, Ohio passed away on October 22, 2014. Clarence was a WW II US Navy Veteran (1944-1946) Fireman First Class stationed on the USS Laub and USS Stevenson. He was a Darby High School Graduate and member of the Plain City Presbyterian Church. Clarence traveled nationally and abroad for the conservation of our national resources. He was an active member and past president of the National Association Conservation District (NACD) and Ohio Federation Conservation District (OFCD) for Land and Soil Conservation. He met with President Reagan regarding the Farm Bill in the early 1980s. He was the NACD president who led the effort to purchase the NACD building in DC among other accomplishments. He is survived by his wife, Polly Scheiderer Durban; a daughter, Barbara (Joe Jenkins) Bruning; two step-children; 12 step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. |
| **Duree** | **2014** | Erma Duree (86) of Chariton, Iowa passed away September 25, 2014. She was the wife of the late Leo Duree who was a retired engineering technician. Surviving are her three daughters, seven grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren. |

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| **Dymond** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Sterling Atwood Dymond Jr. (93) of Bangor, Maine passed January 7, 2014. A 1938 graduate of Bangor High School, Sterling was a civilian employee of Dow Air Force Base during World War II and later worked for Northeast Airlines as a ground marshal. One job highlight included being a member of the crew that marshalled Air Force One during President Lyndon Johnson's pass-through in 1966 and having the opportunity to shake the President's hand. After receiving his associate's degree from Husson around 1967, he became an engineering technician and joined the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1985. His brother, Willey, also worked for SCS. Sterling continued to work part-time for 12 years at the former Bangor Auditorium. He was baptized at St. John's Episcopal Church and became a member during his teens, holding various lay positions over the years; past Worshipful Master and 35-year 32 degree Brother of North Star Lodge No. 22, Prince Hall Masons Jurisdiction of Massachusetts; and former president of the Bangor Area Chapter of the NAACP. For his civic contributions, Sterling received one of the 34 Paul Bunyan Citizen's Award from the City of Bangor in 2009. He was predeceased by his wife of 32 years, Dorothy (McIntyre) Dymond. He is survived by his three children, Nancy and Sterling III of Bangor and Claudia of Brooklyn, NY. Gifts in Sterling's memory may be made to the Youth and Outreach Ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Office, 234 French St., Bangor, ME 04401; or the College Scholarship Fund of the North Star Lodge No. 22, 156 Cedar St., Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com. |
| **Echaide** | **2014** | Joyce Echaide (63) of Sacramento, California passed away on February 11th, 2014. She is survived by her domestic partner of 35 years, Danny Maxim. Her loving and giving spirit will certainly be missed, but not forgotten. Joyce was the former Administrative Assistant/Secretary with the SCS Soils Staff in Davis, CA. Danny is a retired Civil Engineering Technician in California. |
| **Ensminger** | **2014** | Billy John Ensminger (85) of Duncan, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, November 22, 2014, at home surrounded by his family. He graduated from Wewoka High School in 1947 where he was a standout football player. He served his country honorably in the United States Army. He worked in the oil field for Mobil and Deep Rock in Oklahoma and Kansas in his earlier years and went to work for the US Soil Conservation Service in 1961, retiring from there in 1993 as a Supervisory Surveyor. He loved hunting, enjoyed working in his yard and spending time with family. Billy is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ellen Ensminger, of the home; two children, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Online condolences can be sent to the family at: www.granthamfuneralhomes.com |
| **Esarey** | **2014** | Dwight M. Esarey (84) of Fairfield, Illinois passed away on January 15, 2014. He graduated the University of Illinois with a BS in Agriculture. Dwight was a member of the Kirk Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Robinson for over 50 years. For 36 years he was a District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence and Wayne Counties. Dwight was awarded the Wayne County Friend of 4-H award and was elected to the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame in 2012. He coached girls youth softball for many years in Oblong and Fairfield and was a "#1 Fan" of multiple youth sports. Dwight is survived by two sons, two daughters 12 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kirk Chapel United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice. To leave condolences online, visit www.jg-tc.com. |
| **Eschenbach** | **2014** | Mary Eschenbach (64) of White Lake, Wisconsin passed away at her home on June 21, 2014. Mary started her USDA career as a Computer Assistant in Beaver Dam with the Soil Conservation Service in August 1988. She transferred to Appleton in October of 1996. NRCS IT Specialists were transferred to the USDA/OCIO/ITS agency in November 2004. Mary retired from the USDA/OCIO/ITS office in Appleton, Wisconsin in September 2009. |
| **Eswaran** | **2014** | Hariharan Eswaran (73), Arlington, VA, died Monday, April 14, 2014 in Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington. A private memorial service will be held at a later date in Malaysia. Hariharan (Hari) Eswaran was born in Kluang, Johore, Malaysia. Hari graduated from English College, Johore, Malaysia and the University of Malaya, Malaysia. He earned a Master's degree and PhD in Soil Science from Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium. He retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington D.C., in 2010. As National Leader, World Soil Resources, USDA NRCS, Hari led an international effort providing technical assistance in soil survey, soil conservation and soil fertility. During his 30 year career, he worked with scientists in over 100 countries helping to promote better land management in support of sustainable agriculture world-wide. The Soil Science Society of America made him a Fellow in 1993, and in 2012 he was honored by the International Union of Soil Science with the Guy Smith Medal for Soil Classification. He was the son of the late, E. Harihara Iyer and leaves behind his beloved mother Gomathy Mangalam, four sisters, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, and their respective spouses, grand nieces and nephews to mourn his loss. |
| **Etherington** | **2014** | Thomas Paul "Tom" Etherington (92) of Richmond, KY passed away suddenly on July 2, 2014, after arrival at Baptist Health Richmond. Tom was a retired District Conservationist in Richmond, KY with the Soil Conservation Service. After his retirement, he was the caretaker of Million Park of Richmond for many years. Tom was an active member of the St. Mark Roman Catholic Church and a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He volunteered for many years with the Boy Scouts, the 4-H organization, and was a member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Association of Retired Federal Employees. Survivors include: his wife, Anna Manning Jones Etherington of Richmond; two sons, Thomas H. Etherington (Kimberely) of Richmond and James L. Etherington (Maria) of Lexington; five daughters, Rebecca "Becky" Etherington and Dottye Etherington Burton, both of Richmond, Carolyn Etherington Hornback (John) of McDonough, Georgia, Patti Etherington and Janet Etherington Short (Bill), both of Richmond. He also leaves 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Mark School, Richmond, KY 40475.Condolences may be expressed at www.orpfh.com. |
| **Ferguson** | **2014** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Donald T. Ferguson (98) of Muncie, Indiana passed away on January 27, 2014. Donald retired in 1984 from the Soil Conservation Service as a District Conservation. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corp. |
| **Fischer** | **2014** | Robert S. Fischer (93) passed away in Fargo, North Dakota on September 7, 2014. He began his SCS career in 1952 as a Project Engineer and worked on projects in the Grand Forks area, Larimore area, and the Fargo area before retiring in 1987. He is survived by three sons and four daughters: Steve (Sue), Kent, WA; Doug (Kay), Scottsdale, AZ; Diann, Fargo, ND; Keith (Wanda), Fargo, ND; Carol, Maple, Grove, MN; Susan, Fargo, ND; Mary, Eden Prairie, MN; and his special companion Fern Andersen, Ulen, MN. He is survived by eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three brothers and four sisters. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine; one son, one grandson, four brothers and two sisters. |

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| **Fox** | **2014** | Herbert C. Fox, Jr. (78) of Cary, North Carolina passed away on November 18, 2014. He retired in 1993 as hydrologist on the Watershed/River Basin Planning Staff. Herb was a native of Virginia but spent his SCS/NRCS career in North Carolina. He was a design engineer on the State Conservation Engineer's staff before assuming the hydrologist position. Herb is survived by his ex-wife and friend, Nancy Fox; sons, Bert (Lisa) Fox of Cary, Hugh (Teresa) Fox of Kittrell; daughter, Dawn (David) Satterwhite of Wake Forest; and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Frank** | **2014** | Ernest F. Frank (76) of Dover, Ohio, passed away on December 11, 2014 after suffering a stroke while deer hunting with friends. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Alice Ann (Strasser) Frank, originally of West Lafayette; a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren. Upon graduating from Fresno High School in 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served two years in Germany. Ernie retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was an outstanding technician to the many cooperators he served and a great trainer. Ernie was a co-founder and developer of Zoar Village Golf Course. He was also the owner of Franks' Tree Farm. Contributions in honor of Ernie may be made to Community Hospice of New Philadelphia --address is 716 Commercial Ave. SW, New Philadelphia. |
| **George** | **2014** | John C. George (66) of Rome, Pennsylvania passed away December 12, 2014. John was a graduate of Delaware Valley College in 1970, where he received his degree in Agronomy. During his college years, John served as a student trainee with the Soil Conservation Service. His career with SCS/NRCS spanned 41 years, during which he served as a Soil Conservationist, District Conservationist, RC&D Coordinator and then as Supervisory District Conservationist for Field Team 1 in Northeast PA. In his six years of retirement, John and Donna traveled extensively to foreign countries. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Donna, two sons, a brother, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Gibson** | **2014** | Thomas "Bill" Gibson (83) of Bottineau, North Dakota passed away on November 14, 2014, at a Rugby nursing home. He began work at Cavalier, ND in 1956; then Hillsboro, ND from 1956-'61; Minot from 1961-'71 and then to Bottineau, ND in 1971 as project inspector for the Boundary Creek Watershed Project and the Carbury Dam. He took early retirement in 1987 with 34 years of service. He is survived by his wife Mickey of 61 years; son Thomas W. Gibson Jr. (Lory) of Bottineau; daughter, Jayne "Janie" Ramsey (David) of Park River, ND; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother. |
| **Gillogly** | **2014** | Wilma Kathryn Gillogly (97) of Ashland, Ohio passed away on January 19, 2014. Her husband, Loyd Gillogly, passed away in 1989 and was the Assistant State Conservation Engineer in Ohio. Wilma graduated from Summerfield High School, Class of 1933. She leaves behind her loving daughter, K. Dianne (Tom) Reed of Mansfield; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Edward's Catholic Church, 501 Cottage Street, Ashland, OH 44805 and Hospice of North Central Ohio, 1050 Dauch Dr., Ashland, OH 44805. |
| **Gingrich** | **2014** | Geneva Blanch (Fordemwalt) Gingrich (90) of Palmyra, Pennsylvania passed away at home on May 9, 2014. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Kenneth R. Gingrich, in 1989. She retired from the Soil Conservation Service as an Area Clerk in the Lebanon Office. Geneva was a faithful member of Palmyra First United Methodist Church. She was also a past president of the Palmyra and Lebanon County Women's Club. She is survived by three sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her honor to the Palmyra Public Library or AGAPE Family Shelter. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.rothermelfuneralhome.com |
| **Gish** | **2014** | Donald L. Gish (86) of Yadkinville, NC, passed away on July 15, 2014. Don retired in July 1983 as Engineering Technician in Yadkinville, NC. He was born in Little Falls, MN. Prior to joining SCS, Don worked for the Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers. He was a veteran of the Korean War where he received three Bronze Stars. Most of Don's career with SCS was an inspector on several watershed projects including Deep Creek and Muddy Creek. His work locations included Yadkinville, Hendersonville, Marion, Columbus, Lumberton and back to Yadkinville. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Dorothy Martin Gish and his three daughters, Donna Bowman and Linda Gish of Yadkinville, NC and Janet (Norman) Bartlett of Clemmons, NC. He is also survived by three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Don was a member of the Yadkinville United Methodist Church and a devoted Christian. He was a member of VFW Post #10346 who provided full military honors at his memorial service. |
| **Glover** | **2014** | Irma Glover (86) of Wichita, Kansas passed away on June 9, 2014. She was the wife of Robert Glover who retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1981 as a resource conservationist in Dodge City Area Office. He preceded her in death in January 2013. She is survived by two daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Gragg** | **2014** | Archie B. Gragg Jr. (84) of Bowling Green, KY passed away on July 28, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Bessie L. Morgan Gragg; a daughter, Kimberly Botner (Dr. Bryan Botner) of Bowling Green; and four grandchildren. Archie was a member of Eastwood Baptist Church and retired as a District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in 1991. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. Archie was retired past president of Federal Employees Organization and High School Band Boosters and was a former director of Chamber of Commerce. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Eastwood Baptist Church, 500 Eastwood Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42103. |
| **Gray** | **2014** | Roy "Mack" Gray (78) of Belton, Texas passed away February 2, 2014 at a Temple nursing home. He worked for the Department of Agriculture for 33 years and retired as Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture in 2006. Over the years Mack resided in Washington D.C., Maryland, and then Belton. He was a Sergeant in the National Guard and had a Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D. in Agriculture Economics from Texas A&M. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Belton, a Mason and member of the Belton Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia Ann Gray of Belton; two sons, Keith (Barbara) Gray of Katy, Texas and Mitch (Michelle) Gray of Cary, North Carolina; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made to the scholarship fund at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M, 556 John Kimbrough Blvd. Suite 200, TAMU 2140, College Station, TX 77843-2140. |
| **Haas** | **2014** | Lavona Belle Haas (82) of Sterling, VA passed away quietly at home on August 16, 2014. She is survived by her husband, ARCSE member Joe Haas of Sterling, VA. Joe retired from the Soil Conservation Service as the Deputy Chief for Programs in Washington, D.C. Also surviving are her daughter Cindy Siler of Lovettsville, VA; granddaughter Jessie Siler of Lexington, VA; and grandson Tim Siler of Lovettsville, VA. Memorial contributions may be given to Capital Caring, 2900 Telestar Ct., Falls Church, VA 22042 or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th floor, New York, NY 10001. |

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| **Haderlie** | **2014** | Member Van K Haderlie (86) passed away on October 15, 2014 in Logan, Utah, surrounded by family. His heart finally gave out. He was born in Auburn, Lincoln, WY, in the beautiful Star Valley he loved. He graduated from Utah State Agricultural College (Logan, Utah) with a Bachelor of Science in agronomy; and from the University of Montana (Missoula, MT) with a Master of Resource Administration. Van served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (North Central States Mission) and in the Infantry and Army Medical Corps in World War II. A long career in the USDA Soil Conservation Service had him and his family moving to many locations around Montana, with a couple of years in Nevada and Texas. He served as a State Conservationist, retiring in Bozeman in 1984 after a two-year assignment in Indonesia. In 2013, Van and Bernice returned to the place their family journey began, Logan, UT. He served in several leadership positions in the LDS church. He had three daughters: Brenda Lynn (Doyle Milton Wright), Orem, UT; Jo Nell (John Stanley Bird), Stockton, MO; and Sheri, Logan, UT; then five sons, Dennis K (Margaret [Peggy] Lee Blackwood), Belgrade, MT; Merrill K (Mae Louise Pledge), Logan, UT; Brad K (Heidi Ann Walls, deceased), Bozeman, MT; Kevan K (Bertha Maria Dominguez-Vazquez), South Salt Lake, UT; and Bryan K (Wendy Suzanne Green), Stafford, VA. There are currently 45 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. |
| **Harrison** | **2014** | Glenn Walker “Shot” Harrison (87) of Knoxville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully early August 19, 2014, at Island Home Park Health and Rehab. He graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1951, where he majored in agronomy. This led to a career of over 30 years as soil conservationist and supervisor for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Knox, Bledsoe, Cannon, Smith, and Sumner counties. He is survived by longtime companion, Barbara, a daughter, a son, and a granddaughter. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy. |
| **Haszel** | **2014** | Orville Haszel (94) of Waupaca, WI passed away on August 21, 2014 at Park Vista Senior Center in Waupaca. Orville married Elsie Vergauwen on May 28, 1977, who died on January 31, 1988. He attended the one room Krok School in West Kewaunee and graduated from Kewaunee High School in 1937 and from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1950. Orville accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture which he held until retirement in 1985. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from October 1942 to November 1945 as a radar operator and saw combat in the South Pacific. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Parish and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Orville was a very devoted husband to his wife Elsie, and a loving and caring father to her four children. He will be greatly missed by his 12 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. Orville is survived by one brother, George of Oshkosh, WI and one sister, Ellen Grutz of Beaver Dam, WI. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in memory of Orville for the new chapel of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, 405 Allen Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut 06451. |
| **Haug** | **2014** | Betty Haug (82) of Manhattan, Kansas passed away on April 19, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Gilbert, who retired in 1993 as a soil conservation technician in the Cottonwood Falls Field Office. They had just celebrated 60 years of marriage in January. She is also survived by two sons, a daughter, five grandsons, a granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter. |
| **Heilman** | **2014** | Lola Heilman (82) of Louisville, Kentucky passed away on March 16, 2014. Lola was the wife of Rodney Heilman, retired SCS resource conservationist. She was a native of Henry County, KY and a member of Westport Road Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Rodney Heilman; daughter, Anne Veno (Tim); a granddaughter, and a great grandson. Memorials may go to the American Cancer Society or charity of your choice. |
| **Heise** | **2014** | Theresa H. Heise (85) of El Dorado, Kansas passed away on August 16, 2014. She is survived by her husband of 65 years Harold D. Heise who retired in 1987 as the District Conservationist at the El Dorado Field Office. Survivors include: husband, Harold; son, Rick (Jane) Heise; and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Hendershot** | **2014** | Connie Sue (Criswell) Hendershot (60) of Circleville, Ohio passed away on January 11, 2014 from an aggressive form of thyroid cancer. She is survived by her parents, Paul and Delores (Brown) Criswell of Caledonia, Ohio; her husband of 36 years, Robert Lee Hendershot; and two daughters, a son, and a granddaughter. Connie graduated from The Ohio State University in 1976 with a major in education. Memorial contributions can be made in lieu of flowers to the Memorial Bible Program; The Gideons International, P O Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800. https://www.gideons.org/HowYouCanHelp/generaldonations.aspx |
| **Herron** | **2014** | Cecil Joseph Herron (89) passed away on December 16, 2014 at Manor of the Plains in Dodge City, Kansas. He graduated from Spearville High School in 1943. Cecil was a farmer and retired 1988 from the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician with 22 years of service at the Dodge City Field Office. He was also a referee for Kansas schools for 25 years, officiating over 1500 football and basketball games. He was a lifetime member of the Spearville Federated Church and also served on the board through the years. Cecil served on the Spearville USD 381 Board of Education for 18 years. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Hazel of Spearville, six children, 16 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the Federated Church, Spearville or Manor of the Plains in care of Swaim Funeral Home. Thoughts and memories may be shared in the online guest book at www.swaimfuneralhome.com. |
| **Hicks** | **2014** | Life Member Robert Nolen Eugene Hicks (78) of Lansing, Michigan, passed away on June 12, 2014. He grew up on a family farm in Tennessee, and his life-long passions were the conservation of wildlife and its natural resources. He received a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Tennessee State University. He served in the U.S. Army for three years in research and development all over the world, including the Greenland Ice Cap and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Bob retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a District Conservationist in 2008 after 47 years of service. Bob was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church where he faithfully served in different stewardship roles. He was involved in Habitat for Humanity, the Neighborhood Watch program, Farm Bureau, and Rotary International. Bob was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife, Thelma L. Hicks, of 51 years of marriage. He is survived by his children, Derrick N. Hicks and Belinda N. (David) Kammeraad (Hicks); and two grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church and School. Condolences may be left for the family at www.EstesLeadley.com. |

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| **Higginbotham** | **2014** | Richard Lee Higginbotham (69) of Hull, GA passed away on August 7, 2014. A native of St. Petersburg, FL, he was the owner and operator of Piedmont Azalea Nursery for 35 years and retired from the USDA NRCS after 31 years of service. He served his country in the US Navy. As a hobby he collected old cars, antiques, especially toys. Survivors include his wife, Wanda Arnold Higginbotham, son and daughter in law, Ricky and Tammy Higginbotham of Colbert and a grandson. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, c/o Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 6012, Albert Lea MN 56007 or Gideons International, P.O. Box 238, Hull, GA 30646. |
| **Hoffman** | **2014** | Thelma Irene Hoffman (93) formerly of Effingham, Kansas passed away on November 26, 2014. She was the spouse of Mac L. Hoffman who preceded her in death in 2009, having been married for 63 years. Mac was a Soil Conservation Technician in the Effingham Field Office. Thelma received her Normal Teachers training from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. She was an elementary school teacher for many years in rural Atchison County and Jefferson County grade schools. She had also served as principal for the Effingham Grade School. The Hoffman's raised their family on a dairy farm near Effingham. Survivors include three sons, a daughter, 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. |
| **Holmes** | **2014** | Betty A. Holmes (89), former resident of St. Francis Village, Crowley, Texas, passed away on December 3, 2014. Her husband Daniel served as the work unit conservationist in the Abilene and Anthony Field Offices in Kansas and retired as an Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service in 1980. In addition to her husband of 68 years, Dan, she is survived by three sons: Richard (Bronia) Holmes of Columbia, SC, Steven (Fabienne) Holmes of Berkeley CA, Joseph (Deborah) Holmes of Columbia, SC; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Horgan** | **2014** | Purdy Horgan (94) of Cavalier, North Dakota and formerly of Neche, ND passed away on September 1, 2014 at Wedgewood Manor, Cavalier, ND. Purdy worked as a WAE in the Cavalier office for many years. He is survived by sons: James, Thayer, MO; and Tim, Cavalier, ND; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Edna Mae in 1999; a son, and a brother. |
| **Hraban** | **2014** | Maxine F. Hraban (84) of Billings, MT formerly of Gering, NE, passed away on November 2, 2014. She was the wife of Rudolph Raymond Hraban (memoriam follows). Memorials can be made in Maxine's name to Christ the King Catholic Church and the Ronald McDonald House in Denver, CO. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.geringchapel.com. |
| **Hraban** | **2014** | Rudolph Raymond Hraban (89) of Billings, Montana formerly of Gering, NE passed away on June 24, 2014. He served in the Navy aboard the most decorated ship of World War II, the USS Enterprise Aircraft Carrier. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal–eleven stars, Philippine Liberation Medal–two stars and a Commendation by the Commanding Officer. Rudy was proud of his service to his country. He graduated with a degree in Agriculture from the University of Nebraska. He was employed by the USDA, Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, retiring in 1987 as an Area Conservationist. Rudy married Maxine Tharnish on June 16, 1952 in Lincoln, NE and just recently celebrated their 62nd anniversary. Together they raised seven children who survived along with 22 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Rudy was an active member of Christ the King Catholic Church where he served in a variety of ways including the church council for over 20 years. Memorials can be made in Rudy's name to Christ the King Catholic Church. |
| **Ice** | **2014** | Life Member Mervin Ray Ice (78) of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, passed away on February 13, 2014. He earned an Associate in Science degree from Vincennes University and then graduated from Purdue University in 1958 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. After graduation, Mervin took a job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Soil and Conservation Service (SCS), which he held for a 37-year career. He progressed from an Area Engineer and Project Engineer to Indiana's State Construction Engineer and eventually to Indiana's SCS Assistant State Engineer. In 1974, he was hired as the State Conservation Engineer for SCS in Pennsylvania. He retired in 1994 as National Construction Engineer for SCS in Washington, DC. Mervin stayed busy after retirement by helping Carla's business, the Blossom Shop Florist. He was involved with the Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society (NYCHAPS) since the early 1980s. For the past 40 years, Mervin was an active member of the West Shore Baptist Church in Camp Hill where he taught Sunday School. He held many professional affiliations, including a 32nd degree Mason. He remained a registered civil engineer in Indiana and Pennsylvania until his death. Mervin was passionate about learning and took every opportunity to discover new information. He was an avid supporter of ARCSE, having made the largest amount of monetary contributions on record, nearly $500. Mervin is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carla (Lockhart) Ice; his son Douglas Ice; his daughter, Karyn Leftwich; and his ten grandchildren: and a great-grandson. He is also survived by two daughters-in-law Beth Ice and Lisa Ice-Jones and two sons-in-law Linwood Leftwich and James Jones. He is preceded in death by his son, Mervin R. Ice, Jr. Memorial contributions may be made to NYCHAPS, 35 Greenbrier Lane, Dillsburg, PA 17019 or West Shore Baptist Church, 2025 Market St., Camp Hill, PA 17011. |
| **James** | **2014** | Member and Senior Conservationist George James (86) passed away on November 18, 2014, in his home near Boise. George was born in Greeley, CO. He graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. He worked for SCS 30 years, retiring in 1984 as a Plant Materials Specialist, and spent two years with the State Dept. in Tunisia and two years in Botswana. He retired in Boise and enjoyed playing golf and traveling the world with his wife Alyce who preceded him in death. George donated blood for over 50 years and was recognized by the State of Idaho with "George James Day" on November 18, 2010, with over 56 gallons donated. He is survived by sons Tom and Donald, his sister, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. |
| **Jeffery** | **2014** | Justin A. Jeffery (77) of Benson, Minnesota passed away on January 6, 2014 at a family member's home in Wisconsin. "Just Jeff," as he was known, was an engineer with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 2001. |

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| **Jessup** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Robert G. Jessup (88) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on February 8, 2014. Bob was born in Mocksville, NC but moved with his family to Eau Gallie, Florida where he grew up on the Indian River. He enlisted in the Navy during WWII and was in the Naval Officer's Training V-12 program at Georgia Tech from 1943-1945. He then served as an Engineer Officer on a small Aircraft Carrier (USS Casablanca) in the Asiatic Theater from October 1945 until June 1946. He continued in the Navy reserves until 1959. After WWII, Bob returned to Georgia Tech and graduated in 1948 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Following graduation, he began work with the Soil Conservation Service in Orlando and later Gainesville, Florida. Bob moved to Raleigh, NC in 1968 as State Conservation Engineer until his retirement in1986. After retiring from SCS, he served as a consultant for the Agricultural Extension Service at NC State University, where he helped develop the North Carolina Erosion and Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual. He had a lifelong love of fishing both in Florida and North Carolina and enjoyed many trips to the NC coast at Salter Path starting in 1970. Bob is survived by his son, Steven G. Jessup of Raleigh; daughter, Janet J. Rakes of Raleigh; and two granddaughters. He was predeceased in 2005 by his wife of 52 years, Sarah Calhoun Jessup. |
| **Kehne** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Lewis (Lew) F. Kehne (96) of Spokane, Washington passed away on March 26, 2014. Lew grew up in Winnetoon, Nebraska, attending a small one-room country school and graduating as one of eight seniors from Winnetoon Public High School during an era of Nebraska drought and severe economic depression. He was a veteran of WWII with most of his time spent in the European theatre. He attended Biarritz American University in Biarritz, France for a quarter while waiting to be transported home. Lew graduated from the University of Nebraska under the G. I. Bill. In 1950 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering he was employed by the Soil Conservation Service for the next 25 years. He retired in 1975 as Assistant State Conservationist for Watersheds in Spokane, Washington. During his career he also worked in various locations in Nebraska and in Hawaii. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna. Lew and Edna had 3 children, Jon (Peggy) of Colfax, WA, Mary (David) Menard of Spokane, and Jay (Rita) of Omak, WA. They had seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. |
| **Keller** | **2014** | Jesse Keller (84) of Ridgeway, Illinois passed away on June 14, 2014. Jesse began his SCS career in Kankakee and retired in 1985 as a Soil Conservation Technician at the Harrisburg Field Office. He is survived by daughter, Julie, and sons Brad and Mike and three grandchildren. Jesse's wife, Joann, passed away in 2005. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps from 1948 to 1952, spending fourteen months in Korea participating at Inchon, Chosin Reservoir, and most of 1951 campaigns. Jesse earned a silver star on the Korean Campaign ribbon and a bronze star on the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon. |
| **Kennedy** | **2014** | Alvin Merle Kennedy (89) of Pratt, Kansas passed away on June 9, 2014 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham, KS. He served in the Navy during WWII. Alvin retired as a civil engineering technician with the Soil Conservation Service from the Hutchinson Area Office in 1993 after 33 years of service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pratt He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lois Irene Deckert Kennedy. Other survivors include a son, four daughters, 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-granddaughters. Condolences can be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com. |
| **Kizzier** | **2014** | Earl D. Kizzier (79) of Spirit Lake, Iowa, formerly of Moville, passed away on January 7, 2014. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs. Earl continued his education at Iowa State College, School of Agriculture. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years. He worked for the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1994. Earl was an active member and past president of Trinity Lutheran Church in Moville. He was active in numerous civic/governmental organizations, including past president of the Area Education Association and the Downtown Sioux City Kiwanis. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Pat of Spirit Lake, two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. |
| **Knecht** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist John P. Knecht (91) of Hillsboro, North Dakota passed away on December 6, 2014. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in North Dakota offices in Napoleon, Langdon, and Hillsboro retiring in May 1983. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lorraine, daughter Susan Cheatley, son Jim (Deb) all of Hillsboro, son Jeff (Suzette Munnik) of Pasadena, CA, and daughter Janice (Brian) Glaeske of Fargo, ND, two sisters, nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, two brothers, a son and daughter-in-law, five brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law, a niece and nephew. |
| **Komarek** | **2014** | Linda L. (Hamilton) Komarek, (66) of Salina, Kansas passed away on December 17, 2014. She attended Albany school and graduated from Sabetha High School in 1966. She retired from SCS/NRCS in 2005, after 36 years of service. Linda was a devoted farm wife and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was a natural caregiver, always sharing her kindness and love for others. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Francis J. Komarek, of the home and son, James F. (Emily) Komarek of Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Salina Animal Shelter, St. Mary's Catholic Church or Bavaria Cemetery, in care of Ryan Mortuary. |
| **Konieczny** | **2014** | Member Chester H. (Chet) Konieczny (82) of Hadley, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on May 14, 2014. He was educated in the Hadley school system and graduated from Hopkins Academy. Chet farmed full time until he began working for the USDA Soil Conversation Service where he retired as a conservation technician in 1993. He married Barbara Kowal in 1954 and they enjoyed 47 years of marriage until Barbara passed away in 2001. In 2003, Chet married Peg Nartowicz of South Deerfield and she survives. Chet served his town for many years as a call fireman with the North Hadley Fire Dept., Hook and Ladder Co. #5 and was also a longtime member of the Hadley Men's Club. He also leaves his children: daughter Debbie and her husband Jacques; son, Steven and his wife Sheila; son, John and wife Robin; three grandchildren, four stepchildren, and eleven step grandchildren. Memorial contributions in Chet's memory may be made to the New England Health Center (Cozy Corner), 61 Old Amherst Rd., Sunderland, MA. 01375. |
| **Koster** | **2014** | Darlene Sue Koster (82) of Elkader, Iowa passed away peacefully on Nov. 27, 2014, with her family by her side. Darlene was the wife of Roger Koster who was a District Conservationist in northern Iowa. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Roger of Elkader, her five children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren |

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| **Krug** | **2014** | Kenneth D. Krug (67) formerly of Torrington, Wyoming passed away on March 3, 2014 at his home in Rapid City, SD, and cremation has taken place. He graduated with a B.S. in Biology from Fort Hays State in Hays, Kansas in 1968. Ken went to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service soon after college graduation and worked in several SCS offices in Wyoming before transferring to St. Paul, Minnesota. While working in St. Paul, Ken met his wife, Sandi Skarda, and they were married on Sept. 3, 1977. He transferred to the SCS office in Aloha, OR and finally finished his long career with the SCS (renamed NRCS) in Rapid City, SD. During his career as a biologist he had traveled all over the middle and western United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam, coordinating water resource projects and being a technical advisor on NEPA environmental requirements for wetlands protection. Ken was preceded in death by his wife in 2002. |
| **Lace** | **2014** | John J. "Jack" Lace IV (79) of Chepachet, Rhode Island passed away on September 5, 2014. Besides his wife of 52 years Terry F. (Jarvis) Lace, he is survived by three sons, twelve grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. "Jack" graduated from Burrillville High School in 1953 and attended URI. He served in the US Army from 1957 to 1959 at Fort Bliss, TX as a Guided Missile Propellant Specialist. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service from 1960 to 1990 as a Construction Inspector on many dams in the state of Massachusetts. Upon retirement, Jack was recognized by then Governor Michael Dukakis for his work. He enjoyed coaching and coached in the Burrillville Little and Senior Leagues and also coached in the Burrillville Junior Hockey League. |
| **Lagergren** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Frederick Lagergren (95) of Phillipsburg, Kansas passed away on February 15, 2014. In May, 1942 Fred enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served until November, 1945. After his honorable discharge from the service, he attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS and graduated in May, 1949 with a degree in Agronomy. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 35 years, retiring as a District Conservationist in the Lincoln Field Office in 1984. His wives, Beulah and Josephine, and a granddaughter, Amanda Munoz, preceded him in death. Survivors include his son, Ralph, of Wichita; daughters, Joan Bowman of Phillipsburg and Nancy Greuter of Wharton, NJ; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be given to the Westview Homes "bench fund," the ALS Association, or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. |
| **Langemeier** | **2014** | Life Member David L. Langemeier (71) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away peacefully at home on March 20, 2014 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. David graduated from the University of Nebraska, receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics and his Ph.D. in economics. David spent his career as an economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, retiring in 1997. He was an avid golfer and gardener and enjoyed collecting hostas and daylilies. He gave generously of his time as a volunteer, especially to his church and the Nebraska Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sandra; children, Matt (Linda) Langemeier of Littleton, CO, Beth (Kevin) O'Farrell of Austin, TX; and four grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to American Bible Society or Lutheran Hour Ministries. Condolences, www.bmlfh.com. |
| **Lindgren** | **2014** | Member Gary Lindgren (66) of Oskaloosa, Iowa passed away on July 28, 2014, at the MHP Emergency Room in Oskaloosa. He was born at Red Oak, Iowa He graduated from Iowa State University earning a degree in Agronomy in 1970. In 1967, Gary began his career as a soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service. He retired in 2004 after 37 years of service. In 1970, he joined the United States Army Reserves, he retired with the rank of Staff Sargent in 2008. In 2003, Gary and Linda moved to Oskaloosa. Gary gave generously of his time and talents to many organizations in Oskaloosa and Mahaska County including: Share Iowa and Nelson Pioneer Farm where he was currently serving on the board of directors. He was a member of the Central Iowa Tractor Club, Red Rock Thrashers and the American Legion. He enjoyed antique farm machinery and collecting baseball cards, coins, and Lionel Trains. He delighted in spending time with his family. His family includes his wife of over 44 years, Linda Lindgren of Oskaloosa; two sons, Chris (Heather) Lindgren of Humboldt, Iowa and Aaron Lindgren of Oskaloosa; and three granddaughters. |
| **Loyd** | **2014** | Billie Joe (B. J) Loyd, Jr. of Oxford, North Carolina passed away on August 26, 2014. B. J. retired in 1990 as Soil Conservation Technician, Oxford Field Office. After retirement, he worked part time for the Granville Soil and Water Conservation District from 1991-2009. In November 2013, he was appointed to the Granville Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. B. J. was a native of Granville County. He is survived by his wife, Henrietta Callis Loyd, daughter, Mary White and son-in-law Brian, and two grandchildren. |
| **Lynch** | **2014** | Lloyd Eldon Lynch (74) of Davis, OK passed away on May 18, 2014 in Norman. He attended school in Jesse through the eighth grade and then attended high school in Stonewall, graduating in 1957. Eldon worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a member of its survey crew and later as an inspector of area flood control lake dams. His career with the USDA began in Ada, then Davis with SCS and then the Ardmore and Sulphur ASCS offices. He retired in 1990. In his younger days, Eldon was an avid bowler, holding a 300 series title in Ft. Smith, AR. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was awarded Top Lot Trapper by the North American Trappers Association. He spent many hours tooling leather, making powder horns and turkey calls. Survivors include his loving wife of 56 years, Joy; two sons, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. |
| **Lyng** | **2014** | Orlin Lyng (84) of Bismarck, North Dakota passed away January 17, 2014. He served in the Army in the Panama Canal Zone and was a member of the American Legion for over 60 years. Orlin worked 31 years for the SCS in Forman, Linton, and Bismarck, ND. He is survived by daughter Pat, Dickinson, ND; son Tom (Angie), Pella, Iowa; daughter Cheri (Bob) Schulz, Bismarck, ND; son Dave (Linda), Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Margaret. Family prefers memorials to: North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, 1825 46th St., Mandan, ND 58554. |
| **Mackey** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Carl Edward Mackey, 90, of Kingfisher, Oklahoma passed away on February 15, 2014. He graduated from Kingfisher High School and from Oklahoma State University, formerly known as Oklahoma A&M College. He served in WW II, stationed in England. Shot taught vocational agriculture in Hitchcock for three years. He farmed in Dover for five years and was a telephone lineman. He went to work for the USDA as a soil conservationist trainee in Enid, working in Medford, Hugo, Fort Cobb, Shattuck and Purcell. Shot retired in 1986 with 30 years of service and moved back to Kingfisher in 1990. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Lion's Club, Rotary Club, and the American Legion. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Jeanne of the home; five sons, Steve (Shelia)Mackey of Duncan, Stan (Almeda) Mackey of Fort Cobb, Burl (Betty) Mackey and Dr. Bruce (Sharri) Mackey all of Edmond, and Kirk (Angeli) Mackey of Norman; nine grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Maluski** | **2014** | Richard “Dick” Lee Maluski (74) passed away September 6, 2014 at a Minot, ND hospital. Dick was District Conservationist in Stanley, ND for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Sheila; daughter, Kimberly (Pierre) Sarte, Richmond, VA; stepdaughters, Stephanie Rents, Bellevue, WA and Stacy (Jaime) Marrujo, Granville: seven grandchildren; 4 sisters; and a brother. Dick was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, and a stepson. |
| **McNeil** | **2014** | Freddie B. McNeil (65) of Grand Blanc, Michigan passed away on September 7, 2014. He graduated from Tennessee State University majoring in Plant Science. After completing an internship Miles City, Montana, Freddie was a dedicated worker for the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 41 years. He was also an active officer in National Association of Professional Black Employees and was the former chairman of the Michigan Association of Professional Black Employees. Freddie is survived by his wife of 41 years, LaDon; two children, Mia D. McNeil, Lansing, MI; Frederick L. McNeil, Grand Blanc, MI; five brothers, and four sisters. |
| **Mcpherson** | **2014** | Grover “Mack” C. McPherson (83) of Winston Salem, NC, passed away on April 1, 2014. Grover retired as District Conservationist in the Winston Salem Field Office. Prior to this assignment, he served in several locations in North Carolina including Yadkinville, Brevard, and Salisbury. He was reared on a farm in Columbus County and enlisted in the Army after graduating from high school. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant after graduating from Officers Candidate School (OCS). In 1953 he enrolled at NC State University and graduated in 1957 with a degree in Agricultural Education. Grover continued to serve in the Army Reserves from which he retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After retiring from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, he was appointed to the N.C. Erosion and Sediment Control Commission. Grover was a Forsyth County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor and also served in 2004 as State President of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He enjoyed farming with his peach orchard, Christmas tree farm and the family garden. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Betty Frances Poindexter McPherson; daughter Laura Jane McPherson (John Joseph) McCaskey and son John Alexander McCaskey; son David Wayne (Vanessa Wrenn) McPherson and his son Miles David McPherson and stepsons Kyle and Joel Shimonaka. |
| **McRobert** | **2014** | Elden R. McRobert (94) of Hillsboro, Oregon passed away on December 29, 2014. He met his wife to be, Theresa Vandehey while working in a daffodil field in the Gales Creek area. A few months after their first child, (Myrna), died in childbirth, Elden joined the Army and was sent overseas to fight in WWII. Four years later on his return to his loving wife they started their family on a 30 acre farm south of Hillsboro. They grew strawberries, filberts and walnuts. While working on the farm with Theresa at his side, Elden also worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 25 yrs. He always showed compassion and concern for others. His contributions to his church and community and his decades of volunteer work at St. Vincent de Paul in Hillsboro are just a few examples. Elden was preceded in death by Theresa, his wife of 74 yrs. He is survived by his daughters: Aletha Harlow, Dorene Simpson, Linda Fairham and son Ray; nine grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and one sister. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hillsboro St. Vincent de Paul. |
| **McVay** | **2014** | Reta McVay (86) passed away August 10, 2014 in Fort Myers, FL. She served as secretary for the Ottawa County Conservation District and SCS in Miami, Oklahoma until retirement. She married Earl McVay Aug. 31, 1949. After Earl’s death in 2005, Reta moved to Fort Myers to be with her daughter’s family and enjoy the sun and her citrus trees. She is survived by her daughter, two grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the School Backpack Program at First United Methodist Church of Fairland, 122 West Church Ave., Fairland, OK, 74343. Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. McVay’s Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com. |
| **Meier** | **2014** | Lorenz Meier (88) of Shenandoah, Iowa passed away on December 11, 2014. Lorenz was proud to say that he was a lifelong member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. On February 20, 1946, he married the love of his life Annabelle Couch. Along with farming, Lorenz began working for Soil Conservation in 1964 where his job was staking terraces and tile lines, helping the farmers to make their farming easier. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1996 after 32 years of faithful service. Preceding Lorenz in death was his wife, Annabelle in 1994. He leaves behind one son, two daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren |
| **Meister** | **2014** | Delbert G. “Del” Meister (87) of Harvey, Michigan passed away on April 2, 2014. He retired in 1981 as an Area Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. Del began his career as a soil scientist. He is survived by his daughter and four sons, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Del was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, on June 10, 2012. |
| **Messenger** | **2014** | Keith Glenn Messenger (80) passed away on Aug. 15, 2014 at Hays Medical Center in Hays, KS. Keith graduated from Roxbury High School and attended Kansas State University. He served in the U.S. Army. He served in Dighton from 1958 to 1990 except for a couple of years in Ulysses as the District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 1990. He was a member of First Christian Church where he was also a deacon and an elder. He was a charter member of the Dighton Lions Club. Survivors include his wife of 54 years Virginia Messenger, Dighton; son Alan Messenger Guymon, Oklahoma; daughters Diane Barrett, Oberlin and Lisa Moomaw, Dighton; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Memorials will be accepted at First Christian Church or Dighton Lions Club in care of Boomhower Funeral Home. Condolences may be posted at www.garnandfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Meyer** | **2014** | Lawrence Edward Meyer (96) of Muscotah, Kansas passed away February 23, 2014 at Maple Heights Nursing Home, Hiawatha. He graduated from Effingham High School in 1936. Lawrence was a U.S Navy veteran serving as a C.B. during World War II. He was a farmer and worked for the Soil Conservation Service for over 22 years, retiring in 1977 as a Construction Inspector at the Overbrook Project Office for the Upper and Lower Wakarusa Watersheds. He was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Gloria Mae Handke on November 25, 2013. Survivors include a daughter, Carol Joy (Jeff) Hanson, Muscotah, a son, Richard E. (Janice) Meyer, Overbrook, six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great--grandchildren. Memorial contributions are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church, Holton. |

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| **Milani** | **2014** | Member Mario John Milani (80) of Stockton, California passed away peacefully on October 9, 2014. He graduated from California Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo. He served in the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserves. His career as a civil engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service began in 1955. He enjoyed a productive 46-year career. During his employment he worked on construction issues in California, Nevada, Washington, Utah, Hawaii, Iowa, and the Pacific Basin, retiring as the State Construction Engineer. Mario received many awards and certificates. Throughout his career he made many lifelong friends. He was active in Little League Baseball and Indian Guides when his children were young. After his retirement he worked as an Earth Team volunteer for the NRCS. He enjoyed NRCS retirement luncheons for many years. He also served as the ARCSE Representative for California. Mario is survived by his wife of 56 years, Virginia, sons Paul and David, and wife Patty, daughter Janet (Ronald) Montano; four grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. Please make donations to Hospice of San Joaquin or charity of your choice. |
| **Miller** | **2014** | Donald Franklin Miller (89) of Riverside, California passed away on February 24, 2014 following a stroke on Christmas Eve. Don was born in Los Angeles on May 21, 1924, and raised on a Kansas farm and educated in a rural one room school. Don attended Ft. Hays State College for one year before signing with the U.S. Navy and attending Officers School at Northwestern University in Chicago. Don was commissioned as an Ensign and made many trips across the Pacific during World War II. Following his Navy career he graduated from Kansas State University, while playing catcher for the Wildcats, earning a degree in Agricultural Engineering and began working for the SCS. In 1961 Don advanced to area conservationist in Sacramento, California and retired in 1969. He leaves behind Betty, his wife of sixty six years; three sons, a granddaughter, and a grandson. |
| **Mills** | **2014** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Van Clee Mills (91) of San Angelo, Texas passed away on July 20, 2014. He attended Millrun school through the 7th grade. This was a two room country school. Following graduation from Athens High School in 1941, he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Navy for the duration of the national emergency. Van finished boot training at San Diego on December 5, 1941 two days before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Following graduation from the radio and communication school in Los Angeles in May of 1942, he was assigned to the U.S. Navy Armed Guard. Armed Guard personnel served aboard Merchant Marine ships. He served in this capacity in the North and South Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, Mediterranean Sea and the South Pacific. Van was honorably discharged from the Navy in November 1945. Following graduation from Texas A & M University in January 1950 with a BS in Range Management and Forestry, he began a long career with the (USDA) Soil Conservation Service. He worked for the SCS at Clarendon, Claude, Potter County, Follett, Pampa, Snyder, Andrews and Colorado City. He retired from the SCS as a District Conservationist on December 4, 1984. He received numerous awards for his dedicated service to the cause of soil and water conservation. Van, with his wife Vera, moved to San Angelo in July 1985. In various towns Van served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher in the Baptist Church. He served as president of the Lions Clubs at Claude and Colorado City. He also served as president of the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce. Van's hobbies included hunting, fishing, hunting for arrowheads, trapping mink, washer pitching and 42. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter Ellen Elise. Survivors are his wife of 60 years Vera Schmidt Mills; daughters Sherry Lynne (Kenneth) Corbin of San Antonio, and Donna Louise (Mike) Gillespie of Crandall; five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. He is also survived by four great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to San Angelo A&M Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1122, or the charity of your choice. |
| **Mitchell** | **2014** | Maurice O. Mitchell (83) of Turpin, Oklahoma passed away May 28, 2014. He attended Panhandle A&M in Goodwell, Oklahoma graduating in 1954 with a degree in Agronomy. Upon graduation he began his career with the Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist in both Texas and Beaver Counties. Maurice was a devout Christian and a member of the First Christian Church in Hooker where he served in many leadership roles. He was a farmer in the Adams-Baker, Oklahoma area. He was a 50 plus year member of the Masonic Lodge in Guymon, Oklahoma. Maurice is survived by his wife of 57 years Kathryn Mitchell of the home; three brothers and two sisters and several nieces and nephews. |
| **Morgan** | **2014** | Elaine Morgan (72) of Richmond, Kentucky passed away on April 25, 2014. She was the wife of Taylor Morgan, Jr., a retired SCS engineer. Elaine was preceded in death by a son, Danny Morgan. She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years; one daughter, Robin (Mike) Foley of Richmond; one son, John Morgan of Somerset; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Morris** | **2014** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist William “Buck” Andrew Morris (92) formerly of Benton, Illinois, passed away on March 29, 2014. Buck was a proud WWII US Navy veteran. Upon his return from the war, he taught Agriculture to other returning GI’s. He retired as the Franklin County District Conservationist in 1987 after 32 years of service with SCS. He was an active member of his community, serving on the Benton Booster Club. He was also a life member of the VFW and SIU Alumni Association. In addition to his wife of 65 years, Emma Ernestine “Ernie” Kimmel Morris is survived by: two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra & Bill Fleming of Appleton, WI and Rhoda Gail Morris of Tucson, AZ, and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southern Illinois. |
| **Moss** | **2014** | Clifford Wayne (Toby) Moss (81) passed away October 14, 2014, at his home in Stillwater. He graduated from Ponca City High School in 1951 and graduated from Oklahoma A&M College in 1955 with a bachelor’s of science degree in geology. Toby began working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1955 as a core drill geologist in the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program at Clinton, Oklahoma. He later became a planning staff geologist at Chickasha, Oklahoma City and Claremore. In 1974, Toby was appointed environmental specialist for USDA-SCS programs in the USDA state office in Stillwater. He retired from the USDA in 1988 after 33 years of service. He is survived by two sons, two daughters, two stepsons, and eight grandsons and five great-grandsons. Condolences may be emailed to the family and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com. |
| **Nance** | **2014** | Robert B. (Bob) Nance (79) of Campbellsville, Kentucky passed away on May 15, 2014. He was a retired engineering technician with the Soil Conservation Service, serving for approximately thirty-nine years. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alice Nance of Campbellsville, KY, a son, a daughter and two grandchildren. The family requests expressions of sympathy be donations to Hospice of Central Kentucky |

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| **Nelson** | **2014** | Donald Byron Nelson (80) of Lebanon, Kentucky passed away on May 29, 2014. Nelson was an employee of the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1995 as a District Conservationist, having served in Campbellville and Lebanon field offices. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Lebanon United Methodist Church. Survivors include: his wife, Martha VanSickle Nelson of Lebanon; his son, Johnny (Karen) Nelson of Lebanon; his daughter, Pam (Jimmy) Mattingly of Lebanon; and four grandchildren. |
| **Nelson** | **2014** | John S. Nelson (94) of Greenville, Texas passed away on December 25, 2014. He graduated from Hubbard High School and completed one year at Texas A&I College before being called into service in 1942 with the U.S. Air Force. He served for almost four years in the China, Burma and India theater during World War II. Upon returning to the states he re-enrolled in college and graduated with a degree in agriculture in 1949. John was a member of Calgary Baptist Church in Kingsville where he became a deacon at the age of 25. It was at this church where he met and married his life's love, Helen Joyce Minter. John was recalled to active military duty for the Korean conflict where he served for a year. His strong desire to serve his country led him to remain in the Air Force Reserve until 1980 at which time he retired with the rank of major. In 1958 John and Joyce and their two young children moved to Greenville where John worked as a soil conservationist for U.S Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1982. Shortly thereafter, he became the Hunt County Veteran's Service Officer where he served for eight and one-half years. John's dedication to serving others was reflected in his involvement with church and community organizations where he served in many capacities. John is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joyce; his son Randy; his daughter Marsha and her partner Gigi; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. |
| **Nelson** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Russell L. Nelson (92) passed away on September 9, 2014 at Ebenezer Ridges Care Center in Burnsville, MN. He served as District Conservationist in Griggs, Steele, and Walsh Counties, ND, retiring in 1981 as Area Conservationist for Southwest North Dakota in Dickinson, ND. Since retirement he also lived in Fargo and Grand Forks, ND. He is survived by four sons, Everett, Trumansburg, NY; Rodney (Colleen), Andover, MN; Paul, Burnsville, MN; and Kenneth (Cindy), Whitefish, MT; two sisters; four grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth, second wife Esther, his parents, one brother and two sisters. |
| **Nelson** | **2014** | William Carl Nelson (99) of Verden, Oklahoma passed away on January 30, 2014. Carl grew up in Geary, Oklahoma. He entered the United States Army in 1943 and served during World War II in the European Theatre. He worked as an engineer for the Soil Conservation Service. After retiring in 1974, he moved to the farm north of Dutton where he farmed for many years. Carl was a member of the Verden United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Lucille Cox Nelson of Verden; daughters Carolyn (Terry) Teel of Yukon; Janet (Dudley) Bourne of Oro Valley, AZ; sons Ronnie (Elizabeth) Nelson of Pocasset; Glen (Gail) Nelson of Owasso; sixteen grandchildren; twenty eight great grandchildren; one great great grandchild. |
| **Nesser** | **2014** | David Nesser (88) of Bellefontaine, Ohio, passed away on March 22, 2014, at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio after suffering a massive stroke. He is survived by his loving wife of sixty eight years, Waneta (Bowers) Nesser; three children; twelve grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren. Dave was a United States Navy WWII Veteran and a graduate of The Ohio State University. He was a soil conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service for thirty years. He had also worked for the Logan County Health District for several years. |
| **Nichols** | **2014** | Member Joe Dean Nichols (81) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away on October 21, 2014, in Fort Worth. Upon discharge from two years in the Army, he enrolled at Oklahoma State University. He was awarded a bachelor of science degree in 1955, followed by a master of science degree in 1956. Joe was hired by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and worked as a field soil scientist, a county party leader, state soils correlator in Oklahoma, and state soil scientist in Colorado. A promotion in 1971 brought him to the Fort Worth National Technical Center as assistant principal soils correlator. Joe retired in 1993 as head of the soils staff at the NTC. An accomplished writer, Joe had 35 papers and book chapters in print and was cited for making a major contribution to the chapter in "Soil Taxonomy on Desert Soils." Retirement did not mean idleness for Joe. He was an adjunct professor at Texas Christian University for several years. He also worked part time for Texas A&M University. He participated in the Soil Conservation Society Retirement Group and the Tarrant County Archeology Society. He served on the church council and board of trustees and as president of Methodist Men at Genesis United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. His artistic skills as a woodcarver won him many ribbons for his birds at the State Fair. He was preceded in death his wife, Mary Nichols. Survivors: Daughter, Lynn Ann Nichols of Boston, Mass.; a brother, Bobby Nichols (Melvalene) of Okemah, Okla.; and nephews and nieces. |
| **Nolte** | **2014** | Carleen (Hendrickson) Nolte (89) of Cedar Hill, Texas, formerly of Columbia, Missouri passed away on December 1, 2014. She was the wife Forrest Nolte who retired as the State Agronomist with SCS in Missouri. Survivors include a son, Carl W. (Linda) Nolte of Redmond, Oregon; and a daughter Carolyn E. (Chuck) Skeels of Cedar Hill, Texas. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Carleen H. Nolte Memorial Fund at New Life in Christ Luther Church, Duncanville, Texas. |
| **Northern** | **2014** | Lark Joel "L. J." Northern (89) of Russellville, Kentucky passed away on February 17, 2014. L. J. was a Conservationist for the Logan County Conservation Districts for decades, where he led the construction of 23 watershed lakes in four counties, including Lake Malone and Lake Herndon. He retired in 1980 as an Area Conservationist. He was a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts and was one of the people most responsible for the Wildcat Hollow Boy Scout Camp in Logan County. After retirement, L. J. worked with his son Keith at Northern Nursery for 15 years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Russellville, a Mason and was a member of the Russellville Rotary Club. He was a World War II Army Veteran and is survived by his wife of 62 years, Roberta Farris Northern, a son Keith (Karen) Northern of Russellville, KY, a daughter Nelda Marren of St. Charles, MO, and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Russellville. |
| **Nuttle** | **2014** | Charles E. "Chuck" Nuttle (77) of Perry, Oklahoma passed away on December 6, 2014. In April, 1959, he joined the Soil Conservation Service, working primarily in Bristow, Ada, Perry and later Claremore. After providing technical assistance on 550 flood control dams and 11 abandoned mine sites in 42 counties across the state, he retired in 1993. Chuck also served over 40 years in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. He rose to the rank of infantry battalion command sergeant major with responsibility for 750 soldiers. He was one of few marksmen in the state to be named to the Governor's 20 in both pistol and rifle shooting. He served as a deacon and elder in the Christian church. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Nila Nuttle of Perry, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. |

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| **O'Rourke** | **2014** | Cecile O'Rourke (91) of Denver, Colorado passed away on December 13, 2014. She was born in Webster, ND and was a long time employee of the Soil Conservation Service. Cecile is survived by her daughter Jane (Dick) Gibson and son Mike (Jody Catoraso) O'Rourke and grandson Jameson O'Rourke. Additional information is in the Colorado news section of this newsletter. |
| **Offerman** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Elmer E. Offerman (93) of Coventry, Connecticut passed away on December 3, 2014. He was born in Illinois. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1984 as a Public Information Officer after many years of dedicated service. He will be remembered as a kind man who loved his family and close friends. He was an avid reader and loved to stay up on current events. He is survived by two daughters-in-law Sylvia and Barbara, two sons-in-law Robert and Konstant, and four grandchildren. Elmer is predeceased by his first wife Margaret of 28 years and his second wife Marie of 19 years, both of whom he loved very much. He was also predeceased by his son Thomas and a granddaughter Robin. In lieu of flowers, please make a charitable donation to the charity of your choice . For online memorial guestbook please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com. |
| **Oliff** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist J.B. (John Benjamin) Olliff (96) of Douglas, Georgia passed away on September 25, 2014. He graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia. He also studied at North Carolina State University. J.B. retired in 1975 as a District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service and then ran an agronomy and forestry consulting business. His next career field was agri-business, serving as Assistant Vice President at Trust Company Bank of Coffee County alongside longtime friend Garland Thompson. This led to his third career in forestry consulting and management. He was a Rotarian for many years serving two counties as president, and being named a Fellow by his club. J.B. was preceded in death by Florence his beloved wife of 65 years, and by his son David who worked with him in forestry concerns. He is survived by his son Benny (Avis) Olliff of Valdosta; daughters, Nancy (Bill) Faircloth of Fort Valley, Betty (John) Boatwright of Willacoochee; daughter-in-law Kay Olliff of Jacksonville, Florida; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. |
| **Osterson** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Ireene E. Osterson (97) of Fort Dodge, Iowa passed away on January 13, 2014. Ireene is preceded in death by her husband, George Osterson and son, George W. Osterson. After graduating from high school, Ireene attended the Van Sant School of Business in Omaha, NE. She worked as a clerk-typist at the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross and was employed as a secretary for the Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service in Lansing, MI, and then moved to Washington, DC, where Ireene worked for the Plant Science Division for 8 years. She and George retired in 1974. |
| **Parks** | **2014** | Carroll L. Parks (90) of Gallatin, Missouri passed away on November 18, 2014, at Cameron Regional Medical Center. He graduated from Albany High School in 1942 and enlisted in the United States Army. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in Europe and fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He then went on to attend the University of Missouri, graduating in 1951 with a degree in Agriculture. Carroll worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Albany before relocating to Gallatin in 1956. Carroll retired in 1986, after 35 years of service. Following retirement, he worked part-time for the Daviess County. |
| **Payne** | **2014** | Mary Ruth Payne (98) of Salina, Kansas passed away on November 20, 2014, at Salina Presbyterian Manor. She was the spouse of Jay who preceded her in death in 1989. Jay was the District Conservationist in the Salina Field Office for many years. She graduated from Hartford High School and received a violin scholarship and attended Emporia Teachers College. She transferred to Kansas University her sophomore year. Mary was initiated into Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary music sorority, and graduated from Kansas University School of Fine Arts with a bachelor of music education in 1937. Survivors include a son, two daughters, two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers, to Salina Presbyterian Manor, 2601 E. Crawford St, Salina, 67401. |
| **Pease** | **2014** | Member and Senior Conservationist Douglas Shelley Pease (84) of Tempe, AZ passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully on June 15, 2014. Born in Jackson, PA, he grew up on a dairy farm, met and married the love of his life, Sophia Andrychuk at Houghton College and graduated from Penn State in 1951 with a BS degree in Agricultural Education. He voluntarily enlisted in 1952 and served in Battery B, 980th Field Artillery Battalion, 40th Infantry Division in Korea as a Sergeant First Class. After his honorable discharge, Doug entered civil service employment as a soil scientist. For the next 30 years, he advanced his career by obtaining two graduate degrees and moving with his family to New Mexico in 1960 and later to Arizona in 1976. Doug retired in 1986 as the head Soil Scientist of the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Arizona and established his own soil consultation firm. Doug taught geology and physical geography at Grand Canyon University and through the Elderhostel program. He also traveled extensively with Sophia and taught English as a foreign language for several summers in Eger, Hungary and Vilnius, Lithuania. He leaves behind his cherished wife of 62 years, Sophia, children Shelly Woodward (Colleen), David Pease (Lynn) and Stephanie Cox (Mike). In lieu of flowers or gifts, Doug requested donation of Bibles through the Gideons. (https://www.gideons.org/sendtheword/). |
| **Person** | **2014** | Walton A. Person (85) of Bismarck, North Dakota passed away on May 2, 2014 at St. Gabriel's Community Care Center. He was the husband of Vi Person, who worked in the SCS/NRCS Administrative Section in the Bismarck State office for many years. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Vi; a daughter Susan (Wallace) Hopkins, Seminole, FL; a son Kerry Person, Shakopee, MN; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister, two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law. |
| **Phillips** | **2014** | Calvin D. Phillips (81) of Liberty, Missouri passed away on April 30, 2014. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a District Conservationist in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Doris Phillips, two sons and a daughter, and six grandchildren. |

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| **Poindexter** | **2014** | Larry Dean Poindexter (62) of Sallisaw, Oklahoma passed away on March 19, 2014. Larry attended Murray State College and then attended Oklahoma State University and received a bachelor's of science degree in agriculture education in 1973 and a master's degree in agronomy in 1975. Beginning in 1975, Larry went to work for the USDA Grain Inspection in Washington, D.C. as a grain inspector. In 1977, he began his lifelong career with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. This career took him to Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma. Larry retired in January 2008 as water quality/nutrient management specialist from USDA NRCS after 34 years of service. Larry was an active member of Kiwanis Club and Highland Park United Methodist Church in Stillwater. He leaves his wife of 26 years, Roena. |
| **Porter** | **2014** | Betty L. Porter (84) of Longmont, Colorado passed away on November 25, 2014 during heart value surgery at a hospital in Boulder, Colorado. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Life Member Richard L. Porter who retired as the state conservationist of New Hampshire. Other survivors include daughters Jana Stolz (Robert) of Loveland, CO and Lori Bradford (Bill) of Estes Park, CO; grandson Josh Stolz (Kandace) of Fort Collins, CO; granddaughter Amanda Stolz of Lakewood, CO; brother Gene Downen of Berthoud, CO; two great-grandsons, Aidan and Layton Stolz and four step-grandchildren and their families. An online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.carroll-lewellen.com. |
| **Quisenberry** | **2014** | Ina Jean Quisenberry (89) of Okemos, Michigan passed away on January 15, 2014. She graduated from Anderson University in Indiana. She worked as a clerk-typist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Surviving are two daughters and seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Pennway Church of God in memory of Ina Jean. |
| **Ray** | **2014** | Member and Senior Conservationist Merrill Dean Ray (86) of Quincy, Illinois, formerly of Fulton and Columbia, passed away December 25, 2014. On April 11, 1953, he was united in marriage to Florence Mary Margaret Mulka Ray in Posen, Mich. Florence preceded him in death on March 22, 2007. On July 17, 2007, he married Jewell Ladean Hahn, who survives him at home in Quincy. Merrill joined the National Guard when he was 18, participated in ROTC in college and served faithfully in the Korean War. He graduated from Kansas State University in May 1950 and retired as the State Resource Conservationist from a lifetime of service with the Soil Conservation Service in 1984. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Jewell; and by his 12 children, JoAnn (Patrick) Stone, Mike (Nancy) Ray, Kathy (Carl) Soelle, Sharon (Mark) Patrick, Neal (Suzie) Ray, Janet (Corey) Okonek, Jim (Lisa) Ray, Tom (Rosemary) Ray, Mary (Tony) Arthur, Margaret (Erich) Schneider, Robert (Maria) Ray, and Julie (Bryan) Ebersole; 29 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He also is survived by Jewell's family. He was preceded in death by three brothers and four grandchildren. Contributions can be made to the Ava Maria University, Florida, c/o Maupin Funeral Home, 301 Douglas Blvd., Fulton, Mo., 65251. Condolences can be left for the family at www.maupinfuneral. |
| **Ray** | **2014** | Wayne Ray of Kingsley, Pennsylvania passed away on March 15, 2014 after suffering a massive heart attack as he was getting off a cruise ship. Wayne's last position was coordinator of the Endless County RC&D. Condolences may be sent to Phyllis Ray, 5765 Main Street, Kingsley, PA 18826. A memorial service in June 2014 to be announced later. |
| **Redman** | **2014** | Donna Jean Redman (82) of Van Wert, Iowa passed away on December 24, 2014. She was the wife of ARCSE Member Don Redman, a long time Technician with SCS in southern Iowa. Her childhood was spent on the farm north of Leon with her four siblings. Donna was a member of the Leon Bible Church and active in its activities. She leaves behind, her loving husband of 63 years, Donald, three children, David and Linda Redman of Leon, Deanne and Dan Bowers of Fairfield, Iowa, and Darrell and Teresa Redman of Leon, eight grandchildren and their spouses, and eighteen great-grandchildren. A memorial fund has been established by the Family. |
| **Reed** | **2014** | Bettie L. Reed (84) of Winchester, VA passed away on June 9, 2014. Bettie is survived by her husband of 35 years, D.J. Reed who retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1986 as a Real Property Officer in Washington, D.C. She is also survived by a son and a daughter from a previous marriage and two grandchildren. |
| **Reinsch** | **2014** | William E. Reinsch (88) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on September 25, 2014. He worked as an agronomist for the USDA SCS. William was a veteran of the United States Army serving in WWII and the Korean War. Survivors include his children, William (Pamela) Reinsch, Karen (Greg) Dietrich, Stephen (Beth) Reinsch, Cheryl (David) Schneider; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Parkinson's Foundation, or the Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be left at www.bmlfh.com. |
| **Reisenauer** | **2014** | Trudy R. (Markham) Reisenauer (69) of Bismarck, North Dakota, passed away on March 31, 2014 after a lengthy battle with respiratory complications. Trudy worked for various agencies of the federal government for a career of 31 years, retiring from SCS in April 1994. She is survived by her sister, Roberta "Bobbi" Campbell, Seattle, WA; and her brother, Wally Markham, Bismarck. She was preceded in death by her husband, John T. Reisenauer. |
| **Renken** | **2014** | Gene Allen Renken (69) of Bella Vista, Arkansas passed away on January 27, 2014. He graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Gene was employed with the US Department of Agriculture, serving in field offices in Iowa, California, and Washington, D.C. He retired as the chief information technology (IT) architect for USDA in 2007. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Barbara Renken of Bella Vista and daughter Sarai Hopfe (Lewis) of Westminster, CO. Memorials are suggested to Christ The King Lutheran Church or the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Online condolences may be made at www.funeralmation.com |
| **Rhoton** | **2014** | Cornell Rhoton (93) of Tompkinsville, KY passed away on July 6, 2014, at his home. His wife of 67 years, Alice Marie (Bean) Rhoton, preceded him in death on March 13, 2013. Cornell spent his life working in agriculture. He was retired from being a soil conservation technician for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He also was a farmer. He served as a Sgt. in the Army Air Force. He was a member of Corinth Church of Christ. Cornell is survived by a daughter, Judy and husband Larry Tim Ross, of Tompkinsville; two sons, Terry Rhoton, of Alvaton, Jeffrey, and wife Windy Rhoton, of Hendersonville, Tenn. He is also survived by six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Corinth Church of Christ or to American Heart Association. |

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| **Richards** | **2014** | Johnnie L. Richards (91) of Olathe, Kansas passed away on Oct. 4, 2014. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1942. He was a Marine in World War II. Johnnie retired in 1988 as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Olathe Field Office. He farmed and was a member of United Methodist Church, the American Legion and VFW. He was preceded in death by a daughter and a grandson. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Christine Richards of Olathe; children, Michael (Tammi) Richards of Belton, Missouri; Dallas (Sharon) Richards of Hays, Kansas; and Rick (Shelly) Richards of Overland Park, Kansas; son-in-law, Reid Buturlia of Independence, Missouri; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be given in his name to the Olathe Medical Center or ALS, Keith Worthington Chapter. Online condolences may be left at www.paulsfh.com. |
| **Ritchie** | **2014** | Phyllis Drake Ritchie (91) of Houlton, Maine passed away on February 28, 2014. She was the wife of the late George Ritchie, a long time Conservation Technician with the Soil Conservation Service in Aroostook County, Maine. |
| **Schmitt** | **2014** | Bryan “Tiny” Schmitt (67) of Wadena, Iowa, peacefully passed away surrounded by his family after a brief battle with cancer on October 22, 2014. Bryan is survived by his loving wife of 44 years Linda Schmitt of Wadena who retired from SCS; 4 sons, 9 grandchildren and a great grandson. Bryan graduated from Valley of Elgin High School in the Class of 1966. He joined the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1969 in Germany. |
| **Serrien** | **2014** | Celeta M. Serrien (79) Minneapolis, Kansas passed away on April 12, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Society -Minneapolis. Survivors include her husband of 59 years Donald, who worked in the Kansas State Office in Salina, Kansas, before transferring to a field office in the early 60’s and retiring in 1985. Other survivors include two sons, two grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and seven step-great--grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the V.F.W. Auxiliary Fair Stand Fund or the American Heart Association. |
| **Shaffer** | **2014** | Morris E. Shaffer (91) of Athens, Georgia passed away on September 15, 2014. He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Louise, and a son, Thomas Michael Shaffer of Athens. Morris was a World War II veteran, serving in the European Theatre. He resumed his college education after the war, graduating from the University of Florida in 1950. In 1952 he began his career with USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Mississippi. In 1965 he transferred to Athens, GA and retired in 1980 as the State Soil Scientist of Georgia for the SCS. Morris was an active member of St. James United Methodist Church for 49 years, serving in numerous capacities. He was an accomplished woodworker, artist and gardener. He crafted many pieces of fine furniture for family and friends, always sharing his talent with others. Morris will be remembered for his kind and generous spirit. |
| **Shanklin** | **2014** | Donald W. Shanklin (77) of Granbury, Texas passed away on, September 30, 2014, while visiting friends in Ruidoso, NM. Don was born Feb. 13, 1937, in Washington, DC. His recreational passions included watching sports, fishing, hunting, church and civic choir. He never met a stranger. He worked 42 years as a civil engineer with the NRCS and developed many friendships throughout his career, retiring as the Construction Engineer on the National Design Center staff at Ft. Worth. Survivors: His loving wife of 54 years, Helen Shanklin; children, Jim and wife, Peggy, Julie and husband, Ron, Joe and wife, Tammy, John and wife, Christine; and nine grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the First United Methodist Church in Granbury food pantry, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association |
| **Shaw** | **2014** | Evelyn A. Shaw (74) of Hollywood, FL passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Connally. She graduated from Fisher College in Boston, Mass., and the University of Maine in Orono, Maine. Evelyn is survived by her son, Scott; daughter, Elizabeth; son in law, Chris; and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert R. Shaw, who retired from NRCS in 1996 as Director of the Conservation Engineering Division. Those who wish, may make a contribution in Evelyn's memory to the Hospice of Palm Beach County, FL; the Alzheimer's Association; or the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer. |
| **Shepherd** | **2014** | John Watkins Sheperd Jr. (86) passed away July 18, 2014 at his home in Stillwater, OK. He married Anna Hatchell in 1950 at Cordell, OK. They later divorced. John served in the Korean War and then attended Cloud Chief Public Schools, Florida State University and Oklahoma State University. He received an associate’s degree in civil engineering. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a civil engineer tech from 1960 until 1989. John owned Oklahoma Hoops and scouted girls basketball and softball. He was preceded in death wife Jackie Sheperd. He is survived by a daughter, a step-daughter, a step-son, and eight grandchildren. |
| **Sherwood** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Max A. Sherwood (87) of Carroll, Iowa, passed away on May 14, 2014 at the Dallas County Medical Center in Perry, Iowa. Born on a farm near Chester, Nebraska, he was baptized in the Christian Church, belonged to 4-H and the Dairy, Beef and Garden Clubs. In February of 1945, Max was drafted into the United States Army and took basic and advanced infantry training in Texas. He served in the 967th Anti-Aircraft Battalion in the Philippines. He also served in the 6th Army Infantry Regiment in Korea. He was honorably discharged in December on 1946. He then joined the United States Naval Reserves at Lincoln Nebraska in 1947 and was honorably discharged in 1952. Max attended the Agricultural College at the University of Nebraska from 1947–1950 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Soil Science and Soil Conservation. He also attended the Soil Science Institute at Iowa State University. Max worked as a soil conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service and Bureau of Reclamation in North Dakota, Nebraska, and Montana before moving to Iowa in 1967. He worked on soil surveys for 31 years, being crew chief for 15 years, retiring in 1984. He also worked 5 years in western Nebraska and as a county Agricultural agent for the Extension Service. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll. He was involved in senior fellowship, prayer time, adult Bible class, and attending services with the church at nursing homes. Max was a charter member of the Carroll County Genealogical Society and a member of the Professional Soil Classifiers of Iowa. He was also a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Carroll Recreation Center, the Iowa Chapter of Royal Rover Campers, and the Carroll American Legion. Max is survived by his wife of 65 years, Leona of Carroll; a daughter Nancy (Steven) Wymore of Oskaloosa, Iowa; two sons, Craig (Jan) Sherwood of Nevada, Iowa, and Brian Sherwood of Canton, Texas; seven grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. |

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| **Shrode** | **2014** | Member Howard Thomas "Tom" Shrode (83) of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Chrisney, passed away on February 27, 2014. Tom was a civil servant for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, during which time the family lived in Indianapolis, Madison, Wis. and Athens, Ga. Tom retired in 1986 as an Assistant State Conservationist. He earned a bachelor's degree in public administration from Upper Iowa University in 1975. After retiring from government service in 1986, Tom and Bea built a home in Chrisney and spent many wonderful years in retirement. He was active in Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, York Rite and the Knights Templar. Tom loved shopping for antique tractors, rebuilding farm equipment, machining his own tools and parts, and competitive skeet shooting. He fulfilled a lifelong dream by taking flying lessons and receiving his pilot's license in 2011. Tom was preceded in death by loving wife of 60 years, Bea Shrode, in 2009. He is survived by a son, Paul Shrode, of Tyler, Texas; a daughter Karen Shrode of Columbus; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. His intellect, wit, generosity and spirit of adventure will be missed. |
| **Simmons** | **2014** | Member George Thomas “Tom” Simmons (87) of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on December 11, 2014, at Western Missouri Medical Center. His wife Bettie Lou Oliver in Kansas City preceded him in death on April 29, 2008, after 53 years of wedded bliss. Tom was raised on a farm just north of Osceola. He was educated in a one-room school and graduated from Osceola High School, Class of 1944. Tom was a Marine Corps veteran. After his military duty, he attended and graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in agronomy. He then worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist until his retirement in 1987. Tom is survived by his son, Mark (Annette) Simmons of Higginsville; and four grandchildren. |
| **Simpson** | **2014** | Former ARCSE member Dewey Paton Simpson (88) of Maryville, Tennessee passed away March 31, 2014, at the Kindred Center in Maryville. Dewey was born to William David and Mamie C. Young Simpson on November 18, 1925. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and Biology from Middle Tennessee State University. He was retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service after 42 years of federal service where he worked as a district conservationist. He was also an Army Veteran with service during World War II. He was a member of the Kiwanis of Alcoa, past Board Member of the Blount County Children's Home, avid hiker, and involved in numerous community conservation projects including the early days of the recycling program in Maryville. He assisted many farmers and landowners to apply conservation on their land during his 34-year tenure as District Conservationist for Blount County. His favorite hobby was his daily walks with his beloved pets in local parks. |
| **Sites** | **2014** | George Kenneth Sites (86) of Norman, Oklahoma passed away on October 12, 2014. He graduated in 1952 from Stillwater A&M (before it became OSU) with an Agricultural Engineering Degree. From 1952 to 1954, as a Second Lieutenant with the Army Corps of Engineers, he served in Korea as a combat engineer. He worked for and retired in 1985 from the Soil Conservation Service as an Area Engineer. He was preceded by his wife of 64 years, Billie Jean Sites, who died January 8, 2013. He is survived by sons: Harold G. (Randy) Bass of Sunray Texas; and Garry K. (Cassandra) Sites of Stillwater; daughter Georjana K. (Tim) Mauldin of Norman; five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Donations in his honor may be made to: Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma Chapter 2448 E. 81st Street, Suite 3000 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137-4250 or online at www.alz.org |
| **Slawter** | **2014** | Harry D. Slawter (63) of Grafton, Wisconsin passed away on November 16, 2014. Harry received a BS degree in Agronomy from The Ohio State University in 1971. He worked for the Natural Resource Conservation Service his entire career. He worked and lived in Ohio, Maine, Illinois, Wisconsin, Utah, and Washington DC. Among his many accomplishments, he received the prestigious Norman A. Berg Conservation Legacy Award in 2010. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Rhea; daughters: Amy (Gene) Kenny and Lisa (Jeremy) Volkening; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to The ALS Association, Wisconsin Chapter, 3333 N. Mayfair Rd, Suite 213, Wauwatosa, WI 53222 |
| **Smith** | **2014** | Judy Ann (Ernst) Smith (71) of Chelan, Washington passed away on March 15, 2014. She was married to Member Dan Smith who retired from NRCS as a Team Leader in 2000. Judy was a bank branch manager and a homemaker. Survivors include her husband; her sons, Jeffrey Smith of Richmond, B.C. and Scot Smith of Pocatello, Idaho. A memorial service will be held at a later date. |
| **Snyder** | **2014** | Member Ronald (Ron) Dean Snyder (70) of Burlington, Iowa passed away on December 6, 2014 at Great River Hospice House in West Burlington. Ron worked 32 years for USDA–Natural Resource Conservation Services. In retirement he was a District Commissioner for the Conservation Service, served as a substitute teacher, and volunteered for the Iowa Organ Donor Network from which he received a liver transplant in 2001. Ron also was a member of many community and service organizations including C.R.I.S.P. and N.A.R.F.E. Survivors include wife of 45 years, Marsha (Stagers) Snyder of Burlington; children, Tammera (Mark) Kappes of Cedar Rapids, Rachelle (Brad) Fideldy of Hutchinson, Kansas, Dustin (Megan) Snyder of Burlington; and seven grandchildren. Memorials will be established for the Iowa Organ Donor Network and First Christian Church in Burlington, Iowa. |
| **Stalings** | **2014** | Polly Ann Stalings (49) of Hoxie, Kansas passed away on January 16, 2014. Survivors: parents, Charles and Carol Sue Stallings, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Polly was a Soil Conservation Technician at the Hoxie Field Office. She had been with NRCS for more than twenty years. |
| **Stanley** | **2014** | William E. Stanley (66) of Waverly, Iowa, passed away on January 10, 2014 from heart failure. He was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Nashua. He graduated from Nashua High School in 1966 and later attended N.I.A.C.C. in Mason City. Bill served in the Naval Reserves, serving in the Midway Islands. He worked with the Highway Commission and later as a field tile sales representative for Sheffield Brick and Tile. He retired in 2008, after 30 years of service with the Soil Conservation Service in Bremer and Fayette County, where he worked as a soil conservation technician. Bill loved being outdoors. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sandy Stanley of Waverly, a son and a daughter. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to go to the Bremer County Conservation Board in Bill's memory. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. |
| **Stearley** | **2014** | Donald E. Stearley (85) of Kearney, Nebraska passed away on January 1, 2014. After high school, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea for two years. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor’s degree in agronomy and soils in 1957. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Curtis and Lexington. Survivors include his wife, Mary (O’Brien) Wilson; a son, a daughter, two stepdaughters, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his first wife Violet Beans in 1973. |

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| **Stewart** | **2014** | Helen M. Stewart (92) of Lincoln, NE passed away on July 10, 2014. . She served as a secretary for the Soil Conservation Service in the Midwest NTC for many years. Helen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, Beta Sigma Phi, and Senior Bowling League. She is survived by: Sister: Alice Spomer, Lincoln; two Nieces, Great Nieces and Nephews. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association or First Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be left @ www.bmlfh.com. |
| **Stinnett** | **2014** | Dorothy Mae Stinnett (93) of Fort Scott, Kansas passed away on March 4, 2014, at the Fort Scott Presbyterian Village. She was preceded in death on Nov. 14, 2000 by her husband, Harold Russell Stinnett. Harold was a soil conservation technician for the Soil Conservation Service at the Mound City, Kansas Field Office, retiring in 1973. During WWII Dorothy worked at the Army Ordinance Plant in Parsons, KS, as an inspector and also in Kansas City for Boeing, inspecting the B29 Super Fortress. Dorothy is survived by her daughter-in-law, Sandy Stinnett of Fort Scott; a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Fund at Presbyterian Village and left in the care of the Konantz-Cheney Funeral Home, 15 W. Wall St., P.O. Box 309, Fort Scott, KS 66701. Condolences may be emailed to expressions@konantz-cheney.com. |
| **Teschke** | **2014** | Member and Senior Conservationist Edgar H. Teschke (84) of Faribault, Minnesota passed away on November 30, 2014 at his home. He graduated from Morristown High School in 1948 and served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict in Germany from 1951 to 1953. Edgar worked at the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Certified Civil Engineering Technician from 1953 to 1986. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jane of Faribault; son, Daniel of Minneapolis; daughter, Paula (Bill) Hicks of Eden Prairie; and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by son, Craig in 2013. |
| **Thayer** | **2014** | William "Bill" Brooks Thayer (84) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on October 4, 2014. Bill retired in 1985 as Area Engineer in Raleigh, NC. He was born in Columbia, SC, and at an early age the family moved to Spartanburg, SC where Bill attended school. After graduation from Spartanburg High School in 1947, Bill entered Clemson College. He received a degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1952 and entered the US Air Force the same year. He served for two years in the Air Force reaching the rank of 1st Lieutenant as air police officer. In 1952, Bill was employed as an Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service in Greensboro, NC. He served in various positions during his career with SCS. Bill was a loyal supporter of Clemson. He loved to golf, talk on the short wave radio, ski, hike and build and fly remote control airplanes with his son, David. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Moore Thayer and his son William David Thayer. |
| **Thebarge** | **2014** | Jeffery A. Thebarge (76) of Old Town, Maine and Palmetto, Florida passed away on June 17, 2014 at a Bangor hospital surrounded by family. He came from a family of 13 children. Jeff graduated from Madison High School in 1956, where he was a catcher on the baseball team and his twin brother Edwin was the pitcher. Following high school he served with the US Army (1957-1959) and was stationed in Germany, and he served with the Air Guard retiring in 1993 as a Staff Sargent. He was employed by the Soil Conservation Service as a contract specialist, retiring in 1996. Jeffery was a talented violinist. He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years Merlene (Blanchette), two daughters, and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Care of Maine EMHS Foundation, PO Box 931 Bangor, ME 04402-0931. |
| **Tully** | **2014** | Stephen Richard Tully (66), a longtime Stillwater, Oklahoma resident, passed away on September 27, 2014. Steve is a Vietnam veteran who served in the US Navy from 1967 to 1971. Most of his tour was spent on destroyers in the Pacific fleet. After his discharge, he attended OSU and received a BS degree in Zoology. After graduation, Steve began his career with the NRCS, formerly the SCS, as a Soil Conservationist in Chandler, Oklahoma. He was then transferred to Claremore as a Wildlife Biologist, and then promoted to State Biologist in Stillwater. Steve retired from the NRCS in January 2012. He leaves behind his wife Terri, of the home; three children, two stepchildren, and four grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren Condolences may be emailed to the family and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com. |
| **Vaudrin** | **2014** | Robert L. Vaudrin (67) passed away on July 24, 2014 near Fordville, ND. He worked for the SCS in Grafton and Grand Forks, ND. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Stephany, Grafton, ND; his sons, Robert Jr, Fordville, ND; Michael (Diana), Minto, ND; Phillip (Anita), Grand Forks, ND; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren with another expected in November; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, grandson, granddaughter, and a sister. |
| **Vaught** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist William L. Vaught (93) of Rio Rancho, New Mexico passed away peacefully on October 4, 2014 in Albuquerque, NM. He led a full and productive life. Bill retired from the Soil Conservation Service in December 1975 as the Director of the South National Technical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. |
| **Velasquez** | **2014** | Life Member Charles Velasquez (80) of Marysville, California passed away on September 27, 2014. Chuck served his country honorably in the Army in The Korean War from June 16, 1953 to June 16, 1956. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and enjoyed participating in events to recognize and honor our veterans. He came to work for the Soil Conservation Service in 1959. His career with the agency included work as a Field Office engineer, Area engineer and Assistant State Conservation Engineer at various locations in California, and included being an expert at getting Emergency Watershed Protection work done. Chuck retired in 1994 after 35 years with the agency. He married Sally Broad, the love of his life in 1969. They were happily married for 35 years until her sudden death in 2004. With their marriage Chuck got to experience the joys of being a father as Sally had a son Bill at the age of about 10 from a previous marriage. Later Chuck got to experience the joy of being a grandparent when Bill and his wife brought a little girl, Mackenzie into the world. Chuck and Sally did everything together and enjoyed an amazing array of activities and hobbies. He was a first-degree black belt in Judo in the 70s and 80s. He collected and worked on cuckoo clocks and at one time probably had close to 20. He collected ukuleles and guitars. After Sally's passing, Chuck decided he would like to see more of the world and traveled alone to visit a number of European Countries, including England, Portugal, Denmark and Spain. Chuck enjoyed being part of many social groups including the Yuba City Moose Lodge and the Widowed Persons Association of California. |

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| **Victor** | **2014** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Mina Victor (95) passed away on January 14, 2014 at Villa Maria Nursing Home in Fargo, North Dakota, under the care of hospice. She worked for the Soil Conservation Service in the ND Area and State offices in Bismarck, ND, for many years. She is survived by her granddaughter Anne Kidder (Kevin), Fargo, ND; grandson Dave Hruby (Pam), MS; two great-granddaughters; a step-grandson; five step-great-grandchildren and four step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Otto; daughter Jane and a step-great-grandson. |
| **Vogel** | **2014** | Thomas Eugene Vogel (83) of Ness City, Kansas passed away in September 14, 2014. Thomas retired in l993 as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Gove Field Office. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, a member of the Sacred Heart Church and the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his son, Kelly Vogel (Yi Zhi), Lawton, Oklahoma; two daughters, Shelly Gomez (Wayne), Denver, Colorado; and Christy Vogel, Pearland, Texas; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacred Heart Church, Ness City. |
| **Vollan** | **2014** | Lorraine Vollan (83) passed away on September 28, 2014 at Sanford Health, Bismarck, ND. Lorraine retired in 1987 after working 24 years as a secretary for federal agencies. She is survived by three children, Teresa Larson, Fargo, ND; Tim (LaDora) Vollan, Fairfield, CA; and Tracey (Michelle) Vollan, Bismarck, ND; two brothers; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene; her parents; one sister and one brother. |
| **Volmert** | **2014** | Leslie F. Volmert (88) passed away on December 27, 2014, peacefully at his ranch in Vienna, Missouri, surrounded by his loving nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister and one brother. Les was a 1950 graduate and proud alumnus of the University of Missouri Columbia. He spent his career with the Soil Conservation Service in New Madrid and St. Charles, Missouri, retiring in 1982 as a district Conservationist. A WWII veteran, Les proudly served in the US Navy aboard the USS Stickell. He also served in the US Army reserve attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant. A devote catholic, he was a member of Visitation Parish in Vienna, Mo. Les was active in many community organizations. A lifelong farmer, he was the proud proprietor of his Century Farm. He raised registered polled Hereford cattle and was a member of the Missouri Polled Hereford Association, serving as a past president. Les was on the board of the MO Cattleman's Association and was awarded the 1965 Soil Conservation Award by the Conservation Federation of Missouri in cooperation with The National Wildlife Federation and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. He is survived by his loving sister-in-law Agnes A. Volmert and many beloved nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorial contributions to the World War II Honor Flight or the Leslie F. Volmert Scholarship Fund, with envelopes available at the Vienna Office of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. |
| **Wallenmeyer** | **2014** | Daniel Wallenmeyer (81) passed away on April 12, 2014, at Hawks Ridge in Hood River, Oregon. He grew up in Evansville, Indiana, graduating from high school in 1949. After graduation, he joined the Air Force and served four years as a Crew Chief in the armament during the Korean War. He continued his education at Washington State University, earning his bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1959. Dan was the District Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Ritzville, Washington, and in Canyon City and McMinnville in Oregon. He retired after 28 years. Dan is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Patricia; two sons, two daughters, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family encourages memorials to The Wounded Warrior Project in Daniel's name. |
| **Walstrom** | **2014** | Jack W. Walstrom (88) of Salina, Kansas passed away on February 24, 2014, in Lawrence. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force, and during the Korean War, he served with the U.S. Air Force. Jack was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Salina. For many years, he worked as a biologist for the Soil Conservation Service and retired in 1986 as a plant materials specialist. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Margie Walstrom (in 2009); a son-in-law, David Garcia; and a grandson, Kevin Howell. He is survived by three daughters, Claudia (Rod) Howell of Haysville, Jan (Virgil) Dean of Lawrence, and Heidi Garcia, of Lenexa; four grandsons, and five great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Christ the King Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Manor Employees Scholarship Fund or the Salina Animal Shelter. |
| **Warren** | **2014** | Myrle (Townsend) Warren (86) of Mandan, North Dakota passed away on February 17, 2014, at the Baptist Health Care Center, Bismarck, ND. She was the wife of the late Duncan Warren, a long-time SCS-er who retired in 1976 as an RC&D coordinator and passed away on March 19, 2010. She is survived by her children, John (Rebecca) Warren, Mandan, ND; Jo Warren, Santa Fe, NM; Jeff Warren, Larkspur, CO; and a granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her husband and an infant son. Memorials may be made to Central Dakota Humane Society, 2104 – 37th St., Mandan, ND; Dakota Woodturners, PO Box 243, Bismarck, ND; or Mandan United Methodist Church, 610 – 12th St. NW, Mandan, ND. |
| **Wenberg** | **2014** | Life Member Richard Dean Wenberg (81) of Belton, Texas departed this life peacefully in his home on April 30, 2014 after a battle with lung cancer. Dick served in the Army from 1954-56 including time stationed in Germany. He graduated from North Dakota State University (NDSU) in 1957 with a degree in agricultural engineering. He was employed by the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service for 35 years as a professional engineer and worked in several locations across the country, retiring in 1990 as the National Drainage Engineer in Washington, D.C. Dick loved North Dakota and through his diligent efforts over the past few decades, his parents' homestead farm has remained in the family and continues to be a model for production and sustainability. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Fockler Wenberg whom he met while working in Morgantown, WV; son, Brian Wenberg (Assistant State Conservation Engineer in Texas) and his wife, Susan, and two grandsons, Jack and Cade, of Belton, TX; daughter, Susan Wenberg, and her fiancée, David Keller, of northern Virginia; one brother and two sisters. He was preceded in death by two sisters. Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made to the Passing the Torch Campaign c/o Temple First United Methodist Church, 102 N 2n d St, Temple, TX 76501. |
| **Wheeler** | **2014** | Norman Dell Wheeler (89) of McMinnville, Oregon passed away on December 15, 2014. Norman was married to Louise. When he retired in 1982, he was the area engineer at the Hillsboro Area Office of the Soil Conservation Service. |
| **Whelpley** | **2014** | Robert E. Whelpley (88) passed away September 30, 2014. Robert retired in 1986 as the District Conservationist in the McPherson Field Office. He retired in 1986 as the District Conservationist in the McPherson Field Office. He was a United States Navy Veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific from 1944 to 1946. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1951. Robert was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Mary Louise Randall, on November 24, 2011. Survivors include: three sons, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to MCDS or Alzheimer's Assn. in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460. |

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| **Wiederhold** | **2014** | Henry “Hank” Thomas Wiederhold, P.E. (60) of Nacogdoches, Texas, passed away on May 9, 2014. Hank was born a Texan in 1953 and grew up on the family farm in Dime Box, Texas. He attended Blinn Junior College and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1976 with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering. His work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) started in 1977. In 2006, Hank was the agency’s lead engineer in response to Hurricane Rita. For his outstanding performance and lifetime achievement as an agricultural engineer, the Texas Section of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers presented Hank with its highest achievement award, naming him "2006 Engineer of the Year." In 2009, Hank became the first State Wetland Engineer for Texas NRCS. Hank retired from the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service in December 2013. Hank is survived by his wife of 25 years, Angela (Morgan) Wiederhold; sons Dustin Judson, Henry Wiederhold II, Hunter Castle Girard and Evan Chatman of Nacogdoches; and several brothers and sisters. |
| **Williams** | **2014** | Joyce B. Williams (85) of Richmond, Virginia passed away on February 22, 2014. She is survived by her loving husband, Dudley W. Williams; sons, Ransom (Chris) Domes and Edward (Sue) Domes; daughters, Janice L. Freeman and Abbagail P. Williams; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. When she retired, Joyce was the Personnel Officer in the SCS/NRCS State Office in Richmond, Virginia. She was an exceptional woman, who will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Richmond Animal League, 11401 International Dr., N. Chesterfield, Va. 23236. |
| **Wilson** | **2014** | Loyd Glen Wilson (82) passed away December 25, 2014 at his home in Jetmore, Kansas. He served as the District Conservationist in the Jetmore Field Office, retiring in 1990. After retirement, he managed the Recycling Center in Jetmore. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Hodgeman County Economic Development and the Jetmore Public Library Board, all of Jetmore. He served in the United States Army. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Julene Fern Powers. Other survivors include: four sons, a daughter, twenty-three grandchildren, and twenty-six great grandchildren. Memorials may be given to the Jetmore Public Library or the Jetmore Recreation Commission in care of Beckwith Funeral Home, Box 663 Jetmore, KS 67854. |
| **Wilson** | **2014** | Senior Conservationist Donald V. Wilson (91) of Greencastle, Indiana, passed away on March 16, 2014. Don graduated from Trafford High in 1940 and enlisted in the Navy in 1941. He spent 4 years as a Mechanist Airman 2nd class in the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1945. Afterwards, he attended Utah State University for 4 years where he received his BS in Agronomy. His first position with the USDA was in Miles City, Montana where he met his wife, Donna. He spent 30+ years with the Soil Conservation Service, retiring an Area Conservationist in 1987. After retiring, Don became an active member in the V.F.W. Local 1550 where he served as Commander in Chief from 1996-98 and as a member of the Honor Guard where he gave back to the servicemen by honoring their deaths. Surviving family members include his wife Donna, children Donna Lee, Duncan, Janice, Scott, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Wingenbach** | **2014** | Arlen “Andy” Wingenbach (44) died August 31, 2014 at Pelican Rapids, MN. Andy began his 24 year career at NRCS in New England, ND, and went on to work in Ashley, McClusky, Minot, Forman, Towner, and Devils Lake. At the time of his death, he was serving as the Assistant State Conservationist for field operations in Devils Lake, ND. He is survived by his parents, six brothers and four sisters. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and two brothers. |
| **Winkler** | **2014** | Jane Dorine (Meter) Winkler (77) of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away on October 24, 2014 after a long bout with cancer. Jane is survived by her husband, Jerry Winkler, who retired as the District Conservationist for NRCS in Aliance, NE. She received her education from Melbeta High School, graduating in 1956 and was an outstanding athlete. She also attended Center Business College in Denver, CO. She was employed at the Star-Herald as the Society Editor. She owned and operated JW’s Clothing Store in Alliance until retirement. She moved to Florida with her husband, Jerry, in 2001. Jane is survived by her husband of 49 years, Jerry and son Tyler (Lorrain) of Bonita Springs; a granddaughter Mana of Chicago, Ill. A memorial will be established to a cancer fund. Tributes of sympathy may be sent to 13060 Amberley Ct. #811, Bonita Springs, Fla., 34135. |
| **Woodbury** | **2014** | Blaine Brian Woodbury (60) of Morrill, Maine passed away unexpectedly December 26th, 2014. Brian graduated from the University of Maine in 1974 from the Forestry Department. After working for the Maine Forest Service, he was able to combine his love of the outdoors and his love of agriculture in a 23 year career with the USDA as a conservationist, retiring in 2011. While building his career he continued to be a devoted farmer and alongside his father and his wife on the family dairy farm in Morrill. Brian was a member of the Morrill Baptist Church and had a strong, personal faith in God. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Cheryl Woodbury; his son; his four brothers, his three cherished grandchildren; and his mother. He was predeceased by a beloved daughter, his father and one brother. |
| **Yeabower** | **2014** | William R. Yeabower (Bill) (77) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away May 2, 2014. William worked for the Department of Agriculture (SCS-NRCS Cartographic) in Lanham, Maryland and Fort Worth for 38 years. He was active in his church and loved family gatherings, fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Yeabower, daughter, Julie Ransom and an extended family including four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. |
| **Zimmerman** | **2014** | James F. Zimmerman (78) passed away on October 4, 2014, in Lebanon, PA after an extended illness. Jim was the husband of Elizabeth Vass Zimmerman. Liz was the Area Clerk and then Computer Specialist in Lebanon for many years. |
| **Zollinger** | **2014** | Life Member Herman Leroy Zollinger (79) of Boise, Idaho passed away at his home on May 15, 2014 after a long struggle with bladder cancer just four months after the passing of his dear wife of 62 years, Sharon. He grew up in Rexburg, Idaho where he played football and basketball in high school. He met his future wife, Sharon Dale Parker, in grade school. He spent his early married years helping his father farm a 1200 acre dry farm. Leroy enrolled at Rick’s College when he was 23 years old. He later transferred to Utah State University where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering at the age of 28. He regarded his graduation from college as one of his life’s greatest accomplishments. Soon thereafter, he went to work for the Soil Conservation Service in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Later Leroy was transferred to Salmon, Pocatello, and finally to Boise, Idaho when he was promoted to State Conservation Engineer for Idaho. He retired in 1994. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is survived by his four children, Bradley (Susan) of Highland, Utah, Kary (Jean) of Twin Falls, Idaho, Casey (Linda) of Spokane, Washington, and Sharon of Boise, Idaho. To share memories with the family please visit Leroy’s memorial webpage at www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com |

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| **Zollinger** | **2014** | Sharon Dale Zollinger (79) of Boise, Idaho passed away January 11, 2014 at home. She is survived by her husband of 62 years Herman LeRoy Zollinger. LeRoy retired as the State Conservation Engineer with SCS in Idaho. Also surviving are four children, Bradley (Susan) of Highland, Utah; Kary (Jean) of Twin Falls, Idaho; Casey (Linda) of Spokane, Washington; and Sharon Eisenbarth (Eric Wilson) of Boise, Idaho. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. To share memories with the family please visit her memorial webpage at www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com |
| **Andreas** | **2013** | Susan Lynn nee Bunger Andreas (60) of Maryville, Illinois passed away October 7, 2013 at her residence. Susan graduated from Oregon High School, Oregon, IL, and then attended Rockford Business College. She retired as an administrative assistant for the Triad School District #2. She is survived by her husband, Michael E. Andreas who retired as an area engineer with NRCS in 2008. Also surviving is a son, Bryan (Carrie) Andreas of Edwardsville, IL; daughter, Janna (Dan) Pettus of Glen Carbon, IL; and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110. |
| **Andrews** | **2013** | James M. (Jimmy) Andrews, Jr. (72) of Washburn, North Carolina, passed away on May 6, 2013. Jimmy retired as Soil Conservation Technician in Rutherfordton, NC, with over 30 years of service. He also worked in Cleveland and McDowell Counties. Jimmy was a graduate of Cool Springs High School and attended Western Carolina University. In addition to his community service, Jimmy was an avid horseshoe pitcher and competed at many local, state, and regional tournaments. The highlight of his horseshoe pitching career was winning the Elders I-2 division of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association World Championship Tournament in Knoxville, TN in 2012. He is survived by his wife Patsy; three daughters, Bonnie Andrews (Phil) Fisher of Matthews, NC, Carol Andrews (David) Winesette of Waxhaw, NC, and Gail Andrews (Sean) Tarlton of Pittsboro, NC; and seven grandchildren. |
| **Aresndorf** | **2013** | Roger C. Arensdorf (91) of Boise, Idaho passed away on May 13, 2013. In addition to his wife of nearly 70 years, Geraldine Lea Arensdorf, Roger is survived by his five children: Jennifer Arensdorf Morlan, Ann Arensdorf Taylor, John Arensdorf, Kathy Arensdorf Brown and Chris Arensdorf. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He spent his early years growing up on a farm near Ensign, Kansas with his parents and brothers. Upon graduating from Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1943, Roger proudly served his country as a Naval Officer in the Amphibious Forces during World War II. After the war, he returned to Southwest Kansas where he spent his working career as a Soil Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service. He retired in 1980 as the District Conservationist in the Dodge City field office. Roger and Geraldine moved to New Braunfels, Texas in July 1990. In August 2012 they moved to Boise, Idaho to be near family. |
| **Bennett** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist and Member Quentin Preston Bennett (87) of Riverton, WV (formerly of Bridgeport, WV) passed away January 7, 2013. He was an infantryman during WWII in Patton's 4th Armored Division and was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge. His military awards include the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1952, the first in his family to graduate from college. He married Joy Cooper Bennett of Dry Fork, WV in 1954 and raised three sons. He retired in 1990 as a District Conservationist with SCS. After the death of his first wife Joy in 1993, Quentin married Roberta (Harper) Weese of Riverton, WV in 1999. In addition to his wife, Mr. Bennett is survived by his three sons, Bradley Quentin (Debbie) Bennett of Clarksburg, WV; Jeffrey Dixon (Janie) Bennett of Pueblo West, CO, and Dr. T. Preston (Gabriela) Bennett of Arlington, VA; a step daughter and two step sons; 8 grandchildren; 7 step grandchildren; a great-grandson, and 9 step great-grandchildren. Memorials gifts may be made to: Valley Chapel Church or the American Cancer Society. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com. |
| **Beougher** | **2013** | Virgil D. Beougher (79) of Ellsworth, Kansas passed away on March 4, 2013 at his home. He retired in 1996 as a district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service where he worked 38 years. Virgil is survived by his wife of 26 years, Connie of Ellsworth; sons, Duane Beougher of St. Louis, MO and Darrel Beougher of Dighton; daughters, Debra Beougher of Wellington and Diane Beougher of Yoder; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church or Boy Scouts of Ellsworth, in c/o the funeral home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, KS 67439. |
| **Bereuter** | **2013** | Bette M. Bereuter (93) Edina, Minnesota, formerly of Bismarck, passed away on March 9, 2013. She was preceded in death in 2008 by her husband Lynn “Buzz” Bereuter, who retired in 1971 as the Watershed Planning Party Leader in Bismarck. She is survived by her son, Larry (Janna) and daughter, Erika, and granddaughter Linda. |
| **Boilesen** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist and Member Axel Christian Boilesen (89) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on March 21, 2013. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1978 as head of the engineering design unit for the Midwest. Axel graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in civil engineering. He was a Veteran of World War II in Central Europe including Battle of the Bulge. Axel was proud of his military service but it taught him to abhor war and align with peace activism. Axel was united in marriage to Betty Ann Barr on Aug. 25, 1945. His Danish sense of humor and positive attitude were a delight to all who knew him. Survivors: sons, James Boilesen (Lincoln), Doug (Sharon) Boilesen (Denver); daughter Bev (Ron) Jester (Lincoln); five grandsons, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife, Betty. Memorials to St. Paul United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. |
| **Boothby** | **2013** | Charles A. Boothby (86) passed away on August 25, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, who served on the SCS public information staff in the Oregon state office. Also surviving are five children, 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter and a granddaughter. Donations to the Alzheimer's Association are suggested. |
| **Bottrell** | **2013** | George (Dean) Bottrell (83) of Somerset, Kentucky passed away on December 14, 2013. He was a retired soil scientist. While with the Forest Service, he worked on the Soil Survey of McCreary and Western Whitley Counties, Kentucky. While with the Soil Conservation Service, he worked on soil surveys in Ohio. He held degrees from the University of Illinois and from Lexington Theological Seminary. Dean is survived by his wife Ruth Day Bottrell; one son, David Dean Bottrell of Los Angeles, CA; and one daughter Mary Ester Bottrell of Somerset, KY. |
| **Bozeman** | **2013** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist David Eli Bozeman (94) of Plains, Georgia passed away on October 30, 2013. David was a graduate of The University of Georgia and a retired Soil Conservationist with the US Department of Agriculture, retiring in 1978. He was a Veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict, having served in the Army Air Corp as a ground crewman with the rank of sergeant. He was a dedicated member of Plains United Methodist Church. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sara Helen; and his loving daughters Lynn (Marvin) Griggs of Preston, and Diane B. (Roy) Worrell of Perry. David was also dearly loved by four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. |

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| **Brasch** | **2013** | Rhonda Lea Brasch (62) of Spokane, Washington passed away on July 15, 2013. She attended Spokane Community College and her degree eventually led to a long career with NRCS as a civil engineering technician. Rhonda retired in 2012 after 29 years of service. She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her son, Allen Brasch. Online guestbook at cheneyfuneral.com |
| **Bratcher** | **2013** | Member Robert F. Bratcher (84) of Henderson, Tennessee passed away on November 6, 2013. In 1946, at the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Navy and served 5 years and was involved in the Korean Conflict. After his discharge, he attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and earned a BS in Agricultural Engineering and a Masters in Engineering in 1963. Robert worked for the Soil Conversation Service for 30 years before retiring in 1984 as a hydraulic engineer. He was a member of the Sanford Hill Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Maleta Webb Bratcher of Henderson; a daughter Sandy (Lyle) Rich of Henderson; a son Bobby (Suzanne) Bratcher of Cordova, TN; and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society. |
| **Bryant** | **2013** | Henry Harold Bryant Jr. (67) of Hondo, Texas passed away on August 25, 2013. Harold graduated from Stephen F. Austin in 1968 with a Bachelor of Forestry Degree. He earned a Master's Degree in Range Management in 1969. He retired from NRCS as District Conservationist with the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District in 2005 with over 30 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Judith Ann (Bradley) Bryant, two sons, and one grandson. The family has set up a memorial account with the American Cancer Society in his name. Memorial donations may be made at http://main.acsevents.org/goto/hharoldbryant. |
| **Bureau** | **2013** | Jeannine Jane Bureau (85) passed away October 16, 2013 at Brookdale Place of Wooster, Ohio after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She is survived by of husband of 63 years Member Marvin Bureau who retired as a soil scientist with SCS in 1980. Professionally, she worked for 17 years as a secretary for the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District, followed by 31 years as secretary for Marvin's consultancy business as a soil scientist. Other survivors include son Jeffrey (Linda) of Wooster and son Todd (Barbra) of Hope, Alaska; son-in-law Robert (Kathy) Felty Columbus; a granddaughter and three grandsons. Jeannine was preceded in death by a daughter Shauna. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Asera Hospice 2820 West Market Street, Ste. 100 Akron, OH 44333 ph: 800-835-4594. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mcintirebradhamsleek.com |
| **Butler** | **2013** | Wendell Butler (80) of Washington, DC passed away on April 12, 2013. Wendell retired as the NHQ Administrative Officer for the Soil Conservation Service in Washington, DC. He is survivied by his wife Katie Sturdivant Butler, four children, and seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The American Brain Tumor Association, 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 550 Chicago, IL 60631. |
| **Carlz** | **2013** | Ruth Ione (Gilbert) Carlz (89) of Champaign, Illinois passed away October 8, 2013 at Bickford Cottage Assisted Living. She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Ralph E. Carlz, in 2003. Ruth worked at the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Tuscola and then in Champaign. She was also preceded in death by one son, Roger Carlz and a granddaughter, Loretta Carlz. Survivors include a son, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made directly to St. Matthew Parish Nurse Program, 1303 Lincolnshire Drive, Champaign, IL 61821. |
| **Clark** | **2013** | Mary Francis Clark of Omaha, Nebraska passed away on Feb 1, 2013. She was the wife of Bill Clark. |
| **Clarke** | **2013** | Andrea Clarke (53) of Charles County, Maryland passed away on November 27, 2013. She worked as an energy analyst for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. She attended the University of Maryland and Montana State University, and received her PhD from Colorado State University. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Chestnut Land Trust, P.O. Box 2363, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or ACLTweb.org. |
| **Cooper** | **2013** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist John Cooper (93) of Point Pleasant, West Virginia passed away peacefully in his sleep, on September 14, 2013. After home-schooling by his mother, he attended a two-room school in Cox's Mills, and graduated at the age of 16 from Glenville High School. He graduated from WVU in 1940 with a degree in agriculture and began work in Taylor County with the Farm Security Administration, the forerunner of the Farmers Home Administration (FHA). In 1942, John volunteered for duty in the U.S. Navy as a radio man on the battleship USS New Jersey, where he served in more than 20 combats in the Pacific Theater, including the Battle of the Philippines. He received nine major battle stars. John took great joy in being on the battleship's radio, and being the first person on the battleship to learn the Japanese had surrendered. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he resumed employment with the FHA in Beckley, WV. In 1947 he took a job with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS), which assigned him to Spencer, West Virginia, in Roane County. He retired from the SCS in 1979. John was active in many religious and civic organizations throughout much of his life. He had a particular interest in older farmers and did a series of articles in The Point Pleasant Register on Mason County farmers who were octogenarians, in addition to his weekly articles, which totaled around 20 years writing newspaper articles. He was selected by the SCS to train newly-hired SCS agents, and he tutored 12 new professionals during his SCS career. He was also founder in 1995 of “Life, Liberty, and Freedom,” an organization to preserve the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights. Later, a second chapter was organized in Ohio and a third in Charleston, WV. At the age of 92 he was inducted into The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame at WVU Jackson's Mill in 2012. John is survived by his children, Rev. John and Dr. Elizabeth Cooper-Martin of Rockville, Maryland; and Mary Jane and Richard Cole of Pinch, West Virginia; and six grandchildren. Mr. Cooper was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to Trinity United Methodist Church building fund in Point Pleasant, or the charity of their choice in memory of their father. |
| **Cora** | **2013** | Donald L. Cora (79) of Lancaster, Kentucky passed away on September 18, 2013. He was the husband of Life Member Andrea Cora who retired in 1997 as an Administrative Assistant with NRCS. A man of many trades, he left big city life behind and bought a farm in Garrard County, Kentucky in 1972 and put down roots. He was a retired builder and craftsman. He leaves behind his beautiful bride of 60 years, Andrea (Maheras), two children, Reno John (Kathy) Cora of Mt. Sterlling, KY and Barbara Cora (Richard) Mayerick of Vienna, VA, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and countless family and friends. A Life Celebration was held at the family home. Donations to the American Heart Association were preferred instead of flowers. |

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| **Craft** | **2013** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Robert E. "Bob" Craft (87) of Savoy, Illinois passed away on May 20, 2013. Bob graduated from the University of Illinois, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and began working for the USDA as a soil conservationist. He was in the Navy and was a part of the Korean War and World War II. He was honorably discharged. His career with SCS included a training position in the Champaign County, District Conservationist in Douglas County, and as the Information Specialist in the Illinois SCS State Office. After retiring in 1985, Bob was a Member of the Association of Retired Soil Conservation Service Employees and served as the Illinois Representative to ARSCSE. He was involved in as many civic, professional, and social activities as he could possibly be in. Bob loved to fish and do geocaching. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years Betty Kipfer Craft. He is survived by a daughter, Joanna (Lloyd) Ochsenschlager; a son, Jeff Craft; and another daughter, Jennifer (Pat) DelRio; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. |
| **Crandall** | **2013** | Pat Crandall (61) of Woodbury, Minnesota passed away peacefully on February 6, 2013. She had Ataxia, which her father and sister also had and were deceased already. She retired from NRCS in administrative section of the St. Paul state office. She is survived by husband of 39 years, Gary; daughters Kate Schneider (Mark) & Kristie Eid (Brent); and four grandchildren. Memorials preferred to National Ataxia Foundation. 651-777-2600 www.sandbergfuneralhome.com. |
| **Crowe** | **2013** | Cora Pomphrey Crowe (91) of The Havens in Princeton passed away January 23, 2013. Cora was a clerk for the Selective Service during World War II and was a secretary for the Monroe County Superintendent of Schools prior to moving to Princeton in 1960 where she quickly became very active in her church and community. Survivors include her husband of sixty three years, Clement Eugene Crowe of Princeton who retired from SCS; one daughter, and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 304, Princeton, WV 24740. |
| **Currin** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist S. Taylor Currin (87) of Oxford, NC, passed away on July 22, 2013. Taylor retired in 1986 as Engineer on the State Resource Conservationist Staff in the Raleigh state office with over 30 years of service. He graduated from N.C. State University in 1952 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Prior to college, Taylor served in the US Marine Corp in WWII, Pacific Theatre. Taylor began his career as Area Engineer for the Raleigh Area. He then served as Assistant State Engineer for Construction in North Carolina before going to South Carolina as State Conservation Engineer. He also served as a consulting engineer in Tunisia. He transferred back to North Carolina in 1973 and was on an IPA assignment with the NC Sediment and Erosion Control Commission until 1977. He also served as Civil Engineer on the Water Resources Planning Staff. After he retired from SCS, he worked for the NC Division of Land Resources, Land Quality Section. After retiring from this position, he established Currin Engineering and Surveying. Taylor was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Anne Pitts Currin. Surviving are daughters, Patricia (Joseph) Gallagher and Cheryl Currin; three grandsons and one great granddaughter. |
| **Davis** | **2013** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Ronello Melzar "Mel" Davis (86) passed away on June 23, 2013 at his home in Yuma, Arizona. He was born in Ambrose, North Dakota and after graduating from North Dakota State University in 1949, Mel spent three years teaching Vocational Agriculture. Mel spent the next 30 years working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, where he rose through the ranks retiring as Administrator of the SCS. He spent 1 ½ years in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He received a Distinguished Alumni award from NDSU, a Superior Service award from USDA, and a Fellow from the SWCSA. With the help of his family he remodeled a 150 year old schoolhouse in Pennsylvania for his retirement. He was a runner before it was trendy and was a member of a local exercise club. Mel is survived by his wife, Marilyn; son, Ron Davis of Yuma; daughter, Dawn (Jack) Gregerson of San Diego, CA; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Interment will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, ND at the convenience of the family, with a memorial to be held at Gloria de Cristo in Yuma in November. Donations can be made to Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church Building Fund, Yuma, and/or Hospice of Yuma |
| **Davison** | **2013** | Alice M. Davidson (71), spouse of James A. Davidson, Sr., of Cuba, Kansas passed away December 19, 2013. James retired as a Soil Conservation Technician from the Belleville Field Office. Survivors include her husband, James Sr., of Cuba; a son, a daughter, three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. |
| **DeStefano** | **2013** | Madeline DeStefano (73) of Springfield, Virginia passed away on August 7, 2013. Marge worked for the Soil Conservation Service at the Northeast NTC, then later for the Forest Service. She is survived by her son Peter H. DeStefano (Kristie) and her granddaughter Brooklyn. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory to Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania Attn: Penn Medicine Development, 3535 Market St., Suite 750 Phila., PA 19104. |
| **Diehl** | **2013** | Elinor D. Diehl (95) passed away on March 26, 2013, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. She graduated from Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines. Elinor retired in 1982 after 22 years as secretary for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Elinor is survived by her two stepchildren, two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to College Avenue Christian Church. |
| **Doyle** | **2013** | John T. (Jack) Doyle (82) of Pinedale, Wyoming passed away November 9, 2013. In 1950, he married his high school sweetheart, Virginia Adams. Jack graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1955 with a degree in civil engineering. During his 35-year career with the Soil Conservation Service, he served as project engineer, area engineer and state design engineer in Farson, Gillette, Sheridan and Casper. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Virginia; three sons, a daughter, eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the Pinedale Food Basket program or to the charity of your choice. Condolences can be left at covillfuneralhome.com. |
| **Edwards** | **2013** | Thomas D. Edwards (64) of Delaware passed away on February 28, 2013 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He graduated in 1970 from the Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture and went on to serve his country as a member of the United States Army until 1973. Tom served as district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 40 years, Linda; son, Stephen (Sandy) Edwards of Dublin; daughter, Kristen (Jonathan) Wish of Bellefontaine; and two grandchildren. Contributions in Tom's memory may be made to the William Street UMC Foundation or to the Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council. |

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| **Eisenbrey** | **2013** | Member William W. "Bill" Eisenbrey, Sr. (81) of Milford, Delaware passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2013. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving his country proudly during the Korean Conflict. Bill served as a conservation technician for the Soil Conservation Service for 42 years, retiring 1990. That same year, he accepted a job with the Kent County Soil Conservation District and retired from that position in 2000. He was a long time member of the Milford Lions Club, holding the office of 1st Vice President and President. Bill was also a member of numerous other civic and professional organizations. Bill was a member of the Avenue United Methodist Church in Milford, where he was active with the Methodist Men. He was preceded in death by his wife, Winnifred L. Eisenbrey. He is survived by a son, William W. (Lois) Eisenbrey, Jr. of Middletown; three daughters, Karen L. Robinson of Lancaster, PA, Mary Beth Eisenbrey and Leslie G. Eisenbrey, both of Dover; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Ellicott** | **2013** | Larry David Ellicott (68) of Gilbert, Arizona lost his battle with brain cancer January 18, 2013. Larry worked for SCS/NRCS for 30 years. Served as a Range Conservationist in both St. Maries & Lewiston, Idaho; and as the Area Range Conservationist in Flagstaff, Arizona. Then he moved on to Salt Lake City, Utah where he served as the State Range Conservationist. He retired in January of 2004. A graduate of the University of Arizona, Larry also served in the US Navy during the Viet Nam War. Larry and wife Sherry had moved to Arizona where they could be near children and grandchildren. Sherry is currently working as an Administrative Assistant with NRCS in the State Office in Phoenix. He is also survived by two sons, a daughter, and nine grandchildren. |
| **Engle** | **2013** | Melvin E. Engle (74) of Ashland, Pennsylvania passed away on December 31, 2013. He was a Navy veteran, serving on the USS Oglethorpe, USS Little Rock, USS Allen M. Sumner and USS Mullinnix. He retired from NRCS in 2004 after working 20 years as a soil conservation technician. He coached Little League in Easton and was an avid coon hunter, member of the American Kennel Club and was a bench show judge for hounds for 20 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane Metz Engle in May 2012. Three daughters, three sons, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren survive. Website at www.kullfuneral.com. |
| **Ernstes** | **2013** | Thomas L. Ernstes (86) of Xenia, Ohio passed away January 1, 2013 at Liberty Nursing Center of Xenia. He retired in 1993, as a conservationist with SCS after 37 years. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Wilma (Ohmer) Ernstes, and four daughters. In lieu of flowers, family requests contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Ave., Dayton, OH, 45420. Condolences may be made to the family at www.NeeldFuneralHome.com. |
| **Evans** | **2013** | Life Member Max Langford Evans (77) of Greencastle, Indiana passed away on May 22, 2013 after a long fight with multiple myeloma. He earned degrees in agricultural engineering and surveying at Purdue University where he met his wife, Joy (Zeiner) Evans. After ROTC in college he served in the peacetime U.S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood and Ft. Bliss. He spent most of his career as an engineer with the Soil Conservation Service, retiring as the Assistant State Conservationist in 1995 after 37 years of service. He followed that time by working several years inspecting dams and designing septic systems. His most important work, besides raising his family, was helping establish independent Christian congregations in both Paoli (Paoli Christian Church) and Greencastle (Greencastle Christian Church). He served as an elder with both congregations. He is survived by his loving wife Joy Zeiner Evans of Greencastle, a daughter Michelle Evans of Greencastle, son Scot (Lisa) Evans of Westfield and daughter Krista (Keith) Rowls of Indianapolis. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Greencastle Christian Church. Expressions of sympathy and condolences may be shared with the family at www.bittlesandhurt.com. |
| **Fairbanks** | **2013** | Patrick Warren Fairbanks (51) of Parsons, WV passed away on April 10, 2013. He was the son of the late The Reverend Terry Glen Fairbanks, who retired in 1991 as an engineer with the Soil Conservation Service, and Judy Dale Barr Fairbanks, who survives at Parsons. Also surviving are one son and one daughter, four brothers and one sister. Preceding him in death is one brother. |
| **Fischgrabe** | **2013** | Bobbie Jean Fischgrabe (80) of Moody, Texas passed away on March 12, 2013. She had fought COPD with continuous oxygen for almost 14 years. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Otto Dale Fischgrabe, a retired Deputy State Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service. Also surviving are a daughter, Debra (Karl) Long of Alvarado, TX; and sons, Steve (Debbie) of Unionville, MO; Duane (Melodi) of Rogers, AR; Dennis (Diane) of Beulah, MI; and Dru (Brenda) of Hutchinson, MN; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. For those desiring, the family has suggested OSYMBA in care of Nelda Schmidt, 14290 Siler Road, Moody, Texas 76557 for memorial contributions. |
| **Fleming** | **2013** | Edward L. Fleming (85) formerly of Salina and Altamont, passed away August 10, 2013 in Caney, Kansas where he had lived the past three years. Edward graduated from Kansas State University in 1954 and served two years as second lieutenant in the Army. He then worked as a soil scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 30 years, retiring in 1987 as the soils correlator on the state staff. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Salina and the Lions Club. Edward is survived by three daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife 59 years, Norma. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, in c/o the funeral home, P.O. Box 45, Ellsworth, KS 67439. |
| **Flowers** | **2013** | James L. "Booster" Flowers (97) of Bowling Green, Kentucky formerly of Morgantown, Kentucky passed away on July 10, 2013 at his residence. Booster retired from USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1980 as a Soil Conservation Technician. He was born in Butler County Kentucky and was the husband of the late Glendolyah Peay Flowers. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church, World War II Army Veteran serving five years, 66-year member of Cassia Lodge #272 F&AM, past bank director of Green River Deposit Bank, active member of Butler County Saddle Club, life time member of the VFW post 5837, retired farmer in the Logansport Community, and was a key in facilitating water and electric to the Logansport community. Booster was predeceased by two sisters and is survived by his companion Loraine Snyder of Bowling Green, KY and several nieces and nephews. |
| **Foshee** | **2013** | Jack N. Foshee (82) of Garrison, Texas passed away on August 17, 2013. He was the husband of (now retired) long-time Nacogdoches AO Hdq. clerk Beth Foshee. Jack passed away on their 61st wedding anniversary He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Beth Foshee of Garrison, two sons, a daughter, three grand-sons, a grand-daughter, and four great-grand-children. Condolences can be shared on line at www.lairdfh.net |

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| **Fraley** | **2013** | Rose Zilkanich Fraley (77) of Morgantown, West Virginia passed away unexpectedly Nov. 21, 2013 at her residence. Survivors include her companion of more than 42 years, Herold Berthy. She was preceded in death by her husband, Augustus C. “Gus” Fraley. She was employed by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, retiring after 29 years of service as a budget director. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name may be made to the Morgantown Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 379 Smithtown Rd., Morgantown, WV or the Herold Berthy and Rose Fraley Scholarship fund at West Virginia Wesleyan College, 59 College Ave., Buckhannon, WV 26201. Send condolences online at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com. |
| **Frazier** | **2013** | Helen Penalope Frazier (76) passed away on November 25. She was an accountant on the SCS Financial Management Staff, and retiring in 1995. Helen received her Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Idaho. She is survived by her a daughter, a son, two grandsons, and three granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe. |
| **Frederick** | **2013** | Arnold H. Frederick (83) of Broadalbin, New York passed away January 8, 2013. He was a dairy farmer and later worked for SCS as a soil conservationist from 1968 until 1989 in Fulton and Saratoga counties. From the 1970s until 1991 he was an owner/trainer of horses at Saratoga Harness Track. He served on the Perth Central School Board of Education from the late 1960s to the early 1970s. Arnold was married to Louise Smith Frederick on December 31, 1949. She passed away on December 7, 1998. Survivors include six children, 14 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the First Presbyterian Church of Broadalbin, 54 W. Main St; Broadalbin, NY 12025. |
| **Frevert** | **2013** | Member Willis Donald Frevert (87) of Des Moines, Iowa passed away peacefully on September 8, 2013. Following an honorable discharge from the Navy, he graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in agricultural engineering. Don was employed by the Soil Conservation Service in Audubon and Des Moines, Iowa, retiring in 1988 as that State Construction Engineer. He was an active member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church (Audubon) and Faith Lutheran Church (Clive) where he sang in the choir for many years. Don was also involved in the Boy Scouts of America and Lions Club. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joyce Frevert; three daughters, Diane Frevert, Karen (Randy) Nelsen and Nancy (David) Solohub; his son, Charles (Regina) Frevert; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Faith Lutheran Church in Clive, Iowa, the Mid-Iowa Council Boy Scouts of America in Des Moines, Iowa or Iowa State University Department of Music. |
| **Furman** | **2013** | Therold R. Furman (87) of Emerickville, Pennsylvania passed away January 8, 2013, at his home. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marjorie Hackett. Therold was a U.S. Army veteran who served during World War II. For 31 years, he worked as a technician for SCS. He is also survived by a daughter, Jeanne C. (Frank) Squire of Albion; a son, Therold Todd Furman of Brookville who works at the Clarion Technical Office; and three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to DRMC Hospice, 100 Hospital Ave., PO Box 447, DuBois, PA, 15801. |
| **Garlinghouse** | **2013** | Honorary member and Senior Conservationist Jennings Garlinghouse (100) of Orleans, California passed away on December 26, 2013. Jennings retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a public information officer in 1973, having worked as a soil conservationist earlier in his career. He had a degree in agronomy. |
| **Garrett** | **2013** | Member William Bernard (Bill) Garrett (86) of Daleville, Virginia passed away on June 27, 2013, at his home. Bernard grew up on his parent's tobacco farm near Farmville. He joined the Navy near the end of World War II. His wartime bride was Edna Virginia Adams. They were wed March 6, 1945 and remained so until her death April 2, 1968. During the time they were married, Bernard joined the Soil Conservation Service, a career which he enjoyed for the rest of his working life, retiring in April 1994. Bernard and Edna resided in Nottoway County and had a daughter, Elayne, who currently resides in Botetourt County with her husband, Morris Gill. On December 27, 1968, Bernard married Betty Fain, who was a home economics extension agent in Nottoway County and they had a son, William Bradley Garrett, who resides in Texas. Bernard, Bill to many of his Botetourt friends, was always active in the Methodist church, a Sunday school teacher with a passion for innovative teaching. Bernard also leaves behind a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Glover** | **2013** | Robert K. Glover (88) of Goessel, Kansas passed away January 19, 2013. Robert retired in 1981 from SCS, where he served as a resource conservationist in Dodge City. During his career he also worked as a soil scientist in Lincoln, Beloit, Hays and Greensburg. Robert is survived by his wife of 66 years, Irma Devine Glover; daughters, Pam Zipfel and Bobbi Glover of Wichita, and Virginia Barnert of Artemesia, NM; son, Doug (Tina) of Mission Viejo, CA; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, Kansas State University. |
| **Gosline** | **2013** | Lee Ann Gosline (52) of Killdeer, North Dakota passed away January 23, 2013, in Bismarck. She worked as a field technician with NRCS in Killdeer for over 23 years before retiring in 2012. Lee Ann is survived by her husband, Rod; children, Tia (Aaron) Cook of Bismarck; Josh Dolechek of Bellingham, WA; Jessen Dolechek of Dickinson, ND; and Kyle Gosline of Dunn Center. |
| **Griffin** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist and Member Billy C. Griffin (84) passed away on December 21, 2013 at his ranch in Gonzales County. He was a graduate of Southwest Texas Teacher’s College. He was a teacher at Bandera High School. He married Jo Ann Word, September 1954. They pursed careers with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Bandera, San Antonio, Pecos, Temple, Texas and Jackson, Mississippi. In 1986 they retired to their home in Morgan’s Point Resort. Billy was a Mason for more than 60 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, in 2003. Survivors include two sons Billy C. Griffin, Jr. of Bandera and Dr. Pat Griffin of Academy; one daughter Vicki Griffin Hart of Lucas; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. |
| **Griswold** | **2013** | Lillian Griswold (93) passed away on May 9, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband Victor Griswold in 1997. Victor retired from SCS at Medicine Lodge, Kansas in 1977. Lillian is survived by children: Connie (Steve) McColley. John (Judy) and Rick (Layne) Griswold; and a grandson. |

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| **Haakenstad** | **2013** | Sydney H. Haakenstad (91) of Norfolk, Nebraska passed away July 23, 2013, at Faith Regional Health Services. Sydney was born May 29, 1922, on a farm near Souris, North Dakota, to Sivert and Anne (Hanson) Haakenstad. He joined the United States Army Air Corps on November 20, 1942, and served overseas in the China, Burma, India war theater and was discharged on Jan. 29, 1946. Sydney graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota in 1952 with a degree in agricultural engineering. After graduation he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service on the Salt, Wahoo and Brownell Creek pilot watershed projects, headquartered at Lincoln, Nebraska. He was transferred to Albion, Nebraska in 1956 as area engineer and relocated to Norfolk in 1972. Some of the projects he worked on as area engineer were the Farwell Irrigation Project in Sherman and Howard Counties, Aowa Creek Watershed Project, Skyview Lake (Corporation Gulch Flood Control Project), Maskenthine, Tekamah Mud Watershed Project, Willow Creek in Pierce and many others. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1984 after more than 30 years of federal service. He was married to Bonnie Schroeder in 1958 in Laurel, Nebraska. He was a member of United Methodist Church, Norfolk, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and Albion Masonic Lodge. |
| **Hadle** | **2013** | Fred Benton Hadle (96) of Manhattan, Kansas passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 5, 2013. Fred was an Assistant Professor in Horticulture at Kansas State University and was Superintendent of the Horticultural Farm at Ashland Bottom from 1951 until his retirement in 1984. He was married to Edith Hadle, who was a Biological Technician at the Plant Materials Center in Manhattan, Kansas, retiring in 1983. Fred is survived by two sons, 12 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. |
| **Hail** | **2013** | Carl W. Hail (87) passed away on June 4, 2013 at the Masonic Home of Shelbyville, Kentucky. He was a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church. Carl was a soil scientist with the SCS and retired in 1985 as assistant state soil scientist. He was also an Army veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Catherine C. Hail of Shelbyville; his sons, Carl Hail, Jr. of Louisville and Mark Hail of Yardley, PA; and his daughter, Rebecca Hail Harding of Estero, FL. Expressions of sympathy: Centenary United Methodist Church Music Department or The Wounded Warriors Project. |
| **Harold** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Orval Albert Harold (96) of Columbia, Missouri, passed away May 31, 2013. In 1940, he married Mildred Chappelt and attended Kansas State University until the onset of World War II interrupted his education. He entered military service in June 1941 and was assigned to the 63rd Infantry Regiment as an Infantry Unit Commander. Orval saw combat in the Pacific Theater, mainly in the jungles of New Guinea. As a reward for their skill and conduct against the enemy, the soldiers of the 63rd Regiment were entitled to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge. Following his military service, he returned to Kansas State University and completed his formal education, earning a degree in Agriculture. In keeping with his love of the land, Orval began a career with the United States Department of Agriculture and worked in various assignments throughout Kansas until he retired in 1977 as the Area Conservationist with SCS in Manhattan, Kansas. After the death of his wife of 56 years, Mildred, he moved to Dodge City, Kansas, and married Fran Foster who passed away in 2001. He then moved to Columbia to be closer to family and met and married Eula Simmons, who also preceded him in death. Orval is survived by a daughter, Nancy Kautz of Columbia; and two grandchildren. |
| **Harper** | **2013** | Larry Laverne Harper (74) of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away February 10, 2013 at Lenoir Woods Nursing Home in Columbia, MO. He was born in Bloomfield, Iowa. On June 14, 1959 in Bloomfield, Iowa, he was united in marriage to Alberta Oleta Brunk who preceded him in death on May 25, 2010. Larry is survived by two sons and five grandchildren, as well as two great-grandchildren. He was a graduate from Bloomfield High School with the Class of 1955. Larry was employed thirty five years as a soil conservation technician for SCS until retiring in 2001. He enjoyed showing sheep for thirty-five years. He was a member of Kirksville Moose Lodge #1751 and the First Christian Church of Kirksville. |
| **Harper** | **2013** | Larry Laverne Harper (74) of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away February 10, 2013 at Lenoir Woods Nursing Home in Columbia, MO. He was born in Bloomfield, Iowa. On June 14, 1959 in Bloomfield, Iowa, he was united in marriage to Alberta Oleta Brunk who preceded him in death on May 25, 2010. Larry is survived by two sons and five grandchildren, as well as two great-grandchildren. He was a graduate from Bloomfield High School with the Class of 1955. Larry was employed thirty five years as a soil conservation technician for SCS until retiring in 2001. He enjoyed showing sheep for thirty-five years. He was a member of Kirksville Moose Lodge #1751 and the First Christian Church of Kirksville. |
| **Hays** | **2013** | Robert "Bob" Hays (80) of Pleasant Dale, Nebraska passed away peacefully February 5, 2013. He played baseball, softball, and coached youth baseball in Pleasant Dale. He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. Bob was an engineer for SCS at the Soil Mechanics Lab in Lincoln, NE. Survivors include a daughter, three sons, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis. |
| **Herman** | **2013** | Carol Frances Herman (91) of Emporia, Kansas passed away on May 12, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Herman on December 19, 2010. Charles retired in 1981 as the Soil Conservation Technician at the Alma Field Office. Carol is survived by two daughters, three grandsons, and a great-granddaughter. The family requests no flowers, with memorial contributions instead, to Emporia Friends of the Zoo. |
| **Hicks** | **2013** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks (90) of Knoxville, Tennessee passed away on February 23, 2013. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1981 as the State Conservationist in North Carolina. Jesse also served as a State Conservation Engineer. He was an Assistant State Conservationist in Ohio and was a past President of the Soil Conservation Society of America. |
| **Higgins** | **2013** | Member and Senior Conservationist Bradford A. Higgins (84) passed away on October 18, 2013. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1986 as a Soil Resource Specialist. Brad is survived by survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Diane (Charles) Nicholson; son, Alan (Anne); and four grandchildren. |
| **Holland** | **2013** | Jeanette Ann Holland (Grover) (76) of Bluffton, South Carolina, formerly of West Chester, Pennsylvania, passed away on November 10, 2013. She was in marketing and sales for radio and television groups in Philadelphia. She is survived by her husband, Arthur B. Holland of the home. Art retired in 1994 as Director of the SCS Northeast Technical Center. Jeanette is survived by a stepson, Arthur B. Holland, Jr. (Diane) of VA and stepdaughters, Ruth Ann Proctor (Lance) of Chambersburg and Amy Lynne Czajkowski (Robert) of Exton and nine grandchildren. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude's Hospital or to SPCC-Humane Society. |

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| **Holt** | **2013** | James Harold Holt (82) of Albemarle, North Carolina passed away January 31, 2013. Harold retired in 1992 as Hydraulic Technician for SCS on the River Basin/Watershed Planning Staff in the Raleigh State Office with over 30 years of service, having worked in that position since 1965. He began his career in as Engineering Aid in Troy, NC in 1958. In 1959 he was transferred to Kinston where he worked on several watershed projects until he was promoted to Engineering Technician in 1963 and worked in the Goldsboro Area Office. Harold was a veteran of the US Navy and a member of the Beekeepers Association of Stanly County. He was married to Jean Coats Holt of the home for 63 years. Other survivors include son Sam (Debbie) Holt of Charlotte, NC, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. A daughter, Iris Jean Holt, preceded him in death on December 27, 2011. |
| **Horton** | **2013** | Virginia Horton (89) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on September 17, 2013. Virginia was the widow of Robert Horton, Sr., Assistant State Soil Scientist with the Soil Conservation Service. She graduated from Georgia State College for Women in 1946, and earned a master's degree in Home Economics from Syracuse University in 1948. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran, Raleigh, NC for 42 years, where she served on many committees. Virginia was an active member of the Home Economists in Homemaking; The Norwegian Group and Garden Club. She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Robert Edgeworth Horton. She is survived by her children, Robert E. (Lynn) Horton, Jr. of Wadesboro, NC; Lewis (Su san) Horton of Earlysville, VA; Helene (Bill) Halsey of Knoxville, TN; Jennifer (Ray) McIntyre of Garner, NC; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. |
| **Hotz** | **2013** | Phyllis Jane (Bowden) Hotz (84) of Spencer, Massachusetts passed away on September 23, 2013. She leaves her husband of 50 years, Charles F. Hotz, retired soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service; her two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. She is predeceased by her daughter, Rebecca Hotzmiller, in 2001. Jane attended Nasson College, Springvale, Maine earning bachelor's degrees in Home Economics and Chemistry. She was blessed to remain living in her home despite battling Parkinson's Disease for more than a decade. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jane's and Rebecca's memory to Ovations for the Cure of Ovarian Cancer, 251 West Central Street, Suite 35, Natick, MA 01760, http://www.ovationsforthecure.org/. |
| **Hough** | **2013** | Life Member Glenn Harold Hough (85) of Olympia, Washington passed away on October 23, 2013. Glenn was a proud professional civil engineer; he retired as an area engineer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He also worked for the city of Olympia and several local consulting firms throughout his career. Born in Hebron, Indiana, Glenn grew up on a farm, was an active 4H member and deeply involved in church activities. He went to Purdue University, graduating with a Bachelor's of Science degree. He immediately joined the United States Army and served during the Korean War in the Seventh Cavalry and 45th Infantry Regiment Heavy Tank Company. He rapidly moved up in rank and became a Sergeant and Communications Chief. After working in several locations in Illinois and Washington, a transfer in 1974 took Glenn and his family to the Lacey and Olympia, WA area, where he stayed for the remainder of his life. He and wife Jean were strong supporters of the foster care program and supported seventeen or more foster kids over their life. He was a musician, using his vocal abilities in Barbershop Quartets and in Church Choir most recently at the First United Methodist Church of Olympia. He was a drummer at Purdue early in his life and carried his interest and skills to the Olympia New Horizon's Band. Glenn was a strong advocate and leader of the Boy Scouts of America. He is survived by son Thomas and his wife Hope, son Dale and partner Jill Sjolin, son Stuart Hough, and daughter Beth Downs (Hodges) and her husband Wayne. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren, plus nine great grandchildren. Glenn was preceded in death by his wife Jean. |
| **Hughes** | **2013** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Howard McCune Hughes (95) passed away at on July 10, 2013. He attended Kansas State University earning a degree in Agriculture and was a member of the FarmHouse Fraternity. After graduation he worked for K-State's Extension Office in Manhattan. Howard then served in the US Army as a Calvary Officer during WWII, stationed in England, France and Germany. On July 24, 1942 he married Shirley Glens and they enjoyed 64 years together. Upon returning home he worked for the Jewell County Conservation District while farming near Formoso. In 1948 he became Riley County Conservationist in Manhattan, Kansas. In 1957 he moved to Hays, Kansas where he worked as the Area Conservationist. In 1965 he then moved to Des Moines and he worked as Iowa Assistant State Conservationist before retiring in January of 1977. After retirement he and Shirley wintered in Mesa, Arizona and traveled extensively and enjoyed life. Howard belonged to the American Legion and the Formoso/Mankato Masonic Lodges. Howard is survived by his sons, Stanley (Joan) of Lawrence, KS, Larry (Nancy) of Casa Grande, AZ, and Robert of Gilbert, AZ; three grandchildren, and two great grandsons. Memorial contributions may be directed to New Hope United Methodist Church or Scottish Rite Park. |
| **Hunt** | **2013** | Elizabeth (Betty) Hunt (102) of Raleigh, NC passed away on August 12, 2013. Betty was the widow of Charles Lindsey Hunt, Agronomist with the Soil Conservation Service. She attended Maryville College class of 1934. Betty was active in the community serving on the board of elections, in the PTA as a president, in the DAR as a regent, in the Presbyterian Church on many committees. She is survived by her son Joe Hunt of Durham, and her daughter Helen Coman of Asheville, two grandchildren and one great grandson. |
| **Ifft** | **2013** | Theodore Ifft "Ted" died on Friday, June 14, 2013 after a short illness. Husband of Beverly Ifft for 55 years; father of Richard (Beth Greenfeld) Ifft and Linda (Thomas) Jordan; grandfather of Sarah R. Ifft and Caitlin M. Jordan; brother of Harold Ifft. Internment private. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Benevolent Care Fund of Riderwood Village, 3110 Gracefield Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20904. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com |
| **Ivins** | **2013** | Darrel D. Ivins (87) of Windsor, Colorado, formerly of Sterling, Illinois passed away January 28, 2013. He graduated from high school in Danvers, and served in the Army Infantry during World War II. He had been scouted by professional baseball in high school but World War II ended that opportunity. Darrel worked as an engineer for SCS for 35 years designing waterways and watersheds in Northern Illinois. He built four of the family homes. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Norma, and sons Doug and Dana, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Private family services will be at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.marksfuneralservice.com. |

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| **James** | **2013** | William Charles "W.C." James, Jr. (75) passed away January 21, 2013, at his home in Statham, Georgia. A native of Sparta, Georgia, W.C. served for 8 years in the United States Army, leaving the Army with the grade of Captain. He worked with SCS in several locations in Georgia and retired with 38 years of Service. Following retirement W.C. moved to Statham where he was a member of Freedom Fellowship Church and enjoyed farming, horses, gardening and spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Gloria Mock James, sons, Terry and Bill, daughters, Susan and Jamie and two grandchildren. |
| **Jefferson** | **2013** | Sherry A. Jefferson (68) of Lincoln, NE passed away peacefully on August 17, 2013 after a brief but valiant fight with anaplastic thyroid cancer. She worked as an insurance rater for Union Insurance Company and Continental Western Insurance Company for more than 30 years. She is survived by her loving husband, David Lee Jefferson, a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren. Her memorial service was held on her and David's 50th wedding anniversary date. |
| **Karnowski** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Edwin "Ed" Henry Karnowski (89) Washington, NC, passed away on August 2, 2013. Ed retired as District Conservationist in Washington, NC with 35 years of service. He was a soil scientist for most of his career before converting to soil conservationist. Ed was a native of Texas and a graduate of Texas A&M University. He was a World War II veteran as a member of the United States Marine Corps where he served in the South Pacific. Ed was a former member of the Optimist Club, American Legion #39, VFW Post 6088, Disabled American Veterans #48, and NARFE. Surviving include his wife Doris B. Karnowski of the home; his son Earl David Karnowski and his wife Barbara, of Winterville, NC; two daughters: Ellen K McMutcheon and her husband John of TN, and Ann K. Kopacz of CA; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; 2 step sons; 1 step daughter; 5 step grandchildren; 11 step great-grandchidren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Inez R. Karnowski. |
| **Keltch** | **2013** | Jo Ann Keltch (68) of Sharon, Oklahoma passed away on May 8, 2013 in the Woodward Regional Hospital. She worked for 15 years as a clerk at the Natural Resource Conservation Service Woodward office before retiring. Jo Ann is survived by her husband Tom Keltch of the home; one son, two daughters, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild. |
| **King** | **2013** | Edsel Lee King (87) of Wellington passed away on Sept. 17, 2013 at the Kansas Veterans Home in Winfield. Edsel was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years Carole Leaming King. He was a faithful member of the First Christian Church in Wellington where he had served as an Elder. Edsel also belonged to the Masonic Lodge where he was a York Rite Mason. He proudly served during World War II in the United States Navy. Edsel was proud of his 33 year career with the Soil Conservation Service, retiring as a District Conservationist in the Syracuse Field Office. Survivors include two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Memorials have been established in his loving memory with the Wellington Masonic Lodge No. 150 AF&AM or the First Christian Church. To share a memory or leave condolences, please visit www.dayfuneralhome.info. |
| **Kirby** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Robert M. Kirby (91) of Greenville, North Carolina passed away on December 10, 2013. He was a WWII veteran (1941-1946) serving in the Merchant Marines in the Atlantic and Mediterranean Theater where he was a Navigation Officer on the SS Gabriel Duvall with the rank of Lt. Senior Grade. The Merchant Marines primary job was delivering weapons and ammunition and other supplies to allied troops. After the war and nearly five years of service with the Merchant Marines, he enrolled at the University of Maryland, where he met his wife Bonita. After graduating with a degree in Soil Science, Robert began a career with Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist. He retired in 1984 with over 30 years of service after working in Maryland and North Carolina. Robert was a member of Oakmont Baptist Church, Greenville, NC. He is survived by his daughters, Meghan Kirby Hope and husband Ray, of Washington and Heather Kirby Couch and husband, Joseph, of Havelock; three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. |
| **Kuder** | **2013** | Member and Senior Conservationist Homer M. Kuder (93) of St. Joseph, Michigan passed away September 3, 2013. He was predeceased by his first wife, Wanda LaVon Wacker, in 1986 and his second wife, Ruth L. Madsen Wacker in 2010 and a daughter, Janet Howard. He is survived by his son, John (Andrea Kabcinel) Kuder of Ithaca, N.Y.; and daughters, Karel (Rich) Earl of St. Joseph and Gayle (Mike) Massingill of Fithian. Also surviving are a stepson; a stepdaughter; 14 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1941. Homer was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as an officer during World War II. He got to go on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Homer worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 30 years, retiring as the State Resource Conservationist in 1975. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Association or donor's choice. |
| **Kurtz** | **2013** | Camille Kurtz (65) of Ozark, Missouri passed away on April 14, 2013. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Ian Kurtz, retired Grassland Conservationist at the Ozark Field Office, three children, three grandsons and two granddaughters. Camille is the mother of Jamie Kurtz, Resource Conservationist at West Plains Field Office. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Cemetery, White Church, Missouri or National Brain Tumor Society, 55 Chapel Street, Suite 200, Newton Massachusetts 02458; www.braintumor.org. |
| **Lalka** | **2013** | Lois M. Lalka (84) of Spokane, Washington, passed away on June 20, 2013. Lois retired as Secretary for the Soil Conservation Service state office in Spokane in 1993. Lois was a member of the Retired Federal Women's Employees and a Life member of the VFW (District President). She is predeceased by her husband, Paul Lalka in 2010, a son and a daughter. She is survived by two daughters, 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Online guest book available at www.riplingers.com. |

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| **Larsen** | **2013** | Honorary Member James Christian Larsen (93) of Rapid City, South Dakota passed away on July 6, 2013, at his residence. Jim was born in Laramie, WY, and the early years of life were on a ranch with his family. He attended rural school on the ranch then graduated from Laramie High. He graduated from the University of Wyoming with a B.S. in Agronomy. Interrupting his college attendance, he served four years in the Army and at the end of these years served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a medic. He participated in many rescues. Jim received a letter of commendation for his outstanding service as a member and the medic of the most difficult mountain climbing expedition ever attempted in Alaska, spanning two months on Mount McKinley. He worked for the USDA in the Soil Conservation Service in Pinedale, WY, Sundance WY, and then as the Resource Conservation and Development Project Coordinator in Rapid City from 1968 until he retired in 1980, spanning 40 years of service. He was a founding member of the Black Hills Regional Food Bank and served years as Chairman. He was the School Board President in Sundance, and active in the Lions Club. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Ellen; his children five children: John Larsen, Rock Springs, WY, (Terri, deceased), Patricia Kocher (Charlie), Evanston, WY, Dr. James Larsen (Linda), Bozeman, MT, Dr. Jerry Larsen (Colleen), Casper, WY, and Jeanne Blalock (Clint), Sturgis, SD; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com. |
| **Larson** | **2013** | Marvin Larson (79) East Lake Okoboji, Iowa passed away January 21, 2013. Marvin retired from the SCS Primghar field office as District Conservationist with 38 years of service. In 1953, Marv was drafted into the Army and served in Germany. He graduated from Iowa State University. Survivors include three daughters, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Verna, and a daughter in 1971. |
| **Lee** | **2013** | Life Member Owen Lee (71) of Woodbridge, Virginia lost his battle with cancer the morning of June 5, 2013. Owen and older sister, Carolyn, loved growing up on their 60-acre dairy farm. Owen graduated from The University of Illinois earning a BS in Ag Engineering in June 1964...never losing a bit of loyalty for his wonderful "ILL-INI". In 1962, before he had graduated, he began his career with USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS), and continued to work for the SCS at Ag for 36 years, retiring as a management information coordinator. After retiring, at age 61, he decided to try his hand at playing softball and found he loved playing even more than coaching. At his peak he played 200 games in one year! Owen was involved in many organizations. Over the years, he volunteered as a coach for Woodbridge Little League, was church photographer as well as the "CEO" of the softball team at Bethel United Methodist Church (BUMC), was President of the University of Illinois Alumni Club for 2 years, coached basketball for Eastern Prince William Co. Basketball Assoc (EPWBA), and coordinated Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS) Homeland Security Tournaments. He also developed websites for: North Boone High school classes, EPWBA, ARCSE, BUMC softball, Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC), University of Illinois Alumni Club, and the Homeland Security Tournaments. Owen developed the ARCSE website shortly after retiring in 1999 and had been the webmaster since that time. He received the ARSCSE Meritorious Services Citation in 2008 in recognition of his contributions in creating and maintaining the website. He married Kathleen on June 4, 1964, had 3 children (Karen, Nicole, and Danny) each of whom married wonderful spouses, and then were blessed with 5 grandchildren (Kristen, Jordan, Kevin, Tyler and Maddie) and 2 step-grandchildren (Juliana and Evan) all of which will miss Owen very much. The family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations could be sent in his honor to: St. Jude's, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148 or Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Rd., Kanab, UT 84741. |
| **LeGeros** | **2013** | Sue Fumie LeGeros (87) of Monmouth, Oregon passed away on June 27, 2013. She was born in Tokyo, Japan. Sue's marriage in Japan brought her to the United States after WWII, where she raised four children, Peter, George, Mary and Mark. While raising her family, Sue got her US citizenship and worked her way through college in Brookings, South Dakota. She graduated from South Dakota State University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts as an Art major at age 52. Sue went on to be a cartographer and later, a soil technician for the Soil Conservation Service National Soil Survey Laboratory in Lincoln, Nebraska. She retired at age 68. Sue is survived by her four children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Please share your memories and condolences online at www.FarnstromMortuary.com. |
| **Lewis** | **2013** | Duane Lewis (86) of Ephrata, Washington passed away January 27, 2013 in Spokane. Duane attended Washington State University and graduated with a degree in Wildlife Management. After graduating high school Duane was drafted into the US Army Air Corps and served his country from 1944 through 1946. In 1952 he was hired on with SCS as a soil conservationist working in Okanogan, Goldendale and eventually settling in Ephrata, Washington in 1968. Duane retired in 1979 and then worked as a consultant for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources until 1982. Duane had a love for music, singing in college productions, barbershop quartets, and the church choir. He is survived by Raynell, his beloved wife of 62 years, his children, Mark Lewis of Hoquiam, WA and Nancy Lewis of Spokane Valley, WA, and two grandchildren. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Ephrata Methodist Church, 117 C. ST. N.W., Ephrata, WA 98823 or to the Ephrata Kiwanis Club, PO Box 451, Ephrata, WA 98823. |
| **Losh** | **2013** | Jeanette Florence (Hippler) Losh (92) of Westerville, Ohio passed away peacefully on September 12, 2013. Jeanette was a dedicated homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Linus Losh who retired as an economist from the Soil Conservation Service in 1980. Also surviving are her children, Clifford (Shakamah) of New York City and Lynnette (Lynn) Eisentrout of Minerva Park, Ohio; and two granddaughters. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate any contributions be made to the Little Sisters of Charity or the St. Vincent of DePaul Society. |
| **Lovering** | **2013** | Ruth J. Lovering (98) of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin widow of Warren N. Lovering, O.D., passed away January 16, 2013, from complications of influenza. She graduated from the Maine School of Commerce, now Husson College, in 1933. From 1955-1971, she was employed as a secretary at Dow Air Force Base, Bangor, Maine. When the base closed, she worked for SCS in Bangor as the State Conservationist's secretary, retiring in 1979. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Victoria (David) Henke, of Wisconsin Rapids, WI.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. |
| **Loverock** | **2013** | Mary Jane Loverock (92) of Syracuse, New York passed away on May 29, 2013 with her family by her side. Mary Jane retired from USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1983 as a secretary to the soil scientists in NY. She is predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Raymond. She is also survived by nine children, 18 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. |

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| **Lovins** | **2013** | Harry L. Lovins, Sr. (69) long-time resident of Doniphan, Missouri, passed away on, February 28, 2013, at his residence in rural Ripley County. Harry was born in Winona, Missouri. He initially worked three years for the Van Buren Highway Department. Harry then began employment with the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a civil engineering technician and retired after 30 years of employment. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Doniphan. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jewel, four children, six grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren. |
| **Ludwick** | **2013** | James Chester Ludwick (82) of Chickasha, Oklahoma passed away on June 10, 2013 in Norman. He was a member of the 1947-1948 OHS State Championship football team. James attended Oklahoma A&M for two years before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1952 and served as a Radar Specialist in the Korean War. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1958 with a degree in Agriculture Engineering. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for over 30 years and retired in 1990 as hydrologist at the Chickasha Watershed Planning Office. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years Jimmie Ludwick of the home, two daughters and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Oklahoma at 2123 N. Classen Blvd Oklahoma City, OK 73106. |
| **Madden** | **2013** | Robert (Bob) Joseph Madden (79) of Kennewick, Washington passed away on December 16, 2013. He graduated from Couer d'Alene High School, Idaho in 1953. He was employed briefly with the National Guard, the Bureau of Public Roads and the USDA Forest Service before joining the Soil Conservation Service with a long career as an Engineering Technician. Bob worked in the Columbia Basin area of Washington earning many honorable citations for his engineering skills. He retired from the SCS in 1993. His wives Carla and Eileen preceded him in death. He is survived by a son, John Madden, of Portland, Oregon, and a daughter, Susan Hottel, of Kennewick, Washington; three grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. |
| **Magee** | **2013** | Tom Magee (43) passed away on November 2, 2013. Tom is the son of member Ann Magee of Media, PA. Ann retired in 2004 as a computer specialist with NRCS. |
| **Mantell** | **2013** | Leigh Douglas Mantell (71) of Nashport, Ohio passed away on December 26, 2013. Leigh retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service after having worked as a District Conservationist in Putnam and Perry Counties in Ohio and as a WAE in Licking County. Leigh was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church and the Experimental Aircraft Association. He was a graduate of The Ohio State University, Stockbridge School of Agriculture at University of Massachusetts. He served our Country in the U.S. Army. Leigh is survived by his loving wife Linda Cz Mantell; two sons, Stephen (Maura) Mantell of Dresden and Matthew (Angee) Mantell of Medina and one granddaughter. |
| **Marcum** | **2013** | Elva Marcum (87) passed away on August 26, 2013 in Lexington, Kentucky. She was the wife of Robert H. Marcum, retired KY SCS Area Conservationist (AC), and mother of Thomas (Tom) Marcum, retired KY NRCS State Resource Conservationist. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Park United Methodist Church, 645 East High Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40502. www.milwardfuneral.com |
| **Martin** | **2013** | Charles W. (Charlie) Martin (83) of Stanford, Kentucky passed away on November 27, 2013. He was an Army veteran, having served during the Korean War. He retired as a district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service with 34 years of service. He was also a soil and water conservation district conservation board member in Lincoln County (Stanford, KY). Charlie is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lou Martin; two sons David Martin (Kimberley) of Mansfield, Ohio and Joe Martin (Tanya) of Lexington, KY; a daughter, Kim Dampier (John) of Nicholasville, KY; and seven grandchildren. He enjoyed beekeeping and once was named Kentucky Beekeeper of the Year. |
| **Martin** | **2013** | Member Mary I. Martin (65) passed away on November 17, 2013, in Hillsboro, Oregon. At the time of her death, Mary was on the IT staff at the NRCS West National Technology Support Center in Portland. |
| **Matheny** | **2013** | Honorary Member Eden "Buzz" Matheny (96) of Ardmore, Oklahoma passed away on June 24, 2013. Buzz earned a Junior College degree at Cameron Junior College in Lawton, Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Buzz finished flight school in Pensacola, Florida and served in the Aleutian Islands and South Pacific in World War II as a Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Navy. In 1979 Buzz retired from a career with the Soil Conservation Service. He and his wife, Velma had lived in the Ardmore, Oklahoma area since 1962. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Velma Matheny of the home in Ardmore, Oklahoma; a sister, Bonnie Lawrence, Palm Springs, California; numerous nieces and nephews. |
| **Mathiews** | **2013** | Ronald Mathiews (75) of McAlester, Oklahoma passed away on January 26, 2013. He retired as a soil conservation technician in 1993. His last assignment was in Eufaula, where he lived for 20 years. He also served a 10-year enlistment in the Oklahoma National Guard. He was a bluegrass guitarist and also hosted a bluegrass show on the local radio stations in McAlester and Eufaula. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Nena Mathiews, of the home; three daughters, five grandchildren, and a great-grandson. |
| **Mays** | **2013** | Rodney J. Mays (80) of Quentin, Pennsylvania passed away on May 23, 2013 (on his 80th birthday) in his residence. Jim was not recovering well from the second stroke which paralyzed his entire left side. He was the husband of the late Imogene "Jean" Roark Mays. He was a graduate of Millersville State College and retired as an economist for the Department of Agriculture. He served in the U. S. Army as a helicopter mechanic at Ft. Benning, GA from 1953 to 1955 and in the Army Reserve from 1955 to 1963. He was a great supporter of Jubilee Ministries and held his missions trip to Haiti near to his heart. He is survived by two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Jubilee Ministries, 235 S. 12th St., Lebanon, PA 17042. |
| **McCook** | **2013** | Danny McCook (69) passed away suddenly January 25, 2013 while on vacation in south Texas. He was a graduate of Texas Tech, and got his masters from the University of Nebraska. A nationally respected geotechnical engineer, Danny was also a valued mentor to many in his field. He retired from NRCS after 43 years of service and worked as a consultant until the time of his death. In lieu of flowers, Danny would have wanted everyone to spend more time with their families, tithe to their spiritual center, and consider organ donation (as he did). Danny loved old country music; playing gospel hymns on the piano; Harmony Fellowship; and dove hunting with his family. Survivors include his wife, Penny; children, Danna Luter, Clay McCook (Tessa), and Keith McCook (Kristina); step children Christy McGuire (Carson), and John Capes; six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. |

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| **McGill** | **2013** | Dan McClure McGill (78) of Gainesville, Georgia passed away on August 30, 2013 at his residence. Dan was a graduate of Clemson University earning both B.S. and M.S. Degrees in Agriculture Engineering. He began his career in the field of civil engineering in 1960 with the USDA, Soil Conservation Service in Spartanburg, SC. In 1963, Dan transferred within SCS to Carrollton, GA, later to Canton, GA, and from 1965 to 1967 he was headquartered in Athens, GA, and from 1967 to 1969 he was located in Gainesville, GA. Dan is survived by his wife, Margie S. McGill, sons and daughters in law, Dan (Lee) McGill, Jr. and John (Angie) Timothy McGill, a grandson, and a granddaughter. |
| **Meinders** | **2013** | Hadley Meinders (90) of Norman, Oklahoma passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 20, 2013. Hadley's first job was as a soils laboratory technician for the Soil Conservation Service. He later worked as a Soil Scientist in Guymon, then as soil conservationist in Chickasha, Shawnee, and finally Purcell and Norman, where Hadley retired in 1980. Hadley attended Oklahoma A&M College 1941-43 and 1946-49. He graduated with a B.S. and Master's in Agronomy. From January 1943 until December 8, 1945, Hadley served in the Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet in World War II. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was truly part of America's "Greatest Generation." Hadley was widowed in January 1987. He began volunteering for the American Cancer Society soon thereafter, driving cancer patients to their treatments, and for the Norman hospital, where he was a volunteer until retiring in December 2012. He was recognized as the Cleveland County Red Cross Volunteer of the Year for his years of compassionate work. He is survived by his daughter, Teresa Meinders (Robert) Burkett; and his son, John (Lori) Meinders, and their two children. |
| **Menear** | **2013** | Raymond Calvin Menear (71) of Tunnelton, West Virginia passed away on December 20, 2013. He was retired from (Sheidow Bronze), Matthews International. He is survived by his wife Marlene (Bucklew) Menear; his two children and two grandchildren. Marlene is a retired editor with NRCS who worked in the Soil Survey Section of the State Office. Ray was also the nephew of Walter “Bud” Menear who once served as SCS’s mechanic. |
| **Meyer** | **2013** | Gloria Mae Meyer (92) of Mascoutah, Kansas passed away on November 25, 2013. Gloria is survived by her husband of 74 years, Lawrence E. Meyer who retired as a Construction Inspector from the Overbrook Watershed Project Office in 1977. Additional survivors include one son, one daughter, six grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. |
| **Milbradt** | **2013** | Member Thomas August Milbradt (82) of Lakewood, Colorado passed away February 10, 2013. He spent two years with the Army, including 14 months in Korea. During his time in Korea, he was awarded two Bronze Service Stars and a United Nations Service Medal. In January 1953 Tom enrolled in Agricultural Engineering at what was then North Dakota Agricultural College in Fargo, North Dakota. Tom graduated with a BS in Agricultural Engineering, and wanting to work with farmers, began working with SCS in Owatonna, Minnesota in 1957. From 1963 to 1971, he was the Area Engineer for a 12 county area in southern Minnesota. In July 1971, Tom accepted the position of Assistant State Conservation Engineer in Colorado. He held this position until retiring in December 1989. Tom married Darlene Meta Meckola, who survives, on September 16, 1955. To this union were born Margery (Brian) Hoag, Gail (Mike) Prinzi, Gary Milbradt, and Laura (Greg) Prinzi, and two grandchildren. Gifts of love can be given to Concordia Lutheran Church - Missions or Landscape Fund, Lutheran Hour Ministries, or Bethlehem Lutheran School - Tuition Assistance Fund. |
| **Miller** | **2013** | Darhol M. Miller (77) of Des Moines, Iowa passed away on November 10, 2013. Darhol is survived his loving wife of 58 years, Beverly, an ARCSE member who retired from the SCS state office personnel staff in 1994. Also surviving are his daughter, Deborah (Philip) Trent; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Miller** | **2013** | Member Marjorie Ann (Marge) Miller (76) of West Des Moines, Iowa passed away at her home January 22, 2013. She retired form SCS in April 1994 with more than 36 years of service. She was secretary to Iowa’s State Conservationists. Marge received the ARCSE Presidential Award for Community Service in 2008 for her many hours of community service. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Don (Dee) Miller, a nephew Curt (Sarah) Miller and their children, Jack and Colin; her niece, Julie Nitchie and her children, Landon, Liam, Grayson and Ruby. Memorial contributions may be made to Sheldahl United Methodist Church. Condolences may be left at www.adamssodstrum.com. |
| **Moore** | **2013** | Joe Damon Moore (78) passed away at his home in Gustine, Texas on September 23, 2013. Joe served thirty-one years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, working in Marshall, Jacksboro, Eastland, Stephenville and Terrell. He retired after working in Temple as State Agronomist. |
| **Moran** | **2013** | Patricia Moran (83) of Champaign, Illinois passed away on April 21, 2013 at home. Patricia worked for Soil Conservation Service until her retirement. She married Joseph Moran on Nov. 26, 1955. She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include one son, Thomas (Gloria) Moran of Ann Arbor, MI; one daughter, Janet (Bill) Plotner of Champaign; and two grandchildren. She had been a parishioner at St. Matthew Catholic Church since its inception. She was devoted to her weekly Eucharistic Adoration. Memorials may be made to The High School of St. Thomas More (3901 N. Mattis Ave., Champaign, IL 61822) or to St. Matthew Catholic Church (1303 Lincolnshire Drive, Champaign, IL 61821). |
| **Moran** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Kyle Leroy Moran (90) of Westerville, Ohio passed away on May 19, 2013 after a period of declining health. He graduated from Kansas State University class of 1951 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering and was a member of Acacia Fraternity. Kyle worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Kansas and Ohio for 25 years, retiring in 1975 as the Assistant State Conservation Engineer and then 10 years with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He was a veteran of World War II, Army Air Corps, and then a member of Kansas National Guard finishing his service with the rank of Warrant Officer. He was a founding member of Westerville Bible Church and a guiding force and tireless worker at Peniel Bible Camp and a life time member of the Masonic Order. He served as a Boy Scout Scoutmaster 15 years. Kyle is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty Jane (Beaver); children, Nick (Wanda) of Cincinnati, OH, Ellen Moran (Tom) Clark of Greenville, SC, Gretchen Moran (Steve) Barnes of Westerville, OH, Mike (Pam) Moran of Galena, OH and Tim Moran of Stanfield, NC; 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, Kyle would appreciate donations to Peniel Bible Camp, 3260 Ohio Route 314, Fredericktown, OH 43019. |

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| **Murray** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Glen E. Murray (91) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away peacefully on September 19, 2013. He was a graduate of Harvard and retired in 1980 from the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a State Conservationist. He was a World War II veteran who served with the U.S. Air Force in the Pacific. Glen was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret B. Murray and a son, Mark Murray. He is survived by his daughter, Brenda M. Courtney (Robert) and his granddaughter, Caitlin M. Courtney. A private memorial service will be held at Walnut Hill Church on a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Lexington Humane Society or Alzheimer's Research at UK Med Center. |
| **Nelson** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Edwin L. (Lee) Nelson (96) of the Seattle and Carnation, Washington areas, passed away on December 22, 2013. Lee grew up in Council Grove, Kansas, attending a one-room schoolhouse through high school. In 1944 he married his college sweetheart, Gloria Spiegel. Lee graduated from Kansas State University with a BS in Civil Engineering. He was a Veteran of WWII, having served in the U.S. Army Air Force, predecessor of the U.S. Air Force, as a Navigator and Navigator instructor. He flew on many missions from Guam to Japan and was on the last mission of WWII when they received word of the Japanese surrender. Lee joined the Soil Conservation Service and worked in several areas of the Columbia Basin, and also developed an irrigated farm as part of the Bureau of Reclamation Project. He moved to Spokane in the early 60s, later retiring in 1976 from the state office as an engineer on the Watershed and River Basin Planning team. Lee is survived by his four children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. |
| **Nesbitt** | **2013** | Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist Gordon R. Nesbitt (91) of Groton, New York passed away on January 26, 2013. With 30 years of service, Gordon retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1979 as a District Conservationist. He proudly served the Army Air Corps during World War II servicing B29s as an avionics technician. After his military service, he attended and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in agronomy. Gordon was a part-time farmer from 1952 until 2012, and loved his farm in Groton. He was an active member of the Lansing Methodist Church for many years. Margaret and Gordon enjoyed spending winters in Roswell, N.M., for many years. He is survived by his wife of 64 years Margaret; five children, Melanie Mackey (Walter),Cocoa Beach, Fla., Mary Sloan (Daniel), Gilbertsville, Celeste Ryan (Tecumsah), Cooperstown, David Nesbitt, Tampa, Fla., and Nancy Nesbitt, Anaheim, Calif.; daughters-in-law, Molly and Susan; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sons, Gordon Jr. and Leslie Nesbitt; and one grandson, Eric Nesbitt. |
| **Nestrud** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Lorne Maynard Nestrud (96) of Papillion, Nebraska passed away on July 21, 2013. He graduated from SDSC at Brookings, SD with a BS in Agronomy and Economics. Lorne became a US Army Captain in WWII from 1942-1945. He was in the Army European Theater of Operations with the 94th Division, 1st Battalion, 376th Infantry Regiment. He received a Purple Heart and a Bronz Star in 1945. Lorne worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist. He worked in Sioux Falls and Mobridge, SD and then Newton, IA. He retired after 36 years of service. Lorne was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie. Surviving family include daughters Penny (Norman) Bower and Barbara (Lynn) Lueder, 6 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. |
| **Noll** | **2013** | Natalie M. Noll (94) passed away on August 17, 2013. She married John "Jake" Noll on October 26, 1946. Jake was the Pennsylvania State Soil Scientist for SCS for many years and died in 1990. She is survived by three children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She graduated from Hood College in Frederick, Md. with a Bachelor's degree in history. Online condolences and signing of the guest book may be entered at www.kochfuneralhome.com. |
| **Osterson** | **2013** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist George Nels Osterson (98) of Clarion, Iowa and formerly of Fort Dodge, passed away March 11, 2013. George was survived by his wife of 73 years, Ireene. After graduating from Ruthven High School he enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He soon was the foreman in the CCC camp. He then worked with the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering from 1937 to 1939. George was a conservation technician for the Soil Conservation Service and took a leave of absence to enlist in the United States Army. He was stationed at Fort Belvoir where he became a sergeant and trained new recruits. After his honorable discharge George later was assigned to Coshocton, OH. This is where he helped establish a training center to teach new SCS employees. He acted as the assistant training officer at the research station in Coshocton. This training covered employees in 22 states. While in Ohio and as a member of the American Legion, George was commander of Post 65 and a district commander in Ohio. He then was relocated to Upper Darby, PA and later to the SCS office in Washington, DC as the safety officer. In the Washington SCS office George was awarded the "Outstanding Employee" award presented by Mr. Butts, the Secretary of Agriculture. After forty-two years with the federal government, George decided to retire. George was a recognized trainer, having made an invaluable contribution to the career development of thousands of employees. |
| **Overholt** | **2013** | Betty Jane Overholt (90) of Dublin, Ohio passed away January 10, 2013. She was married to her husband of 68 years, David Philip Overholt who passed away in 2011. David retired as Director of Conservation Operations for SCS. Betty graduated from Michigan State University in 1943 and later received her Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from the Univ. of Illinois. Betty is survived by her children Jon (Brigitte) of Fair Oaks, CA, Kristine (Steve) of Clinton, NY, Melissa (Patrik) of Columbus, OH, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in the Spring. People are encouraged to support a library of their choice. |
| **Pate** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Preston "Pres" Parks Pate (88) of LaGrange, North Carolina passed away on August 13, 2013, at his residence. Following service in the US Navy during WWII, Pres began a long and distinguished career as a Soil Conservation Technician with the Soil Conservation Service in Greene County. He was an active member of Bethel United Methodist Church, the American Legion Shirley Hill Post 94, and a retired member of the Snow Hill Fire Department. Pres is survived by his wife of 70 years, Geraldine Joyner Pate; a son, Preston (Pat) Pate, Jr. of Morehead City; a daughter, Hilda Pate Barrow of Greenville; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Bethel UMC, c/o Jackie Overby, 126 Point Shore Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534. Online condolences may be made at www.taylor-tyson.com. |
| **Patterson** | **2013** | Bill Patterson (79) of Caney, Kansas passed away on September 15th, 2013. Bill was the Assistant State Conservationist for Watersheds in Nebraska and later the Midwest NTC Water Resources Specialist. He also served as interim Director of the MNTC and was a U.S. Army veteran. |

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| **Patterson** | **2013** | William “Bill” Patterson (79) passed away, September 15, 2013, at Jane Phillips Hospital in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Bill graduated Kansas State University with a degree in agricultural engineering. During his college education, he took voluntary induction into the U.S. Army and became a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Bill worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (now named the Natural Resources Conservation Service) for 25 years in Burlington, Dodge City and Salina, Kansas—ending his career as their Nebraska Assistant State Conservationist in Lincoln, Nebraska. He served as President of the Caney School Board, served on the Sedan Watershed Board, and also served on several committees at the Caney Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife Margaret "Peg" Alice Howard in 1994. Bill is survived by his wife, Roma, two daughters, and a stepson, and 7 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Caney United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the care of Potts Chapel of Caney, Kansas. |
| **Payne** | **2013** | James E. Payne (93) of Baxley, Georgia passed away on December 4, 2013. He retired as Area Engineer for the Soil Conservation Service. James was a 1941 graduate of the University of Georgia earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering. He also served during WWII with the Army Air Force. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Baxley and Jackson, GA for 67 years and held several positions including Lt. Governor for the 12th District of Georgia. His wife, Martha H. Payne, precedes him in death. He survived by his daughter, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. |
| **Pederson** | **2013** | Robert D. Pederson (68) of Wellsville, New York passed away in his home on November 5, 2013 following a courageous battle with cancer for the past 2.5 years. He was a veteran of the Air Force. Bob was in federal service for 36 years and spent 27 years of his career in Allegany County as the District Conservationist. Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Susan; son, Steven (Dana) Pederson of Atlanta, Ga.; daughter, Beth Pederson of Wellsville; and two granddaughters. Memorials may be made to the SPCA Serving Allegany County. |
| **Peterson** | **2013** | Dale R. Peterson (57) of Portage, Wisconsin passed away on December 5, 2013. Dale worked as a soil conservation technician for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for 32 years. He was a member of CrossPoint Assembly of God, where he served as a deacon. Dale was lead guitarist and vocals for Prairie Smoke Bluegrass Band. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Peterson of Portage; three children and two grandsons. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Agrace Hospice, Fitchburg. |
| **Pitts** | **2013** | William Edward Pitts (98) of Cadillac, Michigan passed away on October 8, 2013 at his home. William graduated, with high honors, from Michigan State College (now University) in 1938. After graduation, he joined the Michigan Department of Forestry. William answered his country’s call in 1942, volunteering for the Army Air Corps. He was deployed overseas in 1943, serving as a part of the 13th Air Force in China, Burma, India theatre. He served as communications officer for the 528th fighter squadron, a part of the fabled Flying Tigers. In the course of his wartime service he “flew the hump” from Northern Burma, up over the Himalayan Mountains into Southern China. His decorations included the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with three bronze stars. After his return, William continued his service in the U.S. Air Force reserve, retiring in 1975 as a Lt. Colonel. He joined the Soil Conservation Service in 1948. He moved, with his family, back to Cadillac in 1950. William served as Soil Conservationist for Wexford and Missaukee counties until his retirement in 1975. He is survived by Ruth, his wife of 72 years; two sons, William and Eric; daughter in laws, Dana and Mary; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. |
| **Piwowar** | **2013** | Member Thaddeus "Ted" Piwowar (78) of Allegan, Michigan passed away on August 24, 2013. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1957. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving as a captain. He was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus for the past 48 years. Ted worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for more than 38 years, retiring in 1991 as a District Conservationist. During retirement he worked for the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy for 20 years. Surviving are his wife, Dolores; his four children, Regina, John, Matthew, and Teresa; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren |
| **Pohl** | **2013** | Bill Pohl (83) of West Frankfort, Illinois passed away on June 29, 2013. Bill graduated from University of Illinois in 1957. He worked at several locations in Illinois and retired as a District Conservationist at Benton Field Office in 1986 with 35 years of service with SCS. His wife of 55 years, Rita, preceded him in death in 2012. Bill is survived by two daughters, Billie Jo (Mark) Holycross and Anita Greer and one son, Patrick, 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. |
| **Porter** | **2013** | Dorothy R. Porter (94) of Cavalier, ND, passed away on September 14, 2013, at the Pembilier Nursing Center, Walhalla, ND. She is the wife of former Cavalier DC Joe Porter, who died in 1986. She is survived by daughters, Lynda (Ray) Parnell of Wonder Lake, IL, Marilee (James) Erickson of Cavalier, Laurelie (Steve) Baasch of Page, ND, 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was a son Larry Glenn Porter. |
| **Quam** | **2013** | Sigurd R. Quam (95) of Gretna formerly of Fairbury, Nebraska passed away February 3, 2013 from complications of Influenza A. He retired as a soil conservation technician with SCS. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen. Survivors include his four daughters, seven grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. Military Honors by American Legion & VFW of Gretna. Memorials to St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Gretna, St. Michael's Church of Fairbury, or American Red Cross. |
| **Rasely** | **2013** | Robert C. Rasely (64) passed away due to natural causes February 1, 2013. Bob started his geology career, working with the Bureau of Reclamation for two years in South Dakota. His career in SCS/NRCS started in Indianapolis, Indiana. Then he served as the State Geologist in Salt Lake City, Utah for about 24 years. Bob retired in 2005 with 30 years of service to the US Government. Bob was famous for his incredible Geological Field Tours of Utah. His shared knowledge was fascinating. He was also noted for his geological expertise for save & sound design and construction. After retiring in 2005, he and wife Vicki continued to live in Salt Lake City. |
| **Reh** | **2013** | Judith Ann Reh (74) of Salina, Kansas passed away on November 28, 2013. Judy was the spouse of John Reh who retired from the Salina SO as Assistant State Conservationist (Water Resources) in January 1992. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, John; a daughter, two sons, and three grandchildren. Judy has requested memorials to the Salina Child Care Association in lieu of flowers. |

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| **Richards** | **2013** | William Stevenson "Steve" Richards (59) of Circleville, Ohio passed away on July 29, 2013, at his home after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Steve leaves behind a wife, Loribeth Kowalski; his parents, William “Bill” (Former SCS Chief) and Grace Richards; and two brothers. Steve was a graduate of The Ohio State University. Memorial contributions may be made to Berger Hospice, 1170 N. Court Street, Ste. B, Circleville, Ohio 43113; or D.A.S.H. Animal Rescue, 13525 Hoover Rd., Ashville, Ohio 43103. |
| **Riese** | **2013** | Stephen Leslie Riese (59) of The Dalles, Oregon passed away on November 10, 2013 from complications associated with leukemia. He attended Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska and graduated from Washington State University with a B.S. in Forest Management in 1977. Stephen served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Chad from 1977-1979. He was a soil conservationist for the USDA-NRCS in Salem, Moro, Condon, Tangent, and The Dalles, Oregon. Stephen is survived by his wife of 31 years Karen Riese, two sons and two daughters. He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Mark Allen Riese. |
| **Rogers** | **2013** | George Rogers passed away Sunday, June 30, 2013. His service was Tuesday, July 2nd at 2:00 PM at The First Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Mrs. George (Hattie) Rogers, 220 E. Hwy 190, San Saba, TX 76877-7739 -Phone: (325) 372-3321 and e-mail: grogers1950@gmail.com. |
| **Rogers** | **2013** | Hattye "Jo" Rogers (84) of Terrell, Texas passed away peacefully on April 7, 2013. She is survived by her husband of over 63 years, Joe T. Rogers, a retired engineer with the Soil Conservation Service. Also surviving are three sons, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Rogers' honor to the First Baptist Church in Terrell, 403 N. Catherine, Terrell, TX, 75160. |
| **Ross** | **2013** | James C. Ross (90) of Campbellsville, Kentucky passed away on December 16, 2013. He was a veteran of World War II having served his country honorably in the United States Army and retired at the rank of major. He was a retired soil scientist with Soil Conservation Service. His wife, Fay Roeder preceded him in death in1986. He is survived by one son and one daughter: Richard Ross (Mary Lou Fay) of Douglasville, GA and Donna Ross Carter (Joe) of Frankfort, KY; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. |
| **Ross** | **2013** | Marvin E. "Tobe" Ross (83) Ottawa, Kansas passed away on May 1, 2013, at Overland Park Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, M. Darlene Ross who retired from SCS as the Office Automation Assistant at the Lake Region RC&D in Ottawa, Kansas. Tobe served in the U.S. Army as a radio technician during the Korean War from April 1951 to April 1953. Survivors also include his daughter, two sons and four grandchildren. |
| **Rozsa** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Gabriel Rozsa (91) of Wintersville, Ohio passed away on August 6, 2013. Gabriel was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where he taught CCD classes for 30 years. He retired in 1986 as a soil conservation technician from the former USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was the father of Jefferson SWCD District Administrator Irene Moore. Gabriel is survived by his wife of 65 years, Irene (Laposki) Rozsa and ten children: Irene Moore (Dale) of Hopedale, Patricia Cornelius of Greer, SC, Mary Lou Linville (John) Franklinton, NC, Helen Grimm (Jerry) of Steubenville, OH, Gabriel Rozsa (Ginny) of Wooster, OH and Veszprem, Hungary, Catherine Woods (Ed) of Bloomingdale, James Rozsa (Beth) of Harrisburg, NC, John Rozsa (Liz) of Orchard Park, NY, Kevin Rozsa (Debbie) of Silver Lake, OH, Lisa Poole of Wintersville, OH. Also, James E. Brundage (Hinckley, OH), a very special member of this family, 25 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren. Gabriel was Farmer Brown on the former wstv radio show. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Catholic Central High School, Lanman Hall Renovations, 320 West View, Steubenville. Offer condolences, www.mostifuneralhome.com. |
| **Runnels** | **2013** | Denny Runnels of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away April 1, 2013. He was the only son of Dan & Sharon Runnels. Dan served in various positions with NRCS in Oklahoma, Illinois, Montana, and Texas and retired from Washington, DC as the Deputy Chief for Management. If you would like to send condolences, Dan & Sharon's mailing address is: 16063 Slick Rd., Kellyville, OK 74039. |
| **Sauer** | **2013** | Life Member Elmer Frank Sauer (81) of Palmetto, Florida passed away of an unexpected illness on July 23, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dolores; sons, G. Michael Bryner (wife Asita) of Weston and Matthew E. Sauer (wife Nicole) of Palmetto and predeceased daughter Cheryl Bryner of Harless, and three grandchildren. Elmer served in the 3rd Infantry Battalion, presidential honor guard, Ft. Myer, VA. He received his bachelor's degree in Soil Science and Agriculture from the University of Maryland in 1957. He began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in Baltimore, MD. After serving as an Area Conservationist in MD and NJ, he served as an AC in Palmetto until his retirement in 1994 with 39 years of service. Elmer and his wife created their personal scholarship program called PROMISE and contributed more than 15 scholarships to graduates from Palmetto High, encouraging further education in Florida colleges and universities, and also established several four-year scholarships to Take Stock in Children. He was a guardian ad litem for several years in Bradenton and a mentor to children and caregivers going through the court process. Memorials may be made in his name to The Therese Gerda Sauer Scholarship Fund State College of Florida, Take Stock in Children, The Humane Society of Manatee County, Tidewell Hospice, or Meals on Wheels. |
| **Sawyer** | **2013** | Norman L. Sawyer (77) of Topeka, Kansas passed away on July 5, 2013, at Plaza West Care Center. He graduated from KSU with a BS in agriculture in 1958. Norman worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 36 years before retiring in 1994 as a resource conservationist (IPA) for Northeast Kansas headquartered in Topeka with the State Conservation Commission. He then worked for Shawnee County Soil Conservation District for eight years. Norman is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gail, three daughters, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Lutheran Church or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. To leave a message for the family online, please visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com |

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| **Schmeichel** | **2013** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Norman E. Schmeichel (96) of Two Rivers, Wisconsin passed away October 3, 2013. He was eight days shy of age 97. He was currently residing at Northland Lodge in Two Rivers, where he had lived for the past 5 years. Norman graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in 1939 with a degree in Agriculture and Soil Science. He received a Commission from the Officers Candidate School in 1942. Norman served in the Army Air Corp as a Chemical Warfare Officer in the 4th Air Force where he attained the rank of Captain during World War II. He remained in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1973. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #165 of Two Rivers. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years Elda in 1999 and daughter Jane in 2003. Norman worked for the US Soil Conservation Service for 41 years, retiring in 1981. He held the office of District Conservationist in Manitowoc County. He was also a lifetime member of the Izaak Walton League and was awarded the Rahr Diamond Award for his activities and promotion of conservation. Norman studied under Professor Aldo Leopold at UW Madison. Norman was a longtime member of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Two Rivers, where he served a number of years on the church council including a term as council president. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Robert (Susan) Schmeichel of Neenah; three grandchildren, four great grandsons, four step grandchildren & nine step great grandchildren. Memorials in Norman's name may be made to the donor's choice. |
| **Shreve** | **2013** | Member Dixie Lee Shreve (82) of St. Albans, West Virginia passed away on September 28, 2013, at St. Francis Hospital, Charleston. On August 9, 1953 he married Marion Madeline Balli at Buckwheat Church, near Pickens, who preceded him in death on March 28, 2007. He is survived by two sons, Timothy (Debra) Shreve of Broken Arrow, OK, and Daniel Shreve of Charleston; two daughters, Lois Shreve of St. Albans and Ruth (James) Durr of Anchorage, Alaska; seven grandsons, four granddaughters, three great-granddaughters, and one great-grandson, and a special friend, Dorothy Varner of St. Albans. Dixie graduated WVU in 1953 and was a member of St. Andrews United Methodist of St. Albans. He was a career employee for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, beginning in 1951 as a student trainee. During his 36-year career with the SCS, Dixie headed the field offices at Parkersburg and Keyser, organized the Great Kanawha RC&D area in Ripley. He was district conservationist in Charleston and assistant state resource conservationist in the Morgantown office. While attending WVU he entered the ROTC program and served two years in the Army, obtaining the rank of first lieutenant. During his retirement, Dixie continued his passion for working the land by growing many fruits and vegetables, and in 1995 he was crowned Strawberry King in the West Virginia Strawberry Festival. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Mount Rupert Church, c/o Sandy Ireland, Treasurer, 69 Rogers Lane, Buckhannon, WV 26201. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.polingstclair.com. |
| **Siegenthaler** | **2013** | Frieda N. Siegenthaler (85) of West Liberty, Ohio passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2013. On November 24, 1946, she married Vaughn Leland Siegenthaler, retired Soil Scientist with the Soil Conservation Service in west central, Ohio. He preceded her in death on January 23, 1991. Surviving are three sons, two daughters, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Messiah Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 1013 E. Lawn Ave., Urbana, OH 43078. |
| **Sites** | **2013** | Billie Jean Sites of Norman, OK passed away on January 8, 2013. She is survived by her husband, George who retired as an engineer with SCS in the late 1980's. Also surviving are two sons, one daughter, three grandchildren, six great grandchildren. Donations in her honor may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma/Arkansas Chapter, 2448 E. 81st Street, Suite 3000, Tulsa, OK 74137-4250 or online at www.alz.org. For online condolences, visit primrosefuneralservice.com. |
| **Slagh** | **2013** | Vernon Slagh (69) of Lincoln, North Dakota passed away on June 24, 2013. He worked at SCS/NRCS in Emmons County, Linton, ND, retiring in 2006. He is survived by his wife Alice, Lincoln, ND; one son, Jeff of Atlanta, GA; two step-children; and three step-grandchildren. |
| **Smead** | **2013** | Member Gregory Hobart Smead (67) of Barrington, New Hamphire passed away on October 8, 2013 at his home. Greg graduated from UMass Amherst, with a BS in Civil Engineering. He was a 28 year Veteran of the U.S. Air Force, most recently a Lieutenant Colonel with the 157th USF National Guard at Pease. He worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA) as a Civil Engineer (Watershed Planning) for 35 years. Greg was a member of the New England Water Resources Planning Staff (NEWRPS), retiring in 2004. He was a member of the Barrington American Legion and a member of the NRA. Gregory leaves behind Coleen, his wife of 43 years. Other immediate family survivors include two children and a grandson. In lieu of flowers the family requests you make a donation to the following: Barrington Community Food Pantry, Po Box 617, Barrington, N.H., 03825; or to Dana Faber Cancer Institute, Lung Cancer Research, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, Mass. 02445. |
| **Stringer** | **2013** | Freddie Charles Stringer (66) of Fort Smith, Arkansas passed away on May 17, 2013 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Fred graduated with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1970 from the University of Arkansas. He was a Project Engineer and RC& D Coordinator for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He retired in 2009 after 43 years of service. Fred leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Lea Stringer of the home; a daughter, a son, and a grandson. Memorials may be made to the Hon Cemetery Fund, c/o Heritage Memorial Funeral Home, P.O. Box 358, Waldron, Arkansas 72958. |
| **Stroesenreuther** | **2013** | Member Neil William Stroesenreuther (82) of Baraboo, Wisconsin (formerly of Lansing, Michigan) passed away on October 3, 2013. Neil retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1989 as the State Soil Scientist in Michigan. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy for 38 years and retired with the rank of CWO4 after serving time in Korea. Neil was a member of the American Legion and VFW in Baraboo as well as St. John's Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Hills in Lansing. Survivors include his children, Patricia (Martin) Strobel of Baraboo, James (Veronica) Stroesenreuther of Tarzana, CA; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Jeannette and daughter, Jean. |
| **Tegner** | **2013** | Helen Jean Tegner (92) of Beaverton, Oregon passed away on April 15, 2013. Helen was the wife of Robert Tegner, Public Relations Specialist in Spokane, Washington. Bob passed away in 1993. She is survived by her sons: Doug (wife Nancy), Tom (wife Becky), Ron (wife Lois), and Harold (wife Cindie). She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Remembrances in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Cancer Society |

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| **Titchner** | **2013** | Member John C. Titchner (71) of Shelburne, Vermont passed away suddenly February 8, 2013. He started his own farming operation at age 13, earned a degree in Agronomy from Cornell University, and joined SCS. He earned a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma, and retired in 2001 after 20 years as the State Conservationist for Vermont. John's tenor voice enriched numerous singing groups. John's other lifelong passion was trains - toy ones he could collect, display and run around tracks in the family room. John is survived by his mother, Ruth Huff of Jamestown, NY; his wife, Sandy; two children, daughter, Tracy Titchner and husband, Jim Lawson, of Essex, and son, Christopher Titchner of Raleigh, N.C.; and three granddaughters. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions in John's memory may be made to Autism Speaks, 1060 State Road, 2nd Floor, Princeton, NJ 08540; or the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts, PO Box 566, Waitsfield, VT 05673. |
| **Tribbitt** | **2013** | Robert (Bob) L. Tribbitt (74) of Frankford, Delaware, passed away on August 24, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, the former Joan Mitchell; four children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as an engineering technician. He later worked for the Kent County, Delaware Soil Conservation District, where he also retired. He also served in the Delaware National Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Frankford Vol. Fire Co, PO Box 99, Frankford, DE 19945. |
| **Vanover** | **2013** | Senior Conservationist Samuel T. Vanover (93) of Lancaster, Kentucky passed away January 12, 2013. He was self-sufficient and maintained his home until entering the hospital on January 2, 2013. He is predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Geneva Vanover. Surviving is a daughter, Norma Vanover, of Lancaster, KY. Sam was a World War II veteran where he was deployed as a pharmacist aboard the Hospital Ship USS Relief. He attended Cumberland College and graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. He taught Vo-Ag at the Stanford High School before he was employed by SCS as the District Conservationist in Springfield and Lancaster, KY. In 1984, he retired after over 30 years of service. Sam was a master bee keeper for over 60 years. |
| **Victor** | **2013** | Otto Victor (100) passed away March 29, 2013 at Villa Maria Nursing Home, Fargo, North Dakota. He was married to Senior Conservationist Mina Victor, formerly SCS Area Clerk in Bismarck, ND. He did some farming, worked for the highway department, and drove truck for Dan Dugan for 25 years and retired in 1977. Victor is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mina (94) in Fargo, ND; two grandchildren; a step-grandson; two great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Jane and a step-great-grandson. |
| **Waknitz** | **2013** | Janice Waknitz (71) passed away September 26, 2013 at Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne, Florida. A school teacher, she retired after thirty years of service. She was a Great Bend, Kansas resident since 1976. Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Charles Waknitz, who retired from NRCS; one son, three daughters and nine grandchildren. Memorials are requested to Foundry Methodist Church or Great Bend Camp of Gideons Auxiliary, in care of Bryant Funeral Home. |
| **Waldorf** | **2013** | Judith Baldwin (71) of Waldorf, Maryland passed away on May 14, 2013. After retiring from the USDA she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by her husband of 50 years Grover Baldwin, son Jeff Baldwin (Christy), daughter Krista Marting (Scott), five grandchildren and many more family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Charles County or John Hopkins ALS Clinic. |
| **Warren** | **2013** | Gene Warren passed on August 13, 2013. Gene was the State Public Information Specialist for SCS in Louisiana, retiring December 30, 1983. |
| **Warren** | **2013** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Robert Lee Warren (101) of Marietta, Ohio passed away on July 7, 2013, at Highland Oaks Health Center in McConnellsville. Robert was a 1934 graduate of Ohio State University, where he majored in agriculture education. Robert was a Smith-Hughes instructor at Howard, Bartlett, Sharon Center and Vincent, before enlisting in the U.S. Army where he served for four years. After his discharge he accepted a position with USDA-SCS as a soil scientist in Denison, Iowa, where he remained until his retirement in December 1971. Robert was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Barlett Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and Abu Bekr Shrine of Sioux City, Iowa. He was a gentle giant of over 6' 6" and wore a size 16 shoe. He is survived by a granddaughter and two grandsons, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. In 1941 he married Pauline Adams Cross who preceded him in death in 2001. Also preceding him death were their two children Linda Kay and Libert Cross. Messages of sympathy may be sent at www.lankfordfh.com. |
| **Watson** | **2013** | Burnette Jane Sharratt Watson (87) passed away January 12, 2013, in North Fort Myers, Florida. "Bernie" graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a nursing degree. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Bruce Watson who retired from SCS as the State Soil Scientist in Vermont. Also surviving are four children, Karen Madsen (Utah), Kay Watson (Spain), David Watson (Tenn.) and Kristi Phillips (South Carolina) and eleven grandchildren. Tennis was her favorite sport, playing several times a week until the age of 87, winning many tournaments and often beating her younger opponents. She was most happy at their home on Lake Champlain in Vermont, snapping green beans for dinner, reeling in bass or kayaking on a calm summer evening. Funeral arrangements are being made for the spring in South Hero. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.minorfh.com. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hope Hospice, Florida. |
| **Watson** | **2013** | Johnny “Theo” Watson (77) passed away September 4, 2013. Theo was an NRCS technician in the Tallulah, Louisiana field office. He retired January 3, 2002. He also served in the U. S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Maydell McManus Watson of Tallulah; a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren. |
| **Weiker** | **2013** | Sterling Weiker (94) Cando, North Dakota, passed away December 27, 2013 at the Towner County Medical Center of Cando. He joined the Army Air Force in January 1942 and spent 3 years 8 months serving his country during WWII. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Towner County from 1954-1982. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Elsie and four children: Margaret Kay (Tim) Hoff, Donald Weiker, Marla (Wynn) Allen, and Sheila (Jerry) Laturnus; 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and a nephew. |

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| **Whalen** | **2013** | Michael A. Whalen (62) of Easthampton, Massachusetts passed away on May 28, 2013. He was born in Northampton, MA. He graduated from the University of Mass. and later received his Master's Degree from the UMass. Michael worked for NRCS for 26 years and served as Coordinator for the Berkshire Pioneer RC&D retiring in 2006. He prepared and administered over 100 grants throughout Western Mass, involving Forestry and Land Management. In his retirement Michael was an accomplished musician, artist and writer. Michael is survived by his loving wife Rhonda Jean Whalen, a step son Michael Longey of CT, two step daughters Paula Wroblinski of CT and Mirium Cubbon of NY and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife Diane Whalen and a step son Talon Christopher Longey. |
| **Whittington** | **2013** | Wanda Faye Whittington (80) of Charleston, Arkansas passed away on May 13, 2013, in Fort Smith. She was a retired elementary school teacher, graduating from the University of Arkansas in 1954. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Paul Whittington. Paul retired as an Area Conservationist with SCS in 1990. Also surviving are three daughters, Elizabeth Passmore (Mike) of Greenwood; Margaret Meredith (Roger) of Greenbrier, AR; Jennifer Sikes (Marty) of Conway; and six grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 35, Charleston, AR 72933. |
| **Williams** | **2013** | Carl Marvin Williams (84) of Leedey, Oklahoma passed away on September 9, 2013. He worked for SCS in Clinton, Wewoka and Oklahoma City, retiring in 1974 with 20 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lela Evalyene Williams of the home, two daughters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and six step-great grandchildren. |
| **Williams** | **2013** | Robert V. Williams (59) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away January 17, 2013. Rob retired in 2012 as Civil Engineer with NRCS on the State Conservation Engineer's staff in the state office. He graduated from NC State University in 1977 and earned his Professional Engineers License in 1979. Rob began his career with NRCS in 1975 while still in college. After graduation he was a design engineer and also served as Project Engineer on several flood control dams in the Crabtree Creek Watershed. Rob was an active supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, having earned his Eagle Scout award in 1970. He also earned the God and Country Award and was a member of the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood. He served as Cub master for 6 years, Scoutmaster for 7 years and served as an Adult Scout Leader mentoring many scouts in their quest of their Eagle awards. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Laura Jackson Williams; a daughter Ashley (Lewis) Williams Gale of Fredericksburg, VA, and son Mark Edward Williams of Greenville, SC. |
| **Wolfe** | **2013** | Roger Wayne Wolfe (77) of Baltimore, Ohio passed away May 17, 2013 at Fairfield Medical Center. Roger had been a Conservationist with NRCS in Fairfield. He was a US Army veteran and fifth-generation farmer. He was the longest-serving board member of the Fairfield County Soil & Water Conservation Service. Roger is survived by his daughters, Susan (Lin) Kauffman of New Paris, Ohio and Rev. Dr. Alice Wolfe of Baltimore, Ohio; son, Michael (Maria) Wolfe of Baltimore, Ohio; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris I. Braley Wolfe. Memorial gifts may be given to the Thurston United Methodist Church, PO Box 64, Thurston, Ohio 43157. |
| **Womack** | **2013** | Gene W. Womack (84) of Perry, Oklahoma passed away February 18, 2013. Gene graduated from Oklahoma State University in May 1960 with a Civil Engineering Degree. He served his country in the United States Army 45th Infantry Division. He was mobilized in 1950 for a tour in the Korean War and was honorably discharged. Gene worked for SCS in the Cheyenne Watershed Office and Perry Area Office in the 1960's. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Donez; one son, three daughters, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild. |
| **Andersen** | **2012** | Richard H. Andersen (79) of Athens, Georgia passed away July 19, 2012. He was a re-tired soil scientist with SCS. In the May/ June, 2010 issue had a brief reference to Richard and Barbara's volunteer program for the Homeless in Athens. They were successful in moving their program into a new Homeless Shelter in Athens. Richard was Soil Scientist on Team in Afghanistan written up by Douglas Helms in newest Nov/Dec ARCSE newsletter. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Kindig Andersen, three daughters, a son, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild. In lieu' of flowers, the family, requests that donations be made to The Bigger Vision of Athens. Online condolences may be offered at www.bernsteinfuneralhome.com. |
| **Andreucetti** | **2012** | Member Eugene Andreuccetti (70) of Sacramento, California passed away September 28, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Mary Andreuccetti, daughters, Tracy Lawson (Terry) and Kelly Prudek (Fred); 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Gene graduated Humboldt State University in 1966 with a BS degree in wildlife management and range science. In 1966, he began a 32 year career working for SCS. He served in several positions before serving as the California State Conservationist from 1982-88, the Director of Conservation Planning Division, the Assistant Chief for the South and retiring in 1998 as Regional Conservationist for the West Region. Gene also served as the ARCSE Vice-President for the West from 2006 to 2008. Throughout Gene's life, he demonstrated a love for the land and its wildlife. This was reflected in his involvement in Ducks Unlimited and California Waterfowl Association (CWA), where he was an active life member. Remembrances may be made in his memory to CWA, 1346 Blue Oaks Blvd, Roseville, CA 95678. |
| **Ayen** | **2012** | Beverly Ayen (63) of Urbandale, Iowa passed away December 21, 2012. Beverly was the wife of Jim Ayen, retired SCS State Resource Conservationist. She is survived by her husband, Jim, daughters Kari (Scott) Severson, Kimberly (Ken) Ewing and Erik (Holly) Ayen, and four grandchildren. |
| **Beyer** | **2012** | Trevor Beyer (81) of Bottineau, North Dakota passed away May 11, 2012, at a Bottineau Hospital. Trevor attended the ND School of Forestry in Bottineau then served in the Army in Germany. After working a number of jobs, he worked for the SCS in Bottineau. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Viola; three sons, Greg of Bottineau, Curt of Bismarck, and Jeff of Bottineau; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and a sister. |
| **Birchmier** | **2012** | Martha (Marti) Birchmier (81) of Centerville, Iowa passed away November 22, 2012. Marti was the wife of SCS retiree, Richard Birchmier, who worked in the Centerville Engineering Office at time of retirement. She is survived by her husband and six children, seventeen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. |

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| **Black** | **2012** | (Myrtle) LaVerne Black (81) of Belton, Texas passed away July 30, 2012 at her home. She was a graduate of Southwest State Teachers College (aka Texas State University). After graduation from college she married her high school sweetheart, Glen Black. LaVerne worked in several jobs including a teaching career in Home Economics and elementary schools in Texas, Iowa, and Virginia. She taught youth Sunday school and in the last 25 years taught a Senior Adult Ladies Bible class. She is survived by her husband of 59 and one-half years, Glen who retired from SCS in 1987 as Assistant Director of the South National Technical Center. Also surviving are two sons Gregory (Michele) Black of Edwardsburg, Michigan and Michael (Jean) Black of Bristol, Tennessee, three grandsons, one granddaughter and two great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Lakeview Baptist Church Building Fund, 7717 State Hwy 317 Belton, Texas 76513 or Scott and White Hospice 2401 South 31st Street, Temple, Texas 76508. |
| **Blankenship** | **2012** | Member Roger Blankenship (78) of Keyesport, Illinois passed away September 24, 2012. He married Carolyn Croster on June 17, 1956 and they later divorced. Survivors include 6 sons – Bradley (Karen) Blankenship of Salem, IL, Gregory Blankenship (Tyra) of Mt. Pleasant, TX, John (Christina) Blankenship of Keyesport, IL, Daniel (Deb) Blankenship of Teutopolis, IL, David (Sue) Blankenship and Randall (Gina) Blankenship, all of Keyesport; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Roger was employed as a soil conservation technician with SCS. He worked in Clinton, Bond and Marion Counties for 37 years, retiring in 1994. He was a past Noble Grand of Sherwood Lodge I.O.O.F. in Keyesport and a member of Scott Lodge AF & AM Masonic Lodge 79 in Carlyle. Mr. Blankenship was also an Ainad Shriner, a member of the First United Methodist Church in Keyesport and enjoyed fishing and hunting. Memorials in memory of Mr. Blankenship are suggested to Shriners Hospitals for Children and will be received at Zieren Day Funeral Home. |
| **Boquet** | **2012** | Bert Boquet (96) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on June 20, 2012. Bert attended the University of Nebraska and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1953. He served in the armed forces during WWII. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanore. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Chapter, 1500 S. 70th, Suite 201 (06). |
| **Brug** | **2012** | Member William H. “Bill” Brug (80) of New Philadelphia, Ohio passed away in Cleveland Clinic September 2, 2012. After graduating from high school in 1951, Bill joined the United States Navy where he served his country for four years. He continued his formal education at The Ohio State University, graduating in 1959 with a bachelor’s degree in agriculture. At OSU, Bill met his lifelong partner, the former Shirley B. Baker. He worked for SCS as a soil scientist throughout Ohio and Minnesota, retiring in 1987 as a Soil Survey Party Leader. He also shared his talents with the Soil and Water Conservation District as a supervisor. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Shirley; his son, W. Patrick (Bridgid) Brug of Los Alamos, NM; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be directed to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 202 East High Ave., New Philadelphia, OH 44663, Community Hospice House, 716 Commercial Ave SE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663, or the Norma Johnson Center, 2201-B Progress St., Dover, OH 44622. |
| **Bryan** | **2012** | Marie Bryan (89) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away January 5, 2012. She married Victor Hugo Bryan, Jr. on January 17, 1941 and they spent 69 wonderful years together before his passing at age 88 on January 26, 2010. Hugo retired from SCS in Fort Worth. Survivors include three children, nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Memorials: Any Alzheimer's Foundation or a charity of choice. |
| **Burton** | **2012** | Arlen V. Burton (81) of Louisa, Kentucky passed away October 15, 2012. He is survived by two daughters; Sherry Burton (William) Barker of Louisville, Kentucky and Sonya Burton (Ronald) Wedge of Charleston, West Virginia; and five grandchildren. After high school graduation he joined the United States Army to serve in the Korean Conflict for his country as a medical aid and attained the rank of Sergeant. Upon return to the U.S., he graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. Arlen worked for SCS as a District Conservationist and retired with over 25 years of service. He was a member of the Board of Supervisors with the Lawrence County Conservation District with 25 years of service, where he served as chairman for the past 5 years. He was also a member of Lawrence County Farm Bureau for over 26 years where he served as Vice-chair for the past year. He was a member of the Louisa United Methodist Church. |
| **Campbell** | **2012** | Richard W. Campbell (74) of Mahomet, Illinois passed away June 7, 2012. Dick is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elsie Mae Campbell who retired from the Personnel Staff in the SCS Illinois state office in 1993. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mahomet, or to that of your choice. |
| **Christman** | **2012** | Richard Lee Christman (86) passed away September 18, 2012. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture from The Ohio State University. Richard proudly served our country in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict, and he continued his service in the Naval Reserves. He worked as a soil scientist for the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Richard is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Anne Christman, two sons, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Visit www.schoedinger.com to extend condolences. |
| **Clark** | **2012** | Member John Benson Clark, Jr. (81) of Columbus, Ohio passed away May 27, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Mary Pierce Clark; sons, Roger A. of Columbus and David (Renee) of New Philadelphia, OH; step-children, Kathryn (Ian) Jackson of Clearwater, FL, Andrew D. Graham (Shannon McLaughlin) of Columbus, Robert Pierce Graham (Marsha) of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; and one granddaughter. John received a B.S. in Agriculture from The Ohio State University in 1954. He was a veteran of the 17th Inf. Regt. Korean Conflict. He retired after 36 years with USDA, primarily serving as the State Conservation Programs Specialist for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. He served past president of the All Ohio Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society and in various leadership roles with his church and several civic organizations. In lieu of flowers, donations are asked to Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, Kobacker House, 3595 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, 43214, or National Parkinson Foundation, 2800 Corporate Exchange Drive, Ste. 265, Columbus, OH 43231. |
| **Clayton** | **2012** | Jack Paul Clayton (80) of Chickasha, Oklahoma passed away February 20, 2012. He served in the United States Air Force where he was an aircraft mechanic in the Korean War. Jack attended the University of Oklahoma on the G.I. Bill earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a geologist at the Chickasha Watershed Office. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Vicki Clayton, in 2002. Survivors include: Daughter: Lisa Clayton and husband Jeff Kemp; daughter: Celia Clayton Lowry and husband Greg Lowry; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, American Heart Association, or the Epworth United Methodist Church. |

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| **Clayton** | **2012** | John Oliver (Jack) Clayton (77) of Reynoldsburg, Ohio passed away December 26, 2012 after battling lung cancer. He is survived by Barbara (Parker) Clayton, his wife of 16 years; and former contract specialist with SCS, two children, and three step-children, sixteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mt. Carmel Hospice, 6150 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43213. Online condolences may be made to www.schoedinger.com. |
| **Cox** | **2012** | Donald Quinten Cox (61) of Canyon, Texas passed away March 8, 2012. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in range management. After several years working with SCS and University of Texas Lands, he retired in Canyon. Survivors include his wife, Dee of 40 years; two daughters; six grandchildren, and his mother, Leona Terry of Matador. |
| **Cutshall** | **2012** | Jack R Cutshall (73) of Alexandria, Louisiana passed away April 30, 2012 in Rapides Regional Medical Center. Jack was a graduate of Texas A&M. He retired from SCS in January 1993 as the State Range Specialist. He was a charter member and past president of the Louisiana Cattleman's Association and was elected Cattleman of the Year for the State of Louisiana in 2001. |
| **Davis** | **2012** | Bobby Joe Davis (76) of Marlow, Oklahoma passed away October 6, 2012. He graduated from Oklahoma State University, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1960. He worked as an engineer for SCS, retiring after 38 years of service. Bobby repaired small engines and watches and was a skilled woodcutter. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Rush Springs. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Shannon Lee Davis of the home; two daughters, Jean Davis of Midwest City and Deanna (Karl) Dowell of Mustang; and one granddaughter. |
| **Delp** | **2012** | Cheryl Marlene Delp, D.D.S. passed away December 31, 2012 after a long battle with cancer. Dr. Delp served Sutton, WV and the surrounding area as a dentist for more than 36 years, helping thousands with their dental health. Cheryl is survived by her husband Charles H. Delp who retired in 2011 as the Assistant State Soil Scientist for NRCS. Also surviving is a daughter Alexis (Nikki) Clark who resides in Riverside, California. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the West Virginia University Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, 1 Medical Center Drive, Morgantown, WV 26506. |
| **Densmore** | **2012** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Jack Densmore (99) passed away October 19, 2012. Jack was the first State Resource Conservationist with the SCS in Wisconsin. He was the Regional Forester in Lincoln, Nebraska when he retired and moved back to Madison, WI. Jack is survived by his wife Betty. A memorial service will be held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 S. Segoe Road, Madison, WI at 1:00 PM. on Friday, November 2, 2012. Everyone is invited to attend. |
| **Desha** | **2012** | Doris H. Desha (85) of Pflugerville, Texas passed away December 8, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Desha, a retired regional resource conservationist for SCS. |
| **Drees** | **2012** | Robert H. Drees (65) of Salina, Kansas passed away March 29, 2012. He was born August 17, 1946. Robert worked as a geologist on the Watershed Planning Staff for NRCS in Kansas. He retired on the engineering staff on 2004. He graduated from St. Joseph Military Academy and received a master's degree in geology from Fort Hays State University. Robert is survived by his wife, Jean; one son, Jeff Drees, of Salina; one daughter, Bethany Drees, of Salina. Memorial contributions may be given to Sunrise Presbyterian Church or Tammy Walker Cancer Center, and left in care of the mortuary. For more information or to leave condolences for the family, please visit www.ryanmortuary.com. |
| **Droge** | **2012** | Norma Irene Droge (82) of Council Grove, Kansas, passed away January 28, 2012. Norma is survived by her husband of 61 years, Harry Droge, who retired in 1988 as a Construction Inspector for SCS at Strong City Project Office. Other survivors include sons, James (Diane) Droge of Broken Arrow, OK, David (Joyce) Droge of Lawrence, KS and Daniel (Kim) Droge of Manhattan, KS; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Ridge Christian Church, C/0 Penwell-Gabel, PO Box 273, Council Grove, KS 66846. |
| **Edwards** | **2012** | Virgil Edwards (81) of Temple, Texas passed away March 20, 2012 at his home. |
| **Eshelman** | **2012** | Janice Surae Friesen Eshelman (66) of Harper, KS passed away January 23, 2012 at her home in Harper, Kansas after a fierce battle with cancer over the past three years. She attended Tonkawa College from 1963 to 1964. Jan retired from the SCS Sunflower RC&D office where she was a secretary and office automation assistant, a job she held for 31 years. Jan loved horses and became active with anything pertaining to them for many years—riding, clubs, shows, fair, and the Kansas Western Horseman's Association. Jan will be deeply missed by her husband, David Eshelman; her son Marty (Lori) Eshelman, all of Harper; her mother, Viola Friesen of Medford, OK; and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Harper Kiddie Barn, KWHA Scholarship, or the Cancer Center of Kansas in Kingman. |
| **Ferren** | **2012** | Member Donald G. Ferren (81) of Litchfield, NH passed away May 20, 2012, at his home. He graduated from the Thompson School of Agriculture (UNH). He served in the US Army (European Theater) with an honorable discharge (Medical Corp) – 1952-54. Don received his BS Degree in Agronomy (soils and plants) from UNH in 1959. He retired from SCS in 1986 after 35 years of service in New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and in Minnesota as State Conservationist. Don returned to NH where he became active in ARSCSE. He received the President's Award for outstanding community service from ARSCSE, and served as National President of ARSCSE. Don received the "Best Friend Award" in appreciation of outstanding service from the Federal Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NH – Nashua Chapter. He was predeceased by his first wife, Gloria Colby, a son and daughter, seven sisters and six brothers. Survivors include Janet, his wife of 22 years, a brother, his daughter, Lisa (Rick) Kiewel of St. Paul, MN; his daughter, Donna (Rick) Guy of Sparta, WI; his son, Eric (Cheryl) Ferren of Northfield, NH, and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the VNA – Hospice Program, 1070 Holt Ave., Suite 1400, Manchester, 03109. |
| **Flaugher** | **2012** | Darolyn Flaugher (67) of Belton, Texas passed away September 17, 2012. Darolyn retired from NRCS in 1996, following 30 years of service as a purchasing agent. She was a graduate of Temple College. Survivors include her husband Lyndell Flaugher of Belton, a daughter, a son, two stepsons, and a stepdaughter. The family requests memorials may be made to the Scott and White Vasicek Cancer Treatment Center 2401 South 31st Street Temple, Texas 76508. |
| **Fleming** | **2012** | Norma Jean Fleming (78) of Canay, Kansas passed away on April 21, 2012. On August 23, 1952, she married Edward Fleming, in Kanopoiis. The couple lived in various places over the years for Edward's career in the Soil Conservation Service. They settled in Salina in 1984 to enjoy retirement. Surviving are her husband, four children, and seven grandchildren. |

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| **Flesher** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Everett Cecil Flesher, Jr. (85) of Bryan, Ohio, passed away February 24, 2012. Cecil served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Upon returning home, he graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Vocational Agriculture Education and then entered the U.S. Army, serving as a clerk/typist assigned to an artillery headquarters during the Korean Conflict. While continuing his studies toward a Master's Degree in Agronomy, he taught Vo-Ag for two years before going to work as a soil scientist with SCS from 1956 until his retirement with over thirty years of service. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia Sue Darby. Also surviving are four children, Rita Sue (James C. Pfleger) Bunting, of West Unity, Ohio, Allen C. (Linda) Flesher, of Bryan, Lora J. F. (Larry Lemis) Cochran, of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and Nora L. (Scott) Herceg, of North Royalton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorials are requested to Wesley United Methodist Church - Next Chapter. |
| **Flickinger** | **2012** | Member Arthur Kay Flickinger (80) of Fairfax Station, Virginia passed away March 18, 2012, at home after being diagnosed with acute Leukemia in December. He was born in Batavia, Ohio and graduated from Purdue University in 1953, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture—Dairy Production minoring in Agriculture Economics. Arthur started work for SCS in 1951 as a student trainee. After serving as Work Unit conservationist for Whitley Co, IN, he served as Agricultural Economist on the Watershed Planning Party in Indianapolis. From 1966-1971 he represented USDA on the North Atlantic Regional Water Comprehensive Study and from 1971-1975 in Littleton, Colorado he worked on the USDA Western US Water Plan. Arthur managed the River Basin Program from 1978-1981 in Washington D.C. and retired as a Special Coordinator on the River Basin staff in 1987. He then obtained his real estate license and practiced for 22 years. Art served in numerous positions at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Survivors include a daughter, Kay (John) Kern of Hilton Head Island, SC; sons Stephen (Linda) Flickinger of Littleton, CO, Stanley (Cathy) Flickinger of Morrison, CO, Scott (Cindy) Flickinger, of Montross, VA, Seth (Darla) Flickinger of Stephens City, VA, son-in-law Rory Seal of Portland, MI; 12 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Patricia who passed away on November 19, 2011; and their daughter Kathy Flickinger Seal, who passed away on May 3, 2006. Memorial donations may be made to Kathy Seal Memorial Fund, Portland Ministerial Association for Mental Health, 8867 Kent Street, Portland, Michigan 48875 or to Capital Caring Hospice, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, Virginia 22042. To send condolences to the family or view a video tribute, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com. |
| **Frank** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Dale LaVerne Frank (93) of Winterset, Iowa passed away August 15, 2012. Dale graduated from Truro High School. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Dale enlisted in the U.S. Army. He became a Staff Sergeant and served as a mechanic for the 8th Air Force 34th Bomb Group in England, repairing bombers after they returned from their missions. Shortly after his discharge from the service, he was married Esther Jane Townsend on September 15, 1946 at Winterset. Dale began his business career working for his in-laws in the appliance business. He later worked in the dairy business for a few years. After that, he worked for SCS until he retired in 1979 as an engineering technician. Dale is survived by his son, Thomas Dale (Cindy) Frank of Winterset; daughter, Nancy Jane (Shawn) Hanson of Winterset; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. |
| **Freeman** | **2012** | Former Alaska Deputy State Conservationist Theodore George Freeman (85), died September 10, 2012, at his cabin on the Kenai River in Sterling, Alaska. Inspired by the achievements of the Soil Conservation Service during the Depression, Ted sought employment with the agency after obtaining a degree in agronomy from North Dakota State University. Later, in 1955, he was selected as district conservationist in Fairbanks where he developed interest in SCS's snow survey program. Ted transferred to Idaho in 1960 and then to Portland, Oregon, in 1963 where he helped develop early snow survey methods and establish snow measurement sites throughout the West. He became snow survey supervisor for Alaska in 1966, later becoming state resource conservationist then deputy state conservationist. He retired in 1982. Ted married Beverly Krisjanson of Rugby, North Dakota, in 1950. She died in 1995. Ted's parents' first language was Icelandic, and he later expressed surprise and disappointment about finding out at age five that everyone didn't understand the language. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Ted is survived by his children (Susan M. Burlingame, David J. Freeman and George T. Freeman, all of Anchorage) and his sister, Katherine Leonard, as well as many other descendants of his grandfather who homesteaded by the Mouse River near Upham, North Dakota, in 1880. |
| **Fury** | **2012** | Joyce Bino Fury (97) passed away September 16, 2012, at her home in Spokane Valley, Washington. She was wife of Robert Connell "Con" Fury, State Administrative Officer for SCS in Spokane, WA during the 1960's and 1970's. Joyce served in the United States Navy during World War II and voluntarily returned to active service for 22 months during the Korean conflict. She served more than 21 years in active duty and in the reserves. In 1979 the Secretary of the Navy presented Joyce the Navy Achievement Medal. She worked for many years for the Bonneville Power Administration both in Portland, Oregon, and in Spokane. Joyce is survived by stepson Greg Fury and daughter-in-law Mary, stepdaughter Sara Fury, a grandson, and a great-grandson. |
| **Gasper** | **2012** | William M. Gasper (89) of Dubuque, Iowa passed away July 23, 2012. He was a technician in the Dubuque field office, retiring in the '70's with more than 30 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, six children, twelve grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. |
| **George** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Warren Harold George (91) passed away November 27, 2012 at his home in Bunceton, Missouri. Warren was married on Feb.1, 1942 to Mary Frances Layne who was by his side for 71 years and until his death. He attended both MU in Columbia and CMSC in Warrensburg. He was employed for 30 years by SCS, retiring in 1981 as a district conservationist. During retirement he and Mary worked for 11 seasons for Hamilton Stores in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. When not at the park they traveled all 50 states and numerous countries. He is survived by 2 sons, and 2 daughters and their spouses, 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and a newborn great-great granddaughter. Memorials suggested to the Bunceton Federated Church and the Bunceton Lions Club. |
| **Gillespie** | **2012** | Lois M. Gillespie (95) passed away November 23, 2012. She was a long-time resident of Beaverton, Oregon, having moved there in 1953 when her husband, Roy was transferred to SCS in the Portland office where he worked as a design engineer. They were boaters and active in the Portland U.S. Power Squadron. She is survived by her son, Richard Brenner of Forest Grove. |

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| **Gough** | **2012** | Doris Marie Gough (86) passed away on April 4, 2012, in Newton, Kansas. She graduated from Kansas State University, where she met Marvin L. Gough, her husband of 62 years. Marvin passed away March 5, 2011. He was a range conservationist in Linn County during the 1950's. She was a charter member of the Kansas Oldtime Fiddlers, Pickers and Singers. Marvin and Doris entertained across the North American continent as they traveled in their RV for 15 years and encouraged youth to learn music with programs at schools and the offer of a fiddle on which to learn. Survivors include five sons, 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. The memorial gifts will go to the Kansas Oldtime Fiddlers, Pickers and Singers for an ongoing memorial youth fiddle scholarship. |
| **Gray** | **2012** | Earl L. Gray (84) passed away April 6, 2012, in Chapman, Kansas. He graduated from Sedan High School. Earl was a Navy and Air Force veteran, and was employed by SCS. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Shirley A. Gray of Abilene; two daughters; three sons; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions in his name may be given to the Hospice of Dickinson County. They may be left at or sent in care of the Danner Funeral Home, P.O. Box 758, Abilene, Kan., 67410. |
| **Grogan** | **2012** | Gary Thomas Grogan (73) of San Angelo, Texas passed away March 16, 2012, in Lihue, Hawaii. He received a B.S. in agriculture from Texas Tech University. He worked in Stephenville, Eden, Rising Star, Spur, Carrizo Springs and San Angelo in a career of over 40 years with the NRCS. Gary served in the Army Reserve for 28 years as the agricultural officer for the 321st Civil Affairs Unit at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Frances Grogan of San Angelo, and two daughters and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, Gary's family asks that donations be made to the Gary Grogan Agriculture Scholarship via the Angelo State University Foundation, ASU Station 11023, San Angelo, Texas 76909. |
| **Gustafson** | **2012** | Member Al Gustafson (63) passed away February 25, 2012, at his home in Thief River Falls, MN. He graduated from North Dakota State University Fargo in 1970 with a degree in Agriculture (soils). Al was Area Resource Conservationist in Thief River Falls when he retired in 2011. His employment history included Soil Scientist in Marshall, St. Peter, and Crookston, MN and District Conservationist in Thief River Falls and Red Lake Falls, MN. Al loved hockey, hunting, flying, but most of all family and friends. Al is survived by his wife, Polly; son, Derek; and parents, Allan and Sylvia Gustafson. Al loved flying…he took his first solo flight in December 15, 1973. He bought his prize possession 1947 Cessna 140 Taildragger in 1976; and has logged many hours through the years. His last flight was just this winter. |
| **Hackbart** | **2012** | Arlo Hilbert (Hack) Hackbart (85) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on September 25, 2012. In 1944 he graduated from Ashton High School. He served in the Korean War 425th Transportation Group 8th Army and was an employee of the Bureau of Reclamation and the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Hack retired in Tecumseh, Nebraska after 31 1/2 yrs with the government. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Melva; daughter Terry (Joel) Wiegand of Grand Island, NE; daughter Lori Cook of Lincoln and son Ronald Hackbart of Omaha; and seven grandsons and three great grandchildren. Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association. |
| **Haenisch** | **2012** | Emagene Haenisch (88) of Floydada, Texas passed away January 3, 2012. Her husband of 65 years, Senior Conservationist Charles Haenisch, worked with SCS in many locations throughout Texas, retiring in 1983 as an area conservationist. She graduated from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. Emagene's first love was her family. Second to that was her love for teaching. Emagene is survived by her husband Charles of the home, two children, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to Hospice Hands of West Texas in Lockney. |
| **Hamon** | **2012** | Member and Senior Conservationist Carrol Hamon (86) of Longmont, Colorado passed away on October 19, 2012. Carrol attended a one room school house before completing high school in Hollister, MO, graduating in 1944. Drafted by the U.S. Army he served in the European Theater of War with the 187th Combat Engineers where he built bridges and cleared roads for the advancing allied forces, fighting in the battle of Bastogne and later fighting with the 7th Army across Germany. After some months on German occupation duty he moved to Colorado entering college first at Ft. Lewis and later Colorado A&M where he graduated in 1951 with a degree in agronomy. Carrol married his sweetheart Alice Marie Skidmore of Norwood, CO, in 1946, whilst still an undergraduate. They were married 64 years. Moving first to Sterling, CO, working with the Beet Sugar Foundation, he eventually accepted an appointment with the Soil Conservation Service and served in Cortez, Cripple Creek, Longmont, and at the State Office in Denver where he capped off his career as State Agronomist, retiring in 1987. After retiring from federal service, Carrol continued his love of agriculture and for many years worked for the Colorado State Natural Resources Conservation Service as a consultant. Active in numerous community activities, the Hamon Family was selected by KLMO in 1974 as the Boulder County 4-H Family of the Year. Carrol is preceded in death by his wife and daughter Deanna Ruth Seeley. He is survived by his son David William Hamon; daughter-in-law Mabel, granddaughters Alexandra and Caitlin, all of Stafford, VA; a granddaughter and great-grandson and two grandsons. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans in care of Ahlberg Funeral Chapel. Visit www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com to share condolences. |
| **Hanlon** | **2012** | Peggy Hanlon passed away March 1, 2012. Peggy retired in 2004 as a Computer Specialist with NRCS. She is survived by her husband Jim and one son Ed. |
| **Haslem** | **2012** | Life Member Donald Haslem (86) of Albany, Oregon passed away October 15, 2012 following an extended battle with Alzheimer's. He served in the Navy in the Philippines during WWII. Upon discharge he returned to Oregon and graduated from Oregon State University in 1950 with a degree in civil engineering. After earning his Master's Degree in Engineering from OSU, Donald began a career as an irrigation engineer for the US Government. That work placed him in Oregon, Hawaii, India, Washington State, Pakistan, New Jersey, and finally Haiti. Upon retirement in 1981 from SCS, Donald worked for The World Bank which found him returning to India. He retired again in 1985 and returned to Albany. Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Dolores of Albany; sons Doug of Portland and Dave of San Jose; and three grandchildren. Contributions may be made to the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House Building Fund c/o Fisher Funeral Home, 306 SW Washington St., Albany, OR 97321. |
| **Hatfield** | **2012** | William F. Hatfield (72) of Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania passed away July 7, 2012, in his home. Mr. Hatfield was a graduate of West Virginia University and was an avid Mountaineer fan. He retired from SCS in 1994 after 33 years of service. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Janice Ford Hatfield, a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren. The family suggest memorials be made to Primary Care Center, Mt. Morris, PA 15349. Information is online at www.milliken-throckmortonfh.com. |

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| **Hayden** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist and member Rodney V. Hayden (90) of Howard, Ohio passed away July 17, 2012. Rodney graduated from The Ohio State University in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army in the 34th Infantry Division and was stationed in Italy during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor in action. Rodney operated a dairy farm in Knox County in the 1950s and 1960s. He served on the Amity Local School Board and the Knox County Board of Education. Following his Army service and OSU graduation he was employed by SCS in several Ohio counties as a soil scientist and a soil conservationist. He retired in 1982 as a District Conservationist in Licking County. Following his retirement from SCS, he operated Haydens' Haven Tree Farm with family members. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marie; son, James V. (Janet L.) Hayden of Powell and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by a son, John E. Hayden. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Vernon Central Church of Christ, 1005 Harcourt Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050; or the American Cancer Society, 555 Frantz Road, Dublin, OH 43017. |
| **Haynes** | **2012** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Rector Haynes Moneymaker (91) of Lake City, Tennessee passed away on September 30, 2012 in Norfolk, VA... He graduated from the University of Tennessee with honors and also studied at East Tennessee State University and Cornell University. Rector was a veteran having served in WWII and Korea and was a proud member of the Sons of American Revolution. He retired in 1979 as a soil scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and was avid University of Tennessee sports fan. He enjoyed short wave radio, gardening, working outdoors, and reading, especially the Bible. Rector is preceded in death by wife, Sue Hutson Moneymaker; Survived by: son, Roger Moneymaker of New Mexico; daughter, Carolyn Moneymaker of Norfolk, Virginia; and granddaughter, Anna Moneymaker of New Mexico. |
| **Henson** | **2012** | Everett Wesley Henson (80) of North Haverhill, NH passed away May 16, 2012. He received his associate degree in agriculture from the Thompson School at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. He served with the U. S. Army during the Korean War from July 7, 1953 to June 2, 1955. He worked for SCS as a soil conservation technician, retiring in 1986. Survivors include Lois Davis Henson, his wife of 59 years, four children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cottage Hospital, P.O. Box 2001, Woodsville, 03785 or North Haverhill United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 29, North Haverhill, 03774. |
| **Hodges** | **2012** | Donald R. Hodges (85) of Temple, Texas passed away November 19, 2012. He worked for SCS and retired in 1986 after 35 years of federal government service. He graduated from Texas A&M University. His military service includes the U. S. Maritime Service, the U. S. Army and the Army Reserve Corps. He served a year in Japan and a year in Korea during the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Norman Hodges, on February 27. Survivors include his son, one granddaughter and one grandson and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Holder** | **2012** | Member Tommie J. Holder (79) of New Carrollton, Maryland passed away February 29, 2012 of congestive heart failure. With 39 years of service, he retired from NRCS in July 1998 as a soil scientist in Washington, D.C., having worked previously in Montana and Colorado. Tommie served in the Air Force before graduating in 1959 from Texas A&M University. He received a master's degree in public administration from the Harvard Business School in 1977. Survivors include his wife, the former Betty Ann Price Hazlett of New Carrollton; seven children: Bruce L. Holder of Boulder, CO, Michael D. Holder of Jamesport, MO, Marta M. Silver of College Park, MD, Jess I. Holder of Beltsville, MD, Laura F. Adolph of Westfield, NY, and Kevin L. Holder and Kerstin L. Mills, both of Greenbelt, MD; two stepchildren, Kelley Hazlett of Germantown, MD and Melanie Hazlett of Bowie, MD; 29 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. |
| **Holmquist** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Linwood Storm Holmquist (87) of Caribou, Maine passed quietly in his sleep March 11, 2012. He retired from SCS in 1985. Linwood was an engineering technician and construction inspector in the Presque Isle, Maine field office. After his retirement, he worked as a bus driver for New Sweden School Department. Linwood was a veteran and spent time in the Philippines and Korea. He was married for 58 years to the late Geneva (Rackliffe) Holmquist, who predeceased him in 2006. He is survived by his four children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial gifts can be given in Linwood's memory to the memorial fund of Evangelical Covenant Church, West Road, New Sweden, MN. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.lancastermorgan.com. |
| **Hopper** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Eugene "Jake" Hopper (90) of Madison, North Carolina passed away October 2, 2012. Jake retired in 1984 as Soil Conservation Technician in Reidsville, NC after more than 38 years of service. Jake was a veteran of WWII where he served in the Military Police in the US Army. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Grace Jeffereys Hopper. Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Virginia Ann Tate Hopper of the home; son, Eugene Jakaway Hopper, Jr. of Madison; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Hospice Home of Rockingham County, 2150 NC Highway 65, Reidsville, NC 27320 or Rockingham County Honor Guard, c/o Ray Kelly, 242 Strutton Lane, Eden, NC 27288. |
| **Hoppes** | **2012** | Don R. Hoppes (83) of Roca, Nebraska passed away peacefully at home October 7, 2012. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service after 40 yrs. He is survived by wife, Jeanette, of Fergus Falls, MN; son, Tom (Merry) Hoppes of Lincoln, daughter, Christine (Dan) Wiltshire of Lincoln, daughter Mary (Steve) Cecava of Lincoln, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a stepson and stepdaughter. Memorials may be made to Roca United Methodist Church, 5601 Bennet Road, Roca, NE 68430. |
| **Hosler** | **2012** | Ray Hosler (62) of Berwick, Pennsylvania passed away unexpectedly October 28, 2012 at his home. Ray was a Soil Conservationist in the Bloomsburg Office and retired from NRCS in April, 2012 after a 25 year career. He is survived by his wife, Patti. Cards may be sent to his home at the following address: 370 Kachinka Hollow Road Berwick, PA 18603. |
| **Houghton** | **2012** | Christine J. Houghton (103) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away March 28, 2012. Christine was a charter member of the Texas SCS-NRCS Alumni Club and remained a member until her passing. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Houghton. |

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| **Howell** | **2012** | Dixie Lee Howell (70) of Lansing, MI passed away January 7, 2012 as the result of an auto accident. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Roger Howell, retired public information officer for the SCS in Michigan and the current state ARCSE Representative. Dixie grew up on a farm near Stitzer, WI. In 1963 she received her bachelor's in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin- Platteville. Dixie taught elementary school for 3 years, and then stayed at home to start her family. She returned to work in 1985 with the Lansing Schools, working at various schools, and retired in 2006. Dixie was a very active in her church and many civic organizations. In addition to her husband, she is survived by children, Leslie (Ernest) Delemeester, Scot Howell, Kimberly (Joel) Murray, and Christopher Howell; and eight grandchildren. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association, PO Box 673, Ludington MI 49431 or Tourette Syndrome Association, 42-40 Bell Blvd, Bayside NY 11361, or First United Methodist Church, 3827 Delta River Drive, Lansing, 48906. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.palmerbush.com. |
| **Hudson** | **2012** | Jay Marion "Fuzzy" Hudson (68) Osborne, Kansas passed away August 7, 2012, at his home. He was a retired truck driver at K-W Trucking. He also served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Sandy (Foster) Hudson, former Soil Conservation Technician at Osborne, two daughters, and a son, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Rebecca Morrison House, Salina, or Osborne County Track, Osborne. |
| **Huff** | **2012** | James Elwood Huff (92) of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away May 31, 2012 after a short battle with lung cancer. He completed all twelve years of secondary school without ever missing a single day. Jim entered the Army Air Corps in 1939 and was stationed in the Philippines when the war started. He survived the battle for the Philippines, the Bataan Death March and spent the entire war in Japan as a POW. He received recognition for his service including a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. After the war, Jim went to Ohio University and Ohio State to study and received his Bachelor's degree in soil conservation. He spent his career working for SCS, retiring as an area conservationist in 1975. He is survived by his wife, Anella, two sons, three daughters, ten grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren. The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul United Methodist Church, Defiance Area Hospice Center or to the Napoleon Lion's Club. |
| **Jefferson** | **2012** | Roy E. Jefferson (91) passed away July 20, 2012, in Villa Maria Nursing Home in Fargo, ND. Roy was Area Clerk with SCS in Fargo, ND, for many years retiring in 1981. |
| **Jelleberg** | **2012** | Harold S. Jelleberg (87) of Perham, Minnesota, passed away peacefully August 23, 2012, surrounded by his family. Harold served in the Army Signal Corps as a radio repairman in Shanghai, China, until his discharge in 1946. He graduated Bottineau School of Forestry in 1949 and NDAC (NDSU) in 1951 with a degree in Mechanized Agriculture. He worked for SCS in Ellendale, Forman, Bismarck, and Grand Forks where he retired in December 1982 with 31 years of service as Area Conservationist for Northeast ND. He was preceded in death by three infant daughters. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margot; son Scott (Debbie) Jelleberg of Mount Pleasant, MI; daughters Betty (John) Rystad and Mary Mooney of Bloomington, MN; three grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. |
| **Jolly** | **2012** | Member Wallace A. Jolly (78) of Ocklawaha, Florida passed away April 30, 2012. He had stomach cancer and bone cancer. He retired in 1989 as an Assistant State Conservationist with SCS, having previously served as State Conservation Engineer. He worked in Indiana and Montana. He is survived by his wife Janie. |
| **Jones** | **2012** | Life member Sidney Maloy Jones (82) of Gainesville, Georgia passed away September 23, 2012, following an extended illness. Sidney graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and received his BS degree in Agriculture from The University of Georgia. He retired from SCS in 1986 following 35 years of Federal service. Sidney also retired from the Georgia National Guard. Early in his career he was a Soil Scientist in the metropolitan Atlanta area. He provided a complete soils map, interpretation, and analysis for the Atlanta Airport Authority to use in designing Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. He served as Area Conservationist both in Rome, Georgia and Decatur, Georgia, and as Georgia State Resource Conservationist. He was a member of Chicopee United Methodist Church in Gainesville. |
| **Keen** | **2012** | Peggy Keen (63) passed away on December 23, 2012. Peggy was a resident of Warsaw, Ohio at the time of her passing. She is survived by her husband Robert Keen who retired from the NRCS as an Agricultural Engineer. |
| **Kelley** | **2012** | Dwight “Quig” Kelley (82) of Des Moines, Iowa passed away April 8, 2012. “Quig” was a state office employee for SCS. He is survived by his wife, Shirley and a son, QueDaBre'jzh (Shavon) Kelley of Houston, TX; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be left at caldwellraddatz.com |
| **Kelsick** | **2012** | Ralph B. Kelsick, Jr. (83) of Grandin, Missouri passed away February 7, 2012. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy on U.S.S. PCEC-882 during the Korean War. He retired as a Watershed Civil Engineering Technician for SCS. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Charlene Kelsick of Grandin, MO; a son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. |
| **Kepler** | **2012** | Clifford D. Kepler (82) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away January 17, 2012. He attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (1947-1956) graduating with a B.S. in Agronomy/Soils. He served four years in the Navy (1950-1954). He began his career in North Platte with SCS in July 1956 through January 1966. In January 1966 He became employed by Farmland Industries and retired in 1986. He then worked for Pathology Medical Services for 17 years. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Phyllis and daughter, Kay (Nelson) Stephens. Memorials are suggested to the Sesostris Shrine Transportation Fund or First Plymouth Congregational Church Foundation. |
| **Kirkaldie** | **2012** | Louis Kirkaldie (81) of Avondale, Pennsylvania passed away September 19, 2012. Lou was a geologist with SCS, and worked in the Harrisburg State Office in the 1960s, after transferring from Montana. He was also at the Northeast NTC and retired in 1987 as the National Geologist at NHQ. Lou is survived by his wife Jean. He served as the ARSCSE Vice President for the East from 1994 to 1996. |
| **Klingelhoets** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Ambrose J. Klingelhoets (91) of Monona, Wisconsin passed away May 15, 2012, of natural causes. Ambrose graduated from the UW-Madison and later received his master’s degree from Harvard University. In 1944, he was united in marriage to Muriel M. Leisz while he was on furlough from the U.S. Army. After serving in World War II as a commissioned captain, Ambrose and Muriel started a family in Brookings, S.D. They later moved to Madison to raise five children and he was employed by SCS as the Wisconsin State Soil Scientist from 1960-1979 when he retired. Ambrose is survived by his daughter, Kathy (Bill) Schoener of Shell Lake; four sons, Pat (Nancy) of Madison, Robert of Madison, Paul (Joan) of Lakeview, Ark. and Mark (Karyn) of Mount Home, Ark.; two grandsons and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Muriel. Memorials may be made to Agrace Hospice Care. |

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| **Koepke** | **2012** | Byron E. Koepke (68) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away March 5, 2012. Survivors of the immediate family include a son, Brent (Lindsey) of Lincoln and grandson, Bode. He served his country from March 19, 1968 to Oct. 23, 1969, in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star. When he returned, he enrolled at the University of Nebraska Lincoln and obtained his degree in Agronomy and Soil Science in 1971. He lived in Montana, southern Colorado and Alaska. During the time he was in Alaska, he and a co-worker were often dropped from a helicopter to map the tundra and spent weeks camping in remote areas. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church, A.L. Shirley Post 176 or the donor's choice. |
| **Kreuz** | **2012** | Theodore Edward "Ted" Kreuz (93) of Victoria, Texas passed away May 15, 2012. He worked 34 years for SCS retiring in the Port Lavaca Field Office in 1976. Ted served his country in the United States Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Helen Laake Kreuz of Victoria; three daughters, a son, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria, Texas, 77901. |
| **Krone** | **2012** | Paul Benjamin Krone (62) of Champaign, Illinois formerly of Westphalia, Missouri, passed away June 27, 2012. Paul received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1972. He retired in December 2011 as the NRCS District Conservationist at Watseka, Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Diane, and their two sons. Those wishing to email tributes or condolences to the family may do so at www.dulletrimble.com. |
| **Larson** | **2012** | Member Ewald Joseph Larson (87) of Venice, Florida passed away on December 9, 2012. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1986 as Chief of Media Services. |
| **Lee** | **2012** | Albert Lee (87) of Higginsville, Missouri passed away November 11, 2012. During his career Albert worked as an Area Engineer and Watershed Project Engineer in Ohio and Missouri for SCS, retiring in 1980. He is survived by his wife Blanch, sons Sam Lee and Phil Lee, daughter Glenda (Montie) Hawks, and seven grandchildren. |
| **Leiting** | **2012** | Alvin Leiting (85) of West Des Moines, Iowa passed away March 9, 2012. He was a civil engineer and served as Head of the Engineering Design Unit for SCS at time of retirement in 1988. Alvin served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952 and graduated from Iowa State University in 1957. He is survived by his son, Christopher of West Des Moines; two grandsons and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara and four siblings. |
| **Lemaster** | **2012** | Danny D. Lemaster (61) of Chillicothe, Ohio passed away April 8, 2012 following an extended illness. Dan graduated from the Ohio State University in 1972 with a degree in Agronomy. He was employed as a soil scientist with NRCS. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, the former Brenda K. Ferguson. Also surviving are his son Kristopher (Martha) Lemaster, Circleville; 2 grandsons and 4 granddaughters. He loved his blue grass music and playing his banjo and was a member of the former band the Dry Run Boys. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Andersonville UMC c/o Karen Rickey, 565 Andersonville Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601; or the Adena Foundation, 272 Hospital Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601. |
| **Lemon** | **2012** | Member Charles F. Lemon (85) of Portland, OR passed away February 24, 2012. He was born and raised in Parker, Kansas. He went to school at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas and earned a Master’s Degree from Harvard. He retired with 33 years of service from the Soil Conservation Service in 1984 as Director of the West National Technical Center. Survivors include his wife, Wilma of 66 years, daughter, Sherry of Portland, OR, son, Dexter Lemon of Union, OR, two grandsons, and two great grandsons. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association, 4380 SW Macadam Ave, #210, Portland, OR 97239 or Parkinson's Resources of Oregon, 3975 Mercantile Drive, Suite 154, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. |
| **Lile** | **2012** | Jeaneen Edwards Lile (76) of Durham, North Carolina passed away August 18, 2012 after a valiant battle with cancer. She earned a degree in Home Economics from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1956. While in college she met the love of her life, Harold Lile. Harold retired as the State Administrative Officer for SCS in North Carolina. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, four children, and nine grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make any desired contribution to the Triangle Church of Christ Campus Ministry or to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. |
| **Linville** | **2012** | Evelyn "Christine" Linville (80) of Pleasanton, Kansas, passed away January 8, 2012. Evelyn was the wife of Richard E. Linville who retired as a soil conservation technician in the Colby Field Office in June 1978. He preceded Evelyn in death. She is survived by four sons and two daughters from an earlier marriage, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.coffelschneider.com |
| **Lynn** | **2012** | Warren Clark Lynn (76) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away March 18, 2012. He graduated with honors in Technical Agronomy from Kansas State University in 1957 and received his MS degree from there in 1958. Warren served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960. He received his PhD in Soil Science from the University of California at Davis in 1964. He worked as a soil scientist in the Soil Survey Laboratory of NRCS in Lincoln from 1963 until his retirement in 2004 and volunteered there after his retirement. Warren married Arlene Richardson on September 4, 1960. They have three children and 10 grandchildren. Memorial gifts are suggested to the church or to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be left at www.bmlfh.com. |
| **Magers** | **2012** | Honorary member and Senior Conservationist Hugh T. Magers (Majors) (98) of Mineral Wells, Texas passed away March 20, 2012. He was employed by SCS as a conservationist from 1937 to 1964. Hugh was stationed in Jacksonville, TX from 1937 to 1939 and in Abilene, TX from 1939 to his retirement in 1964. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1937. He resided at his farm near Mineral Wells, TX from 1967 until his death. Survivors are a son, James Hugh (Joan) Magers and a daughter, Sarah (Larry) Brown; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Hazel Magers, in 2007. In lieu of flowers the families ask donations be made to Palo Pinto Challenge Inc., P.O. Box 115, Strawn, TX 76475 or Meals on Wheels of Palo Pinto County, 1410 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. St., Mineral Wells, TX 76067. Condolences may be left at www.bcbfuneralhome.com. |
| **Mahler** | **2012** | Billie Bob Mahler (85) of Belton, Texas passed away at his home May 14, 2012. Bob was a member of the class of '47 at Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He served in the occupation of Germany after WWII with the U.S. Army. Bob earned his degree in Agronomy in 1949 from Texas A&M. He worked for SCS in Giddings, Caldwell, and Temple retiring as the State Auditor. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Suma Ann Bowles Mahler, a daughter, two sons, and eight grandchildren. |

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| **McClure** | **2012** | Luella G. McClure (92) loving wife of retired Neal McClure passed away April 19, 2012, at the Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck, North Dakota. Lue is survived by her devoted husband of 70 years, Neal, who retired from SCS in 1976 as the Assistant State Conservationist. Also surviving are two sons, Brian (Dorothy) and Ron (Pat) both of Fargo; and three grandchildren. Neal has now moved to an assisted living facility, Sheyenne Crossing, in West Fargo to be closer to his two sons. |
| **McClure** | **2012** | Member Dan McClure (85) of Temple, Texas passed away November 30, 2012. He worked for SCS for 35 years, retiring in 1987. Dan proudly served his country in the US Air Force. Dan is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy McClure, daughter Dianne McClure and son Rick McClure, and 3 grandchildren. |
| **McCullough** | **2012** | Norman "Buck" Wesley McCullough (92) of Granbury, Texas passed away February 10, 2012. Survivors: Wife, Lu Logan McCullough who worked for SCS; a daughter, a son, nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to First Baptist Church of Thorp Springs or a charity of choice. |
| **Meissner** | **2012** | Hildur A. Meissner (94) of Spokane, Washington passed away October 14, 2012. She attended Wilson's Modern Business College in Seattle and graduated in 1938. She worked for a private company, then the War Department briefly, and at the Blood Bank until 1952. Then she began a career with SCS as a personnel management specialist until her retirement in 1977. She is survived by sons Paul (Linda), Gary (Wendie), Scott (Brandee) and daughter Kristie (Paul), along with her ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly fifty years, Ellert Meissner. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Hospice House of Spokane or a charity of your choice. |
| **Moe** | **2012** | Roger Moe (79) of Columbia, Missouri passed away October 9, 2012. He graduated from Iowa State University, where in 1961 he earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering after serving in the U.S. Army in Japan and the Philippines. For more than 39 years, he worked for SCS, retiring in 1993 as the Agricultural Engineer at the Midwest NTC in Lincoln, NE. Faith in God and commitment to family were his cornerstones. He was a member of Christian Fellowship Church. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Peggy; sons, Bruce (Pamela) Moe, Michael (Cheryl) Moe, and Jeff (Mary) Moe, all of Columbia; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made The Christian Fellowship Church, 4600 Christian Fellowship Road, Columbia, Mo., 65203 for funding missions. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.nilsonfuneralhome.com. |
| **Monville** | **2012** | Paul Monville passed away October 1, 2012. Paul retired as a design engineer with SCS in Portland, Oregon. Condolences may be sent to his daughter at Vicki & Chris Caracci, 136 Arlington Dr., Petaluma, CA 94952. |
| **Munthe** | **2012** | Corrine Ann Munthe (69) of Altoona, Wisconsin passed away July 24, 2012, after a very long and difficult battle with Mantle Cell Lymphoma. She graduated from New Richmond High School in 1961 and was crowned New Richmond's Corn Festival Queen that same year. Corrine is survived by three children and her husband of 48 years, Steve, who retired from NRCS. Friends may offer condolences online at www.fullerspeckienhulke.com. |
| **Murray** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Joseph P. Murray (90) passed away April 8, 2012. Phillip spent his entire life in the Spring Hope community of Nash County except for the time he served his country during World War II. He served as Soil Conservation Technician in Nash County, NC for over 30 years. He was also an active farmer. His farming enterprises included tobacco, wheat, soybeans, chickens and swine. He was a very active member of Ephesus Baptist Church in Spring Hope. During WWII, Phillip served as B-24 co-pilot in the South Pacific. He flew two combat missions out of Guadalcanal. From there he was stationed on Morotai, a small island off the coast of New Guinea where allied bombers could make the flight to hit Japanese targets in the Philippines. From Morotai, he flew 40 bombing missions as a B-24 co-pilot. Maybe the most memorable flight for 1st Lt. Murray was the first mission to bomb a Japanese fuel depot in Balikpapan, Borneo (now part of Indonesia) where the Japanese were reported to get 90% of their gasoline. In this mission there were 24 bombers. This flight required 16 hours from their base to the target. On this day, he was the second plane in the formation when they saw the lead plane shot down and its crew bail out. His plane moved up to the lead position in the formation, and the photographer on their aircraft recorded the raid. One of the most viewed photographs of WWII was taken out of his plane on this mission. If you have the opportunity to visit the Air Force museum in Dayton, Ohio you will see the photo. A copy of the same photograph is also on display in the Smithsonian Institute. Phillip was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Phillip was preceded in death by his first wife Louise Leonard Murray. He is survived by his wife, Anne Hicks Murray; three sons, John Kenny (Sherry) Murray; Phillip Leonard (Charlette) Murray; Brian Keith (Terrie) Murray ; two daughters, Ann (Carl) Banks; Martha Lynn Murray, eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. |
| **Myers** | **2012** | Peter Caverno Myers Sr. (81) of Sikeston, Missouri passed away November 26, 2012. He was stricken with cancer. On Sept. 13, 1952, he married Mary Williamson, who survives of the home. Other survivors include: two daughters, three sons, 11 very special grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. After graduating from high school in Racine in 1949 and the University of Wisconsin in 1953, Peter served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant. He then began his career in agriculture in Southeast Missouri. In 1966 he was honored as the National Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year. In 1981 he was appointed the USDA Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources and later as Chief of SCS in Washington D.C. From 1982-1989, Peter was appointed Deputy Secretary of Agriculture during the Reagan Administration. In 1998 he felt privileged and honored to serve the people of the 160th district as their state representative in Jefferson City. He served until 2006. |

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| **Nelson** | **2012** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Vern R. Nelson (92) of Olympia, Washington, passed away August 30, 2012. He was born in Maddock, North Dakota. Vern thought about what he wanted to do professionally after the dust storms hit his family's farm. He saw what SCS had done to help stop some of the dust storms, including strip cropping, developing springs on the various farms, and planting shelter belts. He always thought at that time that it would be nice to have a job in the conservation field. In 1946 he, his wife, and his daughter moved to Washington. He started working for SCS in Olympia in February, 1949. After several years he realized that to advance he needed a college education. So at the age of 32 he started college at WSU, a well-known agronomy college at the time. At 36 he was the first in his family to get a college degree, Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy. His first position was in Olympia. Then he served as a District Conservationist in Shelton, Pomeroy, and Renton, WA. In 1966 he returned to Olympia to serve as the Area Conservationist serving 10 counties in southwestern Washington consisting of 8 million acres. When Mt. St. Helens erupted in 1980 he was among the first to survey the damage from the air. He was the organizer and charter member of the Olympic View Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America. He was the first president of the chapter. He served as Chairman of the Air Resource Division of the National Soil Conservation Society of America. In 1969 he received a “Commendation Award” from SCS of America. In 1979 he received the “State of Washington Professional Service Award” for outstanding contributions to soil and water conservation from the Washington Association of Conservation Districts. In 1981 he was given “The Grade of Fellow” in recognition of singular professional achievement and leadership in land and water conservation and dedication to the goals and objectives of the Soil Conservation Society of America. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, in 2006. He is survived by his daughter, Diana (Don McQuay), of Seattle, Washington, 3 grandsons, 11 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-granddaughters. The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of your choice. |
| **Nybo** | **2012** | Viva “Vi” Clarice (Aker) Nybo (89) passed away on December 27, 2012, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck, North Dakota. After attending Fargo Business College and then the University of Michigan, she won a typing contest and was offered a job at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, as a legal secretary for the Judge Advocate General’s office from 1942-1952. Vi then worked for the SCS in Park River, ND, then the Bureau of Reclamation in Bismarck, ND, from 1952-1956, and then the SCS in Bismarck from 1956-1976 when she retired. She is survived by her daughters, Sonia (Arlynn) Krieger, Bismarck and Sandra (Craig) Miller, Scottsdale, AZ. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Henry, a brother and her beloved pet Tippy. |
| **Owen** | **2012** | Mary Lou Owen (81) long-time Lincoln, Nebraska resident, passed away August 20, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, William James Owen, who was an engineer with SCS at the Midwest NTC. She is survived by four daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Mary Lou graduated from Concordia Teachers College and furthered her education at the University of Nebraska earning a master's degree in Special Education. She was employed by Lincoln Public Schools teaching special education at the elementary level for many years until retiring. |
| **Owen** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Robert A. Owen (99) of Mt. Airy, Georgia passed away September 16, 2012. He was a long time District Conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1971. Robert continued to be very active until his death just one month before his 100th birthday. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. |
| **Partin** | **2012** | Eleanor Harrell Partin (90) of Edenton, North Carolina passed away September 5, 2012. Mrs. Partin was a native of Chowan County and lived in Edenton for almost all of her life. She worked as Area Clerk with SCS for 25 years before her retirement in January 1987. After retiring from SCS, she worked part time for the Edenton Baptist church for many years. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Lyman Partin, Sr. Surviving are four sons and their wives, Lyman (Jane) Partin of Beaufort and Al (Lynn) Partin, Mike (Denise) Partin, and Bob (Jackie) Partin, all of Edenton; and seven grandchildren. |
| **Pasley** | **2012** | Member Robert Mark Pasley (80) of Glenwood, Maryland, passed away July 15, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Mary M. Elefsiades Pasley. Bob enjoyed a 32 year career as an engineer with SCS, retiring in 1988 as Assistant Director of the Engineering Division. He was an active member of the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, George, of Ketchikan, AK; five daughters: Lynn (Dan) Cantrell of Seattle, WA, Merry Lu of Lebo, KS, Eva (Jim) Baseley of Thurmont, MD, Jacqueline of Silver Spring, MD, and Yvonne (Richard) Thomas of Gaithersburg, MD; and eight grandchildren. Memorial gifts in Bob's name may be given to Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum or Ketchikan Presbyterian Church. |
| **Patterson** | **2012** | Senior conservationist and life member Esther Jane Patterson (90) passed away on May 8, 2012 in Ellensburg, Washington. Esther retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1991 as an area clerk. |
| **Pederson** | **2012** | Willis A. Pederson (83) of Fargo, North Dakota passed away April 19, 2012. He worked for SCS in Garrison and Grand Forks. |
| **Pennay** | **2012** | Richard Pennay (85) of Liverpool, Pennsylvania passed away June 29, 2012. Richard worked for ASCS in Harrisburg for many years as the state ACP leader. He was often told he was an honorary SCS employee. He is survived by his wife Louise, six children, 13 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. |
| **Peterson** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist and Member Charles Warren Peterson (90) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away August 9, 2012. He served as a medic in the European Theatre during WWII from July 1942 - November 1945. Chuck also served during the Korean Conflict. He completed his B.S. in Agronomy from the University of Nebraska in 1952 and worked for SCS until he retired as an Area Conservationist at Watertown, SD in 1985. He was a lifelong Husker football fan – he attended his first Nebraska football game at Memorial Stadium in 1935. Charles is preceded in death by his wife, Mary, with whom he shared 62 years of marriage. He is survived by daughters, Patricia Ann (Ron) Pryor of Arlington, Texas; Collen Anne (Martin) Swanson of Bellevue, Nebraska; Mary Elizabeth Peterson and husband Stan Vogel of Papillion, Nebraska; Deborah Ann Peterson of Omaha, Nebraska; Jacqueline Renee Peterson and husband Robert Sherry of Dallas, Texas; sons, Terrence Charles & wife Renee (deceased) of Lincoln, Nebraska; Shawn Thomas and wife Cindy Spring of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and six grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association or to the Pink Sisters Adoration Convent in Lincoln, Nebraska. |

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| **Petty** | **2012** | James Bicknell Petty (71) of Rio Vista, Texas passed away Feburary 25, 2012. He was preceded in death by two sons and a daughter. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Petty who worked for NRCS; a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. James would be honored with your donation to the First Baptist Church of Rio Vista or a charity of your choice. |
| **Pleasants** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist R. Clyde Pleasants (102) of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away January 6, 2012. In 1933, he was one of three students to graduate from North Carolina State College with a degree in soils. Clyde began his conservation career with the Soil Erosion Service (SES) soon after graduation. His first assignment was in Newland, North Carolina, as a Soil Surveyor making a general soil survey of Avery County. In 1934 he transferred to the Deep River Soil Erosion Demonstration Project located in High Point. Deep River was used as a training site for all of the new SES employees. During his early career he was assigned to several demonstration projects, and his job was to provide a soil survey for the farms being planned. Usually two – three Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camps were assigned to assist with the work in the demonstration projects. When he was assigned to the Brown Creek Demonstration Project, he passed the home place of Hugh Hammond Bennett almost every day on his way to map soils. In 1945 he transferred to the Raleigh Area Office as the Area Soil Scientist where he worked until his retirement in 1969 after 36 years of service. Clyde was preceded in death by his loving wife of 68 years, Ruby Lee Pleasants. He is survived by his daughter, Barbara P. (Frank) Pollock of Roxboro, NC; two sons, Dr. Riley C. (Mickey) Pleasants, Jr. of Raleigh, and Robert W. (Peggy) Pleasants of Raleigh. He is also survived by six granddaughters and thirteen great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Hayes Barton Baptist Church Building Fund, 1800 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27608. |
| **Pridgen** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist A. H. Pridgen (93) passed away May 2, 2012. Mr. Pridgen retired as Soil Conservation Technician in Pender County, NC. His employment began in 1946, and he is worked for over 30 years before retiring. He was a veteran of World War II serving as a Corpsman in the US Navy. In 1950 he built a home on the family farm and continued to live there the remainder of his life. On his farm he raised tobacco, corn, soybeans, and strawberries. He was the oldest living member and deacon of Atkinson Baptist Church. He was a member of Atkinson Lodge No. 612 A. F. and A. M. and the Atkinson Ruritan Club. A. H. is survived by three daughters; Pamela (Phillip) Ford of Raleigh, NC, Lynn Lowder of Atkinson and Robin (John) Howell of Albemarle, NC. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, three step grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. |
| **Reece** | **2012** | Jerome Reece (70) of Mississippi passed away March 20, 2012.   He was an SCS economist, having served at the Northeast National Technical Center and in Washington, D.C. |
| **Richmond** | **2012** | William “Bill" J. Richmond (86) of Milwaukie, OR passed away February 3, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marcine who retired from SCS; his children, Dick Richmond, Joe Richmond, Terry Sion, and Renee Peck; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his former wife, Kay; and grandson Christopher Richmond. Memorial donations may be made to Milwaukie Covenant Church. |
| **Rubel** | **2012** | Elda Rubel (75) of Belmont, Ohio, passed away on August 26, 2012. Survivors include her husband, Neil Rubel and two sons. Neil retired as a Soil Survey Party Leader with SCS in 1992. |
| **Schermerhorn** | **2012** | Lois Schermerhorn (83) of Vinton, Iowa passed away January 9, 2012. Her husband, Edward, was a soil scientist and party leader for soil surveys in Johnson, Cedar and Washington Counties, Iowa. Ed passed away in 1989. Lois graduated from the Dover High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from New Jersey College for Women in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She is survived by her daughter, Beth. |
| **Segler** | **2012** | Ida Leone Elliott Segler (91) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away June 16, 2012. Ida retired from the Human Resources Department with SCS after more than 29 years of service. She will be missed by her family and former co-workers. |
| **Senter** | **2012** | Ann Rutland Senter (76) of Athens, Georgia passed away October 12, 2012 of vascular disease. She is survived by her husband of 56 years Samuel D. Senter, two daughters, a son, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was a longtime employee of the USDA-NRCS, Athens, GA and a member of Prince Avenue Baptist Church. |
| **Sharp** | **2012** | Winfield Kennedy Sharp IV (76) of Sandy Springs, South Carolina, passed away at Clemson Downs Health Care October 23, 2012, following several years of declining health. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve following 20 years of service and retired from SCS with thirty years of service. He earned the designation of Master Tree Farmer for best practices in forestry. He was a long-time member of the Pendleton Farmers Society. |
| **Skiles** | **2012** | Earl Allen Skiles (82) of Franklin, West Virginia passed away April 14, 2012. Earl was a 1949 graduate of Franklin High School. He was a lifelong farmer and worked for 30 years as a Construction Technician for SCS. He is survived by a brother, Leroy (Carol) Skiles of Dorcas, WV. Memorials may be made to Pendleton County Volunteer Rescue Squad or Fire Companies. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com. |
| **Smith** | **2012** | Earl "Mike" Smith (78) of Eau Claire, Wisconsin passed away peacefully at home, May 5, 2012. After attending the University of Wisconsin at Platteville, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was employed by SCS as a soil conservationist for thirty years and retired January 1, 1987. He purchased 20 acres south of Eau Claire, built a house and started Smith's Tree Farm. He is survived by his wife Donna of 56 years and four daughters, four sons, and eleven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by twin infant daughters. In lieu of Flowers, memorials may be given to Sojourner House of Eau Claire, 448 N. Dewey St., Eau Claire, WI 54703 or Immaculate Conception Gathering Space, 1712 Highland Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701. To send the family online condolences, please visit www.fullerspeckienhulke.com. |
| **Smith** | **2012** | John Henry Smith, Jr. (70) of Georgetown, Kentucky passed away September 3, 2012. After high school graduation, he went on to serve four years in the United States Air Force and attended the Bluegrass Community and Technical College. He worked for over four decades at NRCS. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Angie B. Harper Smith, his two daughters, and two granddaughters. Send a condolence to the family of John Henry Smith, Jr. |
| **Smith** | **2012** | Ray Smith of Fort Worth, Texas passed away February 17, 2012. He was a retired biologist with SCS at the South National Technical Center. The family had a private service for Ray. |

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| **Sorensen** | **2012** | Mary Irene Hope Sorensen (84) of Ness City, KS passed away January 16, 2012. After graduating from Hutchinson Junior College, she received a degree in home economics from Kansas State College (now University) in 1948. She was an elementary teacher at the Ness City Grade School for seventeen years. She loved music, was an accomplished violin player and taught violin lessons. She was active in numerous community activities. Mary was preceded in death by her first child, a boy, who was stillborn. She is survived by her husband of nearly 62 years, Bill (who retired in 1984 as a district conservationist with SCS) and her children, William Sorensen, Jr. (Lou Anne), Susan Mallon (Mike), Diane Worth (Paul), four granddaughters and one grandson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ness City United Methodist Church, the Ness City Library or Hospice of the Prairie. |
| **Spaeth** | **2012** | Elizabeth (Betty) Spaeth (86) of Fargo, North Dakota passed away March 17, 2012. She was the wife of retired Jerome H. Spaeth, and after Jerry retired as the State Hydrologist they settled in Fargo, ND. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Jerome; 4 sons, 6 daughters, 27 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. |
| **Steinhorst** | **2012** | Dean Steinhorst (82) passed away August 1, 2012 at UW Hospital in Madison as a result of a tractor accident. Dean graduated from Reedsburg High School in 1948. He retired from SCS in Viroqua (later transferring to Baraboo) where he worked with landowners and individuals on environmental problems and concerns for 32 years. After retiring in 1992 he was elected Mayor of the City of Baraboo, a position he held until 2004. He also held numerous civic and volunteer positions. In gratitude for all of his contributions to the Baraboo Community, a city park was dedicated in his honor. Loved ones who have gone before him include his loving wife of 44 years, Mary. Dean is survived by two daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. |
| **Strong** | **2012** | Ruth Lucile Strong (93) of Tempe, Arizona passed away October 22, 2012. She is survived by her husband of nearly 63 years, Marion of Tempe, who retired in 1980 as an Assistant Chief with the Soil Conservation Service. Also surviving are daughter Linda (Peter) Nelson of Mesa, daughter Marcia (Mark) Middents of Tempe, son James (MaryAnn) of Kent, Washington, and six grandchildren. Ruth worked in the men's department of Diamond's Department Store, and later at Dillard's until retirement, and was an active volunteer at her church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ruth's memory to The Church on Mill. |
| **Sutton** | **2012** | Life member Jacqueline G. Sutton (84) of Annapolis, Maryland passed away September 26, 20012 at her son’s house in Needham, MA. She had cancer. Jacqueline was one of the first women in the Senior Executive Service with SCS. Jacqueline Rose Griffin, a fourth-generation Washingtonian, was a 1948 education graduate of the old Miner Teachers College in the District and received a master’s degree in library science from Catholic University in 1964. She then joined the General Services Administration and served from 1969 to 1980 as a chief of what is now the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Training Institute. Jacqueline joined the USDA in 1980, moving in 1983 to SCS. She retired in 1986 as the associate deputy chief of administration. Her first marriage, to James Sutton, ended in divorce. Her second husband, Clifton Butler, died in 1981 after six years of marriage. Survivors include two sons from her first marriage, James Sutton III of Gaithersburg, MD and Bruce Sutton of Needham, MA; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. |
| **TenHulzen** | **2012** | Clayton TenHulzen (80) of Scottsbluff, Nebraska passed away January 28, 2012 after a courageous nine year battle, with biliary cancer and its subsequent treatment. He graduated from the University of Nebraska Ag College with a Bachelor of Science degree. Clayton married Doris Davis. He worked for Soil Conservation for his early married years. He became a prison guard, and worked for over 30 years in the State Penitentiary and Reformatory. Clayton is survived by a daughter, a son, two grandsons, and five great-grandchildren. Memorials may be addressed to the family in Scottsbluff. Tributes of sympathy may be left at www.dugankramer.com. |
| **Thompson** | **2012** | William R. "Bob" Thompson, Jr. (70) of Auburn, Alabama passed away January 11, 2012 at East Alabama Medical Center. After graduating from Auburn University and serving four years in the U.S. Army, Bob started his career with SCS. He retired as Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources in 1994 and started Crossroads Furniture Refinishing. Bob was a member of Auburn United Methodist Church, a volunteer at EAMC Cancer Center and a board member of Mercy Medical. He is survived by his wife, Judy Thompson of Auburn; son, Robert (Susan) Thompson of Montgomery; three daughters, Amy Elizabeth (Dean) Kaye of Warrenton, VA, Beth (Bob) Palmer of Marietta, GA, and Shannon (Mike) Buice of Duluth, GA; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be directed to Mercy Medical, Catherine Court, Auburn, AL, or East Alabama Medical Center Cancer Center. |
| **Toya** | **2012** | Sonoya Jean Toya (90) of Boring, OR passed away February 9, 2012. Sonoya attended Gonzaga University and married George Toya in 1945 in Fort Snelling, MN. They had two daughters, Georgene "Gigi" and Evelyn, and lived in Gresham for over 60 years. Sonoya was devoted to her family and an active church member. Sonoya retired from SCS as a secretary to the engineering staff at the WNTC. |
| **Trew** | **2012** | Philip H. Trew (87) of Ft. Worth, Texas passed away December 20, 2012. Phil was drafted into the U.S. Army shortly after graduation from high school, and served on the front lines in both Guadalcanal and Okinawa. It was on Okinawa where he was seriously injured in battle, and was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart. Phil also endured a life-threatening disease as a result of his war injuries. He graduated from Texas Tech with a B.S. in three majors: agriculture, soil science and agronomy. Upon his graduation, Phil was employed by SCS as a staff soil scientist, traveling all over the state of Texas. Survivors: In addition to his wife of 50 years, Joan Taylor Trew, he is survived by his son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. |
| **Tyrrell** | **2012** | Patricia Tyrrell (64) of Urbana, Virginia passed away March 26, 2012, at her home after a long battle with mesothelioma (cancer). She worked first as a soil conservationist and then as a Rural Conservation and Development (RC&D) coordinator. Pat served the Tidewater area for over 19 years working with 10 counties. She is survived by her husband, Donald Tyrrell, P.O. Box 956, Urbana, VA 23175. There will be no viewing or funeral because she has chosen to donate her body to medical science through MedCure. If you wish to donate, their wish is that contributions be toward services to aide cancer patients or to continue mesothelioma cancer research. |

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| **Van Doren** | **2012** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Clifford Paul Van Doren (95) of Kyle, Texas peacefully passed away December 12, 2012. He was a veteran of WWII and retired from the US Army Reserves with a rank of Command Sergeant Major. In addition, he retired in 1976 from SCS where he served as a conservation technician in Urbana, IL. Cliff's brother was also an SCS'er. Cliff was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel, and two sons, Larry and Perry Van Doren. Cliff is survived by a son, John (Cindy) Lovelace, a daughter, Martha Donaldson, two step-children, 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Kyle United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions are made to the Kyle VFW Building Fund, Kyle/Buda VFW Post 12058, P.O. Box 2725, Kyle, TX. 78640. |
| **Vance** | **2012** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Pershing Vance (93) of Bozeman, MT passed away January 10, 2012. He was a range conservationist with SCS and served as Assistant State Conservationist in Montana and Nebraska, retiring in 1973. Persh received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Range Management in 1941 from the University of Idaho at Moscow. On July 20, 1941, Persh married Barbara Eloise Kenagy "Barb" and they honeymooned in a lookout tower in the Payette National Forest while he was working for the U.S. Forest Service. During World War II, Persh joined the U.S. Army Air Corps for the duration of the war, was commissioned a lieutenant, and was trained as a bombardier until the end of the war. Persh worked on the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project which opened the fertile basin to irrigated farming. He accepted an overseas assignment to India from 1968 to 1972. He also spent several years working for the Near East Foundation, acting as a temporary Secretary of Agriculture in Lesotho, Africa, helping the Basotho people learn to conserve their rapidly eroding top-soil. From 1977 to 1979, he and Barbara lived in Arusha, Tanzania, where he helped the semi-nomadic Masai Tribe improve their grazing land and livestock quality. Persh is survived by his wife of 70 years, Barbara Vance of Bozeman; three sons, Captain Michael (Kanako) Vance, USN Ret. of Bozeman; Dr. Corwin (Karen) Vance of Shorewood, Minn.; and Richard (Shirley) Vance of Richland, Wash.; six grandchildren, and one great-grandson. |
| **Verzwyvelf** | **2012** | Rodney I. Verzwyvelf (64) of Alexandria, Louisiana passed away April 4, 2012. Rodney worked for NRCS/SCS for 37 years in Natchitoches, Louisiana as a Conservation Technician. He retired in May 2004. He has worked for the Rapides Parish Soil and Water Conservation District for the last eight years. |
| **Vrem** | **2012** | Mary Ann (Cooper) Vrem (76) passed away on December 3, 2012, at her home in Dickinson, North Dakota. Her husband is ARCSE member Marcoe Vrem who retired from the SCS in 1990 as an Area Conservationist. Marc worked in North Dakota SCS office locations in Rugby, Bottineau, Westhope, Hettinger, Williston, and Dickinson where they retired and made their home. In addition to her husband of 55 years, Marcoe, Dickinson, ND, she is survived by sons, Loren (Laurie) Vrem of Deadwood, SD, and Jerry Vrem of Rapid City, SD; four grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, two brothers, a sister and a sister-in-law. She was preceded in death by her parents. |
| **Wadsworth** | **2012** | J. Roland Wadsworth (88) of Battleboro, North Carolina passed away on August 12, 2012. Roland retired as Soil Conservation Technician in Tarboro, NC. He was a World War II veteran. Roland served on USS Storis, Ice Breaker in North Atlantic escorting ships from St. John to army bases in Greenland. He encountered numerous enemy submarines and airplanes during his service. Roland is survived by his wife of 68 years, Kathleen S. Wadsworth; daughter, Yvonne W. Forbes and husband Charles of Leggett; son, Johnny R. Wadsworth, Jr.; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. |
| **Wakeman** | **2012** | Lloyd A. Wakeman (91) of Columbia, Missouri passed away February 29, 2012. After graduating from Union Mills High School in Indiana, Lloyd served his country during World War II in the Pacific Theater as a C-47 aircraft pilot. After the war, he enrolled in Purdue University, graduating in 1949 with a degree in agricultural engineering. Starting in 1949, Lloyd worked for 31 years for SCS. His work took him to locations in Ohio, Puerto Rico and Missouri. In October 2010, Lloyd joined a group of veterans on a Central Missouri Honor Flight to see the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Marjorie Wakeman of Columbia; two sons and two grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Fellowship School. |
| **Waller** | **2012** | Emmett R. Waller, Jr. (79) of Cary, NC, passed away November 25, 2012. Emmett retired in 1997 as Resource Conservationist, State Resource Conservationist staff in the Raleigh state office. He was a 1955 graduate of N. C. State University with a BS degree in Agronomy. He had over 40 years of service. Emmett served as Work Unit Conservationist in Trenton and District Conservationist in Walnut Cove and Raleigh before transferring to the State Office as Agronomist in 1973. Emmett was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-seven years, Becky T. Waller. He is survived by two daughters and one son all of Cary: Donna (Bryan) Crook, Emmett R. (Nancy) Waller, III, Amy (John) Sullivan; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. |
| **Welch** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Archie P. Welch (89) of Lone Grove, Oklahoma passed away April 10, 2012. He attended Murray State College and Oklahoma State University. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in Africa and Italy. He was a member of the DAV in Ardmore and a member of the Lone Grove Masonic Lodge, receiving his 60 year pin in 2010. His wife of 35 years Neva F. Paxton preceded him in death in 1978. He worked for SCS for thirty years. He served the cities of Bristow, Boise City, Ardmore, Altus, Duncan and Stillwater, OK. He retired in 1977 as Assistant State Conservationist of Oklahoma. He is survived by his son Richard and his wife Carla, two grandsons and one great granddaughter. On-line condolences can be made at craddockfuneralhome.com. |
| **White** | **2012** | Dean E. White (67) of Sagle, Idaho passed away September 1, 2012 at his home. He graduated from the University of Montana. Dean served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He worked as a conservationist with SCS, retiring as an Assistant State Conservationist in Spokane, WA. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ann; two children, Joe White of Spokane, WA, Amy White of Seattle, WA; and two grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Projects for People, P.O. box 1911, Eau Claire, WI 54702. Family and friends are invited to sign Dean's online guest book at www.coffeltfuneral.com. |
| **White** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist James M. White (94) passed away May 6, 2012 in Atlanta GA. He retired as the Assistant State Soil Conservationist with SCS. He was a member of the Meadowbrook Church of Christ in Jackson for over forty years. He served as a deacon and elder for many years. He was also a member of the Masons and the Rotary Club. He is survived by his three daughters: Leslie Collinson of Duluth, GA, Betty Lister of Marietta, GA, Janet Ferguson of Brandon, MS, nine grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Helen Phillips White. Memorials can be made in lieu of flowers to Sunnybrook Children's Home in Ridgeland, MS. Online condolences may be expressed at www.crowellbrothers.com. |

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| **White** | **2012** | Senior Conservationist Nathaniel B. White, Sr. (93) of Warrenton, North Carolina passed away on December 1. 2012. Nat served as District Conservationist in Hoke, Nash, Warren and Randolph counties. He was a registered forester and did timber consulting work after his retirement until he was 80 years old. He was an elder at Warrenton Presbyterian Church, where he was a member for 65 years. Nat was a Navy veteran of WWII, Lt. Senior Grade. He served as Deck Officer on USS Santee, escort cruiser. He participated in the invasion of North Africa and did anti submarine patrol in the Atlantic. He also served in the Pacific Theater and participated in the bombing of numerous islands in the Pacific and Japanese home islands. Nat was also the Deck Officer on the USS Flint, a fast anti-aircraft cruiser in South Pacific, protecting fast carriers in Iwo Jima, Philippines, Okinawa and Japanese home islands. He is survived by his wife, Nellie Jarvis White; his sons, Nat B. White, Jr. and Steve J. White, both of Warrenton, and Henry B. White of Greensboro; and four grandchildren. |
| **Wilhite-Smith** | **2012** | Billie L. Wilhite-Smith (81) of Temple passed away April 8, 2012. She is preceded in death by Alton (Al) Wilhite, her first husband of 38 years, who was the state resource conservationist with SCS in Temple in the seventies. She is survived by her husband, Billy G. Smith; a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren. |
| **Willard** | **2012** | Ervin Willard (73) passed away at his home in Uvalde, Texas, December 1, 2012, following a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University where he studied Range Science. He retired from SCS/NRCS in 1997 as Assistant State Conservationist with 36 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 46 years Wanda; a son and three grandchildren. |
| **Williams** | **2012** | James Melvin Williams (94) of Portland, OR passed away February 2, 2012. He was born in Idaho and raised on a farm in Milton-Freewater. He graduated from Oregon State and retired as a soil scientist with SCS at the WNTC. Mel was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Gen, and his son, James Williams. He is survived by son, Michael Williams of Portland. |
| **Wright** | **2012** | John Allen Wright (79) of Brownwood, Texas passed away June 2, 2012. John served in the U. S. Marine Corps in California and Korea until being honorably discharged in 1956. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in 1958 and a Master of Science from Texas A&M University in 1962. John worked for SCS for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He served across Texas at offices in Cotulla, Haskell, San Saba, Snyder, Archer City, Amarillo, settling at Brownwood in 1978, where he remained until retiring. John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joanna, of the home; a son, a daughter and a granddaughter. |
| **Wright** | **2012** | Lee Roy "Pete" Wright (78) passed away peacefully February 23, 2012 after suffering a heart attack the preceding week. Pete graduated from Texas A & M University in 1954 and was a loyal Fighting Aggie. After a brief service in the Army, he worked for SCS for 40 years. He was an accomplished team roper in the United States Team Roping Championship (USTRC) and held an annual team roping at his ranch in Banquete for 25 years. He was also a rodeo announcer and owned Voice of Radio Productions. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bluntzer Volunteer Fire Department, 6271 F.M. 666. Robstown, Texas 78380. |
| **Young** | **2012** | Keith Kline Young (82) Of Annandale, Virginia, loving husband, father, grandfather, musician, luthier, teacher and friend died suddenly on February 9, 2012. Keith suffered a head injury from a fall in his workshop on February 8. He was born July 8, 1929 in Lafayette Indiana. Keith graduated from University of Nebraska with a BS degree in '51 and a MSA in Agriculture Economics in '58. He transferred to the Nat'l Headquarters in Washington, DC as Assistant Director, Soil Survey Interpretations division in '71 where he played a major role in achieving effective use of very large soil databases. He received a special achievement award in 1985 for excellent leadership in developing the definition and classification of wetland soils. He retired from SCS in '86 after 34 years of federal service. After retirement Keith became a well known local musician and builder of Appalachian musical instruments (dulcimers, autoharps, fretless banjos). He founded the Mill Run Dulcimer band, the Greater Washington Dulcimer Disorganization and taught hundreds of students to play the Dulcimer. He taught dulcimer building at Elkins College Augusta Days for many years. Keith is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary M Young as well as six children, Duane, David (Katie), Scott, Phillip, Barbara (John) Risucci, Elizabeth (Dixon) Appel, 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, brothers Roger (Janet) Young, Lynn (Shawn) Young, nieces and nephews. Memorial service to be held February 18 at 2 p.m. at Friendship United Methodist Church, 3527 Gallows Road, Falls Church, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Washington Regional Transplant Community or the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department. |
| **Zaginaylo** | **2012** | John Zaginaylo, Jr. (88) of Columbia County, Pennsylvania passed away September 8, 2012. He worked for SCS and served as Conservation Technician in Columbia County for 34 years. John served with the US 1st Calvary Division in WWII. He also operated a dairy farm, working on it until as late as June 2012. He is survived by a son, John Zaginaylo III, also with SCS/NRCS and two daughters. Private family services were held on September 10th. Memorial gifts may be made to Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine, 310 East Third Street, Mifflinville, PA 18631. For the full obituary go to www.mayofh.com/fh/obituary. |
| **Anderson** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist E. William 'Bill' Anderson (96) passed away March 3, 2011. He received his Bachelor of Science in range management and forestry from the University of Idaho in 1937 and his Master of Science in range management and animal husbandry from Oregon State College (now University) in 1940-the second Master of Science ever awarded in rangeland resources. During World War II, Bill served in the South Pacific at the rank of U.S. Navy lieutenant, junior grade, in Air Combat Intelligence. In 1946, he was promoted to lieutenant commander U.S. Navy Reserve. Upon his return to Oregon and to SCS, Bill rose to become the state range conservationist and was the original author of the State of Oregon's "Range Site Guides." Bill was a charter member of the Society for Range Management; president the International Society for Range Management; and the winner of the Section's and the Parent Society's highest achievement awards, the Trail Boss and the Renner awards, respectively. Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Lois in 2005; survivors include daughters, Christine (Dwight) Ferris of Salem and Elizabeth (Alan) Vandehey of Portland; and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the following: E. William and Lois Anderson Memorial Fund, in care of John Buckhouse, Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management, 200 Strand Agricultural Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331. |

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| **Angelo** | **2011** | Madeline Angelo (71) of Amber, New York passed away May 20, 2011. She was the wife of former New York State Office Engineering Technician, David Angelo. She worked many years as a clerk for the US Post Office in Marietta. Surviving are her husband of 52 years, David Angelo; children, Christine Caudwell of England, and Corey Angelo of New Jersey; and one granddaughter. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Amber Congregational Church, 2366 Otisco Valley Road, Marietta, N.Y. 13110. |
| **Argabright** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Melvin "Scott" Argabright (84) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away December 26, 2011 from acute myelogenous leukemia. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1951. After farming for five years, in November 1955, he joined SCS in South Dakota. During the next 25 years, he served as district conservationist, area conservationist, state agronomist, and state resource conservationist at various locations in South Dakota. In 1980, Scott and Dorthy moved to Lincoln where Scott was assigned as conservation agronomist serving a 12 state Midwest region. He retired from SCS in 1992. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorthy; sons, daughters-in-law, Norman (Cherrie) Argabright, Topeka, KS; Patrick (Karen) Argabright, Jackson, NJ; Virginia Argabright, Lincoln, NE; Diana (Martin) Schweitzer, Swanton, NE; eight grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren. Memorials contributions are suggested to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 8320 South Street. Arrangements by Roper and Sons Funeral Services. Condolences or personal reflections may be sent online at www.roperandsons.com. |
| **Armstrong** | **2011** | Brett Armstrong was killed during June 2011, in a forest harvesting operation. Brett was Emily Armstrong's husband and was only 36 years old. Emily is an NRCS Soil Conservationist stationed in Madison County, NY – Hamilton Field Office. Brett leaves behind Emily, two young children with a third child on the way. We're all quite numb here. |
| **Bindel** | **2011** | Gilbert J. Bindel (76) of Gainesville, Texas passed away December 11, 2011. After serving in the United States Army, he attended Cooke County Junior College and North Texas College. He retired from SCS in 1984 as the Area Clerk at the Gainesville Area Office. Survivors include his wife Joyce of Gainesville; a daughter, a stepdaughter, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. |
| **Booth** | **2011** | Bert E. Booth (85) of Temple, Texas passed away September 15, 2011. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Forces during WWII. While serving in Italy he attended the University of Florence. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1950 with a degree in agricultural engineering. He was a registered professional engineer. He was a SCS project construction engineer and retired as head of the watershed office in Temple. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Lois M. Booth; one son, John (Cindy) Booth of Giddings; two daughters, Suzanne (Jay) Copeland of Temple and Lynelle (Brian) Evans of Austin; and eight grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Churches Touching Lives for Christ, P. O. Box 4482, Temple, TX 76505. |
| **Boyd** | **2011** | Rosann Boyd (86) of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania passed away July 10, 2011. She was the wife of Hurshal Boyd, former Assistant State Conservationist for SCS in Pennsylvania. Rosann had a long career in nursing. She is survived by her husband, two sons, and two daughters. Cards may be sent to Hurshal and the family at 899 Oak Oval, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-8409. |
| **Bradley** | **2011** | Joyce Bradley (79) of Corsicana, Texas passed away July 19, 2011. She had been struggling with bladder cancer for some years. She is survived by her husband, Jack (who was the District Conservationist at Ennis, TX and AC of Gainesville Area when he retired), two daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren. An online guest book is available at www.griffin-roughton.com. |
| **Bridge** | **2011** | Karen Bridge (64) of Tucson, Arizona passed away from kidney cancer July 6, 2011. She started her career with SCS for the snow survey in Salt Lake City, Utah. She entered the Administrative Training Program in Phoenix, AZ, and moved up in the agency- requiring her to move to Iowa, Wyoming, and, finally, to the Washington office in 1980, as a Personnel Specialist. It was there that she met and married Galen Bridge, who retired in 1994 as acting Chief of SCS. She later moved over to FSIS and retired as the Deputy Director of Human Resources. Karen is survived by her daughter, Tracie and husband, Galen. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated at the Friends of Acadia, PO Box 45, Bar Harbor, Maine, 04609. The Bridge family will hold a "Celebration of Karen's Life" on Friday, September 9, 2011, at 11:00 am, at the Vistoso Funeral Home, 2285 East Rancho Vistoso Boulevard, Oro Valley, Arizona, 85755. |
| **Brisbin** | **2011** | J.B. Brisbin (79) of Victoria, Texas passed away December 4, 2011. He served his country in the United States Marines during the Korean conflict. He was an area clerk, retiring from SCS and the Veterans Administration after 31 years of service. J.B. is survived by his wife, Donnie Miller Brisbin, two children, ten grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. |
| **Brooks** | **2011** | James Edward "Jim" Brooks (80) of Russellville, Arkansas passed away August 6, 2011. Jim served admirably in the United States Air Force, was involved in the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged in 1952. After graduation from the University of Alabama in 1957, Jim went to work for SCS. He retired from the Fort Worth office as the Administrative Officer and moved to Russellville, AR in 1986. He was a true bible scholar, enjoying reading and talking about biblical truths. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Janice Gleason Brooks. Survivors include his adoring wife, Martha Wilson Brooks of Russellville; three daughters, Jeannie (Wayne) Marsh of Little Rock, Judy Neagles and Joan Hashbarger, both of Russellville; three step-sons, Steve and Rhett Wilson, both of Little Rock and Richard Wilson of Russellville; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Arkansas Hospice, 2405 East Parkway, Suite 3, Russellville, Arkansas 72802. |
| **Brown** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Edwin V. Brown (89) of Bluffton and formerly of Montpelier, Indiana passed away February 14, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 67 years Emojean (Inskeep) Brown; and two sons; four daughters; 27 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Ed earned a B.S. Degree in Agriculture from Purdue University in 1943. He was a World War II U.S. Army Veteran serving his country for 3 ½ years in the South Pacific. A life-long farmer, Ed taught Ag Science in Jr. and Sr. high school for ten years in Wells County. Ed served as District Conservationist of SCS in 1959 being the first person to have served in that position in Jay County. He worked in SCS for over 20 years. Ed also served as Surveyor in Blackford County. Preferred memorials are to the Bethel Church. |
| **Brune** | **2011** | Minnie M. Brune of Bucklin, Kansas passed away September 24, 2011. She was predeceased by her husband, Evain E. Brune, a retired SCS district conservationist in Kansas. |

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| **Burky** | **2011** | Susan (Wagner) Burky (47) of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, formerly of San Antonio, Texas, passed away December 28, 2011. She currently was employed as an administrative operations assistant for NRCS. She is survived by her husband, Glenn Burky and two step children. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial contributions be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 433 East Main Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036. |
| **Burns** | **2011** | Darla Nan Muncy Burns (72) of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina passed away January 17, 2011. She was an elementary school teacher and a long time office manager for the American Cancer Society in Vienna, VA. Darla is survived by her husband, Dennie George Burns, who retired in 1994 as an Assistant Chief for SCS; a daughter, Deanna Marie (Steven) Wentz of Houston, TX; a son, David George (Sarah) Burns of Manassas, VA; and two grandchildren. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.twifordfh.com. In lieu of flowers, remembrance donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Interfaith Community Outreach (ICO), PO BOX 838, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949. |
| **Butler** | **2011** | Member and Senior Conservationist Walter L. Butler (87) of Shoals, Indiana passed away November 21, 2011 at his residence in West Shoals. Walter retired in 1991 as an engineering technician from SCS with the Paoli and Jasper Offices. He served his country during World War II in the United States Navy. He was a member of the Shoals American Legion Post #61 and attended the Shoals United Methodist Church. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 61 years, Betty of Shoals and numerous nieces and nephews and near friends. |
| **Call** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Richard W. Call (89) of Los Molinos, California passed away March 31, 2011 in Chico. He attended Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, Utah, graduating in 1943 with a major in agricultural science and a minor in military science. After graduation Richard entered the U.S. Army and served as a combat infantry officer in France, Germany and Austria. He was awarded the Bronze Star. He married Lorene Donaldson in 1944. He and his wife have four children. He remained in the Army following the WWII serving as a liaison pilot at Fort Benning GA. He retired from SCS in 1978 as an Area Conservationist. After retirement, he farmed full time in Tehama County, California. An oral history of Richard's life is posted at http://rwcoralhistory.blogspot.com/ |
| **Camp** | **2011** | Roberta Camp (81) of Temple, Texas passed away October 26, 2011. She was the wife of Joe Camp who retired from SCS in 1980. They lived in Marfa, Van Horn, Pecos and San Marcos before moving to Temple in 1974. |
| **Chavez** | **2011** | Antonio "Tony" Chavez (79) of Salina, Kansas passed away October 23, 2011. Tony served more than 20 years in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class. After his military career, he worked as a supply clerk for SCS. He was preceded in death by a son, and is survived by his wife, Rachel, six chil-dren, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Memorial contri-butions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.ryanmortuary.com |
| **Chavis** | **2011** | Rudolph Chavis (77) of Lumberton, North Carolina passed away December 6, 2011. He was retired as an engineering technician and construction inspector with SCS. He is survived by his wife, Helen B. Chavis of the home; a son, James Rudolph Chavis of Lumberton; two daughters, Wanda K. Rhoades of Lumberton and Alicia C. Davis of Shannon; six grandchildren, and a great-grandson. |
| **Chelf** | **2011** | John Vincent Chelf (82) of Wewoka, Oklahoma passed away August 18, 2011. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in agriculture. He was a district conservationist with SCS. John served in the U.S. Army as staff sergeant during the Korean Conflict. Survivors include his wife of 53 years Neva of home; two sons, and six grandchildren. An online guestbook is available at www.PhillipsFuneralService.com |
| **Childers** | **2011** | Jim Childers passed away Thursday, July 14, 2011 after a very long struggle with his health. Jimmy retired in October 2005. He was the Agronomist for the Alice Area, and then the Corpus Christi Zone. Arnold King shared Jimmy Childers was a highly respected agronomist who did a lot to promote conservation tillage in South Texas. He lived in Corpus Christi while he worked in Alice and Calallen, and is survived by his wife Billie. Jim will be cremated and Billie will take him back to Kentucky to be buried with his mom and brother. Billie's mailing address is 4209 Congressional Dr.; Corpus Christi, TX 78413. |
| **Colvin** | **2011** | Garland P. Colvin (76) Shreveport, Louisiana passed away April 27, 2011 at his home. He served in the United States Marines from 1953 to 1957. He worked for SCS for 34 years in several locations in Louisiana. He retired as an Area Conservationist in 1994. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gay Denham Colvin and two daughters. |
| **Cooper** | **2011** | Nancy Cooper of Morgantown, West Virginia, passed away December 27, 2011. Nancy is survived by her husband Jim who retired from Soil Conservation and Application Division in the National Office of SCS in 1986, after serving in positions in Michigan & West Virginia. Donations can be made to the Morgantown, WV Hospice. |
| **Cox** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist William Joseph Cox (87) of Salem, Oregon passed away February 20, 2011. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 57 years, Willoma in 2002. In November 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was stationed in the South Pacific as a member of the fighter squadron VMF 312, completing his tour in the invasion of Okinawa and being discharged in November, 1945. He acquired a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Missouri with a degree in agriculture in 1949. Upon graduation, he was employed teaching in the Veterans on Farm Agriculture program. After moving to Oregon in 1952 he started his career with SCS as a conservationist, working throughout the State of Oregon, as well as being selected to work in Pakistan for 2 years in the "On Farm Water Management" project. Returning to the United States he was assigned to SCS West National Technical Center in Portland, Oregon, with responsibilities in 13 western states. He retired after 30 years of service. After his retirement he became restless. In 1984 he and Willoma joined the Peace Corps. He was assigned to the Dept. of Land Development and Willoma as a Nutritionist was assigned to the County Extension Department. They spent a total of seven years in Thailand. He is survived by his wife, Tina J. Cox, of Salem; sons, Stephen P. Cox of Kaslo, B.C., Canada; Greg A. Cox of Bend, Oregon; daughter, Patricia A. Jones, of Salem, Oregon; step-daughter, Christina M. Jensen; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Craft** | **2011** | Betty B. Craft (81) of Champaign, Illinois passed away December 5, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 62 years Bob Craft, a retired public affairs specialist with SCS and one time ARCSE state representative for Illinois. Other survivors include two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Betty attended Illinois Wesleyan University and graduated from Northern Illinois University. Memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, Champaign; Carle Hospice, 206A W. Anthony Drive, Champaign, IL 61822; or the donor's choice. |

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| **Crain** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Wilbur Crain (91) passed away January 6, 2011. Wilbur retired in 1979 as a design engineer on the SCS Indiana State Office Engineering Design Staff. He attended Purdue University, earning a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering. He worked on the Paoli, Indiana Area Staff before transferring to the State Office. Wilbur's work is etched on the engineering plans for many, many projects in Indiana. Condolences may be directed to his wife Dorothy at 309 S. Green St., Brownsburg, IN 46112-1608. |
| **Crook** | **2011** | William “Bill” Guy Crook, Jr. (86) of Senatobia, Mississippi, formerly of Jonesboro, Arkansas, passed away June 20, 2011, at his home. Bill was a 1942 graduate of Parkin High School and worked as a surveyor for SCS. He was preceded in death by his wife, Al Jean Weeks Crook. Bill is survived by one son and two daughters. Family request memorials to Arkansas Wildlife Federation or Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro. |
| **Curtis** | **2011** | Dorothy Frances Moulton Curtis (86) passed away October 18, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Tom, who retired from SCS in 1986 as an engineer at the West National Technical Center. Also surviving are children, Stan, Louise (Michael) Magarrell and Ann (P.J.) Hunt; and daughter-in-law, Irene. Preceding her in death were son Guy Curtis of Potlatch, ID and daughter-in-law Cody Curtis of Portland. |
| **Decker** | **2011** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist George H. Decker (93) of Fairfax, Virginia passed away on December 7, 2011 at home. He was born December 10, 1917 in Fargo, North Dakota to the late Robert Earle and Hanna Decker. Robert was not present for the birth because he was serving in the Army in France during WWI. George lived in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin in his early years and graduated from high school in Sioux Falls, South Dakota before heading to the western side of the state where he earned a Civil Engineering degree from the South Dakota School of Mines in 1939. While in college, he joined the National Guard and upon graduation, he worked at a CCC camp in Sturgis, South Dakota for 18 months. His Army division mobilized on February 14, 1941 and they moved from Rapid City to Camp Claiborne in Louisiana. George attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir in Washington, DC, where he met his future wife in the spring of 1942. After a duty station at Camp Rucker, Alabama, his unit was called to the west coast to prepare for deployment to the Pacific. When Madelyn stepped off the train after a cross country trip to visit for Thanksgiving, he knew he had to keep her so he proposed and they were married in December, 1943 and settled temporarily in Moro Bay, California. George served with the 81st division of the Army in the Pacific Theater and supported troops in the battle at Peleliu, and was serving in the Philippines on V-J Day. At the conclusion of the war, he spent time in Japan before returning home to meet the daughter who was born during his war duty. He and Madelyn went on to have 4 more children as they moved from South Dakota to Massachusetts, New York and Virginia while he worked for SCS. During those years, he enjoyed showing his wife and children the US (and 1 trip to Quebec) – taking frequent camping trips to explore the country. After he retired in 1974, he indulged his passion for photography by working for the Catholic Herald and the Red Cross, photographing and printing photos for publication. Most recently, George was a member of VFW Blue and Gray Post 8469. George was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Madelyn L. Decker. She died in 2001. In 2003, after a 60 year lapse, he renewed a romance with an Army nurse he had met at Camp Rucker and for the next 6 years, he had a long-distance "girlfriend", Helen Martin. When not traveling between Ohio and Virginia, they spent many days with a mid-afternoon "brew time" – a telephone call while George drank a beer and Helen enjoyed a glass of wine. Helen passed away in 2009, just before her 90th birthday. George is survived by his children, Mary (Dan) Dent, Joan (Charlie) Cooper, Bob (Mary Sue) Decker, George (Anne) Decker and Patti (Rick) Pfeiffer. He was also a loving grandpa to 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, George requested that donations be made to the Oglala Lakota College in Rapid City, South Dakota or to another charity of the donor's choice. |
| **Dodge** | **2011** | Zelma Marie Dodge (94) of Manhattan, KS passed away December 9, 2011. Zelma was the wife of Darold A. Dodge who passed away on December 17, 2008. He retired in April 1983 as a soil scientist at Great Bend, Kansas. Zelma received a bachelor’s degree in Micro-Biology from Kansas State University and a teaching certificate from Emporia State University. Zelma is survived by six daughters, ten grandsons, five granddaughters, and four great grandchildren. The family requests donations to Good Samaritan Fund at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, 2121 Meadowlark Rd. Manhattan, KS 66502. |
| **Donahoo** | **2011** | Donnie Donahoo (74) of Enid, Oklahoma passed away April 3, 2011. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Agriculture. The family moved to Enid in the mid- 1970s, where he was employed by NRCS. Don is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lanora, two children, and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Lions Service Foundation, Lions Boys Ranch or Lions Eye Bank. Condolences may be made online at www.andersonbur ris.com. |
| **Doss** | **2011** | Life member David Perry Doss (71) of Conroe, Texas passed away June 18, 2011. He graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. He was employed by NRCS where he served 43 years of employment in various locations including: Alabama, Georgia, Washington, D.C and Maryland. Most recently, David was the state conservationist in Maryland. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Sue Doss of Conroe, TX; son, Gregory Doss of San Diego, CA; daughter, Starla (Steve) Shinn; and one grandson. The family request donations be made in memory of David to Conroe Church of Christ, "Share the Vision Fund" or to the Youth Program at Conroe Church of Christ, 1860 Longmire Road, Conroe, TX. |
| **Dunton** | **2011** | Roger T. Dunton (90) passed away at his home in Clearwater, FL, June 19, 2011. Roger served in the US Army Infantry in WWII and was the recipient of a Purple Heart for his injuries. He earned BS and MS degrees from the University of Vermont. He served as State Administrative Officer for SCS in Vermont for 26 years retiring in 1982. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth. They had no children. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Chittenden-Grand Isle Counties Hospice, 110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446. |
| **Duree** | **2011** | Leo Duree (87) of Chariton, IA passed away May 11, 2011. He was a conservation technician for SCS in the Chariton field office. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Erma; three daughters, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Memorials to Circle of Life Hospice or Sacred Heart Catholic Church. |
| **Dush** | **2011** | Robert "Bob" Dush (93) of Wooster, Ohio passed away on July 2, 2011. He worked as a soil conservationist for SCS for 30 years before retiring in 1975. Bob was a vocational agriculture teacher upon graduation from Ohio State University in 1941. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Dush, of Wooster; three children, eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. |

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| **Eddleman** | **2011** | Robert L. Eddleman Jr. (70) of Mayfield, Kentucky, formerly of Clinton, passed away April 16, 2011. He is survived by his daughter, Kizar Eddleman Luckett of Hendersonville, TN; a son, Rob Eddleman of Cunningham, KY; and three grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Clinton-Hickman Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 29, Clinton, KY 42031. |
| **Elkins** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Earl W. Elkins (92) of Dickinson, North Dakota passed away September 14, 2011. Earl worked for SCS at Hettinger, ND (1963-66) and then Dickinson, ND (1966-83). From 1983-89 he worked for Western Soil Conservation District. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Clara; one daughter, Earleen (Gary) Friez; two sons, Gerald (Donna) Elkins and Arthur (Teryl) Elkins; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; twin sisters and one sister-in-law. He was preceded in death by 5 brothers, three sisters and a grandson. |
| **Erdman** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Alvin A. "Al" Erdman (92) of Waukesha, Wisconsin passed away May 3, 2011. He retired in 1981 as a District Conservationist with SCS. Al is survived by his children Janet (John) O'Brien and Allan Erdman and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jane (nee Steppler). Memorials to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church or School. |
| **Fanning** | **2011** | Edward John "E.J." Fanning (66) of Wasilla, Alaska, passed away August 1, 2011. E.J. held a master's degree from Wyoming University and worked for the Department of Environmental Quality in Wyoming, and in later years he was an environmental specialist with NRCS. He is survived by two daughters, Mica Devon Fanning, of Omaha, NE, and Jamie Fauver, of Jackson Hole, WY; and his grandchildren. A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Frederick, MD, pending final arrangements. |
| **Flickinger** | **2011** | Patricia Ann (Karlen) Flickinger (80) of Fairfax Station, Virginia passed away November 19, 2011. She was the wife of Art Flickinger, who retired in 1987 as a Special Coordinator in Basin and Area Planning Division of SCS, Washington, DC. Her passing was three days short of their 60th wedding anniversary. Pat served in the Fairfax County School System for 19 years as a secretary to the principal for the Area IV Special Education staff and at Key Middle School. In addition to her husband she is survived by four sons, one daughter, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy Seal, who passed away on May 3, 2006. Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, IN or to Capital Caring in Falls Church, VA. |
| **Foerschler** | **2011** | Helen Marie (Steele) Foerschler (88) of Enterprise, Kansas passed away October 21, 2011. She graduated from high school with a Teacher's Certificate with the class of 1941 and taught in three different one-room schools in Dickinson County. She is survived by her husband Bill Foerschler, who retired in 1980 as a soil conservation technician with SCS. Other survivors include four sons, three daughters, 21 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. |
| **Forness** | **2011** | Ronald Forness (77) of Abercrombie, North Dakota passed away February 6, 2011. Ron worked with the SCS Watershed Planning Party in Bismarck for many years. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, his daughter, Lori Watson, Port Townsend, WA; his son, Bob Schaff; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Forsythe** | **2011** | Peter Forsythe (78) passed away peacefully February 22, 2011 in El Paso, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Evelyn Forsythe; three children, Richard Forsythe (Luly) and Melanie Forsythe Aguilar (Manny) of El Paso, TX, and Stephen Forsythe of Colorado Springs, CO; five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Pete grew up in the rugged Bridger Canyon near Bozeman, MT. He graduated in Civil Engineering in 1955 from Montana State University. Pete was promoted to Lieutenant in the National Guard while working as a surveyor before starting his career with SCS in 1955. He worked in several locations in Montana before transferring to Danville, Indiana in 1965 where he was the Assistant State Engineer. In 1972, he was promoted to State Conservation Engineer in Mississippi, retiring in 1987. In 1990 he took a consulting job for Harza Engineering in Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan where he worked for four years. There will be a Remembrance service for Peter Forsythe this summer in Bozeman, MT, date and time to be determined. Please contact Melanie Aguilar at 10801 Tom Kite Court-El Paso, TX 79935 or 915-633-4373 for further information. The family requests that any memorial donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. |
| **Freymiller** | **2011** | William F. Freymiller (88) of Fargo, North Dakota formerly of Bismarck, ND passed away October 27, 2011. After 25 years with USDA, he worked as a right of way liaison for Northern Border Pipeline in Montana. He is survived by two daughters, Linda McKibben, Fargo, ND, and Debbie DeCoteau, Tracy, CA; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella; his daughter, Betty; and his son, Fred. |
| **Gale** | **2011** | Ralph Edwin Gale (74) of Keene, Kansas passed away June 12, 2011. Ralph served in the Air Force from 1954 to 1958. He is survived by his wife Mary Gale who retired from NRCS in 2000. Other survivors include three children and three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to Johnson Center for Basic Cancer, Kansas State University Manhattan, KS. |
| **Gibson** | **2011** | Norma Jean (Sparks) Gibson (64) of Rotan, Texas passed away January 18, 2011. Her husband Lynn Gibson previously worked as a Range Conservationist in Texas and later as State Range Conservationist at Salina, KS. After his retirement from NRCS in 1999, they returned to the home ranch at Rotan. Lynn's address is 111 East McArthur, Rotan, TX 79546. |
| **Glasgow** | **2011** | Tracy Leigh Glasgow (39), of Columbia, South Carolina passed away July 27, 2011. Tracy fought a losing battle with cancer. She was the daughter of Niles (retired State Conservationist in Florida and South Carolina) and Carolyn Glasgow. The family has suggested those wishing to honor Tracy's life with a memorial, consider the American Cancer Society or any other charity of your choosing. |
| **Graham** | **2011** | Roscoe "Russ" Graham (79) of Ft. Worth, Texas passed away August 8, 2011. He retired as an Air Force major after 22 1/2 years. He retired from SCS after 22 1/2 years. He loved cats, computers and dancing. Russ is survived by: Daughter, Carol E. Jones and sons, Russell E. Graham and Ronald E. Graham. |
| **Gubser** | **2011** | William Bruce Gubser (80) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away August 17, 2011. He attended Doane College and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in technical science. He worked for SCS for 31 years, retiring in 1986. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1952-54 and served as a regional councilman from 1972-76 for Soil Conservation Society of America. Survivors include life companion Darleen Hitz; two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the family for distribution to a soil conservation/UNL scholarship fund. |
| **Hammond** | **2011** | Charles L. Hammond (86) of Norfolk, Nebraska passed away July 11, 2011. Charles served in the Army from 1944 to 1946. In 1952, he graduated from University of Nebraska of Lincoln. In 1955, he started working for the Soil Conversation Service in Nebraska as a soil scientist, retiring in 1986. Charles is survived by his wife of 53 years, Kathryn; two daughters, five grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. |

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| **Hammond** | **2011** | Jerome J. Hammond (69) passed away at his home in Alexandria, Virginia May 21, 2011, from Leukemia. An agricultural economist, Jerry had a 28 year career with the USDA before retiring in 2002 as Director of International Programs Division. He traveled to 35 different countries in an official capacity for NRCS, SCS, and the Office of International Cooperation and Development within the USDA. He was active in several professional associations and was a three time President of the USDA Economists Group. Jerry is survived by his daughter, Victoria, a brother, four sisters and two half-sisters. Remembrances can be made to the San Juan Historical Museum, P.O. Box 441, Friday Harbor, WA 98250. |
| **Harrell** | **2011** | Woodrow Harrell (93) of Rockwall, Texas passed away November 2, 2011. He graduated in agriculture from East Texas State University. Woodrow served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, serving within the Bougainville campaign on the Solomon Islands in the Pacific Theatre from 1942–1945. After his military service, Woodrow devoted a 45-year career to SCS, retiring as a district conservationist. Upon retirement, Woodrow was a dedicated citizen cooperative weather observer, serving the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Cooperative Observer program. In recognition of his 45 years of service and dedication, NOAA presented Woodrow with the Dick Hagemeyer Award in 2010. Woodrow is survived by his loving wife of more than 71 years, Theda Roddy-Harrell, a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren. |
| **Hayden** | **2011** | Leola Lee Hayden (85) of Clinton, Oklahoma passed away May 10, 2011. She retired in 1988 as an accounting technician with SCS in Stillwater. Preceding her in death was her husband, Hubert Hayden. Survivors include a son, Vaughn, of the home; and a brother, Richard Shay of Pampa, Texas. |
| **Heineken** | **2011** | Larry Russell Heineken (70) of Wamego, Kansas, passed away July 31, 2011. Larry worked over thirty years for SCS as a Civil Engineering Technician. He worked out of Cedar Vale, Westmoreland, Topeka and Manhattan. Larry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sarah, of the home, daughter, Dawn Heineken and her husband, John Sullivan, Kearney, Missouri; his sons, Wally (Carolyn) Heineken of Altus, Oklahoma, and Toby (Regina) Heineken of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and six grandchildren. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Community Health Ministry and those may be sent in care of Campanella-Evans Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com. |
| **Herrington** | **2011** | Charles Raymond Herrington Jr. (77) passed away May 13, 2011, in Ellsworth, Maine, after suffering from Alzheimer's in recent years. He grew up on a farm in Cherokee, OK and attended Oklahoma State University. For 27 years Ray worked throughout Maine for SCS ending his career in 1983 in Orono, ME. He was a civil engineering technician on the Watershed Planning Staff in Orono serving as the lead CE Technician and also head surveyor. He was also a Certified Land Surveyor in Maine. In retirement, he became an accomplished artist, carving birds and fish. He built his own house. Ray is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara B. (Bryce) Herrington; his sons, Charles "Chuck" R. (Eileen) Herrington III of New Hampshire, David B. (Denise) Herrington of Ellsworth, Donald L. (Tatyana) Herrington, of Ellsworth, Mark T. (Lisa) Herrington of Franklin, and his AFS son, Rene A. (Kristyn) Bastias of Connecticut; and nine grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts in Ray's memory to be made to Robert and Mary's Place, P.O. Box 1533, Ellsworth, ME 04605 or Friends in Action, P.O. Box 1446, Ellsworth, ME 04605. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com. |
| **Hicks** | **2011** | Cecil Nelson Hicks (91) of Bixby, Oklahoma passed away February 4, 2011. He farmed and worked as a construction inspector for SCS in Clinton. Cecil was preceded in death by two sons. Cecil is survived by his wife of 69 years, Faye, one son, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Memories may be shared at www.bixbyfuneralservice.com Ultimate Tributes. |
| **Hinton** | **2011** | Billy Joe Hinton (80) passed away August 20, 2011. Bill served a tour of duty in Alaska as a 1st Lt. in the US Air Force. He worked for SCS in Texas for 31 years, stationed at Alvin, Levelland, Post, Stephenville, and Austin. |
| **Hintz** | **2011** | Martin Frederick Hintz (76) of Mount Ayr, Iowa passed away November 10, 2011. He served three years in the U.S. Army which included 16 months in Korea. Martin graduated from Iowa State University in 1960 with a Degree in Agriculture Education. Martin work for SCS from which he retired in 1992. Preceding him in death was his wife of 35 years, Wanda Kingsolver Hintz. He is survived by three sons, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial fund has been established to the William R. Bliss Cancer Center at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, IA. |
| **Hiovich** | **2011** | Caroline P. Hiovich (83) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away November 15, 2011. She was the Budget Officer in the NC State Office of SCS for many years, retiring in 1990. Caroline was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, John Hiovich. Caroline is survived by her children Alice Heaney of Durham, NC, Joy Parks of Raleigh, NC and John P. (Capri) Hiovich of Shelby Twp., MI; and five grandchildren. |
| **Hirschkorn** | **2011** | DeWayne “Fritz” Hirschkorn (70) of McClusky, North Dakota passed away August 17, 2011. He worked in Garrison and McClusky, ND field offices of SCS/NRCS. He is survived by his wife, Diana; two sons, Darin (Larinda), LaMoure, ND and Doran (Tatum), Bismarck, ND; and seven grandchildren. |
| **Hogue** | **2011** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Richard A. Hogue (91) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away December 18, 2011. He graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy in June 1942. Richard obtained his pilot’s license while in college and served in the U.S. Army Air Force in the European Theater in World War II. He had a successful thirty five year career with SCS, retiring in 1978 as the Assistant Director of the Midwest National Technical Center. In 1945, Richard met and married Elizabeth Jones in South Wales where he was stationed during the war. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Elizabeth (Betty) and their six children: Ronald (Sherry Smith) Beaumont, TX; Diana (Thomas Schur) Syracuse, NY; Pamela (Michael Hurley) Raleigh, NC; Sandra (Fred Duncan) Ada, OK; Karen (Kurt Suhr) Lincoln, NE; and Sharon (Merv Thompson) Birmingham, AL. Additional survivors include 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Iowa State University – Department of Agronomy or the Soil and Water Conservation Society. |
| **Hokanson** | **2011** | Hilding Hokanson (86) of Marshall, Minnesota passed away December 1, 2011. Hilding began his work with SCS in Marshall in 1951 as a soil scientist, working until his retirement in 1986. He mapped over 1 million acres of soils in SW Minnesota. Hilding served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 – 1946. He then attended the University of Minnesota from 1946 – 1950 and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in soils. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elsie, and children Martha (Roger) Molde of Montevideo, John Hokanson of Maple Grove, and daughter-in-law Debbie Hokanson of Cottonwood, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Joel Hilding Hokanson. |

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| **Holland** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Jasper Holland (91) passed away March 8, 2011. He dropped out of high school with only two credits left to graduate and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1940. He served honorably until his medical discharge in 1942. Jasper got his high school diploma at age 26 and then obtained a Bachelor of Arts in geology from Texas Christian University (TCU) in 1950. He began his professional career as a geologist for SCS in Fort Worth, Texas, and went on to obtain his Master of Arts from TCU in 1954. He later became the geologist for 13 Western states at the WNTC in Portland. Jasper served as president of the Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG) from 1975 to 1976. He retired from the SCS in 1978 after 30 years of federal service. He was made an honorary member of AEG in 1996 and became an emeritus member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and a fellow in the Geologic Society of America. Jasper is survived by his daughters, Norma Christian, Nelda Bertram, Nanci Visser and Nanette Reetz; sons, Ernest Holland and Edwin Holland; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Bessie in October 2008. Remembrances to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). |
| **Holste** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Arthur Herman Holste (90) of Redding, California passed away March 25, 2011. Arthur was born on a farm in Ludell, Kansas and served as a civil engineer in SCS Hays Area Office, retiring in 1982. He was a man of strong faith, gentle heart, quiet guidance and a wonderful dad. Arthur and his wife, Doris, were married in 1947 when he returned from serving in the US Army in the Philippines where he was awarded a Purple Heart. |
| **Houf** | **2011** | Ellen “Loretta” Houf of Clearwater, Kansas passed away May 18, 2011. Loretta was the wife of Sam Houf, former area conservationist for SCS at Hays, Kansas. She is survived by a daughter, a step daughter and a step son. |
| **Hughes** | **2011** | Lawrence Dorman Hughes, Sr. (81) of Mclean, Virginia passed away January 31, 2011. Larry worked as an attorney for USDA as a member of the Office of General Council (OGC) staff for 45 years, supporting the Forest Service and SCS/NRCS. Having worked at USDA, Washington, D.C. since 1977, he retired in 2004 at age 75 but continued to work as a consultant to the USDA. He graduated from Marquette University Law School. During the Korean War, Larry was assigned to the Judge Advocate's Court at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is survived by Alice Fain Hughes, his loving wife of 56 years; four children: Lawrence Hughes, Jr.; Charlotte Hughes; Paul Hughes; and Kathy (Kevin) Romance; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to the Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of Wisconsin at 3800 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53222; Web address www.lcfswi.org. |
| **Ivey** | **2011** | Dave Ivey of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away November 2, 2011. He retired from SCS as a conservation technician. He worked in Oakland, Nebraska. |
| **James** | **2011** | Alyce James of Meridian, Idaho passed away September 5, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 61 years George who retired as a plant materials specialist with SCS in 1984. Also surviving are her two beloved sons, Tom of Meridian and Donald (JoAnn) of League City, Texas, and her four grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman Street, Boise, ID 83705, or the American Red Cross, Red Cross Blood Services, 5380 Franklin Road, Boise, ID 83705. |
| **Johnston** | **2011** | Edward A. Johnston (55) of Durand, Illinois passed away suddenly on April 26, 2011. Born Sept. 12, 1955, in Kewanee, the son of Edward and Jo Ann (Allan) Johnston. Edward graduated from Western Illinois University in 1980. He married the former Colleen L. Gaffney on March 31, 1989. He was employed as a district conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Winnebago County, Illinois. Edward worked for the USDA for 35 years. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Durand. He served on the Durand CUSD 322 School Board for 17 years. He was president of the school board when he passed away. Survivors include wife, Colleen; daughter Morgan; son, Eddie; mother, Jo Ann; sister, Theresa; brothers, Pete, Pat and Joe; sisters, Sue and Julie; and many nieces and nephews. |
| **Jolley** | **2011** | Harold Keith Jolley, "Buster" (82) of Byrdtown, Tennessee passed away on December 2, 2011 at his residence. Harold was a retired employee of the Soil Conservation Service as an Agricultural Economist, a member of the Lovelady Christian Church and a Veteran of the Korean War serving in the Army. Survivors include wife Lois Robbins Jolley; daughter, Janet Beth and special son-in-law, Jody Dereck Alley; and two grandsons. |
| **Jolly** | **2011** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Col. Edwin Joseph Jolly (Joe) (97) a native of Albuquerque, passed away on April 2, 2011. Joe served in Hawaii, the Philippines and Okinawa in the Army Reserve during WWII from 1942 through 1945. His career with the Soil Conservation Service began in Gallup and in Phoenix. After the war, he resumed work in Phoenix and in Salt Lake City. He transferred to the Dept of Agriculture in Mexico City then to the Foreign Agriculture Service in Washington and subsequently to the Agricultural Research Service in Minneapolis and finally with the federal government in Washington, DC. Joe had a parallel career as a reserve officer in the Army, becoming a logistician. He retired in Washington for a period of time and represented a Paris art firm. When Joe and his wife, Helene Ann (Nancy) returned to Albuquerque in 1980 he became active in judicial reform and served as president of Court Update. He is survived by his wife, Nancy of 69 years, his children, Margaret Jolly of Albuquerque, Frank (Barbara) Jolly of Charlottesville, VA, Sylvia (Dennis) Buell of Gaithersburg, MD, Mike (Bonnie) Jolly of Bloomington, IN; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SolAmor Hospice Foundation, 7301 Indian School Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. |
| **Jones** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist John Maynard Jones, Sr. (96) passed away May 28, 2011. John graduated from NC A&T State University in 1938 with a BS Degree in Agriculture. He began working with SCS in 1942 when the agency hired a few graduates from “1890” Schools to work primarily with black landowners. Prior to working for SCS, John was a principal at Rocky Knoll School, a Rosenwald three-room school in Durham County, NC and he also taught 5th, 6th and 7th grades. Rosenwald Schools were made possible through the Julius Rosenwald Fund administered by Tuskegee Institute. The Rosenwald rural school building program was a major effort to improve the quality of public education for African Americans in the South in the early 20th century. About 5,000 Rosenwald Schools were built. John was born in Bahama, NC on the same farm where he was living when he died. He was a World War II veteran having served in the Army Air Corps. He was a lifelong member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Bahama and continued the legacy of his own father, who mortgaged his house to fund the church’s construction. He is survived by Mattie, his wife of 70 years; children John (Mildren) Jones, Jr of Stone Mountain, GA, and Courtney (John) Hall and husband of Buford, GA, and two grandchildren. |
| **Kelly** | **2011** | Floyd Kelly (85) of Grand Junction, Colorado passed away March 30, 2011. Floyd retired in 1982 from SCS as an irrigation engineer. |

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| **Kennedy** | **2011** | Hanson J. “Duke” Kennedy (62) of Philippi, WV passed away unexpectedly December 12, 2011. He is survived by his mother Beulah Mae (Croston) Kennedy Adams and his wife of 41 years, the former Alma Lee (Amanda) Kennedy, Slovan, PA; and four grandchildren. Duke was a 1967 graduate of Philip Barbour High School and had attended Fairmont State College. He retired as a civil engineering technician from SCS. |
| **Kenyon** | **2011** | Jeff L. Kenyon (62) of St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away January 2, 2011 of sudden cardiac arrest. Jeff was the Northeast NTC Cultural Resources Specialist on the Economics & Social Sciences staff. At the time of his retirement from the NRCS in 2004, he was a sociologist on Social Sciences Institute staff. A celebration of his life was held at the Mill City Museum in Minneapolis where he served as an interpreter following his retirement. A memorial service is planned for this summer in Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, who was the NNTC Resource Inventory Specialist on the ES&S staff. If you desire to communicate with Suzanne, her e-mail is kenyon003@comcast.net. |
| **Kidder** | **2011** | American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ASABE) Fellow Ernest Kidder (98) passed away February 23, 2011, in Petoskey, Michigan. At the time of his death, he was the ASABE member with the most years of membership at 75. He served in the Navy during World War II as a meteorologist and returned to his duties with SCS in 1946. In September 1949, he accepted the appointment of associate professor of agricultural engineering at Michigan State University and served there until he retired as professor emeritus in 1979. He is survived by a daughter, Sharon (Bruce) Tuttle of Hurricane, UT, and a son, Steven (Diane) Kidder of Charlevoix, MI, and their families. |
| **Kirk** | **2011** | Charles Richard Kirk (90) of Hustontown, Pennsylvania passed away at home June 8, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army in active duty from 1941 to 1945 in the European Theater of Operations and also in the China-Burma-India campaign with the 329th Air Service Corps. He retired from the 2375th Army Reserve Engineer Group in 1965. Dick was a graduate of Penn State University with a Masters degree in Forestry. He was employed by SCS from 1951 to 1987, retiring as an area conservationist in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He was married to Elinor Clement Kirk who passed away in 2009. He is survived by son, Malcolm W. Kirk of Niwot, CO and Hustontown PA; daughter, Nancy L. Kirk, wife of Anthony Pugliese; and four grandchildren. |
| **Kisch-Keuten** | **2011** | Judy A. Kisch-Keuten (65) of Beatrice, Nebraska passed away unexpectedly June 12, 2011. She had been employed as the administrative assistant for the director of NRCS in Beatrice for over 40 years. Survivors include husband Ron of Lincoln, one son, two daughters and, eight grandchildren. A memorial has been established to the family's choice with the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel in charge. |
| **Kisslet** | **2011** | Robert Keith Kissler (80) of Columbus, Ohio passed away November 25, 2011 at home. He fought a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was a graduate of West Virginia University and was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in the Korean Conflict. He retired from SCS as Public Information Officer. A number of his photographs are still being used in NRCS publications. He is survived by his wife Kelly, two children, Jennifer Kissler, Robert (Ann-Michel) Kissler, two step children Amanda and Meghan Bryant, and seven grandchildren. Online condolences may be made to www.schoedinger.com |
| **Koch** | **2011** | Alfred J. "Al" Koch (97) of Houston, Texas, formerly of Atwood, Kansas passed away December 11, 2011. He was a district conserva-tionist with SCS in Atwood. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Houston; one son, Richard (Bonnie), of Los Alamos, NM; daugh-ters, Mary Ann Zia Koch, of Fort Collins, CO, and Elizabeth Koch, of Houston; one grandchild; and eight great-grandchildren. |
| **Koch** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Paul W. Koch (85) of Marietta, Georgia, formerly of Quincy, passed away March 28, 2011. Paul served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired from SCS after 35 years of service as a civil engineer. Survivors in addition to his wife of 51 years, Eileen, include one daughter, Kathie (Garth) Wilcox of Kennesaw, GA; one son, Alan (Ellen) Koch of Portland, OR; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Paul was preceded in death by his first wife, Phylis J. Fahnestock, and his son, Michael Oetting. MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, 148 Church St. NE, Marietta, GA 30060. WEBSITE: www.hansenspear.com. |
| **Kupper** | **2011** | Robert "Bob" Kupper (91) of Marlin, Texas passed away October 26, 2011. Bob became a full time employee of SCS in 1949 working in Muenster, Texas, then Giddings, Texas, before transferring to Marlin where he served the remainder of his 33 years of service. Bob is survived by Florene Endres Kupper, his wife of 65 years; his sons, Chris Kupper and wife, Linda Van Blaricom, Phillip W. Kupper, Douglas (Francesca) Kupper, Doyle (Nancy) Kupper, and Eric (Kikee) Kupper; and son-in-law, Mario Binetti, ten grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. |
| **Lamar** | **2011** | Walter Lee Lamar (70) of Isabella, Oklahoma passed away October 31, 2011 after 15 years and several surgeries for larynx cancer. He attended Cameron College in Lawton, Oklahoma for two years, finishing with a BS degree in Soil Science at Oklahoma State University in 1962. After working as a County Agent and for the Bureau of Reclamation in Colorado and Texas, Walter moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma in 1966 to work for SCS. In 1969, he was promoted to District Conservationist in Okeene, Oklahoma, and later moved to Fairview, Oklahoma as a Conservationist where he retired in 1996. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joy; four children; Timothy, Andrea, Bryan and Adrian; and five grandchildren. |
| **Larrabee** | **2011** | Sylvester “Ves” Larrabee (92) of St. George, Utah passed away June 29, 2011. He retired as a soil conservation technician for SCS, working in Montgomery and Fountain counties in Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Helen Johnson Larrabee; children, Connie (Karl) Richter of St. George, UT, and Pamela (Vern) Nelson of Silverthorne, CO.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. |
| **Lauser** | **2011** | Ronald Lyman Lauster (66) of Carmel, Indiana passed away April 1, 2011. Ron worked as a conservationist for NRCS for 40 years retiring in 2004. In retirement he was a director for the Marion County Soil and Water District. He was a graduate of Purdue University. Ron is survived by wife, Cynthia Mae Lauster, son, Aaron Lyman (Kelly) Lauster, son, Nathanael Thomas (Amy) Lauster, daughter, Elizabeth Marie (Joel) Shilliday; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Hoosier Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society, P. O. 70, Kingman, IN 47952 or www.hoosier chapterswcs.org. Online condolences can be given at www.randallroberts.co. |
| **Lieb** | **2011** | Arche Elton Lieb (86), after a courageous and determined battle to overcome injuries suffered in a fall, passed away August 13, 2011. Arche is survived by his wife of 63 years, Virginia, and son John (Manda) Charles Lieb. He was a graduate Texas A&M University and was an employee of SCS in Aspermont and Knox City, Texas, retiring in 1980. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot from 1943 to 1946 and the U.S. Army Air Corps Reserve for 20 years, retiring as a Captain. |

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| **Liesemeyer** | **2011** | Wayne W. Liesemeyer (80) Lincoln, Nebraska passed away June 7, 2011. Wayne served in the Marines as an aviation metal smith and graduated from University of Nebraska Lincoln, receiving a degree in civil engineering. He retired from SCS as the state irrigation engineer and was passionate about his role in conserving Nebraska water. He is survived by sons Brent (Sally) Liesemeyer, Kailua, HI; Kent (Carla) Liesemeyer, Tucson, AZ.; Scott Liesemeyer and June Kim, Aiea, HI; daughters Lori (Craig) Jumps, Culbertson, NE; Tracy Liesemeyer, Lincoln; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife, Bette L. Liesemeyer. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to the People's City Mission, Lincoln, or Eastridge Presbyterian Church. |
| **Lillevig** | **2011** | Earl B. (Burton) Lillevig (84) passed away December 11, 2011 in Portland, Oregon. He was a veteran of the Merchant Marines, the United States Army, and served in Viet Nam with the Army Corp of Engineers. He worked for SCS as a civil engineer in the Engineering & Watershed Planning Unit. Earl was preceded in death in 2001 by his wife of 50 years, Delva Mae Howard and they are survived by a closely knit circle of foster children, family, and friends. A “Celebration of Life” service will be held January 9, 2012, 10:30 am at Hustad Funeral Home located at 7232 N. Richmond Ave., Portland, Oregon 97203. A military service with interment will follow at 3:00 pm at Willamette National Cemetery located at 11800 S.E. Mt. Scott Blvd. Portland, OR. |
| **Linthicum** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Raymond F. Linthicum (92) of Newton, Iowa passed away October 4, 2011. He was a 1937 graduate of Shannon City High School. Ray was a conservation technician for SCS for 22 years, retiring in 1979. Prior to that he was a farmer. Ray is survived by his wife, Jean Linthicum of Newton; his daughter, Kay Thompson of Maple Grove, MN; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Velma; his uncle and aunt who raised him from the age of 9, Harold and Lattie Linthicum. Memorials to the First Presbyterian Church or to Skiff Hospice may be left at the funeral home. |
| **Liston** | **2011** | Jake Liston of Albright, West Virginia passed away October 29, 2011. Jake is survived by his wife, Linda Liston, who retired from SCS, and children and grandchildren. He retired from the Veterans Administration as an inspector. He served in both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He was a fighter interceptor jet airplane mechanic in the U.S. Air Force. Jake was also an avid airplane pilot. Memorial donations may be made to: Hospice Care Corporation, PO Box 760, Arthurdale, WV 26520-0760. |
| **Lowe** | **2011** | Robert Lowe (77) of O’Neill, Nebraska passed away July 7, 2011. He graduated from South Dakota State University earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Range Management. He was a range conservationist with SCS. Bob served his country in the United States Army Artillery Division during the Korean War from September 1954 to September 1956. He is survived by his wife Joanne. |
| **Lowery** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Frank Harris Lowery, Sr. (93) of Athens, Georgia passed away January 2, 2011. After graduating from high school, he spent two years on Cape Hatteras, NC with the CCC Camp, and enrolled in the University of Georgia in 1937. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia.. During World War II, he served his country in the Army Medical Corps in the European Theater. After teaching agriculture for a few years, he spent 30 years with SCS. He then worked an additional 32 years with the State of Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission finally retiring at the age of 77. In 1988 Frank was honored as the national "Man of the Year" in Soil and Water Conservation in Recognition of his Leadership and support to Soil and Water Conservation in Georgia. Frank is survived by his wife Claire C. Lowery of Athens: three daughters and one son: seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to St. James UMC Senior Adult Program, 111 West Lake Dr., Athens, GA 30606 or the UGA Foundation, benefitting the College of Agriculture, 394 Milledge Ave, Athens, GA 30602. Online condolences may be offered at www.bernsteinfuneralhome.com. |
| **Mack** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Richard A. Mack (89), lifelong resident of Helts Prairie, Indiana passed away June 27, 2011. He graduated from Purdue University and was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star, and many other medals during his service to his country. Richard worked for SCS for over 30 years in Parke and Vermillion Counties. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Mary Ellen and an infant child, Karen Sue. He is survived by his daughter Kelly (Don) Weinzierl of Parrish, Florida, son Ronald (Diana) Mack, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Salem Methodist Church Building Fund, 3456 E. 1050 S. Hillsdale, IN. |
| **Mackey** | **2011** | David Stephen Mackey (66) of Edina, Missouri, passed away September 3, 2011, at the Audrain Medical Center in Mexico, Missouri after suffering injuries from a farming accident on his farm northeast of Edina, Missouri earlier in the day. David worked for NRCS for 34 years, retiring in 2000 as a district conservationist. Appointments included DeKalb County, Worth County, and Knox County. He was involved in Quail Forever and a founding member of the Knox County Rotary Club. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Margaret of the home, four children, and nine grandchildren. An expression of sympathy in memory of David Mackey may be left to the Edina United Methodist Church. |
| **Major** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Harry Merritt Major (87) of Marshall, Missouri passed away February 25, 2011. In high school, Harry participated in dairy and poultry judging contests, going on to compete on the national level and winning the national contest in poultry judging. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, rose to the rank of 1st lieutenant and served in the Philippines and the occupation of Japan. After the war, Harry received a bachelor’s degree in agriculture from the University of Missouri. He took a job teaching agriculture to returning veterans then began his 30-year career with SCS. He worked for SCS in Clinton, Warrensburg, Hannibal and Columbia, MO. In 1965, Harry moved his family to Wisconsin, and two years later to Minnesota, where he was Minnesota State Conservationist for 15 years, retiring in 1983. Survivors include his wife of 61 years Lucille Eaheart Major; daughter Carolyn Major and her husband Peter Coffee of Torrance, CA; daughter Patricia Major and her husband Tracy Curts of Dallas, TX; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to First United Methodist Church – Marshall in Harry’s name. |
| **Mask** | **2011** | Bernard H. Mask (90) of Tyler, Texas passed away October 30, 2011. He retired from SCS as a soil conservationist in Tyler, TX. He attended Texas A & M for two years before being called to serve in the U.S. Army for six long years. During WWII he was stationed in London where he met the love of his life, Joyce, who passed away in December of 2008. Upon returning from the service he received his Bachelor’s Degree from Stephen F. Austin University. Survivors include two daughters and two grandchildren. |

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| **Mayko** | **2011** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Rudolph W. Mayko (92) of Coupeville, Washington passed away February 16, 2011. He was the assistant state soil scientist with SCS when he retired in 1979. |
| **Mays** | **2011** | Imogene "Jean" Mays (86) of Lebanon, PA passed away June 16, 2011. She was the wife of Rodney J. Mays to whom she was married 50 years. Rodney retired from the Pennsylvania state office of SCS. She attended Olivet Nazarene University where she became an ordained minister. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son, two daughters, six grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. Jean is preceded in death by a son and two grandchildren. Contributions may be made in Jean's memory to the Jubilee Prison Ministry, 235 S. 12th Street, Lebanon, Pa. 17042. www.rohlandfh.com. |
| **McClung** | **2011** | Forrest E. McClung (89) of Pryor, OK passed away December 30, 2011. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was injured in a flying accident. After the war he attended Oklahoma State University graduating with a degree in Agriculture Engineering. Forrest worked for SCS designing and building water detention structures and flood control projects up and down the eastern side of Oklahoma, retiring in 1982. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Louise and three children; Dana Lee (Jim) DeBoard, Diana Sue (Hugh) Coats and Del Wayne (Paula) McClung; five grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers please send memorials to the Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home, Box 1056, Hugo, OK 74743. |
| **McDaniel** | **2011** | Donald McDaniel (58) of Ville Platte, Louisiana passed away June 21, 2011. He graduated from the University of Louisiana Lafayette. He started working for SCS as a Soil Scientist in 1974. Donald worked in two major areas in Southeast Louisiana as a soil survey party leader and a team leader for a MLRA mapping project located at Eunice, LA. He took a disability retirement on September 6, 2003. |
| **McGuire** | **2011** | James Mike McGuire (82) of Bryan, Texas passed away October 30, 2011. He graduated from Sam Houston State University. Mike retired as an Area Conservationist for SCS after 35 years of service. Survivors include a son, two daughters, ten grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren. |
| **McKenzie** | **2011** | Lester A. (Les) McKenzie (84) of Elko, Nevada passed away August 31, 2011. Except for service with the US Army Air Corps just after World War II his whole life was involved with rangelands, conservation, land use and production agriculture. It began July 23, 1927, at the Mahoney Ranger Station in Jarbidge, NV where his parents Lewis (Ed) and Esther (Womack) McKenzie lived while Ed worked for the US Forest Service. After his studies at Utah State in Logan were interrupted by the military, Les returned to studies at the University of Nevada and graduated in 1950. He worked for SCS in NV at Mountain City, Elko, Ely, and in Cedarville, CA until 1973 when he retired and became the Modoc County planner in Alturas, CA. In 1979 he and his wife Marian moved back to Elko, County and formed HTT Enterprises. They bred and raised quality horses. Lester was a pioneer in developing computer assisted methods for rangeland evaluation and monitoring and co-authored the first NV Rangeland Monitoring Handbook. Les was active in the American Society of Range Management (now SRM) for 61 years and received numerous awards from the NV Section including Rangeman of the Year. Les will be greatly missed by Marian, his bride of 56 years; daughters Wynarda, Bonnie, Wanda, and Pat; sons Edward and Paul; 11 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Memorial contributions are suggested for the NV Section SRM Endowment Fund c/o Erica Freese, 8905 Little Creek Road, Reno, NV 89508. |
| **McKinzie** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist William Ellis McKinzie (91) Lincoln, Nebraska passed away September 18, 2011. William attended the University of Nebraska on a 4-H scholarship graduating in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and a commission in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. During WW II, after D-day and Utah Beach he remained in combat through the Battle of the Bulge and until VE day. William returned to the United States as a Major in 1945. After separation from the Army he entered graduate school at the University of Nebraska, followed by employment with SCS as a soil scientist. In 1960 he was transferred to Puerto Rico as supervisory soil scientist. He returned to the states in 1965 and ultimately retired after 34 years of service in 1976. He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Dorothy; sons William G. McKinzie of Lincoln and Dr. Charles E. (Dorothy) McKinzie of Alexandria, MN; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, to Sesostris Temple of the Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund, 1050 Saltillo Road, Roca, NE 68430 or the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Foundation. Condolences or personal reflections may be sent online at www.roperandsons.com. |
| **McNair** | **2011** | Elmer Ray McNair (65) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away December 29, 2011. He worked as a mail clerk for NRCS for 35 years. Elmer Ray was a Baptist and a very caring person. Survivors: Wife of 27 years, Mary Massey McNair, stepdaughter, Janie (Mike) Davis, two grandsons and their wives; four great-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter. |
| **McPherson** | **2011** | Marvin L. Gough (87) of McPherson, Kansas passed away March 3, 2011. He attended school in Pittsburg, KS prior to being drafted for World War II service in the Pacific. He later graduated from Kansas State University. He was a charter member of the Kansas Oldtime Fiddlers and played fiddle for almost 80 years, starting with house dances during the Depression, won multiple awards with his family, and was inducted into the National Fiddlers Hall of Fame. Marvin worked for SCS for 20 years in Linn County and as range conservationist for Smoky Hill Bomb Range in Saline County for five years. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Doris of the home; five sons, John (Jean) of Topeka, Dan (Helen) of Burrton, Ed (Paula) of Dighton, Jim (Vicki) of Hesston, and Bill (Tammy) of Wichita; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. The Marvin Gough Memorial Fund has been established at Peoples Bank and Trust, Main and Kansas, McPherson, KS 67460. Contributions may be mailed directly to the bank. The memorial gifts will go to the Kansas Oldtime Fiddlers, Pickers and Singers and the American Legion–Disabled American Veterans. |
| **Meadows** | **2011** | John Alexander (Ecky) Meadows III (94) of New Bern, North Carolina passed away on May 30, 2012. Ecky served as area soil scientist for the Goldsboro area for more than 20 years. He retired in New Bern where he was ordained an elder of First Presbyterian Church, his church home for most of his life. He was a graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in Soil Science. Ecky served in the US Navy during WWII. He commanded the LST-505 from his commissioning in 1943 until the end of the war in Europe. He continued in the U.S. Navy Reserves until his retirement in 1972. He is survived by his sister, Ella Meadows Giesey, of Gloucester, NC. |
| **Meier** | **2011** | Vaughdeen Allen Meier (70) of Littlefield, Texas passed away July 4, 2011, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Vaughdeen married Charlie Meier on Aug. 1, 1970, in Perryton, Texas. Charlie Meier (retired) was a long time Soil Conservationist/Agronomist in the Littlefield, TX Field office. |

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| **Meyer** | **2011** | Marlene Meyer (81) of Windsor Heights, Iowa passed away December 16, 2011. She graduated from Maxwell High School and AIB. Marlene was preceded in death by her husband Martin, who worked for SCS as an economist on the watershed staff. She is survived by three daughters; Susan (Carl) Bledsoe of Windsor Heights, Laurie Meyer of Des Moines and Carole (Shawn) McGorrian of Sherman Oaks, CA; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Memorials may be directed to the Windsor Heights Lutheran Church. www.mclarensresthavenchapel.com. |
| **Miles** | **2011** | Clifford C. Miles (81) of Springfield, Illinois and formerly of Terre Haute, passed away May 22, 2011. Clifford was a retired SCS Soil Scientist. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and daughters , Lynette L. Damhoff, Jennifer S. Sheehan, and Sandra K. Linville; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He married Margaret Wilkenson and she survives. |
| **Mills** | **2011** | Larry Mills (67) passed away September 17, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. Larry grew up in Bozeman, MT and graduated from Montana State University with an accounting degree. Larry worked for NRCS in Montana, California and D.C. He is survived by his wife, Jo, daughter, Terri, of West Sacramento, son Scott of Denver. |
| **Mitchell** | **2011** | Carol Baxter Mitchell, of Gainesville, Florida, passed away January 26, 2011. She is survived by her husband James W. Mitchell of Gainesville, retired State Conservationist in Florida; daughters, Pamela Smith of California, and Dr. Nancy M. Worthington of Gainesville; and a son, Stephen Mitchell of Gainesville; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation, 12921 SW 1st Road, Ste. 107-424, Jonesville, FL 32669, www.sebastianferrero.org. |
| **Mize** | **2011** | Dyanne Mathews Mize (62) of Winterville, Georgia passed away February 18, 2011. She was a graduate of the University of Georgia and taught school in Elbert and Clarke Counties for many years. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Ronald E. Mize who worked for SCS in the finance section in the Georgia State Office for over 30 years, many of them as the Budget Officer, retiring in 1996. Other survivors include three children, five grandchildren, a great grandchild. Memorial donations may be made to Winterville First Baptist Church. Please sign the Obituary Guest Book at www.onlineathens.com |
| **Moody** | **2011** | Life member Ernest Lee Moody (73) of Temple Hills, Maryland, passed away April 3, 2011. He was a graduate of Virginia State University (Class of '59). Ernest was employed by the USDA as a district soil conservationist. Condolences may be offered to the family at ddwatson mortician.com. |
| **Moon** | **2011** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Wilson Thomas (Bugger) Moon (99) of Holland, Texas passed away May 17, 2011 at his home. He graduated from Texas A&M University, where he played baseball. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Bess Thompson in 1942. She preceded him in death in 1997. He married Dorothy Graham on Sept. 2, 2000. He worked for SCS in Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico and Indiana and retired as state conservationist in Iowa after 40 years of service. He operated a farm near Holland. He was a Mason. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Temple; a stepson, Bill Graham of Virginia; two stepdaughters, Susan Alexander of The Woodlands and Janet Keckeisen of Dallas and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church organ fund or building fund. |
| **Mull** | **2011** | Max A. Mull (81) of Little Rock, Arkansas passed away March 5, 2011. He, wife Irene and daughters Lativia and Lavena came to join the Arkansas conservation effort from Missouri in mid 1970s, where they had done great work. They continued their fine efforts in Arkansas. Max served 26 years in his conservation efforts with SCS as a District Conservationist, Area Conservationist, Assistant State and early in 1980 served as Acting State Conservationist. Surviving Max are wife Irene, both daughters and their husbands, three grandchildren, two sisters and one brother, plus numerous nieces and nephews. Irene can be reached at 46722 Hwy 10, Perryville, AR 72126. |
| **Murrell** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Ray Chapple Murrell (95) of Altus, Oklahoma passed away April 10, 2011. He attended Oklahoma State University (then OAMC), where he graduated Phi Kappa Phi in 1938. He taught school at Cameron College for two years before beginning work with SCS in 1940, retiring after 34 years of service. Ray is survived by a son, two daughters, five grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Lucille Hensley Murrell. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Altus First United Methodist Church., 317 North Main Street, Altus., OK 73521-3105. |
| **Nesbitt** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Stroud Ben Nesbitt (91) passed away May 30, 2011 in McKinney, Texas. He was born on his father's birthday at their family farm in Nesbitt, Texas where his family had lived since the 1840's. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Margaret Manley Nesbitt, as well as his two children: Rose Anne Nesbitt (Kenneth) Mott and Earl Stroud (Kim) Nesbitt; and a Daughter-In-Law, Janet Nesbitt James; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Stroud was preceded in death by his son Gabe Nesbitt. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps at the onset of World War II and proudly served in the Pacific theater, including the battle of Guadalcanal. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserves with over 30 years of service. He worked in Marshall, El Paso, Carthage, and finally in McKinney as a conservation technician for SCS, retiring in 1982. Memorials may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church or Toys for Tots. |
| **Nurmi** | **2011** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Edwin O. "Ed" Nurmi (98) passed away October 7, 2011, in Mesa, Arizona. Both Ed's parents immigrated from Finland early in the 1900s and Ed's first language was Finnish, in which he was fluent until death. Ed held a degree in agronomy from the University of Idaho, where he graduated in 1936. After graduation, he began his career with SCS in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, before moving to Sandpoint, Idaho, to become the first district conservationist in Bonner County. Before retiring in 1968, he was the manager of the Plant Materials Center in Pullman, WA. He is survived by his stepson, James (Janice) Abbott of Alamogordo, NM. He has two grandsons and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Grace, who died in 1950; and his second wife, Ruth, who died in 1990. Memorial donations in Ed's name may be made to Shriners International, 855 Main St., Lewiston, ID 83501 and University of Idaho Foundation, Moscow, Idaho 83844. |
| **Olson** | **2011** | James H. Olson (83) of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania passed away July 27, 2011. Jim was a graduate of North Dakota State University. He retired after 33 years with SCS, having served as PA State Conservationist and Legislative Assistant at NHQ. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marie L. (Cox) Olson; three sons, Loren (Susan), Mark (Patti), and Steve (Judy); and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 13200 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110; and Trinity Lutheran Church Alter Guild, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011. |

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| **Overboe** | **2011** | Orville Overboe (83) passed away February 10, 2011 at home in Midlothian, Virginia. He worked for SCS for 10 years in ND and 25 years with ASCS in Washington, DC. He was Head of Feed Grains and Soybean Analysis Section with the USDA when he retired. He is survived by his five children, Kathy (Kerry) McQuiddy of Powhatan, Beth (Mike) Morrow of Chesapeake, Julie (Randy) Gibson of Glen Allen, Troy (Jenn) Overboe of California and Trent (Stephanie) Overboe of Powhatan; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his two beloved wives, LuVonne Bergren Overboe and Jacquelyn Running Overboe and an infant daughter, Stacy. |
| **Overholt** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist David Philip Overholt (90) of Dublin, Ohio passed away July 27, 2011. His early life was centered around The Ohio State University where his father was a Professor of Agricultural Engineering. He played baritone in the Ohio state Marching Band then transferred to Michigan State University where he was graduated in 1942 with a degree in forestry. Following graduation from MSU he entered Officers' training with the U S Navy. After post-graduate school at the US Naval Academy and Anti-submarine Warfare School in Miami, he was assigned to the destroyer USS CASSIN YOUNG and helped put her into commission at San Pedro, CA. Thereafter he served as Communications Officer and Navigator throughout her participation in seven major naval battles in the Pacific. Their ship was the last destroyer to be hit by Kamakazi planes before VJ Day. Dave was always especially proud of the two Purple Hearts and Bronze star awarded him for service in those campaigns. The USS CASSIN YOUNG is now a National Historic Ship in the Old Charlestown Navy Yard at Boston along with the USS CONSTITUTION. Following the war, Dave began what would be his life-long career with SCS. After working in Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois, he was transferred to Washington DC. He was one of the developers of the first SCS Farm and Ranch Planning Handbook. In 1982 the Overholts retired to Santa Fe NM. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty Jane, and their three children: Dr. Jon David Overholt (Brigitte) of Fair Oaks CA, Kristine Bellona (Steven) of Clinton NY, and Melissa (Patrick) Bowman of Columbus; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Ownbey** | **2011** | John Ward Ownbey (86) of Gladstone, Missouri, passed away September 14, 2011. He served in the US Army from 1955-1958. He retired from SCS after 30 years of service as a soil conservation technician. John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Evelyn and daughters, Sonjya Ownbey and Arletta Ownbey, both of Gladstone. |
| **Palma** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Lois Jones Palma (89) of Champaign, Illinois passed away January 20, 2011. Lois retired from SCS in Illinois as a Personnel Assistant in 1981 years. Upon completion of secretarial school in Chicago, she served as secretary to the General in charge of the B-17 Training School at Chanute Air Force Base during WWII. Many visitors to her home enjoyed her wonderful home cooking. She enjoyed bridge, oil painting, sewing, crossword puzzles and University of Illinois basketball. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank, and is survived by sons, Kent of San Antonio, Texas, and Jim of Dallas, Texas, four grandchildren, one great grandchild. To leave your condolences please visit the funeral home website at: WWW.FuneralCaringUSA.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the USO in memory of Lt. Col. Frank C. and Lois Palma or in honor of their grandson, Sgt. Gavin Palma, who is currently serving in Afghanistan. The USO Donation Link is below: WWW.USO.org/Donate. |
| **Palmer** | **2011** | Robert L. (Bob) Palmer (90) of Beattyville, Kentucky passed away January 13, 2011. Bob was a soil conservation technician with SCS in Lee, Breathitt, and Owsley Counties when he retired. |
| **Parks** | **2011** | Walter Donald Parks (92) of Anna, Illinois passed away October 6, 2011. He graduated from the University of Illinois and was one of five founders of Nabor House Fraternity. In World War II he served three years with the U.S. Army in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, where he received the Bronze Star and the Oak Leaf Medal from the British Army. Both medals were for activity with Engineer Intelligence in support of combat operations. Donald was a soil scientist with SCS for 25 years and was author of Soil Survey Reports covering the five southernmost Illinois counties. He also worked with Southern Seven Health Department for 17 years. He is survived by his wife, and by four children, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. |
| **Partin** | **2011** | Willie Ray Partin (86) of Columbia, Kentucky passed away February 27, 2011. He was a World War II veteran, a retired SCS District Conservationist and a farmer. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Flora Mills Partin of Columbia, KY; two sons Dr. Gary L. (Elizabeth) Partin and Terry (Rita) Partin of Columbia, KY; one daughter: Sharon Lynn Palumbo of Columbia, KY; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. |
| **Passmore** | **2011** | Giles Dewitt "Dee" Passmore Jr. (67) of Sayre, Oklahoma passed away July 31, 2011. He retired from NRCS as a soil conservationist in January, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Vanetta Marie Stone Passmore; two children, and five grandchildren. |
| **Patten** | **2011** | E. John Patten, Jr. (73) of Fitzgerald, Georgia passed away January 11, 2011. John is survived by his devoted wife of 51 ½ years, Vivian Gentry Patten of Fitzgerald. John graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering. While a student at GT he worked with The Georgia Railroad and helped to design and lay out the railroad around Stone Mountain. Upon graduation in 1962, he began a career with SCS from which he retired in 1994 as State Design Engineer after 30 years of service. He then became a dams specialist with Schnabel Engineering Associates serving as a consultant. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beech Haven Baptist Church who will be establishing a Georgia Tech scholarship fund in memory of E. John Patten Jr. |
| **Patterson** | **2011** | Captain Peter Vosper Patterson (78) of Portland, Oregon passed away June 8, 2011. He earned his BS at Oregon State College and his MS at University of Oregon. He was a licensed geologist in Oregon and California in engineering geology. Peter worked for SCS, Forest Service, the Army Corps of Engineers and finally, as an independent foreign and domestic consultant until 2008. In 1992 he retired from federal service in Washington, D.C., as a manager of the SCS Water Quality Branch. Peter served 34 years active and reserve duty in the U.S. Navy and in 1985 he retired from naval service as Commanding Officer Military Sealift Command Headquarters Unit in Washington, D.C. Peter is survived by his wife of 56 years, Alice; children, Leslie (Robert) Bentley, Stephen (Connie), Mark (Amy), Christopher and Peter "Pip" (Shannon); 20 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Remembrances to OHSU Leukemia Research or St. Patrick Catholic Church Restoration Fund. |

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| **Pederson** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Rudy James "Pete" Pederson (93) a longtime range conservationist in San Angelo who devoted his life to preserving grasslands and water resources, passed away August 3, 2011. Rudolph Pederson was born in a sod house on a wheat farm on the plains near Dutton, Montana. Following his father's death, Rudy lived at the Montana State Home and graduated as valedictorian of his class at Virginia City High School. Rudy graduated from the University of Montana at Missoula with a BS degree in forestry and range management in 1939, working summers as a forest ranger and fire fighter. Rudy joined SCS as a field specialist on June 26, 1939, in Billings, Mont. Rudy received a furlough from SCS in 1943 to join the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served as chief gunnery officer on the USS Salomonie, a fleet oiler and participated in the American Theater, European Theater, Caribbean Theater, Pacific Theater, the battle for Okinawa, the battle of Leyte Gulf, the China Sea and the Philippines. After the war, Rudy resumed his career with SCS retiring in 1974. From 1975-1978, Rudy served as a consultant for Texas A&M and U.S. AID in Dares Salaam, Tanzania, providing technical assistance in livestock marketing and range management for three years. From 1979-1981, he held a similar U.S. AID position in Mandeville, Jamaica, where he designed runoff systems in the country's mountainous regions where erosion was the most severe. In addition to his wife of 48 years, Doris, Rudy is survived by two daughters, Karen (Mike) Newsom of Hideaway, Texas, and Rena Pederson of Dallas, Texas; ten grandchildren; and five great-granddaughters. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity. |
| **Pipes** | **2011** | John R. Pipes (83) of Gainesville, TX passed away October 6, 2011. John Roy graduated from Tarleton State University in 1948 and Texas A&M in 1957 with an engineering degree. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force in Korea from 1951 to 1953. John retired as an engineer with SCS after 33 years. He is survived by two sons and two grandsons. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship Fund, NCTC Foundation, 1525 W. California St., Gainesville, TX 76240 or the Cooke County A&M Club Scholarship Fund, c/o Van Knight, PO. Box 10, Gainesville, TX 76241. |
| **Plummer** | **2011** | Jerald M. "Jerry" Plummer (77) of Springfield, Missouri passed away May 24, 2011. Jerry proudly served our country in the U.S. Army and in the 101st Airborne Division Band. He served his community as a funeral director for many years. He retired from SCS. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Anita Plummer; daughter, Penny (Andy) Fusco and three grandchildren. |
| **Potter** | **2011** | When Senior Conservationist and Honorary Member Harry E. Potter (91) of Watertown, New York passed away on December 21, 2018, the world lost a gentle giant. Harry was born in Caribou, Maine. He received a degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Maine at Orono in 1954. Before attending college, he served as he would say proudly for two years, ten months and eight days in the Army Air Corps (Now U.S. Air Force). Upon graduation from college, he worked as a soil conservationist in Genesee County (Batavia, NY) where he met his wife, Sharon J. Gassman, who was working in an office across the hall. In 1956 he was transferred to Berlin, NY to work as a project engineer on the Little Hoosick Watershed. In 1958 he was appointed District Conservationist in Rensselaer County (Troy, NY). He came to Jefferson County as District Conservationist in 1967 where he continued working until his retirement in September 1982. Harry is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Sharon, who he always referred to as his “first wife!”; a son, Jeffrey and wife, Lynne, of Aurora, IL; a son, Jonathan and partner, Nancy, of Wheatland, WY; a daughter, Ellen and her husband, Edwin of Effingham, NH; eight grandchildren and three great grandsons. He was pre-deceased by his parents, two brothers and a sister. Harry was very active in the Brownville United Methodist Church, holding several offices and being Lay Member to Annual Conference for several years. He belonged to Masonic Lodge #53 in Sidney, ME, but attended Masonic Lodge #53 in Brownville, NY. He was secretary and chairman of the Town of Pamelia Planning Board for many years, chairman of Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District Directors and served on several agricultural boards. Harry kept a small flock of sheep. He enjoyed a large collection of Marilyn Monroe photos. Always a very active person, he tobogganed down the family’s back hill until he was 88. Known as the “Original Harry Potter” after the Harry Potter books came out, he had much fun sharing the same name. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be given to Hospice of Jefferson County, 1398 Gotham Street, Watertown, NY 13601. Online condolences may be made to dexterfuneralhome.com. |
| **Powell** | **2011** | Louise Sample Powell (87) of Burlington, North Carolina passed May 1, 2011. Louise moved to North Carolina from Kentucky with her family in 1968. She is survived by two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Powell, who retired as an area conservationist with SCS in 1983. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Graham, 224 North Main Street, Graham, N.C. 27253. Condolences may be sent to www.mccluefuneralservice.net |
| **Proctor** | **2011** | C. L. Proctor Sr. (82) of Burleson, Texas passed away peacefully at home after a long illness on October 16, 2011. C.L. was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Martha Westbrook Proctor, and a son, C.L. "Butch" Proctor Jr. He was survived by three children. Martha retired from SCS at the South NTC in Fort Worth. |
| **Quinn** | **2011** | John E. Quinn Jr. (60) passed away July 30, 2011. This gentle giant struggled with health problems on and off his whole life, but never let it stop him from doing what he loved most, working with the Boy Scouts of America. Because of his work at Scout camps all over the country, a ridge at Sid Richardson Scout Camp, "Big John's Ridge," was named after him. John would later work for the U.S. government as a cartographer in SCS, hand-drawing maps, but he never stopped Scouting. On April 13, 2009, John was awarded the Silver Beaver Medal in Scouting, an award given to an adult who dedicates his life to making a difference in Scouting. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Boy Scouts of America in his honor, which can be done online at www.scouting.org |
| **Rand** | **2011** | Parker B. Rand Jr. (63) of Bangor, Maine passed away June 25, 2011. Parker was employed as an engineering technician on the watershed planning staff in Maine and then as a GIS specialist with USDA Farm Service Agency, retiring after 35 years of service. Surviving, in addition to his wife of 42 years Laura of Bangor are two children, and four grandchildren. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to CancerCare of Maine, care of Healthcare Charities, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME 04402. Condolences to his family may be offered at www.kileyandfoley.com. |

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| **Rasar** | **2011** | Vaughn D. Rasar (69) of Rome, Maine passed away at his home July 11, 2011 after a metastatic melanoma diagnosis in early May. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife management at Oklahoma State University and then attended the University of Maine at Orono, where he earned a master degree of science in wildlife management. Shortly thereafter, he began to teach biology at Thomas College in Waterville. Vaughn was perhaps best known as the owner of Rome Strawberry Patch, a pick-your-own strawberry farm to which he devoted much of his time and talent for the last 20 years. He worked for NRCS for 15 years, retiring in 2006. He is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Jean (Farnham) Rasar; his daughter, Laura Rasar (Bob) King of West Friendship, MD; his son, Peter (Karen) Rasar, of Oakland; and three grandchildren. |
| **Reinsch** | **2011** | Dorothy R. Reinsch (81) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away March 6, 2011. She was Medical Librarian and wife of William Reinsch, a retired agronomist with SCS. Survivors include her husband, two sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorials: St. Elizabeth Hospital Library, St. Josephs Catholic Church. Condolences may be left @ www.bmlfh.com |
| **Riehle** | **2011** | Jeannette J. Riehle (68) of Spokane, Washington passed away May 18, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Harry Riehle, who retired from SCS as the state agronomist, daughter Joy (Greg) Westberg of Olympia, WA, two sons, Adin (Cami) Riehle of Garland UT, and Lee (Brandy) Riehle of Spokane Valley, WA, and eight grandchildren. |
| **Robins** | **2011** | Lawrence E. Robins (83) passed away September 13, 2011. He retired from SCS in 1983 as civil engineer at the Topeka Area Office. |
| **Saari** | **2011** | Charles T. Saari (65) of Sartell, Minnesota passed away November 3, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Kathy of Sartell; and children, Matthew (Jodi), Apple Valley, MN and Julia (Christopher) Saari-Franks of Springfield, MA. Charles was a Soil Scientist for NRCS (SCS) for 32 years, retiring in 2003. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and camping. |
| **Salch** | **2011** | Life member Nelton Otto Salch (78) of Corpus Christi passed away October 2, 2011. He was a graduate of Texas A&M class of 1955-Corp of Cadets. Nelton was employed for 30 years as a civil engineer with SCS, retiring in 1993. He served as the Irrigation Engineer at the SNTC and as the State Conservation Engineer in Florida. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Kathreen; his sons Clayton Richard (Kimberly) Salch and Michael (Cindy) Salch; a daughter Vicki Jo (Edward) Smith; five grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the scholarship fund of Texas Aggie Corp of Cadets Association, 1134 Fin Feather Road, Bryan, TX 77803. |
| **Samson** | **2011** | Lyle J. Samson (86) of Minot, ND, passed away March 3, 2011. He served in the Navy during World War II prior to attending North Dakota State University in Fargo, where he obtained a bachelor of science degree in agriculture in 1950. Lyle worked for SCS in several locations prior to moving to Bismarck in 1979 as the North Dakota state agronomist. He continued there until his retirement from the SCS in December 1988 after 34 years of service. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Helen, of Minot; sons, Gary (Carmen) Samson, Minot, and Tom (Lynn Brokaw) Samson, Bismarck; and three grandchildren. Memorials: are preferred to Metigoshe Ministries or to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. |
| **Schlepp** | **2011** | Lenard Lewis Schlepp (90) of St. Francis, Kansas passed away May 20, 2011. He retired from SCS in 1979 as a soil conservation technician. He was preceded in death by: wife, Alice, in 2002; and one great-grandchild. Survivors include Richard "Rick" Schlepp (former state soil scientist in Kansas) of Salina, and Stanley Schlepp, of Middle-town, MD.; daughters, Susan Roelfs, of St. Francis, and Shelly Farmer, of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Memorials: to the United Methodist Church, St. Francis or the St. Francis Senior Center. |
| **Schrader** | **2011** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Joseph E. “Joe” Schrader (91) of Oskaloosa, Kansas passed away November 18, 2011. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII, serving in the 8th Armored Division in the European Theater of Operations until 1945. In 1948, Joe earned a B.S. degree in agronomy from Kansas State University. Joe joined SCS in Oskaloosa, where he retired in 1975 after 27 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Clara Vanek Schrader of the home. Other survivors include one daughter, Deborah Lamphier, Rock Island, IL, two sons, Daniel (Peggy) Schrader, Federal Way, WA, and David Schrader, Oklahoma City, OK, five grandchildren, and a great-grandson. Mr. Schrader bequeathed his body to the Kansas University Medical Center. The family requests memorials to St. Theresas Church or to the Paralyzed Veterans of America in care of the Barnett Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, 1220 Walnut, Hwy 59, Oskaloosa, KS. 66066. www.barnettfamilyfh.com |
| **Sheley** | **2011** | Melford Jay Sheley (84) of Guthrie Center, Iowa passed away December 17, 2011. He was a conservation technician for SCS in the Guthrie Center field office. He retired with 30 years of service. Jay was a past - president of the Iowa Beef Producers Association. From February 17, 1945 until July 25, 1946 he was in the United States Navy, serving in the South Pacific on the ship, LCI L 652. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal and American Campaign Medal. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ethel, a son and two daughters, five grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be left to: First Christian Church Window Fund, American Legion Post #124, or S.A.L. Squadron #124 Building Fund. |
| **Shields** | **2011** | Paul Shields (77) of Wheatland, Wyoming, passed away February 14, 2011. He received his bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and retired as a soil scientist for SCS. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Christine (Forget) Shields; two sons, John Shields of Wheatland and George Shields (Keri) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two stepsons, Jeff Bartos of Estelline, South Dakota and Bret Bartos of Richmond, Virginia; and four grandchildren. Friends who wish may contribute to the Platte County Library, 904 9th St., Wheatland, WY 82201. Friends may also sign his online guest book at wrcfuneral.com |

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| **Shillingburg** | **2011** | Ernest C. Shillingburg (90) of Temple, Texas passed away December 3, 2011 at his residence. He attended John Tarleton Agricultural College for two years. He then transferred to Texas A & M College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education. While at A & M, Ernest was a proud member of the Corps of Cadets and Class of 1943. His class was required to attend college year round due to the increased need for military officers during World War II. Ernest was an army veteran of World War II, serving on active duty from January 1943 until May 1946. In northern Europe, he was an infantry officer with the 7th Armored Division, 48th Armored Infantry Battalion. While with the 7th AD, Ernest was involved in battle campaigns in Holland, Belgium and Germany. His military decorations include the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars, the Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Purple Heart for wounds received in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. He was honorably discharged from active duty with the rank of Captain and continued to serve in the Army reserves until 1951. In 1946, Ernest began work for SCS and worked in Albany, Iowa Park, Fort Worth and Temple as well as extended assignments in Washington, D.C. In 1978, Ernest retired from the SCS as the State Administrative Officer in the state office in Temple. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Bertha Shillingburg of Temple; a son, Don (Jill) Shillingburg of Temple; a daughter, Karen Shillingburg of Rosebud; and two grandsons. Memorials may be given in Mr. Shillingburg's name to the First United Methodist Church of Temple, 102 N. 2nd Street, Temple, Texas 76501 or to Lighthouse Hospice, 2913 Williams Drive, Suite 320, Georgetown, TX 78628. |
| **Smetana** | **2011** | Dennis R. Smetana (68) of Roundup, Montana passed away August 24, 2011 of an apparent heart attack. Dennis retired in 1996 from NRCS as an Area Soil Specialist on the State Soil Staff in Montana. He is survived by his wife Jean of Roundup, MT; sons, Rob Wolff (Deanna) of Roundup, MT, and Lane Wolff (Monica) of Billings; and three grandchildren. |
| **Smith** | **2011** | Donald Morris "Donnie" Smith, Sr. (76) passed away September 3, 2011. Donnie was born in Wayne County, North Carolina where he lived his entire life. He began working at the age of 18 with SCS as Soil Conservation Technician in Goldsboro and later transferred to Kinston. After retirement from NRCS he was employed by the Greene Soil and Water Conservation District. His service as a Conservation Technician totaled over 58 years. Donnie is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mabel "Bootsie" B. Smith; his son, Morris (Lynn) Smith of Florence, SC; his daughters, Teresa S. (Mike) Peele of Goldsboro, NC, Donna S. (Stan) Smith Goldsboro and Sonja S. (Steve) Ginn of Snow Hill, NC; and nine grandchildren. |
| **Smith** | **2011** | Jo Ann Smith passed away January 26, 2011 at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas. Her husband, Hugh Smith, was the area engineer for SCS in the Temple area for a long time, retiring in 1994. |
| **Smith** | **2011** | Marylin Smith (80) of Urbana, Illinois passed away March 26, 2011. She was predeceased in 2005 by her husband Robert L. Smith who retired as an Area Conservationist in Illinois and later served ARSCSE as a Vice President for several terms and did a great job as the Illinois representative. Survivors include two sons, Joe (Linda) Smith of Urbana and Richard (Pat) Smith of Seminole, FL; one daughter, Patty (David) Oliphant of Jacksonville, FL; and four grandchildren. Marylin was a dedicated volunteer through her church and other organizations. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association, Alzheimer's Association or First Presbyterian Church. |
| **Somerville** | **2011** | David J. Somerville (72) of Layton, Utah passed away at home May 20, 2011, from a short, hard battle with cancer. His childhood was spent working with his dad on the ranch and living like a cowboy. David attended Brigham Young University and Utah State University where he graduated with a degree in Range Management and worked for NRCS in Utah and Arizona. David is survived by his wife, Judy, two sons, three daughters and 16 grandchildren. |
| **Sonnier** | **2011** | Irvin Louis Sonnier (84) passed away April 13, 2011. Irvin retired from SCS in June 1986 as the Assistant State Conservation Engineer in Alexandria, Louisiana. He retired with 37 years of service. Irvin is survived by one step-son and his wife, one grandson and two sisters. He is preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Doris Sonnier. |
| **Spangler** | **2011** | Connie Spangler (73) of Indianola, Iowa passed away August 17, 2011. She worked in Personnel for SCS her entire career beginning in 1957 or '58 and retired in 1979. She is survived by her husband, Richard, a son, Kyle (Vickey) Forst of Knoxville, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Connie's name to Wesley Hospice. Online condolences may be made at www.overtonfunerals.com. |
| **Stearns** | **2011** | Member Charles E. Stearns (80) of Redman, Oregon passed away December 31, 2011, from complications of Parkinson's Disease and dementia. His father, Lyle, died when Ed was about 18 months old and his mother, Alice, raised Ed by herself. She died in 1994. Ed served in the U.S. Army from 1953 until 1955 and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Reserve in 1961. He went on to become the first member of his family to attend college. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Washington State University in 1959 and Master of Science degree in geology from the University of Oregon in 1962. After starting with SCS in 1962 in Portland, he later worked for the agency in Berkeley, CA, then Davis, CA, where he eventually became the agency's state geologist for California. He relocated to Portland in 1978, becoming engineering geologist for the 13 western states, Samoa and Guam. His geology work also took him to Saipan and Chile and to the flanks of Mount St. Helens in April 1980, just five weeks before it erupted. He retired in 1994. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty; his son, John; his grandson, Jack; and his daughter-in-law, Susan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Partners In Care Hospice, 2075 NE Wyatt Ct, Bend, OR 97701. |
| **Stephens** | **2011** | Vernon Richard Stephens (72) of Columbia, Missouri passed away on his 72nd birthday October 12, 2011. He retired from NRCS in 2004 as a human resources specialist for the NRCS Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Judy Stephens; three daughters; and five grandchildren. |
| **Stroesenreuther** | **2011** | Jeanette Stroesenreuther (75) of Lansing, Michigan passed away July 22, 2011. She was the wife of Neil Stroesenreuther, retired State Soil Scientist with SCS. Neil is now living at 1350 Jefferson Street, Barbaroo, WI 53913-1785. |
| **Sutcliffe** | **2011** | William (Bill) Sutcliffe (80) of Ocala, Florida passed away March 30, 2011. Bill was an Engineering Technician in the P.L.566 Watershed program in Massachusetts prior to his retirement from SCS. He was also a US Army Veteran and served during the Korean War. He is survived by his loving wife, Audrey (Blanchard) Sutcliffe of Ocala, FL; son, Thomas E. Sutcliffe of Silver Springs, FL; daughter, Bonnie Sutcliffe Coppinger of Woonsocket, RI; son, Brian Sutcliffe of Montgomery Village, MD; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. |
| **Swanson** | **2011** | Dorothy A. Swanson (82) of Yates Center, Kansas passed away January 2, 2011. Dorothy was the wife of Deane Swanson, Soil Scientist for SCS, who served in Southeast Kansas. Memorials to Dorothy Swanson Memorial Fund may be sent to the funeral home, P.O. Box 188, Yates Center, KS 66783. |

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| **Swanson** | **2011** | Lester W. “Les” Swanson (89) of Willmar, Minnesota passed away April 2, 2011. Les joined SCS in 1953 and after one year in Owatonna and 12 years in Pipestone, he served 20 years as District Conservationist in Willmar, retiring in 1986. Les was involved in the Soil Conservation Society of America and was an avid Barbershop quartet singer as well as volunteering for many organizations. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, as well as four children. |
| **Swigart** | **2011** | Dean E. Swigart (85) of Lucas, Ohio passed away November 1, 2011. Shortly after graduation from high school, he served in the United States Navy as a radioman during WWII. Dean graduated from The Ohio State University earning his Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture. Following college, he returned home to the family farm, which was established in Lucas before the civil war. For 35 years Dean worked as a soil conservation technician with SCS, retiring in 1985. While working as a technician, one of Dean's many accomplishments was engineering over 350 farm ponds. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 64 years Beverly Swigart of Lucas; daughter Sharon (Michael) Hinz of Rochester Hills, Michigan; son James (Ginger) Swigart of Pollock Pines, California; and two granddaughters. |
| **Taylor** | **2011** | Hugh Gilbert Taylor, Jr. (87) of Barnsdall, Oklahoma passed away April 6, 2011. Hugh was soil conservation technician with SCS for 38 years until his retirement in 1985, working in Beaver, Osage, Nowata and Washington counties. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alla Mae Taylor, one son, one daughter, and five grandsons. A memorial fund has been established and those who wish may send their contributions to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 939, Barnsdall, OK, 74002. |
| **Tedford** | **2011** | Lawrence D. Tedford (84) of Goodland, Kansas passed away July 30, 2011. He retired in 1981 as the district conservationist for SCS at Goodland. He was in the U.S. Army in the infantry and a construction machine operator in the Philippines from Feb. 2, 1945 to Dec. 14, 1946. Lawrence attended Sterling College and Fort Hays State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science at Agriculture. He was a single engine aircraft pilot for over 60 years. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Evelyn; a daughter, Joliene Tarvin of Shawnee; two sons, Terry (Linda) Tedford of Castle Rock, CO and Donald Tedford of Colby, KS; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Thomas** | **2011** | James “Wes” “Sonny” Thomas (71) of Okemah, Oklahoma passed away January 22, 2011. Wes graduated from Eastern Oklahoma State College and then graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture. He served in the Oklahoma National Guard. Wes worked for SCS as an Area Conservationist, retiring in 1994. He was a real estate broker and raised cattle, enjoyed woodworking, an avid history reader particularly on the Civil War. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Thomas of the home and son, Terry Laznik of Stillwater, OK. |
| **Thompson** | **2011** | Alfred Thompson (69), farmer, of Tullahassee, Oklahoma, passed away August 4, 2011. He was a as a soil conservation technician with NRCS, retiring after 40 years of service. Alfred is survived by his son Alan Thompson, Tullahassee, OK; a daughter Vetrice Woods, San Antonio, TX; 15 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. |
| **Thompson** | **2011** | Rosella “Sally” Thompson (82) of Devils Lake, North Dakota passed away April 11, 2011. She was the wife of James R. Thompson who worked in a number of SCS offices in ND. Sally was a nurse in Missoula, MT and five locations in ND. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, James R.; son James C. (Peach) Thompson, Houston, TX; daughter Nancy D. (Dale) Woodhiser, Missoula, MT; son, Paul J. (Amy) Thompson, Devils Lake; and four grandchildren. |
| **Tidd** | **2011** | Donna Mae McKay Tidd (69) of Belfast, Maine, passed away January 29, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. She was a cherished wife, a devoted mother and grandmother, and a caring friend who served many in her community through her church and the Philanthropic Educational Organization. Survivors include her husband, Peter Mark Tidd, who retired from SCS in 1996 having served among other positions as the Director, Land Treatment Division in Washington, DC; one daughter, Deborah Marie (Peter) Marshall of Purcellville, VA; one son, Donald Mark (Jodi) Tidd of Farmington, MN; and two grandsons. In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to Waldo County General Hospital, 118 Northport Ave., Belfast, ME 04915. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.ripostafh.com. |
| **Torbeck** | **2011** | Nelson D. Torbeck (75) of Vandalia, Illinois passed away January 3, 2011. He served in the Army for six years. He retired as a technician for NRCS after 35 years of service and worked for the Fayette County Soil & Water Conservation District for 2½ years after his retirement. Nelson was also a retired farmer and served as chairman of his church board for 26 years. He is survived by his wife of 49 years Janice Sigrist Nelson; sons, Scott (Karen) Torbeck of St. Peter and John (Jo) Torbeck of Salem; and four grandsons. |
| **Ufford** | **2011** | Ruth JoAnn Ufford (78) passed away February 24, 2011 at her residence in Oberlin, Kansas. She was the wife of Calvin Ufford who worked for SCS. Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Calvin of the home; son, Richard (Wendy) Ufford, Carbondale, KS; daughter, Janie Rutherford and husband Rob Roy III, Berryton, KS; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. JoAnn was preceded in death by a son Michael in 1951. Memorial Funds in her name for Oberlin Civic. |
| **Walker** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist Carl W. Walker (101) of Yakima, Washington passed away at his home August 12, 2011. He attended New Mexico A & M, graduating in 1932 with a degree in engineering. In August 1948 he moved with his family to Yakima, Washington from Farmington, New Mexico. Carl served as an area engineer for SCS, retiring after 40+ years of service. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He spent time in Iran helping develop plans for irrigating the desert. Carl and Lorene led many tours to all parts of the world, emphasizing and visiting Christian Missionary sites. His wife, Lorene, preceded him in death after 75 years of marriage. He is survived by his son, Dr. Wesley C. Walker and wife Karen, two grandsons and seven great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Methodist Church Outreach fund or Lazy F Methodist Camp. |
| **Waller** | **2011** | Rebecca "Becky" T. Waller (78) of Cary, North Carolina passed away July 19, 2011. Becky met her husband of 57 years, Emmett R Waller, Jr., in first grade and the two became sweethearts for life. Emmett retired in 1997 as the SCS Resource Conservationist in N.C. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and one son, all of Cary and five grandchildren. Memorials in her honor may be directed to Westwood Baptist Church Bus Fund or to Hospice of Wake County, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, in lieu of flowers. |
| **Watson** | **2011** | Arnold Edgar Watson (74), widower of Patricia Kelley Watson, of Lexington, Kentucky passed away August 30, 2011. He was a 1959 graduate of the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture. He was an Army Veteran and retired from SCS. He is survived by daughter, Kelley Watson (David) Zatorski of St. Louis, MO; and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to The American Parkinson Association: 135 Parkinson Ave. Staten Island, NY 10305 or St. John's Mercy Foundation: Hospice Memorial Fund 615 S. New Ballas Road St. Louis, MO 63141. |

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| **Wavrin** | **2011** | Dorothy “Dot” Wavrin (81) of Bismarck, North Dakota passed away unexpectedly December 6, 2011. She was the wife of former SCS State Engineer, Wayne Wavrin. In 1969, the love of her life, Wayne D. Wavrin died. Dorothy devoted over 50 years to the field of education. Her first teaching job was in a one-room schoolhouse in Fessenden, ND. She is survived by three children, Michael (Lori) Wavrin, Bismarck, Jennifer (Jpn) Leet, Bismarck, and Wendi (Doug) Law, Omaha, NE.; five grandchildren, and five siblings. |
| **Webber** | **2011** | Stephen Dale Webber (60) passed away unexpectedly November 2, 2011 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Steve graduated from Western Illinois University in 1973, with a BS degree. He attended graduate school at Southern Illinois University. He worked for 34 years for NRCS. He was planning to retire on December 31st of this year, and spend the next several years traveling with his wife. Steve is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary, his son Adam, his daughter Ashley (James), and one grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Charity of Your Choice, in care of Allnutt Funeral Service, 650 W. Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO. 80526. |
| **Weber** | **2011** | Honorary Senior Conservationist and Member Chris A. Weber (92) passed away November 21, 2011. He graduated from Colorado A & M (CSU). Chris was a radar repairman in the Army from 1942 to 1945. On his return from Italy, Chris taught vocational agriculture at various high schools. He worked for SCS from 1947 until his retirement to Loveland in 1975, retiring as a District Conservationist. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Joan; son, Doug (Jory) Weber of Arvada; step son, Rob (Lori) Nedbalek of Huntley, MT; step daughters, Sandy (Jerry) Bernhardt of Loveland, Bonnie (Lowell) Jacobsen of Ft. Collins; as well as 13 devoted grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. He was preceded in death by a grandson and his first wife, Helen Sierawski. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Freedom Honor Flight or the Elks Lodge in care of Allnutt Funeral Service. Please view the online obituary, send condolences and sign the family guest book at www.allnutt.com. |
| **Wenmohs** | **2011** | Jerry Lee Wenmohs (68) of Round Mountain, Texas, passed away August 13, 2011. Jerry attended Texas A&M University and graduated with an Agriculture Degree from Tarleton State University in 1968. Following graduation from college, Jerry went to work for SCS in Victoria, TX. He later worked for the same agency in San Antonio, El Paso, Sanderson, Muleshoe and Lampasas. After 37 years of service, Jerry retired in 2005 and moved to the family ranch. |
| **Wentz** | **2011** | Betty Jean Wentz (83) of Salina, Kansas passed away January 28, 2011. She was preceded in death in 2004 by her husband, Joel A. Wentz, former Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources in Kansas. Betty was a longtime Salina resident, active in the community and her church, and a friend to many. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or Hospice of Salina. |
| **Whelpley** | **2011** | Mary L. Whelpley (84) of McPherson, Kansas passed away November 24, 2011. Her survivors include her husband, Robert Whelpley of the home who retired in 1986 as a district conservationist with SCS; three sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Multi Community Diversified Services (MCDS) in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460. Personal condolences may be sent to the family at www.stockhamfamily.com. |
| **Wickline** | **2011** | Elizabeth Anne Baughman “Libby” Wickline (89) passed away August 13, 2011 in Lewisburg, West Virginia. She was a retired fifth grade teacher and a graduate of Concord University of Athens, WV. She was preceded in death by her husband, E.V. Wickline (who retired as an Assistant State Conservationist with SCS) and three siblings. |
| **Woller** | **2011** | James D. Woller (85) of Stevens Point, Wisconsin passed away January 29, 2011. He graduated with a B.S. from Wisconsin State College in 1955 and in 1973, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, with an M.S. in natural resource management. His service in the U.S. Army during WWII led him to the German front line seeing active combat along the French and German borders, in addition to the Battle of the Bulge. During his time of service, he received several service metals including a belated Bronze Star. James worked for SCS in Appleton, Stratford and Stevens Point as a soil conservationist and as the district conservationist of Portage County for more than 25 years, retiring in 1975. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty Lou Woller of Stevens Point. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Ministry Marshfield Clinic for Heart Research. |
| **Woodson** | **2011** | Hayward D. “Butch” Woodson II (62) of Fairmont, West Virginia passed away April 11, 2011. After graduating from West Virginia University in 1970 with a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics, he began his career with SCS, where he retired after more than 30 years. Butch is survived by his wife Cathy; son, Bill (Shana) Woodson; daughter, Mandy (Matt) Glover; daughter, Megan; and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice Care Corp., 1406 Country Club Road, Fairmont, WV 26554. Online memories and condolences may be left at www.carpenterandford.com |
| **Woodward** | **2011** | Harold A. Woodward (83) of Augusta, Kentucky passed away April 22, 2011. Harold retired as an information specialist from SCS in Lexington, was a World War II Army Air Corp Veteran and a Kentucky Colonel. He is survive by his wife, Sandra Woodward; two daughters, Terri Moreland and Mary Ellen Woodward, both of Virginia; three grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Hope. |
| **Worster** | **2011** | Senior Conservationist John R. Worster (88) of Fayetteville, Arkansas passed away April 1, 2011. He graduated from Iowa State University and then began a 31 year career as a soil scientist with SCS in Iowa. He was an assistant state soil scientist in Iowa when he retired. He was the principal author of soil survey reports for two counties in Iowa and the co-author of others. He served as a navigator on a bomber crew in Italy during World War II. Among his awards were the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He continued his military career as an intelligence officer in the Air Force Reserve, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. He and his wife moved to Fayetteville in 1982. He was a volunteer in the AARP program for income tax assistance. He is survived by his wife, Helen; daughter, Anne Angulo of Johnson; sons Steven of Salton City, CA, Clifford (Debby) of Hermitage, TN, and Kenneth (Jennifer) of Woodland, CA; eight grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. |
| **York** | **2011** | David “Ashton” York (22) of Eureka, California passed away March 15, 2011. He received his bachelors degree from the University of Tennessee and worked in the music industry. He was the son of Dana York, former Associate Chief of NRCS. He is survived by his parents, his sister Amanda Jane York and his stepmother. A living memorial has been established at Atkins Arboretum on the eastern shore of Maryland. Memorial donations can be sent in his name, David Ashton York, to the: Arboretum Advancement Office, Adkins Arboretum, PO Box 100, Ridgely, MD 21660. Phone: 410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org |

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| **Anderson** | **2010** | Frank L. Anderson (85) passed away March 8, 2010, at Harmony Living in Stoughton, Wisconsin. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, training at the Naval Electronics Schools at Purdue University, and serving on the Destroyer, USS Bradford (DD545) in the South Pacific. He was discharged in 1946 and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving a B.S. degree in soil science. Frank worked for SCS as a soil scientist, retiring in 1989. He is survived by three children, Linda Anderson, Charles Anderson and Margaret (Ron) Hetzler. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marian, in March 2009. |
| **Askew** | **2010** | Melvin G. Askew (80) passed away July 4, 2010 at home in Cavalier, ND. Mel worked as a Construction Inspector on many of the Watershed Projects in the NE corner of North Dakota for many years. He served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He is survived by his wife Ileen; two daughters, Linda (Ron) Wagner, Champaign, IL; Lana (Vern "J.R.") Lee, Cambridge, WI; three sons, Curtis, Hensel, ND; Randy, Moorhead, MN; Ken, Minneapolis, MN; seven grandchildren, a great-grandson; six siblings, five stepchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, and six step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bonnie, who passed away June 18, 1989. |
| **Best** | **2010** | Luke Best Jr., (84) of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, passed away June 4, 2010. He graduated in Agriculture from Washington State University. Luke worked for the SCS in Ritzville, St. John, Selah and Coeur d'Alene where he was the RC&D Coordinator for a project that included counties in both Idaho and Washington. His wife Joyce passed away in 2009 and son, David passed away in 2000. Survivors include his daughter, Vicki (Brad) Scott of Tacoma, WA, his daughter-in-law, Jean Best of Bothell, WA, and four grandchildren. Luke served in the Air Force, was a Legionnaire, and active in the Lions Club in Selah and Coeur d'Alene. |
| **Blaine** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Millard Fillmore Blaine (92) passed away April 20, 2010 in Memphis, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri, obtaining a degree in agronomy. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII as an aircraft mechanic. He spent much of that time in the Aleutian Islands. After the war ended, he taught agriculture to returning war veterans and then farmed for several years. A hog cholera epidemic in 1963 resulted in the sale of the farm and Millard going to work for SCS as a District Conservationist. He worked in Shelby County, Johnson County, Miller County, Knox County, and finally Grundy County. He retired from SCS in 1982 as the Resource Conservationist over the first Targeted Conservation Area in Missouri. Millard is survived by his wife of 64 years, Muriel of Memphis, MO; their 4 children, Michael, retired State Conservation Engineer in WV, and wife Pamela of Baring, MO, Maurice (Reese) and wife Barb of Shelbina, MO, Myron and wife Peggy of Hannibal, MO, and Myrna of Columbia, MO; 10 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grand children. |
| **Bogart** | **2010** | Patrick Ivan Bogart (62) of Henryetta, Oklahoma, passed away October 3, 2010. After graduation from Oklahoma State University in 1975 with a degree in forestry, Patrick worked for SCS until his retirement in 2001, having served as the District Conservationist in Henryetta, Oklahoma since 1979. He also earned a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. He is survived by his father, Lowell E. Bogart of Port Townsend, WA; his son, Christopher I. Bogart of Oakland, CA; his daughter Valisha K. Bogart of San Diego, CA; and his wife Diana L. Bogart. |
| **Bourland** | **2010** | Ralph E. "Gene" Bourland (82) of Peoria, IL passed away February 27, 2010. Gene served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was a graduate of the University of Illinois. He worked for SCS until retiring in 1985 as the district conservationist in Peoria. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Mardella A. Schroll Bourland on December 27, 2009. Surviving are his three children, Mark J. Bourland of Peoria, Anne (Dr. Mark) Dutz of Morton and Lisa (Frank) Rotermund-Bradley of Chillicothe; four grandchildren; and two step grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Please visit Gene's "Life Remembered Story" at www.davison-fulton.com. |
| **Brant** | **2010** | Paul Merle Brant, Jr. (68) of Scottsville, Virginia passed away suddenly October 13, 2010. He received a Bachelor's degree in forestry from West Virginia University, a Master's degree in science from Marshall University and was Fellow of the Agricultural Policy Institute at North Carolina State University. Paul, former Mountain RC&D Coordinator in West Virginia, retired from SCS with over 30 years of service. He is survived by his son, Geoffrey Earle Brant; daughter, Amy Brant Lambert of Scottsville, Va.; and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leslie Ann Dornblazer Brant. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his honor to the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association at www.aadrda.com or to the National Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org |
| **Brune** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Evain E. Brune (85) of Bucklin, Kansas passed away June 26, 2010. Evain retired as a District Conservationist with SCS in 1983. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Minnie Scott Brune. |
| **Bryan** | **2010** | Hugo Bryan (88) passed away January 26, 2010 in Fort Worth, Texas. Hugo worked many years for SCS in Fort Worth where he retired. Hugo is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marie; son, Ronnie Bryan and wife Nora; daughters, Cheryl Chandler and husband Russell, and Phyllis Johnson, all from the Fort Worth area, eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. |
| **Butler** | **2010** | Clyde Larry Butler (72) passed away April 14, 2010. Larry was a soil scientist with SCS in the Jonesboro field office, Jonesboro, Louisiana. He retired in February 1988. |
| **Campbell** | **2010** | Duane E. Campbell (78) passed away June 2, 2010 in Meade, Kansas. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict. He worked for SCS, as a soil conservation technician, retiring in 1994. Duane is survived by his wife of 54 years, Beverly Campbell, a son, David Campbell of Olathe; two daughters, Linda Campbell of Red Oak, TX and Lisa (Tom) Hogan of Cimarron; and two granddaughters. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, Lutheran Hour or the Meade District Hospital. |
| **Carlen** | **2010** | Calvin Carlen (91) of Ft. Worth, Texas, husband of Thelma Carlen, passed away June 4, 2010. Thelma and Calvin had enjoyed 28 years of marriage together. |
| **Carlile** | **2010** | Keith "Wayne" Carlile (85) of West Lafayette, Indiana passed away January 31, 2010 at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He worked for 19 years as a Soil Conservation Technician for SCS in Williamsport, IN. He served in the Army in WWII, in Okinawa, as a sergeant from 1944 to 1946. Surviving with his wife of 62 years, Wilma Claire Fletcher, is a son: Gary (wife Jeanie) Carlile, of Houston, TX; 2 daughters: Joyce Houser of Port Huron, MI, and Amy Carlile, of Indianapolis; and six grandchildren. Memorials can be made to the Volunteer Dept. of Indiana Veteran's Home, Trinity Presbyterian Church in West Lebanon, IN, and/or Martha's Pantry, Williamsport Methodist Church. Share memories and condolences to www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com. |

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| **Conner** | **2010** | Warren R. Conner (81) of Wakeeney, Kansas passed away May 19, 2010. He graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in soils. He retired from SCS in 1987. Warren is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jeanne Custer Conner; two sons Reed (Denise) and David (Christina); two daughters, Christin Conner and Kim (Allen) Randles; and two grandchildren. |
| **Copeland** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Paul Copeland (94) passed away May 21, 2010 at his home in Pauls Valley, OK. Paul received a B.S. in Agriculture from Oklahoma A&M in 1939 and began a career with the SCS. He served for 42 months as an U.S. Army officer in the infantry forces in the Southwest Pacific Theatre during WWII, seeing action in the New Guinea and the surrounding islands. Paul retired as the district conservationist in Pauls Valley after having served with the SCS in several other locations in Oklahoma. He retired in 1975 with 35 years of service and went to work at his farm raising cattle. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Francis. He is survived by his son, Glen (Sharon) Copeland, a grandson, and two step grandchildren. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Craft** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Edward E. Craft (89) passed away August 29, 2010 in Belhaven, NC. Ed retired as a Soil Conservation Technician in Plymouth, NC. He worked his entire 30+ year career in Washington County, retiring in 1975. Mr. Craft was a World War II veteran, enlisting in the U.S. Navy in October, 1939 and served until November 5, 1945. As First Class Boatswain Mate, he served on the Destroyer, USS Lang 399. After Pearl Harbor, he served in South Pacific on 13 campaigns and received a bronze star. Surviving along with Mr. Craft's wife Joan are two sons: Danny (Brenda) Selby of Belhaven and Timmy (Georgie) Selby of Belhaven. |
| **Curtis** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist, Arthur H. Curtis (94) of Sparks, Georgia passed away March 16, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Alma, and four sons & one daughter. He served in the Signal Corps in WW II. At the time of his retirement from SCS in 1977, he was a technician working for the State Geologist in Syracuse, NY. |
| **Daniell** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Robert E. Daniell (93) of Dedham, Massachusetts passed away on August 5, 2010. He had also lived in Santa Barbara, CA, and Ojai, CA. A graduate of the University of Nebraska and a veteran of World War II (U. S. Army, field artillery), he served as a Soil Scientist in SCS in Texas for about twenty years before he became the State Soil Scientist for Kentucky. He served in that capacity for a decade until his retirement in 1976. He is survived by his son, Robert E. Daniell, Jr., his daughter-in-law, Cathy Faye Rudolph, and his two grandchildren, Thomas J. Daniell and James M. Rudolph. |
| **Decker** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Ernest W. Decker (97) of Clay Center, Kansas passed away October 17 2010. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1939. He taught school in Vineland, Kansas south of Lawrence. He served in the United States Army in Africa and Europe during WWII. Ernest worked as a soil conservationist for SCS in Great Bend, Lyons, Minneapolis and Lincoln, retiring in 1977. He then worked part time for the ASCS Office for 14 years. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Alma Decker of Clay Center, Kansas; a daughter, Marsha (Gail) Habluetzel of Clay Center, Kansas; a son, Gary (Elizabeth) Decker of Tulsa, Oklahoma; six grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. MEMORIALS: Evangelical Covenant Church or Presbyterian Manor in care of the Neill-Schwensen-Rook Funeral Home, 918 7th St., Clay Center, Kansas 67432. |
| **DeFord** | **2010** | Dorothy DeFord, of Terrell, TX passed away July 4, 2010. Dorothy retired from SCS after 37 years of service. Beginning her career with SCS as a part time clerk/typist, Dorothy advanced to become Area Clerk in 1976 and then Area Administrative Coordinator in 1990 where she remained pivotal until her retirement. She received many awards for her performance, most notably the Superior Service Award by USDA and the Texas SWCS Chapter Council's Honor Award in 1993 for her many contributions. Dorothy was a tireless contributor to her community as well as a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. |
| **Dennis** | **2010** | Thomas Eugene (Tom) Dennis (77) of Little Rock, Arkansas passed away December 27, 2010. He was a graduate of Louisiana Tech University, where he earned a degree in agricultural engineering. He was employed for 36 years by SCS, with assignments in the Hamburg, Lake Village and Little Rock offices. He was Assistant State Conservationist for Watershed Resources when he retired in 1990. Survivors are his wife of 52 years, Bobbye H. Dennis; two sons, Robert E. Dennis of Little Rock and James T. Dennis of Memphis, TN.; and four grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, or to the charity of your choice. |
| **Dluzak** | **2010** | William D. "Bill" Dluzak (86) Wabash, Indiana passed away August 7, 2010. He was a lifetime resident of Wabash. Bill was a Champion of the 1955 Indiana Contour Plowing Match. He retired in 1991 as a Soil Conservation Technician in Wabash County after serving SCS for 27 years. Bill was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rosie, three sons, four daughters and ten grandchildren. Preferred memorials are to St. Bernard Catholic Church, The Life Center in Wabash or F.I.S.H. in care of the funeral home. |
| **Dodge** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Robert Dodge of Loveland, Colorado passed away several years ago (2010). Born September 19, 1906, Robert retired as an SCS district conservationist in 1970. |
| **Dominick** | **2010** | Max D. Dominick (75) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away December 7, 2010. He was a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma on his mother's side and was descended from great grandparents, six generations ago, who had taken the "Long Walk" from their Mississippi homeland (Okla Hannalli Iksa) and arrived in Indian Territory in 1831. On his father's side he was descended from German immigrants who were South Carolina Patriots in the Revolutionary War. Max graduated from Eastern Junior College with an Associate Degree in engineering (1955) and in 1958 he graduated with a BS in Agricultural Engineering from Oklahoma A&M. A second generation employee of SCS, he served as an Area Engineer and Project Engineer in various locations in Oklahoma prior to retiring in 1990 as Construction Engineer for the SCS State Office in Stillwater. He worked on over 200 flood control dams in Oklahoma. Max was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Mary Ellen Guest Dominick in 2002. He is survived by sons M. Darrel (Gwyn) Dominick (former STC in Oklahoma) and Don T. (Kathy) Dominick both of Stillwater and five grandchildren. The family requests donations to the Stillwater Medical Foundation, Salvation Army or charity of your choice in lieu of flowers. An on-line guest book are available at http://www.pmcfh.com. |

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| **Donaldson** | **2010** | Al Donaldson (71) of Brown County, Indiana passed away October 20, 2010. Al was a graduate of Purdue University. Al was a soil scientist and retired from SCS. Al served on the Brown County Plan Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals and was past president of the Hoosier Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society. He served in the U. S. Air Force, obtaining the rank of Captain. Survivors include: wife, Catherine (Smith) Donaldson, Brown County; son, Mark (Jane) Donaldson, Brown County; daughters, Lynn (Philip) Adams, Woodbury, TN and Susie (Chris) Irish, Nashville, six grand children; and one great grand child. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hoosier Chapter of the SWCS Scholarship Fund c/o Bond-Mitchell funeral Home, 1682 State Road 135 North, Nashville, IN. 47448. On line condolences may made be sent to the family at: www.bondmitchellfuneralhome.com. |
| **Doren** | **2010** | Mabel Van Doren (80) of Kyle, Texas passed away April 7, 2010. Mabel was the wife of Clifford Van Doren who survives. Clifford is a retired conservation technician with SCS. |
| **Duke** | **2010** | Joe D. Duke (79) of Glenwood, Indiana passed away Jan. 23, 2010. Joe also served his country in both the US Army and US Air Force. He received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State before getting a teaching degree at Purdue University. He was a Vocational Agriculture Teacher in Mississippi during the 1960s and a District Conservationist in Rush County, IN from 1968 to 1988. Survivors in addition to his wife, Betty Holland Duke, include sons, Joe D. Duke II of College Corner, Ohio, Daniel Luke Duke II of Galveston, Texas, Barney Smart of Shelbyville and Jerry Smart of Galveston, Texas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Rush County. |
| **Dunn** | **2010** | Charles R. Dunn (89) of Lexington, Kentucky passed away Sept. 14, 2010. He retired from SCS. In addition to his wife, Beulah Isaac Dunn, he is survived by two sons, Gene (Pam) Dunn and Ed (Cathy) Dunn and a daughter, Betty Jo Dunn, Lexington; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a grandson and great grandchild. Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass. |
| **Elliott** | **2010** | Warren F. Elliott (64) passed away suddenly October 27, 2010, at his home in Columbia, Missouri. Warren had served as a contract specialist for SCS in the Missouri state office. He held many jobs in his life, but found his real calling as the Machens Toyota courtesy van driver. He loved music, and shared his infectious enthusiasm for it as a member of several local bands. Among those left behind are his wife, Patricia; daughters, Dianne and Rebecca; and two granddaughters. A music scholarship is being established in his name. |
| **Evans** | **2010** | Paul Benjamin Evans (92) of Oak Hill, Ohio passed away July 5, 2010 at his residence after an extended illness. He was a WW II Army veteran, serving in Alaska and the European Theater and worked for SCS in Gallia and Meigs Counties for 33 years. Paul is survived by his wife of 69 years, Evelyn L. Evans of Oak Hill; sons, Mike (Marlene) Evans of Lebanon, OH and Dr. David ( Virginia) Evans of Jackson; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers in Paul's memory, donations may be made to Holzer Hospice, 100 Jackson Pike, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631. Online condolences may be emailed to: www.e-klewisfuneral.com. |
| **Feathers** | **2010** | Harris "Red" Feathers (80) passed away November 12, 2010 at the age of 80. Harris was born in Altoona, PA in 1930. He worked for SCS for 42 years. After his retirement he worked for the Convention and Visitors Bureau and enjoyed his work there very much. Survivors include his wife, Sally and daughter, Kathy and family. |
| **Ferguson** | **2010** | Robert L. "Bob" Ferguson (82) of Lafayette, Louisiana passed away November 22, 2010. Bob graduated from Oklahoma A & M, now Oklahoma State University. He was a proud veteran, having served in the 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing of the U.S. Air Force. Bob was an Agricultural Economist with SCS. He is survived by his beloved wife Pat Trimble Ferguson, of Lafayette; two sons; eight grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son. Memorials may be made in Mr. Ferguson's name to Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston St., Ste. 200, Lafayette, LA, 70503. |
| **Fichter** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist John Elmer Fichter (86) of Columbia, Missouri passed away July 1, 2010. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. He was a soil conservationist with SCS for many years, retiring as a state information specialist in 1980. In addition to his wife of 62 years, Ruth McFarland Fichter, survivors include his children, Rita (Fred) Ross-Newton, Manhattan, KS; and Phil (Luci) Fichter, Columbia; and four grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Memorial contributions may be made to Broadway Christian Church. Tributes can be left online at www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery. |
| **Fournier** | **2010** | Walter E. Fournier (84) of Sinclair, Maine passed away unexpectedly December 3, 2010 after a short fight with cancer. Walt was the SCS technician in the Northern Aroostook field office in Maine, retiring after 30 years. He served in the Philippines during World War II, 1944-1946. Walter's last request was that any donations be made to a charity of your choice or to Edgar J. Paradis Cancer Foundation, Fort Kent, ME 04743. |
| **Fronk** | **2010** | Marlene Ann Diehl Fronk (74) of Weatherford, Texas passed away December 16, 2010, after a lengthy fight with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert Fronk. Robert was the Head of Engineering at the South National Technical Center at the time of his retirement from SCS. Also surviving are six children and 14 grandchildren. Her memory may be honored with a gift to Catholics Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Fort Worth, 800 W. Loop 820 South, Fort Worth, Texas 76108. |
| **Fulton** | **2010** | Donald H. Fulton (84) of Vancouver, WA, passed away March 22, 2010. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree and later served in the U.S. Navy. He was a range conservationist with the SCS at the WNTC when he retired. Don was known as "Mr. Fix-It" and he enjoyed camping, hunting, reading western books and had a beautiful singing voice. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Arleen; children, Don L., David, Ross, Mariann and Carol. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Laura. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits. |
| **Funk** | **2010** | Amos H. Funk (98) passed away Feb. 15, 2010. Amos Funk worked in Lancaster County, PA. He along with Aron Stauffer contributed much to the conservaiton district movement in Pennsylvania. Amos was a member of Gov. William Scranton's Committee on Agriculture and of Governor Raymond Shafer's Committee on the Preservation of Agricultural Land. He was a farm preservationist of national stature. |

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| **Gallacher** | **2010** | Esther P. Gallacher (79) passed away September 29, 2010, at her home in Ocean Pines, Maryland. Esther was preceded in deasth by her husband Lincoln F. Gallacher, retired SCS Director of Administrative Services Division and ARSCSE Secretary-Treasurer from 1984-2000. Esther is survived by her two daughters, Lueanne Dority White and Karen Dority Alfers and her husband, Richard; stepdaughter, Nina Gould and her husband, Gilbert; stepson, David Gallacher and his wife, Linda; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804. |
| **Garrison** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Edgar Garrison (86) of Sicily Island, Louisiana passed away April 1, 2010. He was an engineer with SCS in Thibodaux, Louisiana, retiring in January 1979. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. Edgar founded the Sicily Island Skating rink, which he owned and operated for many years. His passion in life was fishing and flying his plane. He was preceded in Death by Wife-Augustine Guice Garrison. Survivors include daughters-Sharon (Casey) Weeks of Sicily Island, LA and Donna (Steve) Thornhill of Monterey, LA; a son, Gene A. (Stephanie) Garrison of Thibodaux, LA; six grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Old Pine Hill Cemetery Fund at Sicily Island State Bank. |
| **Godman** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Orvil W. Godman (94) of San Diego, California passed away December 12, 2010. He graduated in 1940 with a BS in Agriculture. Orvil served in the United States Army Air Forces during WWII, and then worked for SCS in Leeds and Dickinson, ND until 1967. He retired in 1973 as the Assistant State Conservationist. He next entered foreign service as an agriculture consultant in Tunisia and Morocco with the Agency for International Development and the State Department. He and his wife Doris retired in 1987 to San Diego. |
| **Grant** | **2010** | Caroline Grant (67) passed away April 7, 2010 in Columbia, South Carolina. Caroline worked for SCS/NRCS for over 40 years, serving as an Administrative Assistant to four state conservationists. |
| **Gray** | **2010** | Robert M. (Bob) Gray (82) of rural Frankfort, Indiana passed away June 18, 2010. Bob was a Soil Conservation Technician in Carroll and Clinton Counties, Indiana for many years. He retired in 1987 and then worked as a dam inspector for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for many years. He is survived by his wife Kate. |
| **Gray** | **2010** | Tommy Gray (71) of Walters, Oklahoma passed away May 5, 2010. He retired from SCS. |
| **Grice** | **2010** | Elizabeth Ann Stevens Grice (79) passed away December 25, 2010. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Darrell Gene Grice, a retired soil scientist with SCS in Texas and Massachusetts; daughters Martha (Bryan) Steger of Taos, New Mexico and Carol (Jeff) Castro of Houston; son James (Joanna) Grice of Summerville, South Carolina; son-in-law, Travis Hardaway of Katy; and eight grandchildren. Liz was preceded in death daughters, Mary Elizabeth Grice and Lea Ann Grice Hardaway. Should you desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 (1-800-227-2345. Condolences may be offered at www.gipsonfuneralhome.com. |
| **Griessel** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Otto E. Griessel (99) passed away at Boone Hospital Center May 12, 2010. He attended the University of Missouri in Columbia during the depression, graduating in 1933 with a B.S. in engineering. He worked for several years with the Civilian Conservation Corps. After World War II started, he moved to Arlington, Virginia where he worked in federal procurement. Later he moved to Sioux City, Iowa and began working for SCS. He returned to Columbia, MO in 1955 to continue with the SCS as an engineering specialist on the state staff until retirement in 1973 with 40 years of government service. He was an avid Mizzou football fan and gardener. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Dorathy Wagner Griessel; and children Rose Ann (Harland) Tompkins and Jean (Tony) Bruns; daughter-in-law Sharon Griessel; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Jack. |
| **Griffin** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist John D. Griffin (92) formerly of Gainesville, Florida, passed away October 8, 2010, at Appalachian Christian Village in Johnson City, Tennessee. John served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the China Burma India Theater, receiving three combat campaign badges. He received a Combat Infantry badge as a Field Artillery Officer with the Mars Task Force, which was the replacement for Merrill's Marauders. He graduated from Auburn University in 1941 and was a federal employee for more than thirty-five years, serving 25 years with SCS in Ocala, Palatka, and Lake City, Florida. He retired in 1978 as SCS State Agronomist in Gainesville. For ten years, Mr. Griffin also volunteered as a Master Gardener for the Alachua Extension Service. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lena Hagerty Griffin; sons, John P. Griffin, of Dayton, TX, Richard D. Griffin, of Alexandria, VA; daughters, Janet L. Griffin, of Asheville, NC, Sue G. Lockett, of Johnson City, TN; 5 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Johnson City/Washington County Veterans' Memorial, P.O. Box 3594, Johnson City, TN 37602. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family and viewed at www.tetrickfuneralhome.com or faxed to (423) 610-7177. |
| **Griffith** | **2010** | Ivan Eugene Griffith (86) passed away April 28, 2010, in Flagstaff, AZ. During WWII, Ivan served in the 17th Infantry, 7th Division in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations, initially as an automatic rifleman and later as radio repairman in his unit. He was awarded the numerous metals including a Bronze Star. Ivan also was called to serve in the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 52, though not as a combatant. In 1947 Ivan began 33 years of work as a SCS technician in Banner and Morrill counties, Nebraska. He retired in 1978. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Hedin. He is survived by a son, Ken (Diana) Griffith of Guernsey, WY.; a daughter, Jodi Griffith of Flagstaff; two grandsons, two step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Haberman** | **2010** | Jan Haberman of Larned, Kansas passed away several years ago (2010). She was the wife of Roger Haberman who retired as a SCS supervisory soil scientist in 1994. |
| **Hall** | **2010** | Mary Frances Hall (79) of Chesterfield, Virginia passed away April 23, 2010. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Sherwood "Woody" Hall. Woody retired from SCS as a contract specialist in Virginia. She graduated from Grace Hospital School of Nursing in 1951 and retired as an RN from McGuire Virginia Hospital after 35 years of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Southminster Presbyterian Church. |
| **Hamilton** | **2010** | Louis Hamilton (67) passed away July 17, 2010. Louis was a conservation technician with SCS in the Winnsboro field office, Winnsboro, Louisiana. He retired in August 2002. |

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| **Hamlett** | **2010** | John A. Hamlett (97) of Covington, Virginia passed away at his home August 25, 2010. During World War II, he served in the United States Army Air Corp and later in the United States Air Force, and retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve. John retired from SCS where he worked as a Soil Conservationist. He was preceded in death by his wife Lois. The family suggests memorial tributes take the form of contributions to Mountain Regional Hospice Volunteers, PO Box 637, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 or to the Alleghany Humane Society, 304 Karnes Road, Low Moor, VA 24457. |
| **Hamor** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Wade H. Hamor (92) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away June 27, 2010. Wade retired in 1977 as a biologist with SCS at the Midwest National Technical Center after 21 years of service. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and was a Purple Heart recipient. Family members include wife, Margaret "Peg"; special daughter, Trudy Lynne Hamor and partner, Joi Colamonico, Lincoln, NE. Body was donated to the Nebraska Anatomical Board. |
| **Hardee** | **2010** | David C. Hardee (76) of Ayden, North Carolina passed away September 14, 2010. He retired as a Soil Conservation Technician in Nags Head, NC. David was the first SCS employee to be headquartered in Nags Head beginning in 1974. He spent most of his SCS career in Pitt County, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Constance Vincent Hardee, his two daughters, one son and their families. |
| **Harlow** | **2010** | Jerry T. Harlow (63) passed away April 30, 2010, at his daughter's home in Missouri. Jerry graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He worked for NRCS where he was the Director of National Cartography and Geospatial Center, retiring in January after 45 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Vietnam War, a private pilot, and a member of the A.O.P.A. On Jan. 26, 1973, he married Judi Wade. Other survivors include one son, Capt. Neil (Sarah) Harlow of Fort Collins, CO.; two daughters, Tara (Scott) Singletary of Sikeston, MO and Amanda (Joshua) Jones of Nixa, MO; and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society. |
| **Hart** | **2010** | Eugene Hart, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma passed away November 11, 2010. He was a retired soil conservation technician in Tahlequah with SCS. Eugene was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. During the war, Eugene was a flight crew chief in the China-Burma-India Theater, flying over the Hump in C-46's. He is survived by his wife Georgia. |
| **Hart** | **2010** | Harold L. Hart (90) of Ipava, Illinois passed away Sept. 2, 2010. Harold graduated from the University of Illinois in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division from 1941 to 1945. During his time of service, he participated in five campaigns and four amphibious landings in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He received two Presidential Unit Citations and combat medals. After the service, Harold worked for SCS for 40 years, retiring in 1980. He is survived by his wife of 63 years Peggy Trone Hart and his son, Bruce Hart, of Gridley, IL. Memorials may be made to the Summum Christian Church or the Summum Cemetery. |
| **Heidlage** | **2010** | Robert Fredrick Heidlage, Sr. (72) legendary in Rogers County and Oklahoma horse circles, passed away Feb. 16, 2010, in an Oklahoma City hospital. He attended Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., before earning a degree in civil engineering at Oklahoma State University in 1959. After selling Ford tractors for Ford Motor Company in St. Louis, MO, he joined SCS, where he worked 38 years, retiring in 1999. During his work in Hobart, Cordell and in Rogers County, he was involved in engineering many of the watershed and flood control projects that dot Oklahoma. Survivors are his wife of 50 years, Patsy Jo Gibson Heidlage; children, Robert Jr. and Jeanne; Dr. Vickie Heidlage and Tim Williams of Claremore; and Charles James Heidlage of Gold Bar, WA and five grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Rogers County 4-H Foundation, 219 S. Missouri, Room B115, Claremore, OK 74017 74048, with memo Bob Heidlage Memorial for 4-H horse program. |
| **Heiland** | **2010** | Wilbur H. Heiland (92) of Anna, Ohio passed away March 6, 2010. He retired after 31 years of service as a Soil Conservation Technician with SCS in Shelby County. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen E. Becker, and a daughter, Sally Jo Heiland. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia (Ned) Yoakum, Grove City, and Marilyn Forhan, Oroville, CA; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Contributions can be made to the Senior Independence Hospice of Dorothy Love. |
| **Hemman** | **2010** | Jan Hemman (88) of Maplewood, MN, passed away January 25, 2010. Jan worked in SCS Budget and Finance Section, retiring in 1971. She served in the Navy as a WAVE during WWII and Korea. She is survived by her sister, Mary Greve. |
| **Henry** | **2010** | Doris L. Collins Henry (79) of Winchester, KY, wife of Donald S. Henry, passed away May 12, 2010. Donald retired in 1989 as a SCS plant materials specialist. Doris graduated from the Rogers Business School in Somerset, KY. In addition to her husband of 56 years, she is survived by three children and their spouses, Donna (Steve) Long, David (Tonya) Henry, and Darren (Melanie) Henry, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church 32 E. Lexington Ave, Winchester, KY. |
| **Herman** | **2010** | Charles L. Herman (88), a longtime resident of Alma, Kansas, passed away December 19, 2010 in Emporia. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Charlotte Finley Herman, in 1993. He is survived by his wife Carol Herman. Charles worked as a SCS Technician until his retirement in 1981. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Catholic Church and may be left in care of the Stewart Funeral Home of Alma, PO Box 126, 66401. |
| **Hicks** | **2010** | Newman Hicks (90) of Blackwell, Oklahoma passed away October 7, 2010. He attended Carnegie Junior College and Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He served in the United States Navy as a Chief Petty Officer during World War II. Following his discharge in December of 1946 he returned to the family farm near Carnegie. He later began working for SCS as a soil conservation technician, retiring in 1988. His wife of 53 years, LaWauna, preceded him in death. He is survived by two daughters, Sandra Inmon of Blackwell, Oklahoma, and Stephanie Hicks of Denton, Texas; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. |
| **Hilner** | **2010** | Homer Hilner (72) of Cheboygan, MI passed away March 15, 2010 from complications of his long battle with multiple sclerosis. Homer began his 31 year career with SCS as an economist on the River Basin & Watershed Planning Staff in Pennsylvania before serving in the River Basin Division in NHQ, as Director of the Northeast NTC, and as the State Conservationist in Michigan, retiring in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Wanda and his son, Scott of Traverse City, MI. Cards and letters can be sent to Wanda Hilner at 1730 Nicolet, Cheboygan, MI 49721. Those wishing to make contributions in memory of Homer can send them to: The National MS Society, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076 or go on-line at: www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/MIG/donate/index. |

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| **Holowatch** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Nicholas Holowatch (93) of New Castle, DE, formerly of Clarks Summit, passed away March 1, 2010. He retired from SCS in 1976 after having served as the district conservationist in Lackawanna County, PA for 30 years. Nicholas served in the Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, the former Marie Hobora and two daughters, Ellen Chupeck and husband, the Rev. Joseph, Washington, N.J and Karen Hojnicki and husband, Edward, New Castle; a son, James Holowatch and wife, Kaye, Anchorage, Alaska; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may go to St. Michael's Building Fund, 2300 W. Huntington Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808. |
| **Hoover** | **2010** | Robert L. Hoover (86) passed away Feb. 11, 2010 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, KY. A WW II veteran of the U.S. Army, he was wounded in action in France and was taken prisoner of war. He received the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star during his military service. Mr. Hoover was a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and worked for SCS, retiring as a contract specialist in 1989. He was a member of Southland Christian Church, where he served as an elder for many years, and he was also a member of Lions Club International and several military organizations. In addition to his wife of 64 years, Bertha, he is survived by a daughter, Vicki Lee (John) Peace; two grandsons; three great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 12:30 pm Tues. at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Harrodsburg Rd., by Larry McAdams. Burial will be at Camp Nelson National Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation will be 4-7 pm Mon. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, P.O. Box 9067, Louisville, KY 40209. |
| **Horton** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Robert E. Horton (89) passed away March 26, 2010. He retired as Soil Correlate in the State Office, Raleigh, NC. Bob received a BS Degree in Agronomy from Clemson College in 1941. After serving in the United States Army during WWII, he returned to work with SCS as a soil scientist, spending his career classifying, mapping and interpreting soils in North Carolina and Georgia. After retirement in 1980, Bob worked as a soils consultant for Aull & Steele, NC State University and Soils & Environmental Consultants Inc. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia Olsen Horton of Raleigh; son Robert and wife Lynn of Wadesboro, NC, son Lewis and wife Susan of Earlysville, Va.; daughter Helene Halsey and husband Bill of Knoxville, TN; and daughter Jennifer McIntyre and husband Ray of Garner, NC., and 12 grandchildren. |
| **Howell** | **2010** | Connie Howell passed away February 11, 2010 after an extended illness. She was the wife of Dick Howell, retired soil conservation technician in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Condolences may be sent to Dick Howell, 8575 Standing Stone Road, Huntingdon, PA 16652. |
| **Hutton** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Frank Z. Hutton Jr. (95) of Auburn, New York passed away November 6, 2010. He was a second generation soil conservationist. His father, Frank Z. Hutton Sr., was also in SCS. Both Huttons graduated from Penn State University in Forestry (in 1937 and 1912 respectively) and specialized in mapping the soils. Frank Jr. started his career with SCS and the National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS) in 1938 in South Carolina and then New York State (NYS). He retired from the SCS in 1974 but immediately started work for Cornell University on soil projects in St. Lawrence County, finally retiring in 1980. Frank, Jr. was featured in an NCSS article in August 11, 2005 authored by Tyrone Goddard and Fred Gilbert. He was again featured in a Spring 2007 article published by the Cayuga County, NY Natural Resource Building where they referred to Frank as the “Sultan of Soils.” Frank is survived by his five children, Maurice (Bonnie) Hutton, of Niceville, FL., Marlin (Suzanne) Hutton, of Auburn, Cheryl Heyen, of Toledo, Ohio, Cynthia (Douglas) Wright, of Red Creek, and Candace (Robert) Carter, of Fleet, England, 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Donations in memory of Frank may be made to the Weedsport First United Methodist Church, 2744 E. Brutus St., Weedsport, NY 13166 or the Weedsport Fire & Rescue, 8892 South St., Weedsport, NY 13166. |
| **Jackson** | **2010** | Billie G. Jackson (88) of Belton, Texas passed away November 18, 2010. He was a World War II, U.S. Navy veteran. He worked for SCS. Survivors include his wife of 63 years Irene Whitson Jackson of Belton; a son, Tommy Jackson of Marlin, TX; two daughters, Beverly Drake of Belton and Linda Hopkins of Austin; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Jahn** | **2010** | Donald J. Jahn (85) of Pierson, IA passed away November 14, 2010. After graduating from high school in 1943, he joined the U.S. Navy as a radioman third class on the USS New Orleans and served until April 1946. Don retired from the Sioux City office as a Civil Engineering Technician, a number of years ago with 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Betty, of 59 years, five children and eight grandchildren. |
| **Johnson** | **2010** | Virginia L. Johnson (84) of Mount Carmel, Illinois passed away February 2, 2010. She worked for SCS in Champaign and retired in 1988 as a personnel assistant. She was a member of Olive Congregational Church and Delta Zeta Sorority. Survivors include one sister, Vera (Vertis) Neal of Albion; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister. Memorials may be made to Heart Fund and Edwards County Senior Citizen's Center. |
| **Johnston** | **2010** | Ernest (Ike) S. Johnston (87) of Cadiz, Kentucky passed away April 27, 2010. Ike retired from SCS as a soil conservation technician. |
| **Jones** | **2010** | Donald Francis Jones (83) of Billings, Montana passed away November 6, 2010. After graduating from high school, he served in the Navy for a short period and later graduated from Montana State College with a BS in 1951 and a MS in 1957 both in Agricultural Economics. After teaching at Colorado State University, he worked for SCS in Portland, OR, Washington, DC, Bozeman, MT, and US AID in India and Pakistan, retiring in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Jane; children, Cindy (Greg) Ondrak, Missoula, Connie Jones, Salinas, Calif., and Casey Jones (Reed Kroloff) Washington, DC; three step children, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Vogel Jones, in 1974. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Special K Ranch, PO Box 479, Columbus, MT 59019. |
| **Jones** | **2010** | Dorman Eugene “Gene” Jones (85) of Little River Academy, Texas passed away August 23, 2010. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a long time SCS State Office employee. He was a sports broadcaster for the Academy Bumble Bees for over 30 years. He was a member of the singing group the “Misfits” for many years. Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Elwanda Jackson, on March 4, 1988. He is survived by his daughter, Cindy Jones, of Little River Academy. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Little River. |

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| **Jones** | **2010** | Robert Franklin Jones (83) of Marietta, Ohio passed away October 28, 2010 at his home. He was a 1949 graduate of The Ohio State University, College of Agriculture. He retired from SCS in July 1987 after nearly 40 years of service. In recognition of his accomplishments in "the field", he received the "Agriculturalist of the Year" award in 1987. Bob had been an active member of the Marietta Civitan Club since 1962. Since 2006, he was a proud volunteer at Marietta Memorial Hospital with over 2,000 hours of service. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jean Proctor Jones; one son, Richard Jones (Robbi) of York, SC; three daughters, Mary Anne Guinn (Frank), Barbara Peery (Brady), and Carol Jones, all of Marietta; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. On line condolences may be sent to the family at: www.mslfuneralhome.com. |
| **Jones** | **2010** | V. Sue Jones (64) of Mount Zion, West Virginia passed away October 4, 2010, after a sudden illness. She was preceded in death in 2009 by her husband of 41 years, Randall C. Jones, who retired in 2003 as District Conservationist for NRCS working in Calhoun and Gilmer Counties. They are survived by one daughter, Shannon Sue (Jeremy) Johnson of Elkins. Sue obtained a Vocational Home Economics degree from Glenville State College and a Master's Degree from West Virginia University. She retired in December 2002, as Associate Director/Extension Agent from WVU Extension Service. She directed the Calhoun County 4-H program and 4-H camp for 31 years. Donations in the memory of Randall and Sue Jones may be made to the WVU Foundation to support the 4-H Camping Program Fund. (2V529-Calhoun County). Send donations to P.O. Box 6031, 806 Knapp Hall, Morgantown, WV 26506. |
| **Just** | **2010** | Margie Just (88) wife of Harvey Just passed away June 13, 2010, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck, ND. Harvey and Margie lived in New Salem, Washburn, and Mandan, ND. She is survived by two daughters and a son, Carolyn Dressler, Elk Grove, CA; Nadine (Dorlyn) Hoffman, Steele, ND, and Tom (Ann) Just, Las Vegas, NV; her daughter-in-law, Sandi Just, Mandan, ND; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband, Harvey (1997); her son, Marshall (2005); and a son-in-law, John Dressler (1986). |
| **Kangas** | **2010** | Martin E. (Elmer) Kangas (90) passed away at the D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Michigan on March 7, 2010. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army 434th Anti Aircraft Battalion in both Europe and Africa until the war's end. He was awarded the Silver Battle Star. In 1950, Elmer graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in agricultural engineering. Elmer was the Coordinator for the Upper Peninsula RC&D Area when he retired in 1984 after 28 years of service with SCS. Elmer is survived by Rose, his wife of 63 years; his son, Ronald Kangas of Brighton, MI, and daughters, Debbie (Dan) Vezzetti of Marquette, MI, and Kathleen (Robert Guyon) Kangas of Pocatello, ID; and four grandchildren. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are kindly asked to consider the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans Activities Fund in Elmer's memory. |
| **Klein** | **2010** | John V. Klein Sr. (80) of Beulah, North Dakota, passed away on May 22, 2010. He served in the Marine Corps from 1951 to 1954 and served in the Korean War. John worked at SCS from 1960 to 1990. He is survived by his wife Betty; his children, Greg (Carol) and Jelena (Rick) Barfield, all of Bismarck, Jeffrey (Beth) of Mishawaka, IN, Wes (Mary Ann) of Hazen, ND, Bruce of Garrison, and John (Dawn) of Max; three stepchildren, 25 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his first wife Rose; and three grandchildren. |
| **Kruse** | **2010** | Kermit Kruse (90) passed away March 30, 2010 in Warsaw, NY. He was a graduate of the former NY State Rangers School and received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1949. He was a veteran of the US Army serving during both World War II and the Korean War. During World War II he served with Ledo Area Command in the India Burma Theater. Kermit served for many years as a District Conservationist prior to his retirement in 1977. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy (James) Marley of Gainesville, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Online condolences at http://www.robinsonandhackemer.com |
| **Kruse** | **2010** | Norman L. Kruse (91) of Waterville, Kansas passed away December 10, 2010. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1943 with a degree in agronomy. In 1943 he entered the Army. In April 1943 Norman was sent to England, where he joined the 83 Infantry Division. After landing at Omaha Beach in June 1944, he took part in the five battle campaigns of the European Theater. In May 1945 at the end of the European war he served with the Army of Occupation in Germany until December. Norman was discharged with the rank of captain in April 1946. In 1946 he went to work for SCS in Hiawatha and later became the district conservationist for Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties. He retired in 1977. He is survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorials can be made to the Valley Heights USD 498 Foundation and sent in care of the Terry-Christie Funeral Home, Waterville. Condolences can be left online at www.terrychristiefuneralhome.com |
| **Kuder** | **2010** | Ruth Lorraine (Madsen) Wacker Kuder (82) passed away Nov. 25, 2010 in Savoy, Illinois. Her husband Homer Kuder retired as the Assistant State Resource Conservationist from the SCS state office in Champaign in 1976. Ruth is survived by her husband, two children, four stepchildren, 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Merle E. Wacker. She was a hairdresser and stylist and homemaker. Being part of the Tremont High Marching Band was one of her most cherished memories. She and Homer traveled the world together. Memorials may be made to University Place Christian Church, 4035 Wright St., Champaign, Il 61820, or St. Joseph-Ogden High School Music Department, 301 N. Main St., P.O. Box 890, St. Joseph, IL 61873. |
| **Lantz** | **2010** | Frederick "Fred" Lantz (86) of Morgantown, WV passed away August 9, 2010 at Monongalia General Hospital. He was an alumnus of West Virginia University and truly loved the Mountaineers. In World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific on P.T. Boat 186. Fred worked for many years for SCS in Maine and West Virginia, retiring in 1984. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Darlene (Reel) Lantz; three daughters, Jeanette (Craig)Turner, Darlyle (Michael) Duley, and Rulea Lantz and companion Doug Moore; and nine grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Maysville Bible Brethren Church, P.O. Box 213, Maysville, WV 26833 or Special Olympics West Virginia, 1206 Virginia St. E., Suite 100, Charleston, WV 25301. |
| **Larsen** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Lynn Seymour Larsen (92) passed away November 6, 2010 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Lynn worked for SCS as a soil scientist in Julesburg, Colorado Springs, Kiowa, and Canon City, CO from 1951 until his retirement in 1979. He served in WWII with the 3rd Armored Division and was the recipient of the Bronze Star. He had two sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His first wife Barbara died in 1983. His second wife, Ruth, died in 2003. |

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| **Larson** | **2010** | Honorary Member Barbara Dawn Miley Larson (91) passed away May 20, 2010, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She attended the University of Idaho Southern Branch. After working for Union Pacific Railroad, Barbara started working for SCS in Boise and then continued to work for the SCS as area clerk in Idaho Falls. She retired after 24 years of service. She was deeply attached to the her Maltese and poodle dogs. Survivors include a son, Allan of Salt Lake City; and a granddaughter, Nicole (James) McCrea of West Valley, Utah; and a great granddaughter. Barbara's husband of 64 years, Arthur, preceded her in death in October, 2003. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the Bonneville Humane Society, 444 N. Eastern Ave., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402 or to the Hospice of Eastern Idaho, 1810 Moran St., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401. |
| **Larson** | **2010** | Karl D. Larson (74) of Boise, Idaho passed away at home April 8, 2010. He graduated in Civil Engineering in 1959 from Utah State University. His professional career was with SCS designing flood control and irrigation systems primarily around the state of Idaho for 40 years. He was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 year, Norma; a daughter, Leanne (and Lee) Wilson; a son, Brad (and Doralee) Larson; and eleven grandchildren. |
| **Lawson** | **2010** | Glenn Hugh Lawson (60) of Blanket, Texas passed away October 22, 2010. He graduated from Texas Tech and received his master's degree from Sul Ross. Glenn taught agriculture at Socorro and then at Robert Lee. He went to work for SCS, retiring in 2005. Survivors include his son, Craig (Kammi) Lawson of Blanket; and two grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Garden City, P.O. Box 292, Garden City, TX 79739. www.npwelch.com. |
| **Leathers** | **2010** | Thomas Richard Leathers (95) of Lexington formerly of Campbellsville, Kentucky passed away December 17, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife Pearl Cole Leathers. He received a B.S. Degree from the University of Kentucky in 1949. During W.W. II, Tom served as a field medic in the U.S. Army. After 30 years as a soil scientist, he retired in 1980. He is survived by three daughters, Judy (David) Hoagland and Mary Jo Leathers of Lexington, and Betty (Larry) Skaggs of Spring Hill, FL; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the Taylor County Public Library, 205 N. Columbia Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718. |
| **Lehman** | **2010** | Samuel F. Lehman (82), formerly of Greeneville, Ohio, passed away November 23, 2010. Sam was the soil survey party leader for the Miami, Shelby and Darke County soil surveys. He later served as the Area 4 resource soil scientist before retiring in 1986. He had suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for several years. He is survived by Helen Lehman (his wife of 52 years) and their two sons currently living in the Columbus area. Contributions may Oakland Church of the Brethren, Oakland, Ohio. |
| **Leithead** | **2010** | Louise S. Leithead (92), widow of Harold L. Leithead, passed away June 17, 2010. Harold, who predeceased her in 1997, was the SCS Regional Conservationist at Ft. Worth when he retired in 1978. Survivors include children, Scott Leithead, Kathryn Puente, Sonia Payne and Anne Jones; 29 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren. |
| **Link** | **2010** | Ernest George Link (87) passed away at his home in Phillips, Wisconsin on July 10, 2010. With the outbreak of war he joined the United States Army. He served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the European Theater of Operations with I Company, 377 Regiment, 95th Division, "The Iron Men of Metz" and received many awards for action in combat, including the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, and Purple Heart. Following World War II, Ernest received his Bachelor's Degree, and then attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he earned his Master's Degree in Soil Science. He was employed by SCS until the time of his retirement in 1979. He then formed his own company, Link Soil Evaluations and Wetland Surveys which he continued to operate until the time of his second retirement at the age of 80. He was the author of five USDA Soil Surveys for counties in Eastern and Northeast Wisconsin. He is survived by one son, John (Mary), Sobieski, Wis.; by one daughter, Jane (Jeff Rusch) Link, Green Bay; by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Mary, on Dec. 17, 2006. The family suggests that memorials take the form of a donation to Flambeau Home Health and Hospice or the American Red Cross. |
| **Lipscomb** | **2010** | Garland H. Lipscomb (70) of Lower Paxton Township, Pennsylvania passed peacefully June 24, 2010 at Osteopathic Community General Hospital. Garland retired as a Pennsylvania State Soil Scientist for SCS with over 30 years of dedicated service, retiring in April 1994. As part of Black History month in February, 2010, Garland was recognized by a resolution of the Pennsylvania State Legislature as the first African-American State Soil Scientist in the history of the SCS. He was survived by his devoted wife Lorraine Lipscomb, two daughters Shelly Echeverria and Sharon McCauslin all of Harrisburg, and 3 grandchildren. Unfortunately, Sharon was killed in an auto accident while returning from the funeral on July 1. |
| **Logan** | **2010** | George Albert Logan Jr. (96) of Waco, Texas passed away December 26, 2010. He graduated from Texas A & M University with a degree in agriculture. George served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II and continued to serve in the Reserves, retiring at the rank of Colonel. He was an assistant County Agent in McLennan County and an agronomist in SCS, the agricultural manager in the Waco Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He was preceded by his wife, Alexandria Ruth Lehmberg Logan. He is survived by his daughter, Anna Louise Logan; son, Fred (Nancy) Logan; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 5740 Bagby Ave., Waco, 76712, Waco Kiwanis Club, c/o Jack Munson, 8217 Forest Ridge Drive, Waco 76712, or the charity of your choice. The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Memorial Guestbook" at www.WilkirsonHatchBailey.com. |
| **Love** | **2010** | Paul Marion Love (80) of Versailles, Kentucky passed away March 26, 2010 after a long illness. A 1950 graduate of the University of Kentucky, Paul served in the Kentucky National Guard and in the U.S. Army from 1952-1953 during the Korean War as a MP stationed in Japan. He worked for 35 years as a soil scientist for SCS, mapping soils in almost every county in Kentucky and also mapped in the state of Vermont. Retirement provided him with opportunities for hiking, travel, square dancing with the "Dudes and Dolls of Corbin". He is survived by his wife, Joyce. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the charity of the donor's choice. |
| **Lyman** | **2010** | Fredrick Charles "Fred" Lyman Jr. (74) of Springfield, IL passed away February 27, 2010 in St. John's Hospice. He retired as a colonel from the Illinois Army National Guard. He worked for SCS, retiring in 1991 with more than 35 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Martha C. "Marty" Lyman; one daughter, Teresa M. Franklin of Chatham; two sons, Michael A. Lyman of San Diego and Kirk A. (wife Brenda) Lyman of Bloomingdale; and five grandchildren. MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society for research or American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be expressed online at www.whig.com. |

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| **Mackin** | **2010** | Vivian Mackin (85) of Spokane, WA passed away March 29, 2010. She worked in the Spokane state office of SCS as a cartographer for the soils section and as a draftsman for the engineering section. Vivian was a member of the St. Aloysius parish in Spokane and St. Gregory's parish in Sitka, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Joe (Bonnie) Mackin of Pearland, TX, Ray (Marisa) Mackin of Spokane, Stan (Carolyn) Mackin of Auburn, WA, Patricia Mackin of Spokane, Debra (Mac) McCall of San Antonio, TX, Janet (Mark) Charlton, Mark (Patti) Mackin and Shawn (Esmeralda) Mackin, all of Spokane, as well as 25 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. |
| **Maker** | **2010** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Harrison Julius Maker (99) of Tempe, Arizona passed away April 29, 2010. He was a State Soil Scientist with SCS, retiring in 1968. |
| **Marston** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Richard H. Marston (86) of Winterhaven, Fla., formerly of North Brunswick, N.J., passed away August 12, 2010. He served in the U.S. Army from February 1943 until January 1946. He attended the University of Maine, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering. He worked as a field engineer for SCS in New Jersey, then state design engineer, state conservation engineer, retiring in 1980 as assistant state conservationist in charge of water resources programs. His first wife Elois passed away Jan. 26, 1986. He is survived by his wife, Erika, whom he married in 1988; his daughter, Vicki (Gerd) Koehler, Carmel; a son, Stacy (Jane) Marston; two stepdaughters, Susan McDonald of Jacksonville, Fla., and Lisa Gunter of LaBelle, Fla.; a stepson, Jeff (Alison) Edgerton, Statesboro, Ga.; and nine grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Viabelle A. Marston Scholarship Fund, SAD 17, care of superintendent's office, 1570 Main St., No. 11, Oxford, ME 04270 or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, Canton, OH 44720. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.westonchandler.com. |
| **Martin** | **2010** | Leonard Martin (80) passed away January 6, 2010. Leonard was the District Conservationist with SCS in the West Monroe field office, West Monroe, Louisiana. He retired in June 1988. |
| **Matticks** | **2010** | Ralph E. Matticks (85) passed away November 30, 2010, at his home in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of the 517 Army Airborne serving as a medic in European African Middle Eastern Theatre during WWII and was a recipient of a Bronze Star. He obtained his B.S. in Forestry from Penn State University in 1950 and served with SCS, retiring in 1980 as an area conservationist. Surviving are wife, Jean W. Matticks of Lebanon; daughters, Janice (Timothy) Mulac of Lebanon, and Margaret Miller of Hershey; son, Thomas (Elaine) Matticks of Clarion; five granddaughters; and two grandsons. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled Veterans Association, 6285 Pearl Road, Suite #7, Parma Heights, OH 44130. |
| **McCartney** | **2010** | Sull Arthur McCartney (92) of Glenville, West Virginia passed away September 26, 2010, at his home. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1953 and worked for many years for SCS in Petersburg. Surviving are two sons, Sull Arthur McCartney, Jr., of Oakland, MD, and Kevin Lee McCartney of Glenville; two daughters, Mikal Ruth McCartney of Annapolis, MD, and Martha Gail McCartney of Petersburg; and four grandchildren. |
| **McGreevy** | **2010** | Nancy C. McGreevy (71) passed away April 14, 2010, at her Morgantown, West Virginia home. She is survived by her husband, Frank, and several cousins in Marion and Preston counties. After graduating from Morgantown Business College, she began working with SCS, retiring as an accounting technician after 29 years of service. She then became office manager at the WVU Eberly College of Arts and Sciences History Department. She was quite active in her church and other volunteer organizations. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church at 1 Guthrie Lane, Morgantown, WV 26508 or the WVU Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507-1650, for a scholarship to be established in her name. |
| **Milasnovich** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Nick Milasnovich (92) of Alma, Kansas passed away March 20, 2010. Nick worked as a soil scientist for SCS for 22 years, retiring 1977. Nick was drafted into the United States Army on March 4, 1941, and was on maneuvers with the First Army when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. He was transferred into the Army Air Corp and after serving many assignments in the United States, he was separated from active duty on January 26, 1946. After returning home to Ohio, he joined the Army Reserve and was active for 27 years. He retired in June 1973 with a total of 32 years of military service. He attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4, CW4, and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. His wife 53 years, LaVon, preceded him in death on December 5, 2002. |
| **Miller** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist L. LeForrest Miller (95), formerly of Peoria, passed away Sept. 15, 2010, in Lebanon, NJ. He was a graduate of Bradley University and received his master's degree from the University of Chicago. As part of the World War II effort, he worked from Maine to Virginia with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, generating topographic maps in a defense against submarine attacks. In 1956, with the growing threat of the Cold War, he transferred to Washington, DC, to join a group of field-experienced soil scientists and meteorologists at the World Soil Map. Until retiring in 1986, he was involved in agricultural planning efforts, classified soils intelligence activities, and international collaborations among U.S. and foreign soil scientists around the world. This included a two-year family assignment in Heidelberg, Germany where LeForrest prepared tactical soil maps in support of off-road troop movements, often under the scrutiny of East German soldiers watching his team from the East-West border. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years LaVerne Wegner LeForrest in 2001 who was the first woman to receive a Ph.D. from Bradley University. Surviving are a son, Dr. Langdon (and Marta) Miller of Tewksbury, NJ; a daughter, Lesley (Gregory) Warrick of Coral Springs, FL; and two grandchildren. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.thewiltonmortuary.com. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Seafarers House, 1850 Eller Drive, No. 500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 or by donating online at www.seafarershouse.org. |
| **Miller** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist, Forest 'Forey' Miller (83) passed away quietly November 21, 2010, at his home in Salem, Oregon. After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his discharge in 1947, he earned a degree in engineering from Oregon State College (now University). After graduation in 1953, Forey began a career with SCS, which lasted 30 years. As an avid outdoorsman, he was instrumental in starting the Portland Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, where he was a life member. He is survived by his wife Rosey and her family; his son, Scott (Glynda) Miller and daughter Macie (Ed) Brightman; three grandchildren and six great granddaughters. Forey was preceded in death by his first wife, Arlene (2009); and son, Marty. In lieu of flowers, he requested that remembrances be made to Willamette Valley Hospice, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, or the charity of your choice. |

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| **Milton** | **2010** | Willis Henry Milton (93) passed away February 23, 2010 at Sulphur, Oklahoma. He graduated from Murray State College in 1936, received a BS form Oklahoma A & M University in 1938, and a Masters Degree in 1947. Following graduation he worked in Durant, Blackwell, Newkirk, Vinita, Stillwater, Lawton & then Sulphur in 1955 as the District Soil Conservationist. He was a 1st Sgt. in the U.S. Army and a veteran of World War II. He served in the SW Pacific earning the Bronze Star, World War 11 Victory Medal & other Honors. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Alice, of the home; daughters & husbands, Barbara Bunting & Jeff, Sulphur; and Annette Jewell & Jack, Mission Viejo, CA; and Roberta Mitchell & Clark, Duncan; son & wife, Mike Milton & Jan, Duncan; 7 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. |
| **Mittelstaedt** | **2010** | Clarence Mittelstaedt (86) passed away July 8, 2010. He joined the U.S. Army in January 1945 and served his country in Okinawa and Korea and was honorably discharged from military service as a staff sergeant in December of 1946. In 1956, Clarence accepted employment as a Soil Conservation Technician with the United States Department of Agriculture in Kewaunee, Wisconsin. Clarence tirelessly served the Wisconsin agricultural community for more than 40 years. Survivors include daughter Faye (David) Clark, Savannah, GA; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Condolences for Clarence may be made at www.foxandweeks.com. |
| **Modesitt** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Robert E. Modesitt (90) of Glendale, Arizona passed away September 12, 2010. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II reaching the rank of Major. Robert was a soil scientist with SCS, retiring in 1975 as an area conservationist. |
| **Moffatt** | **2010** | Ina Lavada Moffatt (77) of Edmond, Oklahoma passed away June 4, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hamilton Harold Moffatt who retired as a soil scientist with SCS in 1990. She is survived by their three children; four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Hearts for Hearing or Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. |
| **Mussetter** | **2010** | Roger Mussetter (62) passed away suddenly March 5, 2010 in Littleton, CO. Roger was employed by NRCS in Wisconsin and Minnesota, retiring in 2003 as an Assistant State Conservationist after 31 years of service. In retirement he enjoyed skiing, hiking, biking, traveling. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Nancy, sons Mitch (Jessica) and Matt (Sarah), and one granddaughter. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Friends of Roxborough State Park, 4751 North Roxborough Drive, Littleton, CO 80125. |
| **Nelson** | **2010** | Irving “Bud” Nelson (81) passed away June 20, 2010 in Bozeman, Montana. He is survived by his wife Jessie and four children. Bud worked at various locations for SCS in Montana and retired in 1983. Bud is survived by his loving wife, Jessie Nelson; four children, Gwen Gatzemeier of Billings, Gail (Tim) Piegat of Plano, Texas, Glenn (Becky) Nelson of Helena, Grant (Lori) Nelson of Butte; and Jessie's seven children; 25 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Donations in memory of Bud may be made to the Bozeman Deaconess Hospice Program, 1600 Ellis St., Bozeman, MT 59715. |
| **Newman** | **2010** | James B. Newman (74) passed away April 12, 2010, in Wickenburg, Arizona. Honored as a Danforth Fellow (1957), Jim graduated from Montana State with a degree in Range Management (1958). He worked with SCS for 35 years, taking him from Montana to West Virginia, Massachusetts, Virginia, Nebraska, and finally to the national office. He retired in 1994 as the Director of the Ecological Sciences Division. He was proud of the role he played in establishing the Conservation Grazing Land Initiative and the Federal Conservation Reserve Program. Jim is survived by his wife of 46 years, Wilma; children, Terri, Cindy, and Robert (Bethany); and grandchildren (Faith, Casey, and Nicholas James). In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send a donation to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, at PO Box 100, Cochranville, PA 19330. |
| **Nylander** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Paul E. Nylander (95) of Mechanicsville, VA, passed away June 2, 2010. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a Captain in the United States Army, serving in WWII, having earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He retired from SCS in June 1986 at the age of 71 with over 41 years of service, having served as the National Construction Engineer for 20 years. Prior to that, he worked in several SCS positions in Nebraska and Pennsylvania and in the private sector. Paul also served in the Civilian Conservation Corp. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucile F. Nylander. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Nylander; son, David Nylander and his wife, Sandra; seven grandchildren; and 19 great- grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, 2nd floor, Bethesda, MD 20814. |
| **O’Neill** | **2010** | John L. O'Neill (62) of Madbury, Massachusetts passed away April 10, 2010 at Mass General Hospital after suffering a catastrophic stroke. John graduated with a degree in agricultural economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1970. He began his career as an economist with SCS in 1972 and retired in 2004. John is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sandra (Swenson) O'Neill and three children -- Sean O'Neill of Boston, Mass.; Kerry O'Neill of Keene; and Robert O'Neill of Dover. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Foundation, Cancer Treatment Center, Central Ave. in Dover, NH. |
| **Oemichen** | **2010** | William P. (Bill) Oemichen (83) of Oak Park Heights, MN, passed away November 9, 2010. He is survived by his children, Beth, William L., Mike, Brett and Mark and eight grandchildren. Bill worked for SCS, for 32 years, retiring in 1981. After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy's Naval Air Corps in 1946, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Science in 1949 from the University of Minnesota, which later honored him as a distinguished alumnus. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean Determan Oemichen in 1954, and by his second wife, Lucylee Conger Oemichen in May 2010, as well as grandson, Matthew Oemichen, in 1998. |
| **Olson** | **2010** | Lillie Mae Olson (84) of Spokane, Washington passed away July 9, 2010. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Robert J. Olson, retired state forester for SCS in Washington; daughter Susan Deline (Dr. William Deline); son, Kenneth Olson (Margo), all of Spokane; daughter, Catherine Olson-Shirley (Ron) of Colfax; and son, Mark Olson (Medea) of Redding, CA; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Ostrom** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Percy L. Ostrom (89) of Tolono, IL passed away March 1, 2010. He served in the United States Navy from 1942-1945, in the South Pacific. He attended Bradley University and retired from SCS in 1982 as an engineering technician on the watershed planning staff in the state office in Champaign. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Margaret Steingreaber Ostrom, and a daughter, Patricia A. Ostrom-Duval of Milwaukee, Ore.; and a grandson. |

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| **Overhults** | **2010** | Patty Jo Overhults (67) passed away December 27, 2010 after an extended struggle with multiple sclerosis. She was a graduate of the University of Kentucky in 1965 with a BS Degree in Home Economics and in 1969 with a MA Degree in Special Education. Patty Jo is survived by her husband of 41 years, Kenneth Overhults who retired as the resource conservationist in Kentucky in 1994 and is now the ARCSE representative for Kentucky. She is also survived by two children, Marcia (Tim) Watts and Joseph (Amber) Overhults, and a granddaughter. Memorial gifts may made to NARFE Alzheimer's Research and sent to Chapter 97 Alzheimer's Chair, Phyllis Tacket, 976 Fredericksburg Road, Lexington, KY 40504, or Porter Memorial Baptist Church building fund, 4300 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, KY 40515. |
| **Pace** | **2010** | Retired Lt. Col. Alfred Lloyd Pace (95) passed away June 2, 2010 in LaRue, TX in an automobile accident. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After retirement from the Army, he worked for SCS as an agronomist and soil conservationist and raised beef cattle for many, many years. He was predeceased by a daughter, Harriet Sue Rife. He is survived by his wife of 72 years Oleta (Pete) Hall Pace, LaRue, a son, William L. Pace and wife Pam, New York, 6 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. If desired, memorials may be made to the LaRue Methodist Church Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 52, LaRue, TX 75770. |
| **Payne** | **2010** | Lloyd George Payne (80) of Mount Pleasant, Texas passed away Aug. 23, 2010. He was a retired SCS-NRCS Soil Conservation Technician and worked at the Crosbyton, Wellington and Sherman Field Offices during his 25 year career. He was a Sulphur-Cypress SWCD board member for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Wilma Robinson Payne of Mount Pleasant; son Scott (Jneta) Payne of Mount Pleasant; stepson, Jay L. Kline of Denver, CO; and daughter, Karen (Dale) Huffines of Mount Pleasant; stepdaughter, Kaye Oller of Oklahoma City, OK.; and six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. |
| **Perfect** | **2010** | Donald L. “Don” Perfect (82) of Sunbury, Ohio passed away October 30, 2010. He was a retired soil conservationist for Morrow County with 30 years of service and a US Marine Corps Veteran. Don is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jeannette (Stone) Perfect; daughters: Beverly Perfect of Hilton Head, SC and Carla Perfect of Fountain Hills, AZ. Condolences may be expressed at snyderfuneralhomes.com. |
| **Peterson** | **2010** | Mary Peterson (86) passed away June 5, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was the wife of Chuck Peterson who worked for SCS in Nebraska and South Dakota and retired as an Area Conservationist in South Dakota. |
| **Powell** | **2010** | Berniece Powell (95) passed away January 6, 2010. Berniece worked many years for SCS in the Cartographic Center in Fort Worth. She was a founding member of Porcelain Art Guild of Fort Worth. She is survived by sons Jan Powell and his wife, Dana, of North Richland Hills and Roger Powell of Fort Worth; 18 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. Berniece was preceded in death by her husband, William R. Powell, in 1965; son, Don Powell; and daughter, Billie Mulholland. |
| **Prestridge** | **2010** | T.D. Prestridge (84) passed away August 23, 2010. T.D. was an engineer with SCS on the Watershed Planning Staff in the Alexandria, Louisiana State Office. He retired in January 1983. |
| **Pritchett** | **2010** | Ken Pritchett (72) of Buchanan Dam, Texas passed away December 4, 2010. He was retired from SCS where he had served for many years as a technician on the Texas watershed staff in Waco and later on the Texas design staff. Survivors include his wife, Sherry Elder Pritchett; two sons, Mitch Pritchett of Abilene and Forrest Pritchett of Weatherford; and three grandchildren. |
| **Ragon** | **2010** | Larry G. Ragon (72) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away September 19, 2010. After graduating from the University of Nebraska with a degree in Agriculture, he began his 36-year career as a soil scientist with SCS, retiring in 1996. He is survived by his wife of 49 years Nora; children Sheryl (Doug) Appleby of Shawnee, KS, and Dan (Nicole) Ragon of Palmyra, NE; and six grandchildren. Memorials to the family will be designated at a future date. |
| **Rakes** | **2010** | Jackson C. Rakes (72) passed away March 18, 2010 under hospice care at his home in Englewood, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Chris, and stepdaughter, Sabine. Jack worked in the Maryland State Office at the time of his retirement. In lieu of flowers the family would prefer donations to the Tidewell Hospice Care, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota. FL 34238 - www.Tidewell.org. |
| **Ramsey** | **2010** | Robert N. (Bob) Ramsey (79) passed away December 26, 2010 in Seguin, Texas. Bob retired from SCS as Area Soil Scientist in Temple. He was a 1959 graduate of Texas A & M and served as a soil scientist in Seguin, Del Rio and Temple. |
| **Redmond** | **2010** | Jane A. Redmond (69) of Fredericktown, Ohio, passed away November 2, 2010 at her home. She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Charles Edward “Doc” Redmond, who retired as a soil scientist with NRCS in 2004 with over 50 years of service. Survivors also include three daughters, and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Station Break Meals on Wheels, 501 South Main Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050 or Hospice of Knox County. To leave a condolence, visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com. Doc’s mailing address is 18865 Ankneytown Road, Fredericktown, OH 43019. |
| **Reeves** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Randall F. Reeves (93) passed away in Albuquerque, NM on May 2, 2010. He graduated in 1940 with a BS degree in Agronomy from Texas Tech University. Randall proudly served as an ensign in the US Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War 11 aboard the landing ship dock, USS Colonial. He worked for SCS for seventeen years in West Texas before transferring to Northern California where he retired in 1981 as a district conservationist. He served as Song Leader and Elder at the Anderson Church of Christ in Northern California for more than forty years. He is survived by Tomazine, his wife of 70 years and 11 children: Thomas, Timothy, Taron, Douglas, Sylvan, Melody, Mark, Trail, and Gordon Reeves, Gail Reeves Bowcock and Mary Ann Meideiros; 32 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. A donation may be made to the Albuquerque Christian Children's Home at 5700 Winter Haven Rd, NW 87120. Those who wish to express condolences may do so at www.danielsfuneral.com. |
| **Richardson** | **2010** | Harvey H. Richardson (79) passed away June 21, 2010, in Silver Spring, Maryland. Harvey graduated from Ohio State University in 1953 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. He then served for two years in the US Army as a Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. His SCS career included positions in Ohio and Massachusetts prior to transferring to the national office in 1974. At the time of his retirement in 1989 with 37 years of service, Harvey was a hydraulic engineer in the Engineering Design Unit, Engineering Division, Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy A. Richardson; four children-- Mari Richardson, Janet Richardson Hendricks, Susan Jean Yurcisin (Glen) and Jennifer Lynn McGraw (Ryan); and nine grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 3701 Pender Drive Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030. |

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| **Rogers** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Emsley Woodruff Rogers (85) of Dufur, Oregon passed away March 30, 2010. Upon his graduation in 1951 from Oregon State University, he began his career working in the Agricultural Sciences field. He retired in 1983 after serving his country in World War II and working for 27 years as a Soil Conservationist that included work in Tunisia, Africa early in his career. He would yodel or speak in French and Arabic at the drop of a hat for anyone that would listen. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Frances; his children, Alan (Cheryl), David (Sabrina), Sandra (Douglas), Laura (James); 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family requests that any donations in his memory be made to Global Outreach International/Uganda through the Dufur Christian Church. |
| **Savage** | **2010** | Barbara Savage (65) of Stockton, Missouri passed away July 27, 2010 after a 2-year battle with lymphoma cancer. She is survived by her husband of 40 years Bill Savage, three children, and three grandsons. Bill was a resource conservationist for the Greene/Webster FOSA when he retired in February 2006. |
| **Schultz** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Gilbert A. Schultz (92) Bloomington, Minnesota passed away September 22, 2010. Gil served in the Civilian Conservation Corp and retired in 1974 as the State Administrative Officer for SCS in St. Paul, MN. He negotiated the first modern day union contract in USDA history, was very active in his church and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Gil was the 'founder' of the retiree luncheons, held quarterly for Twin Cities SCS/NRCS metro retirees. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and daughter Christine. |
| **Schwoegler** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist James Edward "Jim" Schwoegler (87) passed away May 19, 2010. Jim was a World War II veteran serving with the 39th Bomb Group in the Pacific Theater. He was awarded numerous medals including the Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. Jim worked for SCS, retiring as the area conservationist of the South Central Wisconsin Region in January 1980 after 31 years of service. He is survived by is wife of 61 years, Shirley Ann Huggins Schwoegler. Together they had seven children: Mary (Steve) Rudolph; Steve (Laurie); Theresa Allen; Cathy (deceased) (Steve) Evans; Liz (Phil) Van Kampen; Judy (Eric) Barrows; and Jane DeSmet; and 12 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Jim's name to St. Andrew's Parish for St. Hermine's Home (sister parish in India). |
| **Seely** | **2010** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Olin Thomas "Pop" Seely (95) of Columbus, Ohio passed away December 18, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Linnie Hight Seely. He is survived by his daughter, Elaine Seely (Steve) McClung of Powell, OH; his son, William Hight Seely of Minneapolis, MN; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Olin earned a B.A. in Government and Law from Texas Christian University and a LLB degree from the North Texas State School of Law. In 1936, he was hired by SCS as a Junior Clerk Typist in Fort Worth, TX. He moved up the career ladder in SCS, and in 1954, he was transferred to the SCS Louisiana State Office in Alexandria, LA where he served as State Administrative Officer. Olin was honored with the USDA's Superior Service Award in 1970. He was with the SCS 37 years. After retirement in 1974, Olin returned to university life and earned a Master of Business Administration Degree from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. He then served as an Adjunct Professor in Business at Louisiana State University Alexandria and Northwestern State University (Natchitoches, LA). A long time resident of Alexandria, LA, Olin moved to Columbus, OH to be near Elaine in 1999. The family requests that memorial gifts be made to Willow Brook and HomeReach Hospice. |
| **Shally** | **2010** | Helen Martha Shally (90) of Sun City passed away January 9, 2010. She was preceded in death by husband's Greg Kalinowski in 1972 and Vincent Shally in 2009. |
| **Sharp** | **2010** | Ben Allen Sharp (90) of Sharpsburg, Kentucky passed away September 11, 2010. Ben was a retired soil conservation technician with SCS. |
| **Sheer** | **2010** | James D. "JD" Sheer (74) passed away August 19, 2010 in Cooper, Texas. JD started his SCS career in 1957 as a Conservation Technician in Crosbyton. He later served in Wellington. Survivors include his wife, Jane Sheer of Cooper; son, James Dee (Vicki) Sheer, Jr. of Topeka, Kan.; daughter, Sheryl (Eddie) Orr of Wellington; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. |
| **Sheldon** | **2010** | Neil Francis Sheldon (66) of Marshalltown, Iowa passed away August 23, 2010 at Mercy Hospice Care in Iowa City. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts from Northeast Missouri State University. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam from July of 1968 to February 1970. After college Neil taught school for a short time and then worked as a sky marshal for the United States Customs. From 1975 until 2006 Neil worked with the USDA, until his retirement as the NRCS State Administrative Officer in Wisconsin. Neil is survived by his daughter Gwen (Scott) Thomas of Littleton, CO and two grandchildren. A memorial fund in Neil's name has been established. Condolences may be sent to www.winfieldfh.com. |
| **Shields** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Robert L. Shields (85) of Carolina Shore, NC passed away July 26, 2010. Robert was a native of Ohio and worked for SCS as a soil scientist in Ohio, Illinois and Maryland. His last position was State Soil Scientist for Maryland. After retirement in 1980, he moved to Carolina Shores where he made his home until his death. |
| **Smith** | **2010** | Life Member Beverly A. Smith (67) of Lincoln (Prairie Home), Nebraska passed away on February 24, 2010 at her home in Lincoln. She retired in 1997 as a budget analyst for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service after 36 plus years of service. Survivors include soul mate, Bob Smith; daughters and sons-in-law, Melinda and Leon Igo, Deborah and Jeff Searcey, Theresa and Jason Vanwormer; son and family, Phillip Smith; and eight grandchildren. Memorials in lieu of flowers to St. Patrick's Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society. |
| **Staley** | **2010** | Patricia Osborne Staley, wife of Larry Staley, passed away May 17, 2010 in Mesa, AZ after a 17 year battle with Parkinson's Disease. Larry retired from SCS in 1988 as a soil scientist in South Dakota. Larry's address is 8562 E. Souther Ave, Lot # 588, Mesa, AZ, 85209. |
| **Starling** | **2010** | James Avery Starling (85) of West Jefferson, NC passed away July 18, 2010. Avery retired form SCS as Soil Conservation Technician in Ashe County, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Joseph Flowers Starling of West Jefferson, one son, Gerald Starling of Hampton, GA, one daughter, Ava Lambert of Dallas, NC, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was a veteran. |
| **Strother** | **2010** | George Jerome Strother, Sr. (66) passed away July 13, 2010. He is survived by son George (Waqiba) Strother, Jr; daughter Marla and a grandson. George worked for SCS/NRCS for 31 years and retired as Mail Clerk and Property Mgt. Officer in the Virginia state office. George was full of life and lived life to the fullest, and he will be missed by friends, relatives and former co-workers. |

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| **Taylor** | **2010** | Dean E. Taylor (88) passed away February 4, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was a retired Engineer and Computer Technician for SCS. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; daughter, Cathy (Marvin) Hefti, Scottsbluff; three granddaughters and four great granddaughters. He was preceded in death by daughter Hope McCracken. Condolences or personal reflections may be sent online at www.roperandsons.com. |
| **Ullsperger** | **2010** | Gladys Ullsperger (84) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away December 31, 2010. Survivors include her husband, Harold, a retired engineering technician with SCS, two daughters, five grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Memorials: Mass Offerings, St. Elizabeth Hospice or Estes Park, Colorado Hospice. |
| **Voss** | **2010** | Kenneth R. (Jim) Voss (83) of Belton, Texas passed away February 10, 2010 in a local hospital. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1950 with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. Jim served in the U. S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He worked for SCS as an Agricultural Economist in Texas, as Director of Water Resources Planning Unit in Lincoln, Nebraska and as Director of National Water Resources Policy in Washington, D.C. He retired in 1981. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Marianne W. Voss of Belton, one son, Karl W. Voss and wife, Trudi of Belton, two daughters, Mary Kim Grimes and husband, Steve of Hampton, Virginia, Susannah Marshall and husband, Ted of Temple and eight grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Bell County, 1726 Morgan's Point Road, Belton, TX 76513-6842 or Twin Lakes Audubon Society, c/o Carol Ann Wadley, 3415 Whispering Oaks, Temple, TX 76504. |
| **Wagner** | **2010** | Billy Jewel Wagner (75) passed away October 6, 2010 in Antlers, Oklahoma. Billy worked for SCS as a Field Soil Scientist and Field Specialist Soils in Texas before going to Oklahoma. He retired as State Soil Scientist of Oklahoma. Billy was preceded in death by a son: Billy Eric Wagner. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marcella of the home; children: Marcia Pitman of Homer, Louisiana, Lana Wagner of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Leah Kyrk of Saginaw, Texas, & Eva Willingham of Searcy, Arkansas; and ten grandchildren. |
| **Wall** | **2010** | Herbert "Pat" Wall (95) formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away September 20, 2010 at Nebraska City, NE. Pat graduated from Peru State College in 1934. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He worked for SCS. His Schipperke canines were his life. He is survived by a sister-in-law and three nieces. Memorials may be made to the Capital Humane Society. Condolences www.lincolnfh.com. |
| **Waller** | **2010** | J. C. Waller (88) of Clinton, Oklahoma passed away August 10, 2010. J.C. worked for SCS for 44 years, retiring in 1985. He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Mittie; two sons J.C. (Patti) Waller, Jr. of Dewey, OK and Rodney Dirk Waller of Plano, TX; one daughter Betty Jo Wohl of Tulsa, OK; five grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. |
| **Warren** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Duncan R. Warren (88) passed away March 19, 2010, at St. Alexis Medical Center, Bismarck, ND. He taught veterans agriculture for three years in Gackle and Hazen, ND. He worked as a Soil Conservationist in Hazen, Center, and Mandan, ND. He became the first Coordinator for the Lewis and Clark RC&D in Mandan. He served in the US Army's 11th Armored Division in Europe in WWII participating in the Battle of the Bulge and the liberation of Mauphausen Concentration Camp. He is survived by his wife, Myrle, of 62 years; his daughter, Jo Warren, Santa Fe, NM; two sons, John (Rebecca) Warren, Mandan, ND; and Jeffrey Warren, Larkspur, CO; and one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by an infant son, James. |
| **Watson** | **2010** | Maurice Lee Watson (85) of Hagerstown, Maryland passed away October 9, 2010. He was drafted right out of high school into the Army and assigned to the Army Air Corp. Maurice was stationed overseas in England with the 8th Air Force, 458th Bomb Group, where he flew 28 combat missions over Germany and other countries, in a B-24 Bomber. In March 2005, the people of the hamlet of Ferrieres, France honored him and his crew to express their gratitude for their service to their country. After his discharge from the Army, he briefly attended Loyola College in Baltimore. He was employed for 32 years with SCS retiring in 1980 as a contract specialist. Maurice is survived by his wife of 60 years Jean Elizabeth Mosier Watson; one daughter, Julia O'Conor Watson Burgin & husband William of Purcellville, VA; and one grandson. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Middleburg Academy, 35321 Notre Dame Lane, Middleburg, Virginia 20117. |
| **Wildman** | **2010** | Centenarian Lloyd E. Wildman (100) of Minneapolis, Kansas passed away Oct. 23, 2010. He was an office manager at the ASCS office in Burlington before moving to Minneapolis, where he worked for SCS in Ottawa County, retiring in 1973. Lloyd was preceded in death by his wives, Hazel Dent, Evelyn Worthington and Lois Wallace. Survivors include his daughters, Kay Wildman, of Huntington, WV, and Lynne Maples, of Topeka, KS; 21 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made Golden Wheel Senior Center and may be left in care of the funeral home. Visit www.wilsonshields.com. |
| **Williams** | **2010** | James Williams (62) passed away February 27, 2010 in Ft. Worth, Texas. He was the husband of Estella Williams, retired EEO Liaison on the NRCS Regional Staff. James retired as a manager after 31 years with the U.S. Postal Service. In addition to his wife of 39 years, Estella, he is also survived by his son, Loren and daughter, Monica, all of Ft. Worth. |
| **Williams** | **2010** | William Braxton "Brack" Williams Sr. (76) passed away August 20, 2010 in Whiteville, NC. Brack retired in 1994 as a Water Management Specialist with SCS headquartered in Greenville, NC. He began his career 1967 as a Soil Conservationist in Clinton, NC. He served as District Conservationist in Clinton, Charlotte, and Whiteville Field Offices and was Area Conservationist in Lumberton. He is survived by son Brack Jr., four sisters and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Martha. |
| **Willie** | **2010** | Leroy Willie (96) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana passed away September 11, 2010. Leroy was an RC&D Coordinator with SCS in the Baton Rouge Area Office. He retired in December 1976. |
| **Wolfe** | **2010** | Joan Brant Wolfe (53) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away December 25, 2010. She worked for SCS as a cartographer. She is survived by her husband, Ted Wolfe and brother, Chuck Brant. |
| **Wynn** | **2010** | Barbara Wynn (76) passed away January 11, 2010 at Satilla Care Center after an extended illness. She is remembered for her winning personality, as SCS Area Clerk in Waycross, GA. She retired with 35 years of service. Survivors include one son, D. C. Wynn III (wife Glenda) of Blackshear; one daughter, Cathy Wynn Chancey of Waycross; three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at www.musicfuneralhome.com. |

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| **Young** | **2010** | Paul E. Young (96) of Tiffin, Ohio passed away June 19, 2010, at Bridge Hospice Care Center, Findlay. Paul worked for the Civilian Conservation Corp., attended Ohio University and The Ohio State University. Serving in World War II with the U.S. Army, 5th Armored Division, European Campaign, he obtained the rank of sergeant. He retired as a conservation technican with 40 years' service from SCS. Surviving are two sons, David (Brenda) Young and Rodney (Melinda) Young of Tiffin; daughter, Dr. Paula (Russell) Neuman of Fort Wayne, IN; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was his wife of 60 years, Mary V. In lieu of flowers, memorials contributions may be made to Trinity United Church of Christ. |
| **Youngman** | **2010** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Eugene (Gene) C. Youngman (91) of Vancouver, Washington passed away August 3, 2010. He was born in Valley, NE, served in the Navy during WW II, and worked was a soil conservation technician with SCS, retiring in 1977 as a district conservationist. His wife of 57 years, Miriam, died in 2002. He is survived sons Dwight and Curt of NE, Steve of NM and daughter Amy Rich of Vancouver; nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. |
| **Younkin** | **2010** | William Dale Younkin (82) passed away July 5, 2010. He volunteered to serve in the U.S. Marine Corp, a little early at age 17 and was honorably discharged when World War II ended. He played professional baseball as a pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Dale received his BS in Agronomy. Dale began his professional career in Hoxie, Kansas as a soil conservationist for SCS. He served as an Area Conservationist in Emporia, KS and Pocatello, ID where he retired in 1983. Dale is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jerry Younkin, daughter Lynn (Dave) Schneider, sons, Mike (Gay) Younkin, Clint (Kate) Younkin; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.Colonial-FuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials or donations to Creekside Hospice, 4425 Burley, Chubbuck, ID 83202. |
| **Ziebell** | **2010** | Senior Conservationist Martin Ziebell (89) of Stillwater, MN passed away May 5, 2010, after a long illness. Martin started his SCS career as a Soil Scientist at Lowville and Plattsburg, NY and transferred to St. Cloud, MN in 1954. He relocated to Stillwater in 1968 as District Conservationist for Washington County. He took great pride in helping develop the Lake Elmo Park Reserve and retired from federal service in 1983. Martin served in the Army manning anti-aircraft artillery in the China-Burma-India (CBI) Theater during World War II. In 1950 Martin graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Soils and Agronomy. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Gertrude, three daughters: Janet Ziebell, Stillwater; Ruth Lehmann, Stillwater; Becky (Dennis) Anderson, White Bear Lake; and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 6201 Osgood Ave. N., in Stillwater, MN. |
| **Archer** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Donald Vincent Archer (86) of Caldwell, OH formerly of Circleville, passed away April 15. 2009 at Marietta Memorial Hospital. He married his high school sweetheart, Martha Geneva (Wilson) Archer in 1945. Don served our country in the U.S. Coast Guard, was a graduate of The Ohio State University and a member of the Summerfield American Legion Post #415. Growing up on the farmland of Noble County instilled a passion for the land and the environment that he carried into his 33 year career as Pickaway County District Soil Conservationist. One of his primary "clients" was the former Chief of SCS, Bill Richards. After retirement, he continued the work he loved as a surveyor for the Pickaway County Engineer. He often mentored university students studying in the field and treasured the opportunity to teach and pass along his respect for the land to the next generation. He was involved in the community as a 4-H advisor and member of the Community United Methodist Church. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years Geneva Archer. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community United Methodist Church, 120 North Pickaway St. Circleville, OH 43113; Caldwell United Methodist Church, 537 Main St., Caldwell, OH 43724; or the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District, 110 Island Rd, Suite D, Circleville, OH 43113. |
| **Berg** | **2009** | Elmer Berg (74) of Hadley, MA passed away May 8, 2009. He was the financial guy with SCS in Amherst and then became the State Administrative Officer before moving to the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development). Even after many years in Massachusetts Elmer kept his down-east Maine accent and no one would ever wonder where he was raised. Elmer is survived by his wife of 50 years, Orene Berg; two sons; a daughter and eight grand children. |
| **Betts** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Warren E. Betts (85) of Cassville, Missouri, passed away March 5, 2009. Warren retired as a civil engineering technician with SCS on January 3, 1988 after 30 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, of 57 years. |
| **Blankenship** | **2009** | Leon Blankenship (85) passed away November 9, 2009 in Monroe, Louisiana. Leon was the District Conservationist in Grambling, LA and then on the state staff in Alexandria, LA where he retired in 1983 after 33 years of service. He was the first African American unit conservationist in the State of Louisiana. He graduated from Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. He is survived by his wife of almost 58 years, Mildred Johnson Blankenship; one son, Leon F. Blankenship, Jr., Shreveport, LA; one daughter, Pamela Anita Blankenship, Grambling, LA; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Boe** | **2009** | Herbert R. “Russell” Boe (81) passed away June 14, 2009 at St. Luke’s Hospital, Duluth, Minn., on the 56th anniversary of his marriage to Norma Janke Boe. Russ left high school early to enlist in the United States Army prior to the end of World War II. He served in Germany during the Nuremburg Trials until his discharge in 1948. Russ graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman with a bachelor’s of science degree in general agriculture. His full time career began in 1959 with SCS. He served in Montana and Minnesota for 29 years as a soil conservationist and district conservationist, retiring in 1987. He also retired as a Lt Col. in the MN National Guard. After retirement, Russ worked part time for Truax Co., promoting grass seed planting equipment, and was involved with numerous organizations, family, friends and church. He is survived by his wife, Norma, and sons, Ronald (Susan) Boe, Phoenix, Ariz., David (Kristina Solon) Boe, Duluth; daughter, Julene Boe (Dale Lucas), Duluth. Memorials may directed to Glen Avon Presbyterian Church, 2105 Woodland Ave., Duluth, MN. |

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| **Bonar** | **2009** | James Sloan Bonar (72) of Annandale, VA passed away June 29, 2009 at home after a valiantly fought battle with cancer. He attended Potomac State College, and graduated from West Virginia University in 1959, earning a BS degree in Animal Husbandry. Jim spent his military career as a fixed-wing and helicopter pilot in the US Army and Army Reserve for 31 years, retiring as a Master Pilot at the rank of Colonel, Infantry. He spent his civilian career as a soil and water conservationist, beginning with SCS in West Virginia, where he worked for ten years. He served an additional 19 years at USDA headquarters in Washington, DC, and spent the final nine years of his civilian career with the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District in Virginia. Jim is survived by his wife of 49 years, Molly, and two children; Sarah Parker Bonar Johnson (Randolph Glenn) of Middletown, MD and James Sloan Bonar, Jr., of Glenside, PA, and two grandchildren. Donations in memory of James may be made to Branch Mountain Cemetery, Three Churches, WV or the 1st Presbyterian Church of Annandale, VA. |
| **Boyer** | **2009** | Twyla Boyer passed away January 13, 2009 at her home in Fries, VA. She had been battling cancer for more than 6 years. Twyla had worked as a conservationist in Wytheville before taking disability retirement. Her husband Danny is still employed by NRCS. Condolences may be sent to him at 8784 Spring Valley Road, Fries, Virginia 24330. |
| **Brull** | **2009** | Robert F. Brull (86) of Hays, Kansas passed away October 27, 2009. He was a Soil Conservation Technician with the Soil Conservation Service in the Hays Field Office, retiring in 1984. |
| **Bryan** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Robert C. Bryan (87) passed away November 28, 2009 in Lexington, KY. He served in the Army Air Corp during WWII as a C-47 pilot in the European Theater and as a B-26 pilot during the Korean War. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1948 with a B.S. in agriculture. After serving as a soil scientist, agriculture economist, and in various management positions, he retired from SCS in 1977 as Chief of the Procurement Management Branch, Washington, D.C. After retirement he was active in several family businesses and Founder of the Lincoln County Educational Fund. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Betsy Pettus Bradshaw Bryan; three daughters—Rebecca Crunk of Fairfax, VA; Margaret (Paul) Champion of Greencastle, IN; and Marie (Kenny) Weaver of Elizabethtown, KY; five grandchildren and one great grandson. Memorials may be given to the Lincoln County Educational Fund, P.O. Box 423, Stanford, KY 40484. |
| **Burkett** | **2009** | Charles Burkett, husband of Pat Burkett, passed away March 21, 2009 after a long illness with alzheimers. Pat worked at the Northeast National Technical Center and her address is 134 Davis Avenue, Broomall, PA 19008. |
| **Carmack** | **2009** | Patsy Blount Carmack passed away April 12, 2009 in Spokane, Washington after an extended battle with ovarian cancer. Patsy is survived by her husband Joe Carmack, retired State Conservation Engineer in Spokane, Washington and National Water Management Engineer in Washington, DC. Joe is still in Spokane but makes several trips each year to the family farm in Tennessee. Remembrances in Patsy's name may be made to one of the following: Spokane Valley Church of Christ, P.O. Box 99, Spokane Valley, WA 99016 or Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center through the following web link or address: Patsy Carmack's Memorial or Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Contributions, J5-200, P.O. Box 19024, Seattle, WA 98109-1024. |
| **Cash** | **2009** | Clifton Franklin Cash (87) passed away May 16, 2009, at Johnson Regional Medical Center in Clarksville, AR. He was long time District Conservationist at Clarksville, AR. He was a member of the Clarksville Lions Club, where he received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the Clarksville First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, American Legion and DAV and was an Army veteran, having served as a medic paratrooper. Survivors include his wife, Pauline Bandy Cash; a daughter, Fonda Cash of Hot Springs; a son, Gary Cash of Clarksville; and three grandchildren. |
| **Christensen** | **2009** | James E. Christensen (80) passed away March 17, 2009 in St. Paul, MN. James worked for SCS for 34 years. He served in various positions in Nebraska and retired as the economist for Ohio and the lower half of Michigan. He then returned to the family farm near Wolbach, NE. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, he attended the University of Nebraska where he graduated with distinction. He is survived by his wife, Joan of 50 years. Memorials are suggested to the Wolbach Methodist Church. |
| **Coates** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Lacy W. Coates (92) passed away May 19, 2009 in Clayton, NC. He retired in 1973 as an economist with SCS on the River Basin/Watershed Planning Staff in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is survived by his daughters, Marie Coates Smith and husband, Richard of Raleigh, Marcia Coates Grimsley of Clayton and son Everette Lacy Coates and wife, Deborah of Clayton, brothers, Edwin Coates of Raleigh and Bryan Coates of Spartanburg, SC. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. |
| **Collins** | **2009** | Robert E. Collins (73) longtime District Conservationist at the Middlebury Vermont Field Office, passed away February 17, 2009. He started his career as the youngest DC in the state at the age of 28 and served in the leading dairy farming county of Addison for more than 36 years, becoming known as "Mr. SCS". After retirement he served as ARSCSE State Rep for Vermont for several years. He also served his country in the military retiring as a major in the Army Reserve. He was active in his community serving as a member of a variety of committees and organizations. He leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Lew, three children and their families. Contributions in his memory can be made to Friends of Middlebury Hockey, MSC Addition, PO Box 835, Middlebury, Vermont 05753. |
| **Colson** | **2009** | Clay Alton Colson (93) of Brodhead, Kentucky passed away October 12, 2009. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Berea College in 1937, Colson received a Master of Science in Agronomy from the University of Kentucky. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Colson joined SCS in 1947 and served as the Rockcastle County Soil Conservationist for 31 years. After retirement, he served in numerous farming, civic, and church leadership roles. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Nellie Foster Kluttz. He is survived by four sons — William of Hastings, Nebraska, Robert of Westport, Conn., Charles of Salt Lake City, Utah, and David of Brodhead, Ky-- 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kentucky Christian Assembly, P.O. Box 71, Brodhead Ky. 40409, or the charity of one's choosing. |

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| **Coover** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist James Robert Coover (89) passed away August 24, 2009 at Pleasant Manor Health and Rehab. Born York County, Pennsylvania, Jim received his BS in forestry from Penn State University. He served in the Army Air Corps 86th Fighter Bomber Squadron during WWII in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. After the war, he worked for the USDA SCS as a soil scientist in Waxahachie, Lubbock and Temple, Texas. From 1966 to 1970 he served as an irrigation specialist for the United States Agency for International Development in India. He returned to Texas and worked until his retirement for SCS as Principal Soil Correlator for the Southeast US region. During his retirement he was also an agricultural consultant to several countries. Jim enjoyed being retired and developed many hobbies including fishing, bird-watching, collecting arrowheads, reading and traveling. He is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years in 1995, his son David Coover, and daughter Paula Bennett. He is survived by his daughter Eileen Berger, six grandchildren and seven great- grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.Condolences may be made at www.bozemitchellmckibbin.com. |
| **Curole** | **2009** | Alvin J. Curole (91) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana passed away July 26, 2009. Alvin started his career as an engineer with SCS. He then retired as the District Conservationist in Ville Platte, Louisiana. |
| **Danielson** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist George M. Danielson (90) of Lander, Wyoming passed away July 3, 2009. He was an area conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1974 as the Assistant State Conservationist. |
| **Daven** | **2009** | Honorary Senior Conservationist E. Graham Daven (93) of Issaquah, Washington passed away Sept. 15, 2009. Graham, affectionately known as Bub, attended Weber State College and graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in business. He retired from SCS in 1973, after beginning his career in Idaho in 1942 as an asst. clerk typist, then working in several positions in Washington State and Washington, DC and finally serving for nearly 20 years as Administrative Officer in Portland, Oregon. Bub had an uncanny ability to recall almost every moment in his 93 years of life and spin those stories into very entertaining moments. He is survived by a niece, nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews and their children. |
| **Davis** | **2009** | Ron Davis (55), NRCS Area Tech Engineer, working out of the Chanute RC&D office, passed away March 22, 2009. |
| **Davis** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist George Davis (83) of Diboll, Texas passed away on November 23, 2009. He served in the U.S. Navy for 2½ years in the latter part of World War II. George graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1949 with a degree in vocational agriculture education. He spent 30 years with the Soil Conservation Service at locations in Terrell, Van Alstyne, Rockwall, Gainesville, Amarillo and Temple - all in Texas. He retired in 1981 as an assistant state conservationist. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Marie, in 1998; and a son, Jim in 2002. George is survived by a son, Tommy Davis of Amarillo; a daughter-in-law, Donna Davis of Houston. |
| **Dierks** | **2009** | Jerry Dierks (80) of Thermopolis, Wyoming, passed away October 18, 2009. He was a retired district conservationist with SCS. |
| **Edwards** | **2009** | G. Paul Edwards (80) of Middletown, Maryland passed away Feb. 3, 2009. Born April 11, 1928, in Byers, Texas, he graduated from Texas Technological University with a degree in agronomy. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was retired from the U.S. Army Reserves at the rank of major. Paul worked for more than thirty years for SCS. Paul loved sports, was an active tennis player until 2006, enjoyed reading, volunteering, and helping his neighbors. He is survived by his wife, Jane "Penny" Sponaugle Edwards of Middletown. Contributions can be made in his name to CaringBridge.org or a charity of one's choice. |
| **Erdman** | **2009** | Helen Erdman (75) of Richmond, VA passed away Saturday, January 10, 2009. She retired from SCS in 1988, where she served as Personnel Specialist. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund, 9505 Gayton Rd., Richmond, Va. 23229. |
| **Fenn** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Oscar Y. Fenn (97) passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2009 in Little Rock, AR. He was a long time SCS employee in the Little Rock State Office, retiring in 1976 as an executive assistant. |
| **Ferentchak** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Frank Ferentchak (89) passed away at the Intermountain LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 2, 2009. Frank, along with his wife of over 40 years, Elaine, spent their summers in Diamondville, Wyoming, and their winters in Mesa, Arizona. Frank's career with SCS (1952-1976) included being an area engineer in western Wyoming and many leadership positions in Montana, retiring as an assistant STC in Montana in 1976. In 1963 and 1964, Frank made two trips to Venezuela as an irrigation and drainage consultant to the Director of Public Works. From 1976 until 1985, he worked as a consultant on irrigation projects in Swaziland, Guyana, and Pakistan. His Chronicle is at: http://www.arscse.org/nchron.htm#ferentchak |
| **Foster** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist James "Jim" Foster (89) passed away June 21, 2009 in Grand Island, NE. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Dorothy Foster, a daughter Linda Foster, a son and daughter-in-law Brad and Michelle Foster, and a granddaughter, all of Grand Island, NE. He graduated from Iowa state University with a B.S. in agronomy and a M.S. in soil management. James served in the U.S. Navy during WWII with Amphibious forces. He retired from SCS as an area conservationist with 39 years of service, having worked in Iowa and North Dakota. |
| **Franzen** | **2009** | Cynthia Franzen (62) passed away May 12, 2009. Cindy was the wife of Robert W. Franzen, Wildlife Biologist, at the NNTC, Chester, PA. She was predeceased by their son, Martin W. Eranzen. Bob lives at: 2801 Davis Road, Corning, NY 14830. |
| **Freymiller** | **2009** | Stella (Jalbert) Freymiller (93), wife of William Freymiller, passed away Feb. 2, 2009, at Rosewood Nursing Home in Fargo, ND. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Bill; daughters Linda McKibben, Fargo and Deborah DeCoteau, Tracy, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. |
| **Fude** | **2009** | Theresa "Terry" Fude (62) of Lansing, MI passed away unexpectedly on June 20, 2009. Terry was the wife of Bill Fude, retired State Administrative Officer in Michigan. She worked for SCS in Vermont from 1966-1976. A graduate of Champlain College in Burlington, VT, she enjoyed the fun times with friends, neighbors and the ladies of the Red Hat Society. She is survived by Bill and a daughter, Andrea of Portage, MI. |

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| **Gibbs** | **2009** | Jacy Lee Gibbs (65) passed away July 27, 2009 in Nampa, Idaho. Jacy was just diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer on June 24th. Jacy graduated from Oregon State University. Following graduation from OSU, Jacy worked for SCS in Oregon, retiring after 31 years of service in 1995. He also worked for the SCS in Idaho and Utah. During Jacy's career he worked in rangeland management and native plant materials where he made many special friends. After Jacy's retirement he formed Intermountain Rangeland Consultants, LLC. He is survived by his wife Keri; three children, Jay of Heppner, OR, Kenny of Hermiston, OR, and Carrie of Helix, OR; nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Condolences may be submitted at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to or volunteering for your favorite charity. |
| **Gile** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Leland H. Gile (89), international authority on arid-land soils and longtime resident of Las Cruces, NM, passed away Nov. 16, 2009 in Las Cruces. He was predeceased by his wife of 46 years, Dora Blossom Gile. After early work as a Soil Conservation Service technician, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII including in England and France as an airplane armorer from 1942 to 1945. Leland studied soil science at the University of New Hampshire, Harvard, and the University of Wisconsin. He led the soil science phase of the Desert soil-Geomorphology Project in New Mexico with the USDA for twenty years and had thirty research papers published in major scientific journals. He retired as a soil scientist in 1976. |
| **Gilliland** | **2009** | Maurice Mose Glenn Gilliland (87) of Holton, Kansas passed away March 12, 2009. He retired from SCS in 1982. |
| **Gleue** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Fred C. Gleue (93) passed away January 9, 2009 in Belleville, KS. He retired as District Conservationist in 1980. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the Anzio Beachhead survivors. He is survived by his wife, Lorine; sons David of Topeka, Kansas; Steven of Belleville, Kansas and Paul of Manhattan, Kansas; three grandchildren: and two great grandchildren. |
| **Glisson** | **2009** | Donald G. Glisson (81) passed away April 28, 2009 in Nashville, NC. Don retired in 1983 as District Conservationist in Nashville, NC. He was born in Girard, Georgia and graduated from University of Georgia. He was a member of the Nashville Lions Club for over 50 years and was involved in many Nashville community services. He had a passion for helping people and was a long time member of the Lions Club where he served as District Governor. Shortly before his death he contributed $250,000 to the NC Lion's Foundation to build a recreation center for the visually handicapped. After his retirement he ran a cow-calf beef operation and was an active member of the NC Cattleman's Association. Don was preceded in death by his first wife, Martha and his second wife, Lottie. He is survived by his son Gary and his wife Ruth, son Grant, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. |
| **Graham** | **2009** | Mickey L. Graham (74) passed away September 27, 2009. Mickey retired in 1976 as the Soil Conservation Technician in Lumberton, North Carolina. He was also a farmer in Roberson County. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, sons, Keith and Phil, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Grizzell** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Roy Grizzell (91) passed away April 11, 2009. He was the State Biologist with SCS in Georgia and then Little Rock, Arkansas for many years, retiring in 1978. Roy graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S in Forestry in 1939 and received a PhD in Wildlife Management from the University of Michigan in 1951. During WWII he served as an Army Captain with the military police in North Africa and Europe before being sent to head security at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, facility. There the tall, quiet soldier was directly involved in a mission that led to the successful conclusion of the war. Unknowingly, Roy and another soldier delivered the "key component" of the first atomic bomb to the secretive military facility in Los Alamos, New Mexico. In 2003 he was recognized by the ARSCSE for his outstanding community service, having served on the University of Arkansas Forestry School Advisory Committee and as adjunct professor, as secretary/treasurer of the Monticello Lions Club, president of the Drew County Arkansas Historical Society, and as a member the Presbyterian Church and the Catfish Farmers of America. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, two daughters, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Virginia at 138 Grizzell Lane, Monticello, AR. 71655-5824. |
| **Haines** | **2009** | Donald F. Haines (72) passed away Dec. 6, 2009, at Bloomsburg Health Care, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania where he had been a patient for 1½ years. He had been in failing health for 3 years. Donald started employment on July 22, 1956, with SCS in Middleburg, PA. In 1970, he was transferred to Bloomsburg, where he was the Area Engineering Technician. He retired on Jan. 3, 1999 with 43½ years of service. In addition to his wife of 52 years, the former Barbara Ann Bickhart, he is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Craig A. Haines, at home, and Eric D. and Sharon Haines, of Buckhorn; and two grandchildren. Contributions in Donald's memory may be made to Good Shepherd Music Trust Fund, 1600 Fowler Ave., Berwick, PA 18603. |
| **Hansen** | **2009** | Gene Hansen (78) passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2009 in Florida after a prolonged illness. A graduate of Ohio State, Gene started his SCS career in Ohio, moving to PA as Area Conservationist and then as Asst. STC for Programs in the State Office in Harrisburg. He is survived by his wife, Wilma. |
| **Harrell** | **2009** | William B. (Baker) Harrell (82) passed away June 1, 2009. He was a navy veteran of WWII (12/1/44-7/4/46). He served as a Radar Operator on the USS Little Rock CL 92. Baker started his career with SCS as a Conservation Aid in Williamston, NC in 1957. He spent most of his career as the Soil Conservation Technician in Brunswick County, North Carolina where he retired in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Nellie. |
| **Harris** | **2009** | Frances (Irene) Harris (89) passed away April 25, 2009, at her home in Blacksburg, VA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry E. Harris. She retired in 1974 after 32 years with SCS. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Timothy G. and Mary Ann Harris, of Blacksburg; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blacksburg united Methodist Church, P.O. Box 931, Blacksburg, Va. 24063 or Good Samaritan Hospice, 125 Arrowhead Trail, Christiansburg, Va. 24073. |

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| **Hart** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Abe F. Hart, Jr. (87) of Watauga, Tennessee passed away November 12, 2009 at Sycamore Shoals Hospital, Elizabethton, TN. He was a World War II veteran, and a 1948 graduate of the College of Agriculture - University of Tennessee with a major in Agronomy. He retired from SCS as the chief contract specialist on the Engineering Staff at the Tennessee State Office. He served as an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 260 for 27 years, earned the Wood Badge Award, and was honored with the Boy Scouts of America Hermitage District's Long Rifle Award. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen Ruth Almond Hart; two sons, David L. Hart of Foley, AL and Steven A. Hart and his wife, Cindy Lee Hart of Mt. Juliet, TN and one granddaughter. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Elizabethton/Carter County Public Library, 201 North Sycamore Street, Elizabethton, TN 37643. |
| **Hatcher** | **2009** | Roland Hatcher (86) passed away April 15, 2009 in Selma, NC. Roland retired as Soil Conservation Technician in the Smithfield Field Office. He is survived by his daughter, Linda Wood and husband Roger of Selma, two grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. |
| **Holcombe** | **2009** | Edward D. Holcombe (83) passed away August 16, 2009 at a local nursing home in Temple, TX. Ed received a bachelor's degree in forestry from Louisiana State University. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II. He retired in 1990 after 43 years with the USDA SCS. He had been a resident of Temple since 1971. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Temple, where he served as a deacon, taught the singles class, and sang in the choir. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Carol Morgan Holcombe of Temple; two sons, James F. Holcombe of Baton Rouge and Robert F. Holcombe of Manhattan, Kan.; two daughters, Nancy H. Wilson of Austin and Kelly H. Denman of Houston; and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to "Greater Gifts" or CTLC c/o First Baptist Church, 102 W. Barton Ave., Temple, 76501. |
| **Hosack** | **2009** | James L. Hosack (63) of Columbia passed away July 16, 2009, in St. Louis. Born in Superior, Neb, Jim, a veteran, retired in 2003 as an Agricultural Economist with NRCS in Columbia. Survivors include sons, Scott Hosack of Columbia and Steven Hosack of Harrogate, Tennessee. |
| **Hunt** | **2009** | James E. “Jim” Hunt (56) of Green Bay, Wisconsin passed away December 7, 2009 after 2 1/2 years of treatment for prostate cancer. He worked for NRCS for 32 years, at locations in Illinois and Wisconsin. Jim is survived by his wife, Barb; two daughters, Elizabeth Hunt of Ripon, WI, Rebekah Hunt of Madison, WI, and one granddaughter. |
| **Hurlbert** | **2009** | Roy Donald Hurlbert (78) passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Alpine Way Retirement Center in Shelton, Washington. Don was the district conservationist in the Olympia, Washington field office in the 70’s and 80’s. |
| **Hyatt** | **2009** | Richard Hyatt (69) of Richmond, Virginia passed away November 24, 2009. He is survived by his Christmas bride of 45 years, Camilla, children Esther and Eugene Hyatt, grandchildren and other family members. He retired as a civil engineer from SCS. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be sent to the Richard Hyatt Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 25193, Richmond, VA 23260. |
| **Jenkins** | **2009** | H. Smith Jenkins (75) passed away Jan. 14, 2009. Smith retired Jan. 1990 as an Engineering Technician at Somerset, KY. He is survived by his wife, Mathel Gaddis Jenkins of Somerset; five sons, Roger Jenkins of Marion, Ky., Iloff Jenkins of Tenn., Robbie Godbey of Goldsboro, NC, Michael Godbey of Science Hill and Nickey Godbey of Atlanta, GA; three daughters, Roseanna Denton of Mt. Zion, Sheila Jenkins of Marion, KY and Teresa Jenkins of Dixon, KY; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. |
| **Jestes** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Ned Jestes (91) passed away June 2, 2009 in Banner Elk, NC. Ned retired as District Conservationist in Yancey County in 1972. He was a veteran of World War II. He served in the US Navy from October 1941 until the war ended in 1945. Ned served aboard the battleship USS Washington for six months in the North Atlantic, and then in the South Pacific, as a Meteorologist. The ship engaged in twenty battles from New Clenodia to Okinawa, including the sinking of the Japanese battleship Kirishima at Guadalcanal. Ned was an active member of The Valle Crucis United Methodist Church. After retirement he was elected as Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for 32 years. He is survived by three daughters, seven grandchildren and seven great-grand children. |
| **Jewett** | **2009** | Thomas E. Jewett (65) of Casper, WY, unexpectedly passed away June 19, 2009. He worked for the NRCS from 1966 until he retired as ND State Conservationist in 2004. He was a graduate of South Dakota State University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1966. He was also a member of the SDSU football team. During his career, he worked in Minnesota, Rhode Island, Michigan, South Dakota, Wyoming and North Dakota. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, June, a son Kevin (Cyndi) Jewett of Seattle, WA; two daughters, Janna (Marvin) Rone, Beth (Tony) Williams, Casper; six grandchildren, four brothers, and a sister. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Heart Association or the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund in Casper. |
| **Johnson** | **2009** | Bill Johnson (73) of Russellville, KY passed away Feb. 7, 2009 at the Hospice Center of Southern Kentucky in Bowling Green. He retired as a district conservationist in January 1995, served as a supervisor of Logan Conservation District, worked at First Southern National Bank, and was a member of the United Methodist Temple. He served for several years as the ARSCSE State Representative for Kentucky and did a really good job. Bill is survived by his wife, Betty Johnson. The family asks that donations be made to the Hospice of Southern Kentucky. |
| **Johnson** | **2009** | Bobby G. Johnson (80) passed away at his home in Fort Worth, Texas on Thursday, September 24, 2009. He served with both the U.S. Marines and the U.S. Air Force. Bobby received a degree in geology from Texas Christian University and worked as a geologist for SCS. His wife, Anne, also worked for SCS in the Cartography Department. Bobby is survived by his wife, Anne Johnson; daughters, Julie Hall and Jennifer Nowlin and husband, Shane. |
| **Johnson** | **2009** | Dorris L. Johnson (83) a native of Newton County, MS, passed away February 26, 2009 at his home in Birmingham, AL. Dorris served in World War II for two and a half years and was an engineer for the 245th Engineer Combat Battalion. He was a graduate of Mississippi State University with a degree in Agronomy. He worked for SCS for greater than 40 years and lived most of those years in New Albany, MS. Dorris moved to Birmingham, AL to be closer to his daughter Margaret in 2006, and became ill later in that year. Dorris was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Katie Jean Scoggin. Dorris is survived by his daughter Margaret L. Johnson. |

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| **Johnson** | **2009** | Helen Jean Johnson (82) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away November 20, 2009. She was the wife of Paul (Dick) Johnson, retired Soil Coordinator with SCS. She graduated with a BS degree from the University of Minnesota, and with a Masters Degree from University of Iowa. She worked as Director of Food services at the University of Illinois and at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, NE. She also served as a clinical dietitian at several small hospitals in NE and SD. She is survived by her husband, Dick, and her 3 children and their families. Dick is presently living at the Madonna Center. |
| **Jones** | **2009** | Randall Jones (65) of West Virginia passed away February 12, 2009, after a long battle with cancer. He was retired from NRCS after 37 years as District Conservationist at Grantsville/Glenville. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sue, and daughter Shannon (Jeremy). Randall was a 4-H All Star and a member of the WV 4-H Hall of Fame. |
| **Jones** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Willard F. Jones (97) passed away March 6, 2009 at Eastmont Towers, Lincoln, Nebraska where he had lived since 1992. He worked for SCS for 31 years, retiring in 1977. Prior to SCS, he taught vocational agriculture at St. Edward and worked for the Federal Land Bank System. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1940 with a degree in Agricultural Management and was a member of Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta Honorary Fraternities. Willard was a World War II veteran of US Army Air CORPS. He was preceded in death by his wife Irene. Memorials may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, 1610 S. 11th, Lincoln 68502 or People City Mission, 110 Q St., Lincoln 68508. |
| **Kammerer** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Reuben "Ham" Kammerer (84) passed away September 30, 2009 in Casper, WY. During WWII, Reuben served in New Guinea where he was assigned to the U.S. Army 603rd Tank Company, First Cavalry Division. He served on the islands of Biak, Leyte and Luzon at both Subic Bay and Bataan. At the end of the war he was stationed in Japan. Ham graduated from Iowa State University in Agricultural Engineering and began his 30+ year career with SCS. Ham worked with Iowa farmers before being transferred to Lincoln, NE and then Casper, WY where he conducted river basin studies prior to retiring in 1980. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Vivian, daughters Patricia Reed and Debra (Steve) Schlenker and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Reuben's name to Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions, First United Methodist Church, Casper, WY, or the Kiwanis Club of Casper, WY. |
| **Kamminga** | **2009** | Lorena J. Kamminga (92) passed away August 17, 2009 at East Lansing, MI. She was preceded in death by husband Simon (SI) Kamminga, in 1995. Si Kamminga was the first state administrative officer in MI retiring in 1972. Lorena is survived by a son, two daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. |
| **Keathley** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Mack Graham Keathley (90) passed away May 3, 2009. Mack served over five years in the U.S. Army during WWII. He received a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture in 1952 from Oklahoma A&M. He worked most of his 25 year SCS career in Checotah, OK where he retired and was very active in the First Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, of 68 years, their son, Dennis Keathley and wife Sandy of Coweta, OK and four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. You may send your condolences by mail to Mrs. Keathley at: 905 SW Fourth St, Checotah, OK 74426-5211 or share online condolences with Mack's family at www.garrettfamilyfuneralhome.com. |
| **Key** | **2009** | David B. Key (77) passed away May 13, 2009 in Cookeville, TN. David retired in 1993 as District Conservationist in Lexington, NC. After retiring he moved back to Tennessee where he was reared. He is survived by his wife Ruby D. Key, sons, Carl Key of Cookeville and Billy Key of Lexington, NC; daughters, Deloris Key of Cookeville and Theresa Geraci and husband Michael of Portsmouth, NH. He served in the Korean conflict. |
| **Kirk** | **2009** | Elinor Kirk (88) passed away April 23, 2009 at her home in Fulton County, Pennsylvania. She was the wife of Charles "Dick" Kirk (alias the Colonel), retired Area Conservationist in Lebanon. She is survived by Dick and 2 children, Mac and Nancy. Condolences can be sent to Dick at P.O. Box 519 Hustontown, PA 17229 or he can be reached by phone at 717-987-3178. |
| **Klingelhoets** | **2009** | Muriel M. Klingelhoets (87) passd away Jan. 2, 2009. Muriel was the wife of A. J. Klingelhoets who retired as the State Soil Scientist in Wisconsin in July 1979. A. J. survives as well as a daughter, Kathy Schoener; 4 sons, Pat, Robert, Paul and Mark; and 2 grandsons. Memorials may go to HospiceCare Inc. |
| **Knight** | **2009** | John H. Knight (82) passed away February 17, 2009 at Knoxville, TN. He moved there a few years ago to be closer to his daughter, Jean. He worked with the survey crew in the Sioux City, IA AO retiring in 1985. After that he worked for Siouxland Engineering Associates retiring again in 1996. Besides daughter, Jean, he is survived by two sons and their families. |
| **Kovatch** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Merle Steve Kovatch (85) of Bozeman, Montana passed away on February 4, 2009. He grew up in Montana, served in World War II, and graduated from Montana State College (now MSU) in 1952 with a degree in agricultural engineering. Steve served with Company B of the 7th Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division during their 1944 to 1945 march through France and penetration of Germany. He served as an infantryman and infantry combat leader. During his combat service, Steve was awarded four Purple Hearts for wounds received in combat. He also was awarded two Silver Star medals for valor in combat as well as other medals for service. He served in the National Guard and the Army Reserve, rejoining the Army in 1980, at the age of 57, as a Chief Warrant Officer. Steve worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1981 after 28 years of service. Survivors include his son, James Kovatch of Bozeman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Meryl Kovatch and one son, Thomas Kovatch. |
| **Kuhl** | **2009** | Arthur “Art” Kuhl (76) of Randolph, Neb., passed away July 16, 2009, from post-surgical complications. He received his bachelor’s degree in agronomy in 1954 from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He then served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. In 1969, Art received his master of science degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. with a major in soil science and a minor in geomorphology. Art was a soil scientist for SCS. He worked on soil surveys in NE, NY, KY, and PA, retiring after 35 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Randolph; three sons, John (Kathy) of Davenport, Iowa; Joe of Moscow, Idaho; and David (Aysha Keisler) of Baltimore; one daughter, Betsy (Gus) Marmaras of Burlington, Wis.; and four grandchildren. |
| **Liesemeyer** | **2009** | Bette L. Liesemeyer (78) passed away May 31, 2009 in Linclon, NE. She was the wife of Wayne Liesemeyer, retired SCS state irrigation engineer for Nebraska. She will be remembered for her kind spirit and willingness to help other. She bravely battled many medical challenges over the last 10 years. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be given to the People's City Mission, 110 Q Street, Lincoln, NE 68501-0636 or Eastridge Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be given at www.aspenaftercare.com. |

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| **Lindgren** | **2009** | Larry G. Lindgren (69) of Ewing, New Jersey, passed away August 2, 2009, after a lengthy illness at the Hunterdon Medical Center, in Flemington, New Jersey. Larry was born November 12, 1939 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Lawrence F. and Evelyn M. Nagel Lindgren. He served in the Army Reserve for 13 years. He moved to New Jersey in 1961. Larry was an engineer technician/CADD user with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 22 years before his retirement in 2002. He was the assistant scout master of Incarnation Troop 26, Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the Incarnation Church Senior Club. Larry loved the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and boating. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Dianne Spranza Lindgren of Ewing, and members of the Spranza family. |
| **Lonczak** | **2009** | Nancy Lonczak (62) passed away unexpectedly August 21, 2009. Nancy was a retired secretary who worked for SCS and ASCS in Massachusetts. |
| **Lorenzen** | **2009** | Bill Lorenzen (64) passed away April 17, 2009. He was a Biologist on the Water Resources Staff in St. Paul. Bill served in the Navy from 1966 to 1969 and started his federal career in l974 with the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Oklahoma and South Carolina. In 1980 he accepted a job with NRCS (SCS) in Illinois and came to the Biologist position in St. Paul, MN in 1991. Bill leaves behind his wife and two daughters. |
| **Loyd** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist F. Glennon Loyd (97) of Hyattsville, Maryland passed away June 10, 2009. He worked as an information specialist for SCS. Glennon was the beloved husband of the late E. Jean Loyd. He is survived by children Patrick V. (Peggy) Loyd, F. Glen (Chris) Loyd, T. Myron (Maxine) Loyd, Dennis B. Loyd and Nancy J. Loyd; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. |
| **Luckett** | **2009** | Lewis K. Luckett (91) of Bedford, Kentucky passed away October 18, 2009. Lewis retired from SCS in 1983 as a soil conservation technician. |
| **Lymg** | **2009** | Margaret (Gryde) Lyng (78), wife of former Area Conservationist Orlin Lyng passed away October 20, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Orlin of 57 years; daughters and sons, Pat (John) Gaffaney, Dickinson, ND; Tom (Angie) Lyng, Pella, IA; Cheri (Bob) Schulz, Bismarck, ND; Dave (Linda) Lyng, Cedar Rapids, IA; and 12 grandchildren. |
| **Mai** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Julius Henry Mai (90) of Salina, passed away May 12, 2009. He was a retired program manager with SCS in Washington, D.C. He started his career as a district conservationist in Hoxie and Oakley, and then became an area conservationist in Colby for many years prior to moving to Washington, D.C., in 1967, where he served until his retirement in 1976. Born in Russell, KS, Julius received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science. He served in the U.S. Army as a captain during World War II and Korea. When he was discharged, he had received the Purple Heart, The World War II Victory Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Survivors include his sons, John Mai and wife Patty, of San Jose, CA, Jerry Mai, of Arvada, CO, and Keith Mai and wife Jennifer, of Vienna, VA. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Elaine (Smoll) Mai; second wife, Elizabeth E. (Harris) Mai. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, Salina, Eaglecrest Retirement Community, 1501 E. Magnolia, Salina 67401, or Hospice of Salina, 730 Holly Lane, PO Box 2238, Salina, 67401. Visit www.carlsonfh.net to send e-mail condolences. |
| **Mathison** | **2009** | Norman Mathison passed away at Sioux City, IA on May 23, 2009. He had heart surgery in January and in March had problems. He was an engineering technician in the Sioux City AO retiring in September 2001. His wife survives. |
| **McDavid** | **2009** | David L. McDavid (83) of Grayson, Kentucky passed away October 24, 2009. David retired from SCS in 1984 as a soil conservation technician. |
| **McGill** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist, Herman Neal McGill (92) of Temple, Texas passed away Sept. 28, 2009. Herman graduated from Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1939. He began work for SCS in 1939 as a hydraulic engineer. His 47 years of service was interrupted by a three-year stint in the U.S. Navy. As a second lieutenant, he served as a deck and agricultural officer in Guam during World War II. He had numerous publications in technical papers as a hydrologist. He developed methods and procedures adapted for field use. He was honored as Engineer of the Year for the state of Texas in 1978 and received multiple recognitions in his field. Herman was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Bradfield of Sugar Land. Survivors are his wife of 70 years, Irene McGill of Temple; three daughters, Joan Eggleston of Andrews, Linda Ellison of Katy and Janet Marinik of Temple; a son, Robert McGill of Orange; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. |
| **McGuire** | **2009** | Tom McGuire (77) passed away March 17, 2009 in Fairfield, IL. He was a retired Soil Conservation Technician with SCS and an avid outdoorsman. Tom is survived by his wife Vonnie (Armstrong) McGuire. Graveside services included military rites. |
| **Metcalf** | **2009** | William Metcalf (92), passed away May 26, 2009. He worked for SCS in Chautauqua County, New York, and then as District Conservationist in Orleans County, NY, with 35 years of service before he retired. He had quite a history first working for the CCC as a forester. He was pre-deceased by his wife of 68 years, Bernadine, and daughter, Sharon. He is survived by sons Stan, Michael, and daughter, Marilee, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. |
| **Milhollin** | **2009** | Quinton Keahey Milhollin (77) of Dublin, Texas passed away Jan. 17, 2009. He graduated from Texas A&M and was a member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 1953. He retired from SCS as a civil engineer. He was a veteran of the Korean War, a first lieutenant serving as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, and was a Golden Glove lightweight champion. He is survived by wife, Janey Alderete Milhollin of Dublin; his sons, Robert David Milhollin of Haltom City and John Gordon Milhollin of Benbrook; his daughter and son-in-law, JoAnne and Curt Kamman; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Russell Lee Milhollin. |
| **Montgomery** | **2009** | Thomas Montgomery (76) of Orleans, IN passed away July 9, 2009 at his home. A retired DC, he was a thirty-five year employee of SCS. Tom was also a veteran of 40 years of military service, including time with the Army, Air Force and Air Force Reserve. He is survived by his wife Katherine, a daughter Ruth Ann Montgomery, a son Thomas E. Montgomery and three grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.ochs-tetrick.net. |

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| **Morland** | **2009** | Robert B. Morland (82) passed away at his home on Sept. 3, 2009, ending a battle with congestive heart failure that began early this year. After H.S graduation, he was stationed in South Korea as part of the Army of Occupation and was proud that he helped that nation rebuild and re-establish itself after 50 years of Japanese control. Bob graduated from Oregon State College with a degree in agricultural engineering in 1951. His work with the SCS took him to Hermiston and Tillamook and he was later assigned to the Planning and Watershed Development Unit in Portland where he worked until retirement in 1985. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marlys; son, Mark of San Jose, Calif.; daughter, Julie Csisek (Jeff) of Seattle; son, Tim (Katherine) of Newberg; and three grandchildren. Remembrances to ELCA World Hunger. |
| **Moss** | **2009** | Arlo Duane Moss (77) of Brownfield, Texas passed away January 9, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Merlene of Brownfield, five daughters, two sons, 24 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He retired from SCS in 1999 after 43 years of service. He lived in many west Texas towns prior to locating in Brownfield as a District Conservationist in 1966. Memorial donations may be made to the Duane Moss Scholarship Conservation Fund, 208 W. Broadway, Brownfield, TX 79316. |
| **Moum** | **2009** | Jennie (Olson) Moum (84), wife of former ND State Engineer A. Richard “Dick” Moum, passed away September 3, 2009, at Rapid City Regional Hospital following a fall at her apartment. Dick passed away in 1989. She is survived by her son, Michael (DeDe) Moum, Des Moines, IA; daughter Patricia (Alan) Schulte, Hill City, SD, and six grandchildren. |
| **Mumma** | **2009** | Charles E. Mumma (74) passed away Nov. 14, 2009, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Nebraska. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957 including service in Germany as a radar specialist. He worked for SCS in various locations in Missouri and in Bismarck, ND. He retired on Dec. 1, 1990, after 35 years of government service. After retirement, they moved to Grand Island and established Chuck’s Country Market (vegetable farm). He was active in many civic and professional organizations and his church. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, Kearney, NE; a daughter, Nita Deyo and husband, Kim, Kearney, NE and two grandsons, and two great-granddaughters. Memorials are suggested to the local Cancer Society. Online condolence or personal reflections may be submitted at osafh.com. |
| **Munk** | **2009** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Harvey Dale Munk (91) passed away June 2, 2009 in Beaverton, Oregon. Harvey was born in Benson, Utah. He was a soil scientist for SCS, retiring in 1973. Harvey is survived by his daughters, Rhonda Pikelny, Kathleen Westhora, and Joy Abbey, 11 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and 3 step-grandchildren. Dale spent his early years in Cache Valley and graduated from Utah State Agricultural College. He served in the Navy during WWII. He worked for SCS for 32 years with his career taking him to Idaho, Alaska, Washington, D.C., Oregon and California. After retiring, he and Evelyn spent 2 years in Lesotho, Africa, working on an agricultural project. He was a Scoutmaster in Jerome, Idaho for many years, loved to travel and enjoyed growing beautiful gardens and flowers. He served as a Bishop and High Councilor in Eugene, Oregon. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. June 11, 2009 at Nelson Funeral Home, 162 East 400 North, Logan. Friends and family may call from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to services. Interment will be in the Smithfield City Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family online at www.nelsonfuneralhome.com. |
| **Nelson** | **2009** | Gloria Marie Nelson (88) passed away October 22, 2009, at the Evergreen Hospice in Kirkland, WA. She was the wife of Lee Nelson, retired engineer (watersheds) in the Spokane State Office. She graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Home Economics and Business and later a MS degree in counseling and guidance from Gonzaga University in Spokane. Gloria taught for 26 years in Spokane and she loved to write. As a young wife living and raising a family on a developing farm as part of the Columbia Basin (l953-1956) she typed a letter a day to her father in Kansas. These letters are a permanent collection in the Cheney Cowles Museum, Spokane, WA and detail the daily pleasures and struggles of bringing irrigation to the formerly desert land. She wrote several books with “We Built a Farm” about their experiences in the Columbia Basin. Gloria is survived by her husband Lee (Carnation, WA) and their four children and spouses and nine grandchildren. |
| **Neu** | **2009** | Patricia Neu (73) beloved wife of Albert Neu passed away July 22, 2009 from complication following open heart surgery.   Albert retired from SCS in 1994 as the area conservationist at Flagstaff, Arizona. In addition to Albert, she is survived by daughter Tammy K. Neu, Phillips Ranch, CA; Dana C Neu, Flagstaff, AZ; and Darrin Neu and wife Nathalie, Dallas, Georgia. |
| **Nichols** | **2009** | Mary Jenoese "Jenny" Nichols (77) passed away November 20, 2009. She earned her degree from Oklahoma State University. She was a member of Genesis United Methodist Church where she served as the head of elder care. She volunteered for United Methodist Women's Societies in Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Joe D. Nichols, retired Head of Soils Staff in Ft. Worth and a daughter, Lynn Ann Nichols. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory may be made to the Building Fund at Genesis United Methodist Church, 7635 S. Hulen St., Fort Worth, Texas 76133, or a charity of choice. |
| **Noll** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Catherine E. "Katie" Noll (92) formerly of Hiawatha, KS passed away December 10, 2009 at St. Mary's Manor, Blue Springs, MO. She retired from SCS in 1981 as an Area Clerk after 27 years of service. Gus Dornbusch says "Katie was my secretary at three watershed project office locations in Kansas where I was project engineer. She was a close friend and a most outstanding secretary. I'll miss her much---she was one special person." She was preceded in death by her husband Oscar Noll on March 27, 1990. Survivors include two daughters; Donna Lee (John) Schletzbaum, Indianola, IA, and Sharon (Robert) Antes, Grain Valley, MO; a son, Jerry Noll, Wichita, KS and seven grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. Memorial contributions are suggested to either St. Ann's Church, Effingham or St. Ann's parish, Hiawatha, or Crossroads Hospice of Blue Springs, MO. Condolences to the family maybe left online at www.beckerdyer.com. |
| **Osler** | **2009** | Robert Reid Osler (84) passed away January 2, 2009 at Council Bluffs, IA. He was an engineering technician retiring from the Area Engineering Office in August of 1988 with more than 42 years of service. He is survived by three children, ten grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. |
| **Pavelek** | **2009** | Antone ‘Andy’ Pavelek (90) passed away September 28, 2009 in St. Helens, OR. He received a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in 1941. He retired from SCS in 1975 as the district conservationist in St. Helens after 32 years of service. Andy is survived by his wife of 62 years Bernice, a son, Steve Pavelek both of St. Helens; and a daughter, Linda Miezejeski of Vancouver, WA. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Frederic Catholic Church memorial fund. On-line condolences may be made to the family at www.columbiafh.com |

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| **Pennebaker** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Frank Pennebaker (91) of Eureka, Kansas passed away June 13, 2009. He was a soil conservation technician with SCS, retiring in 1980. Survivors include a son, Keith Wayne Pennebaker; daughters, Karen Wiley and Myrna Chambers; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. |
| **Perkins** | **2009** | Calvin J. Perkins (66) passed away December 1, 2009, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, in Lebanon, NY after a brief illness. He graduated from University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor's Degree. Calvin retired from his position as an Area Conservationist in Albany, NY in 1994. After retirement he was extremely active in conservation and community service. Calvin is survived by his two sons, Shannon Perkins, and Rexland Perkins and wife Diane. Donations may be made in Calvin's name to a charity of one's choice. |
| **Peterson** | **2009** | Lyle C. Peterson (74) passed away February 16, 2009 at Council Bluffs, IA. Lyle was the District Conservationist in the Council Bluffs FO at the time of his retirement in 1998 with more than 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Jerri, son, Brian Field, daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Tim Mechaelsen of Kamrar, IA and Kimberley and Mike Hinkel of Logan, IA, four grandchildren and a great granddaughter. Also surviving are brothers Don (Kay) Peterson and Brian (Kathy) Peterson. |
| **Pope** | **2009** | Douglas L. Pope (85) of Albany, Georgia, passed away May 11, 2009, at his residence. Born April 10, 1924, in Pinehurst, GA, Mr. Pope lived in Albany since 1951 where he was a member of Raleigh White Baptist Church and the Fishermen's Sunday School Class and a member of American Legion. Mr. Pope served in the Army Air Corps in World War II as an aerial photographer. Many of Mr. Pope's accomplishments are documented in the two books he wrote. One is on land in South Georgia and what is happening to the natural resources. Another book is on his life growing up on a mule and cotton farm, his work with USDA as a teenager, his experiences of three years in the European Theater in World War II and his life during thirty-six years with SCS. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Delores Hendley Pope of Albany, three sons, and two grandsons. Those desiring, please make memorials to Raleigh White Baptist Church 2804 Phillips Dr., Albany, GA 31721, American Heart Association P.O. Box 1923, Albany, GA 31702 or Georgia Diabetes Research Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 70638. |
| **Pratt** | **2009** | Clyde W. Pratt (74) of Hinton, Oklahoma passed away October 31, 2009. Clyde retired from SCS. |
| **Roberts** | **2009** | Naomi A. Roberts (89) passed away March 14, 2009 at Spokane, Washington.   Naomi is survived by her husband, Francis M. Roberts, engineer, who retired from the state office in Spokane. They had first met while their two families were homesteading in the Columbia Basin and were married just a few days short of 69 years. Donations would be appreciated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN, her favorite charity for over 50 years. |
| **Rogers** | **2009** | Jarvis Rogers (49) passed away September 24, 2009. Jarvis was a conservation technician in Farmerville, Louisiana. He was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and loved hunting, golfing, fishing, cooking and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Den Rogers of Farmerville and son, Heath Rogers and wife, Jenny of Farmerville. Online messages may be sent to the family at www.farrarfh.com. |
| **Sahlfeld** | **2009** | S. Lynn Sahlfeld (64) passed away May 16, 2009 at her home following a 9½ month battle with kidney cancer, after having survived breast cancer twice. A celebration of life is tentatively planned for August. Born in Portland, OR, Lynn attended and graduated from Yorktown High School in Yorktown, Virginia in 1962. Lynn continued to live in Virginia until 1969 when she moved to the Portland Area where she had resided since. She was united in marriage to Joseph Sahlfeld, an engineer with SCS until 1995, on May 22, 1981 in Portland, Oregon and they made their home in Cedar Mill. Lynn worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service where she held positions as Human Resources Assistant and Executive Secretary to the State Conservationist. She retired in 1994 after more than 25 years of service. Survivors include her husband of 28 years, Joseph of the family home; a daughter Tracy Ennis and husband, Tom of High Point, NC; two step sons, Andrew and Darren Sahlfeld both of Glacier, WA; and a grandson. The family suggests donations may be placed in Lynn's name to the Kidney Cancer Association at www.kidneycancer.org or to an animal shelter of one's choice. |
| **Schrader** | **2009** | Wayne D. Schrader Sr. (78) of Osage City, Kansas passed away July 24, 2009 in Topeka. He was retired from SCS. |
| **Sealey** | **2009** | Ruth E. Sealey (82) passed away March 19, 2009 in Winner, South Dakota. After teaching for six years in South Dakota, Ruth had worked at the Pentagon in Washington D. C. where she was also in the Women's Marine Corp. In 1958 Ruth moved to Casper, Wyoming where she worked for SCS until her retirement. She studied at St. Mary's of Notre Dame in Indiana, Business College in Grand Island, NE, and Black Hills State in Spearfish, SD. |
| **Seinwill** | **2009** | Sally Wagner Seinwill (69) passed away Sept. 28, 2009, at her home in Lusby, MD. She had pancreatic cancer. Sally was the wife of Jerry Seinwill, retired Soil Conservation Service Associate Deputy Chief for Technology and Director of Engineering. She was a 1962 graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and received several academic honors. In addition to her husband of 47 years, she is survived by a son, Col. Jeff Seinwill and his wife, Lt. Col. Trish Seinwill, both U.S. Air Force; daughter, Anne Larsen and her husband Erik Larsen and their three children. Memorial contributions may be made to WETA-TV in Washington, D.C., or the Calvert Hospice in Prince Frederick. |
| **Shaffer** | **2009** | Everett Shaffer passed away Jan. 10, 2009. Everett was a Life Member of ARSCSE. He spent his career in the Dayton, OH area as an Engineering Technician. Notes may go to his wife, Martha, at-4560 Burnham Woods Dr., Franklin, OH 45005. |
| **Shally** | **2009** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Vincent William Shally (91) of Sun City, passed away January 11, 2009. Mr. Shally served as a Captain during WWII in the Army Air Corps. He received his B.S. in Forestry from U.C. Berkeley and his Master's Degree from Harvard University. He was the SCS State Conservationist for the State of South Dakota when he retired in 1976. He was survived by his wife Helen; children Kevin Shally, Timothy (Laura) Shally, Laurie (Greg) Parker; step-children Jon Kalinowski, Katherine (Walter) Taff, Patricia Kalin; and two grandchildren. |
| **Shrode** | **2009** | Mary Bea Shrode (79) passed away October 1, 2009 at her home in Chrisney, Indiana. Mary is survived by her husband of over 60 years Howard "Tom" Shrode, long-time State Administrative Officer in Alabama. She enjoyed traveling, playing the organ and singing in the church choir. Other survivors include a son, Paul W. Shrode, M.D. of El Paso, Texas, a daughter, G. Karen Shrode of Indianapolis, Indiana and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cornerstone United Methodist Church and the Christian Resource Center. |

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| **Smith** | **2009** | Judith A. Smith (66) passed away June 3, 2009 after battling cancer for seven months. She retired from NRCS in May 2003 where she was a Management Analyst in the Operations Management and Oversight Davison. She is survived by her daughter Dianne Mercil and husband John. Condolences may be sent to her daughter at 22567 Hughesville Manor Ct, Ashburn, VA 20148-6705. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Lung Cancer Society in memory of Judith A. Smith - www.lungusa.org |
| **Speich** | **2009** | Robert Speich (78) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away Sept. 25, 2009. He was an Army Veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. Bob retired in 1988 from USDA as a Soil Conservationist at the National Technical Center in Lincoln. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Speich of Lincoln; children & spouses Steven & Midy Speich, Salmon, ID; Susan Voigtlander, Milaca, MN; Brian & Denise Speich, of Lincoln; Andrew Speich, Lincoln; 7 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Memorials to American Parkinson Disease Association, 501 North 87th Street, Suite 207, Omaha, NE 68114. |
| **Spencer** | **2009** | Eddie L. Spencer (81) passed away Jan. 2, 2009. Eddie retired in Jan. 1988 as a Soil Scientist with SCS. His wife, Betty Jean, died in 2001. He is survived by daughters, Teresa Forni and Sandra Barrett; son, Steve; and 5 grandchildren. |
| **Spreier** | **2009** | Honorary Senior Conservationist LaVern Spreier (96) of Jetmore, Kansas passed away April 7, 2009. He was a graduate of Fort Hays State Teachers College. LaVern retired as a SCS district conservationist in 1977. He was preceded in death by his wife Lucille. |
| **Steele** | **2009** | Forrest Steele, Sr. (100) passed away March 12, 2009 in Cary, NC. Forrest was born July 5, 1908 in Brookville, PA and graduated from Penn State University with B.S., M.S. in Soil Science. He retired in 1970 as State Soil Scientist in Raleigh. After retirement he joined the Food and Agricultural Organization assisting soil conservation and land management agencies in Korea and Thailand for several years. He then returned to Raleigh where he was a long-time member at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. For the past several years he lived in Glenaire retirement center in Cary, NC. He is survived by two sons, Forrest Steele, Jr. of Lake Placid, FL, and David Steele of Winston-Salem, and three granddaughters, Sandra Emery and Sarah Slayton of Charlotte and Carol Goodnight of Hillsborough, and nine great-grandchildren. A daughter, Anna S. McLeod, predeceased him in 2005. |
| **Stuart** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Clyde E. Stuart (91) of Longview, Texas passed away May 29, 2009. Clyde attended Texas A & M University and retired in 1974 as contract specialist for SCS. He served in the U. S. Army during WWII. He was preceded in death by a son, David Stuart and is survived by his wife, Adele of Longview; daughters and sons-in-law, Judy (Bill) Brandt of Dillsburg, PA, Janet (Chuck) Renshaw of Harrisburg, PA, and Jean (Bryan) Wall of Sugarland, Texas; and seven grandchildren. |
| **Stumpf** | **2009** | Bob Stumpf (84) of Mercer, PA passed away February 28, 2009. Sadly, Bob and his 44-year old daughter Amy were killed in an auto accident. Bob retired from SCS in 1982 after spending most of his career in the Mercer Field Office. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Ann Furst Stumpf, in 1998. |
| **Sundberg** | **2009** | Donald M. Sundberg (88) passed away January 6, 2009. He retired from SCS in December 1978, having worked as a soils engineer on the Design and Soil Mechanics Staff, Regional Office, Lincoln, NE. He is survived by two daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren. |
| **Swofford** | **2009** | Marion Robert "Bob" Swofford (80) passed away March 30, 2009, at Central Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He began working for SCS at the age of 16 and served in several capacities over a 40 year span, retiring in 1983 as State Administrative Officer. He graduated from Millsaps College while working full time. He was a long time member of Raymond Presbyterian Church. For many years he was a cattle farmer and greatly enjoyed the land and gardening. He served on the board of the Hinds County Zoning Board, the board of the Statewide Federal Credit Union in Jackson, and the Mississippi Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Allene, in 2006. Donations can be made to the Youth or College Ministry of Hillcrest Baptist Church, 5950 Terry Road, Byram, MS 39272, or to the African Bible College, 411 Wayne St., Clinton, MS 39056. |
| **Sylvester** | **2009** | John Walter Sylvester (85) passed away Oct. 16, 2009, at home in Madison, Wisconsin. After serving in the U.S. Army stationed in Kansas, Hollywood and Oregon, he attended the University of Wisconsin Extension, Milwaukee. He worked as engineering technician for SCS for 32 years. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Doris; daughters, Jane M. and Julie A.; and son, John A. "Sly." Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, St. Mary's Adult Day Health Center in Madison or HospiceCare of Dane County. Condolences to www.krausefuneralhome.com. |
| **Unger** | **2009** | Carolyn Sue Unger (69) passed away August 25, 2009 in Bangor, ME. Born in Chicago, she graduated from Northwestern University in 1960, becoming a registered nurse. She was the wife of David G. Unger, retired associate chief of SCS. She was an avid reader of fiction, history and politics; was a lifelong supporter of the arts and music. She is survived by her husband of 25 years; her son, Dr. Andrew Stoebner and his wife, Holly, of Austin, Texas; her son, Charles Stoebner of Abilene, Texas; her daughter, Sarah MacGillivray and her husband, Bart, of Portland, Ore.; two stepsons, David Unger of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Christopher Unger of Hermon; and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 433, Castine, ME 04421. |
| **Vizena** | **2009** | Jerry Vizena (67) passed away November 26, 2009. Jerry was the District Conservationist with SCS in Oberlin, Louisiana. He was a US Air Force Veteran. He is survived by his wife Glenda. |
| **Wallace** | **2009** | James L. Wallace (80) passed away April 11, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Grand Rapids, MI. Barbara retired from the Social Sciences Institute in 2004 and also worked in MA and MI. Mr. Wallace is also survived by two sons, two daughters, and 4 granddaughters. |
| **Waymire** | **2009** | Eugene Waymire (59), NRCS employee in Fort Worth, passed away June 17, 2009. Eugene is survived by his wife, Rebecca, son Eddie Waymire and daughter Melinda Golleher and their families. |
| **Wehrli** | **2009** | Glen Wehrli (94) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away October 26, 2009. Glen served in the Army during World War II. He retired as a Civil Engineer Technician after 35 years of service with SCS. Glen was always an athlete. He enjoyed tennis & golf—even sinking a hole in one when he was 83. He is survived by his wife, Geneva (Givan) Wehrli, of Lincoln, Nebraska, daughters Marcia (Oscar) Blomstedt, Lincoln, NE and Diane (John) Terpsma, Lincoln, NE and sons Douglas (Nadia) Wehrli, Lincoln, NE and Craig (Denise) Wehrli, Arlington, Texas and 10 grandchildren. |

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| **Weindorf** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Clemens F. Weindorf (88) of Las Cruces, NM passed away October 30, 2009. After 42 years of working for SCS as a range conservationist, Clem retired in 1976 to Hondo, New Mexico, where hobby ranching brought him much joy, tending fruit orchards and entertaining grandchildren. Survivors include his children, Ronald (Joan) Weindorf of Point Venture, Texas and Priscilla (Daniel) Luetke of West Bend, Wisconsin; 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his three spouses, Muriel, Billy and Grace. Memorials are suggested for Bethesda Lutheran Homes, 700 Hoffman Drive, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094. |
| **Wells** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Chester R. Wells (90) of Pittsburg, Kansas passed away January 22, 2009. Chet was husband of Doris and father of others. A World War II veteran, he worked for SCS, retiring as a District Conservationist in 1974. He also worked for Callison-Lough Funeral Home in Arkansas before moving to Pittsburg. |
| **Whitehurst** | **2009** | Carolyn Whitehurst (82) of Williamson, Georgia passed away December 26, 2009, following an injury in the home. Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Bryan K. Whitehurst of Williamson. Bryan retired from SCS in 1982 as District Conservationist for Lamar and Monroe Counties in Georgia. |
| **Willis** | **2009** | Elesa Kay Willis (54) passed away in Stillwater, OK on March 4, 2009 after a brief illness. She worked for SCS/NRCS in Arkansas, Maryland and Delaware where she retired as the NRCS State Conservationist. Before retirement, Elesa was the Dean of State Conservationists having served for more years than any state conservationist at the time. Elesa blazed a path for women in the natural resources profession and was named one of the 10 Outstanding Young Women of America in 1986. She is survived by her parents, Roland, retired State Conservationist in Oklahoma, and June Willis and sisters Wanda of Stillwater and Nancy of Brookville, FL. The family wishes that those wanting to make a contribution in Elesa's name do so with the charity of their choice. Condolences may be sent to her parents at 1902 S. Cimarron Road, Stillwater, OK 74074. |
| **Winder** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Robert R. Winder (89) of Greenfield, Iowa passed away August 25, 2009. Bob worked with SCS in Greenfield. He retired in 1978 after 33 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Norma. |
| **Wohl** | **2009** | Senior Conservationist Arthur E. Wohl (91) passed away at Bismarck, ND, January 29, 2009. He worked for SCS from 1974 to 1983 in Washburn, ND, after previous work experiences at USGS and Standard Oil. He is survived by his wife, Shirley of 60 years. |
| **Wood** | **2009** | Eddie L. Wood (83) passed away December 3, 2009 in Augusta County, Virginia. Eddie was a member of the United States Army and spent several months on duty at the Sugamo Prison in Japan. He attended both Bridgewater College and Virginia Tech for his undergraduate work and received his Master's degree in Resource Management from the University of Montana. Eddie spent more than 30 years working for SCS, retiring in 1983 after having served as the State Conservationist in Maine and Kentucky. He enjoyed golf and hunting, and was very active in his church. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Norma Dukesand; by two daughters Paula (Peter) Welch of Crozet, and Trinlie Wood and husband Mark Allen of Madison County; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Eddie L. Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit Virginia college students who pursue an agricultural degree. Gifts may be sent to: Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District 706G Forrest Street, Charlottesville, VA 22903, Attn: Garnett Mellen. |
| **Yaeger** | **2009** | Robert R. Yaeger (77) passed away March 27, 2009 in Lewistown, Montana. Bob worked for SCS in Lewistown and Fort Benton, Montana; Reno, Nevada; and Cody and Medicine Bow, Wyoming, retiring in 1991. Bob was a Past Master of Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 139 A.F. and A.M., a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Cody, Wyoming and a member of the Kalif Shrine Temple in Sheridan, Wyoming. He is survived by his wife, Pearle, of Lewistown; sons and daughter, David (Flo) Yaeger of Laurel, Montana; Kim (Ruth) Yaeger of Owensburg, Kentucky; and Vicky (Bob) Ruckman of Lewistown, Montana. |
| **Yoakum** | **2009** | Troy Yoakum (90) of West Virginia passed away January 17, 2009. Troy retired in 1979 after 35 years service as a soil scientist with SCS. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Helen, two sons, Daniel (Ellen) and John Dwight (Marsha), and one daughter, Wanda Susan (Jesse). Troy was a graduate of WVU with a B.S. in science, was a World War II veteran and a lifelong farmer. |
| **Zitzmann** | **2009** | Warren Theodore Zitzmann (85) passed away March 9, 2009 in Tampa, FL of complications from a stroke. Born and raised in New York City, Warren received a B.S. in engineering from Iowa State University, served in the Navy during WW II, worked for TVA, and in 1962 moved to the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. Warren later joined SCS where he retired in 1984. An expert in rural planning, he continued helping lay out the Farmland Protection Program through Norm Berg and the American Farmland Trust long after his retirement. His wife, Margaret, died in 2008. He is survived by four sons, Carl Zitzmann of Amissville, VA, John Zitzmann of St. Petersburg, FL, Phillip Zitzmann of Berkeley Springs, WV, and Paul Zitzmann of Lake Wales, FL; and six grandchildren. |
| **Anderson** | **2008** | Glen B. Anderson (82) passed away Oct. 18, 2008. Glen started his career as a Soil Scientist and served in Bristol, Marion, Fairfax, and Richmond, VA. He ended his career in Jan. 1986 in the Virginia State Office. Glen was a Fellow in SWCS. He is survived by his wife, Margot; sons Glen and Daniel; daughter, Susan Bishop; and five grandchildren. |
| **Arnold** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Verle M. Arnold (88) passed away Nov. 20, 2008. Verle retired in Jan. 1980 as a District Conservationist in Iowa. He died just 3 days before his 89th birthday. He is survived by 3 sons-John, Gene, and Jeffrey; a daughter, Jacque Pirtle; 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Bloomfield, United Methodist Church. |
| **Augustine** | **2008** | Marshall T. "Auggie" Augustine (96) was born in Addison, PA July 28, 1912 and passed away there September 25, 2008. He graduated from Penn State School of Forestry in 1938. Auggie retired from SCS in December 1968 as a Plant Material Specialist in Maryland. He was known throughout his career as a "teacher" for many SCS'ers and farmers. He helped create the Old Petersburg-Addison Historical Society and was a member of the Confluence Lions Club. He is survived by his 2 children-Fran and Tarrant. |
| **Bereuter** | **2008** | Lynn “Buzz” Bereuter (89) passed away January 20, 2008 at St. Alexis Medical Center. He worked in Washington, DC, and as Watershed Planning Party Leader in Fargo and Bismarck, ND. He loved his career, but his favorite job was retirement. He was a former ARSCSE State Representative for ND. He is survived by his wife Bette of nearly 64 years, one daughter, Linda; one son, Larry (Janna) and one grand-daughter, Erika Lynn. |

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| **Berg** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Norman Berg (90) passed away on March 18, 2008 following complications of a heart attack. Norm had reached 90 just 4 days prior to his death. He retired as Chief of the Soil Conservation Service in 1982. He also served as Associate Administrator and in Idaho and South Dakota. During his long career with SCS he provided guidance and leadership to many employees as they progressed through their careers. Following his retirement he became the senior advisor to American Farmland Trust a position he held at the time of his death. He also worked closely with the Soil and Water Conservation Society after his retirement. In 1997 the Secretary of Agriculture named him Chief Emeritus for NRCS. His wife of 58 years, Ruth, preceded him in death. He is survived by 4 daughters, Susan Morgan, Jane Paulsen, Pamela Lieb, and Rebecca Crofton. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Farmland Trust, 1200 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036 or to the Norm and Ruth Berg Conservation Fellowship Program, SWCS, 945 SW Ankeny Rd., Ankeny, IA 50023. |
| **Berkstresset** | **2008** | Dennis L. Berkstresser (65) passed away June 2, 2008. Dennis retired in 1996 as the State Administrative Officer for North Carolina. He started his career with SCS/NRCS in Harrisburg, PA. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and three daughters: Kelly Bolz, Tracy Shultz, and Julie Janeczko. |
| **Bert** | **2008** | John S. Bert (65) passed away July 17, 2008. John retired after 37 years with SCS as the District Conservationist at Lancaster, PA. He is survived by his wife, Loine; sons, Kendric and Daryl; and 2 grandsons. Memorials may go to Brethren in Christ Missions, PO Box 390, Grantham, PA 17027-0390. |
| **Biggerstaff** | **2008** | Harold W. “Hal” Biggerstaff (89) passed away March 1, 2008. He worked as a soil scientist in Oregon, Nebraska, Idaho, and Hawaii and later with the Agency for International Development serving in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Egypt retiring in 1980 to Hayden Lake, Idaho. In 1938 & 1939 he served with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Alaska. Hal and Helen moved to Spokane, WA in 1996. He also served in the Air Force in World War II. He is survived by his wife Helen, daughters Sandy, Anita and Nola, and by son Larry. |
| **Bintzler** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Robert Bintzler (84) passed away June 16, 2008. Bob retired in Jan. 1982 as the State Conservation Engineer for Minnesota. Much of his career was spent in Wisconsin. His wife, Rosemary, passed away earlier. He is survived by sons, Mike, Bob, Rick and Mark; daughter, Kristine; and 3 grandsons. |
| **Blue** | **2008** | Gerald "Jerry" Warren Blue (80) passed away December 26, 2008, in Wichita, KS. He retired as Soil Conservation Technician at Ashland in 1987. Survivors include a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren. |
| **Blunier** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Henry O. Blunier (93) passed away February 16, 2008. Henry retired in June 1974 after spending his career in Peoria and Woodford Counties, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Wilma and six daughters: Nancy Kepp, Evelyn Mogler, Doris Blunier, Edith Stoller, Marjorie Parmenter, and Karen Blunier. Memorials may go to the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped, 2125 Veterans Rd., Morton, IL 61550. |
| **Boecking** | **2008** | Betty Boecking (83) passed away April 15, 2008. She was Secretary for the Scottsbluff Natural Resource District for 15 years. Betty was the wife of Senior Conservationist Robert Boecking. Bob was the Resource Conservationist in the Midwest NTC at the time of his retirement in 1980. Betty served as the Secretary for the Scottsbluff District for 15 years. |
| **Bohnenblust** | **2008** | Gene F. Bohnenblust (84) passed away September 25, 2008 in McPherson. Kansas. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII, receiving the Combat Infantry Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. He served as District Conservationist at Ellsworth, Great Bend and McPherson, then 15 years as Area Engineer, retired in 1985 after 36 years of service. He was a consulting engineer for ten years for the Whitewater River and Sand Creek Watershed Districts. Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of McPherson; three sons, a daughter, a sister, 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Brill** | **2008** | David Brill (91) passed away on March 26, 2008. David retired from SCS in Ohio. He is survived by his son, Dean, 2 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Worthington Christian Village, 165 Highbluffs, Columbus, OH 43235. |
| **Brincken** | **2008** | Ed Brincken passed away November 19, 2008. Ed was the soil scientist in the Chehalis Field Office in Washington. In his memory, a scholarship fund has been established by the Washington Society of Professional Soil Scientists to sponsor a student to attend the Natural Resources Youth Camp. |
| **Brunk** | **2008** | Oral F. Brunk passed away May 11, 2008. Oral retired in Lyons, KS as the District Conservationist. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and 2 sons. |
| **Brust** | **2008** | Ken Brust (71) passed away Oct. 21, 2008. Ken was on the Snow Survey/Water Supply Forecasting Group in the Portland NTC at the time of his retirement. Ken is survived by his wife, Karen; son, Kirk; daughters Kristi Arey, Karla Smith, and Kellie Chambers; and 10 grandchildren. |
| **Carlson** | **2008** | Carl A. Carlson (83) passed away August 13, 2008. Carl was the State Geologist in North Dakota. He retired in 1978. His wife, Jean, passed away in 1996. He is survived by 2 sons-Jon and Eric. |
| **Carson** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Kermit Langford “Kit” Carson (99) passed away December 1, 2008. Kit was a pioneer conservationist, living and working across Texas, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado as a civil engineer in SCS, retiring in 1973. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Erna; his children, Karen Robinette, of San Antonio, TX, Dr. Paul Carson, and wife Pat of Ann Arbor, MI and David Carson, and wife, Anne, of Boulder, CO; six grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. |
| **Close** | **2008** | Dolores "Dodo" Close (80) passed away Feb. 23, 2008. She was a Secretary in the LA State Office. She retired in June 1986. |
| **Coats** | **2008** | Ted Coats (90) passed away February 29, 2008. Ted retired from SCS as a Construction Inspector at the Grenada, MS office. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Audrey; son, Filo; and 2 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, PO Box 36, Grenada, MS 38901 or to the Friendship Baptist Church, 475 Pearidge Rd, Grenada, MS 38901. |
| **Cole** | **2008** | Bill Cole, Sr. (85) passed away September 15, 2008. |
| **Colwell** | **2008** | Lela L. Colwell (83) passed away June 11, 2008. Lela was a payroll auditor for SCS in the Temple, TX office for 30 years. Survivors are her husband of 65 years, Thomas; daughters, Nancy Bales and Theresa Riley; 7 grandchildren; and a great grandchild. Memorials may go to Hewitt Community Church, PO Box 638, Hewitt, TX 76643. |
| **Coppinger** | **2008** | Sham H. Coppinger (73) of Claremore, Oklahoma passed away December 3, 2008. He retired from SCS. |

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| **Corthell** | **2008** | Robert A. Corthell (87) passed away March 8, 2008. Bob retired as a Biologist for SCS in the Portland, OR NTC. He is survived his companion, Lorraine Johnson, children-David, Alisa Geary, and Katie Corthell, and by 5 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Coos Bay Chapel, Coos Bay, OR. |
| **Cratty** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Arthur Cratty (84) passed away Dec. 28, 2008. Art began his career in Maine. He served in several states, the National Office and closed his career in Dec. 1980 as the State Conservationist in Michigan. Art's wife, Jean, passed away in 1997. He is survived by his daughter, Sandy; sons Ron, Bruce, and Steve; and 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. |
| **Dean** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Hartzell C. Dean (99) passed away February 4, 2008. He retired in June 1973 as the State Soil Scientist in Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette. He is survived by his son Donald, daughter, Janet Upchurch, 10 grandchildren and 31 great grand children. Hartzell's twin brother, Harold, also an Honorary Member passed away in 2004. |
| **Dierks** | **2008** | Ernie Dierks (94) passed away February 23, 2008, at a St. Paul, MN, hospital. Ernie worked at the Washburn, ND office from 1948 until he retired as District Conservationist in 1971. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Maythel; three daughters, Judith (John) Marshall, Janel (John) Heroff, and JoAnn Nick, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. |
| **Dodge** | **2008** | Chester H. Dodge, Jr. (75) passed away March 23, 2008. Chet was P.L. 566 Watershed Design Engineer in the Amherst, Mass. office and retired in 1988. He is survived by Audrey, his wife of 51 years, and their children Audrey Dodge Gaudette, Scott Dodge, and Stephen Dodge. |
| **Dodge** | **2008** | Darold A. Dodge (91) passed away December 17, 2008 in Manhattan, Kansas. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army. During the war, he was stationed briefly in North Africa and nearly two years in upper Assam, India. He retired as Soil Scientist in 1983. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Zelma Finn, six daughters, 10 grandsons, five granddaughters and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Doe** | **2008** | Kenneth L. Doe (81) passed away January 21, 2008. He worked for many years as a geologist and retired as state Geologist for Nebraska. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, 4 daughters, 13 grandchildren and 1 great grand child. Memorials may go to the Warren United Methodist Church Foundation, 1205 N 45th St., Lincoln, NE 68506. Geraldine lives at 925 El Alvado Ave, Lincoln, NE 68504. |
| **Downing** | **2008** | Leo E. Downing passed away January 8, 2008. Leo retired in 1985 as the District Conservationist in Bryan Co., OK. Leo was very active in his community and served as an officer in numerous organizations. He is survived by his wife, Juanita; sons-John, Jerry, Roy, Charles, and Jim; daughter Sherell Mattingly; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. |
| **DuMont** | **2008** | Paul G. DuMont (70) passed away January 25, 2008. Paul retired in 1991 from SCS as an Editor in the National Office. Paul was an avid bird watcher with a list of 829 US birds seen. Paul is survived by his sisters, Annie Weinreich, Caroline Jones and Joan Bowman. |
| **Dye** | **2008** | James W. Dye III (87) passed away June 4, 2008. Jim was a Soil Scientist in Kentucky when he retired in 1976. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; children-Pat, Bob, and Nancy Alford; 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the choice of the donor. |
| **Earle** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Louis Earle (95) passed away May 23, 2008. Louis retired in September 1967 as the District Conservationist in Sedgwick Cty, KS. He is survived by his wife, Louise: a daughter-Linda Gregory-Johnson; 2 sons-Stephan and Kerry; 6 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. |
| **Elliott** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Clark H. Elliott (98) passed away recently (reported 6/08). Clark retired in April 1974 as the Assistant State Administrative Officer for Colorado. |
| **Evans** | **2008** | Nadine Evans passed away April 17, 2008. She was the wife of Charlie Evans. Charlie retired as a State Conservationist in SCS and passed away in 2001. She is survived by a son, Dick Powell and a daughter, Deanna Powell, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the First Methodist Church, 400 W Seventh, Stillwater, OK 74076 or Judith Karmen Hospice, PO Box 818, Stillwater, OK 74076. |
| **Evenson** | **2008** | Torfin E. "Tuffy" Evenson (90) passed away November 18, 2008, at Meritcare Hospital in Fargo, ND. He worked for SCS at both the Park River and Grafton, ND offices from 1954-1977; retiring in 1977 with 31 years of government service. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Delores. |
| **Fellows** | **2008** | Eugene R. Fellows (76) passed away January 22, 2008. Gene was with SCS/NRCS for 31 years. He retired as the Dist. Conservationist at Morrisville, VT. He is survived by his wife, LilaLee, children and grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Memorials may go to the Green Mountain Conservation Camp Endowment Fund, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept., 103 S. Main St., 10 South, Waterbury, VT 05671. |
| **Fenton** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Earl E. Fenton (91) passed away recently (Nov 08). Earl retired in Feb. 1975 as the Director of the Resource Development Division in the National Office. Most of Earl's career was spent as an Economist. Earl was to be named as an Honorary Member in January. His wife, Phyllis, passed away a number of years ago. |
| **Finnerty** | **2008** | Tom Finnerty passed away February 22, 2009. Tom was the RC&D Coordinator at Wheatland, WY at the time of his retirement in 1988. His wife, Anita, survives. Also surviving are-Daughters, Karol, Beth, Patty, and Colleen; sons, Jim, Tim, Marty, and Tommy; 20 grandchildren; and 2 great grand children. Anita can be reached at 1354 Sunset Dr., Wheatland, WY 82201. Memorials may go to Hospice. |
| **Fly** | **2008** | Aubrey L. Fly passed away February 24, 2008. Aubrey was on the Watershed Planning Staff in TN until he resigned and established his own engineering firm in Nashville. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jane; children-Christopher, Susan, and Jonathan; and 3 grandchildren. The family suggests memorials go to charity as chosen by donor. |
| **Folkerts** | **2008** | Donald H. Folkerts (82) passed away May 19, 2008. Don spent 25 years with SCS in Kansas retiring in July 1990. In WWII, Don served in the U. S. Navy as Boatswain's Mate, Second Class aboard the USS Agawam. He witnessed the surrender of Japan and was awarded the Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, and the Phillippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helen, and three daughters and 2 sons. |
| **Framberger** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist George E. Framberger (93) passed away Aug. 27, 2008. George retired after 38 years with SCS as a District Conservationist in Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Jane; 4 children; 4 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren. |
| **Good** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Kenneth J. Good (92) passed away July 1, 2008. Ken retired as an area Soil Scientist in Nebraska in May 1974 after 31 years with SCS. Memorials may go to the American Heart Association. |

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| **Gros** | **2008** | Charlie L. Gros Jr. (84) of Marksville, Louisiana passed away November 20, 2008. Lou was the conservation technician in Marksville, LA field office. He also worked for the District for several years after retirement. In 1943, he entered the US Navy where he served in the Philippines and Okinawa during World War II. He is survived by his wife Janet. |
| **Grynkewicz** | **2008** | Miranda Grynkewicz (77) passed away April 25, 2008. Miranda retired from NRCS in 2003 as a computer specialist. She is survived by sons-Franklin and Robert; daughter, Jane; and 3 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the American Lung Association or to the World Wildlife Fund. |
| **Guillery** | **2008** | Emery Guillery (79) passed away Sept. 28, 2008. Emery was a Conservation Technician at Oberlin, LA. He retired in Nov. 1990. |
| **Gunderson** | **2008** | Harland P. Gunderson (86) passed away Nov. 24, 2008. Harland was an Engineer with SCS in Wisconsin. He retired in 1977. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elaine; sons Roger and Dale; daughter Linda Maertz; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation for the Hospice Program. |
| **Hammett** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist James W. Hammett (99) passed away May 22, 2008. He retired as State Conservationist in Florida in Dec. 1967. He earlier was a Deputy State Conservationist in Louisiana. He is survived by his wife, Marie; 2 sons, Larry and Malcolm; 5 grand children and 8 great grand children. |
| **Hanna** | **2008** | Willis "Will" E. Hanna (69) passed away June 15, 2008. Will retired in April 1994 as the State Soil Scientist for SCS. He is survived by his wife, Gerry, and their children-Mark, and Bridget and 3 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Morrisville Lions Club, % Peggy Kendall, Pres., PO Box 348, Morrisville, NY 13408. |
| **Haymond** | **2008** | George E. Haymond (89) passed away January 27, 2008. George retired in 1980 as the State Administrative Officer in Kentucky. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, children- Dwight, Reginald, Sharon, and John; 9 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Memorials may go to Shriners Hospital or Aldersgate United Methodist Church Building Fund. |
| **Hecht** | **2008** | Otto Hecht (91) passed away Dec. 26, 2008. Otto retired as a District Conservationist. Most of his career was spent in Craven and Pamlico Counties in North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Martha, one daughter, one son, and 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. |
| **Helm** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Richard L. Helm (85) passed away Sept. 18, 2008. Dick retired from the WNTC in 1980 as a Design Engineer. He is survived by his wife, Sophia; daughter, Marie Phillips; son, Steven; and 3 grandchildren. |
| **Hohbein** | **2008** | Anna Mae Hohbein (72) passed away August 17, 2008. Her husband Charles retired as a Contract Specialist with SCS in North Dakota. He died in 1996. Anna Mae is survived by 4 sons-Mark, Andy, Paul, and Joel and by 7 grandchildren. |
| **Hood** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Ned A. Hood (97) passed away January 19, 2008. Ned started his career with the CCC's in Davidson County, NC. He started with SCS in 1935. He retired as the District Conservationist in Yadkinville, NC in May 1971. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Logene; a son, William; 2 grandsons. Memorials may go to Yadkin Christian Ministries, PO Box 204, Yadkinville, NC 27055. |
| **Huffman** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Edward V. Huffman (94) passed away Nov. 23, 2008. Edward retired in April 1971 as the Assistant State Soil Scientist in Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his wife, Oleta Pauline. He is survived by his son, Robert; a granddaughter; and 2 great grand children. |
| **Hurtz** | **2008** | Sharon A. Hurtz (67) passed away Sept. 10, 2008. Sharon was the wife of Dennis Hurtz who retired in April 1994 as the Super. Design Engineer in the Lincoln NTC. Dennis survives along with their son, Dan; daughter, Beth Foort; and 4 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Child Advocacy Center. |
| **Johnston** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Joseph R. "Rex" Johnston (93) passed away September 14, 2008. Rex retired from ARS in April 1986 as the Director, southern Plains Area Director, College Station, TX. He started his career as a Soil Scientist with SCS in 1938. He is survived by a daughter and 2 sons. His wife, Selma, passed away 9 years ago. The family asks that any memorials go to the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit St., Amarillo, TX 79106 or to his church, First Baptist Church, 13th and Tyler Sts., Amarillo, TX 79101. |
| **Johnston** | **2008** | Leonard Johnston (95), former Budget Analyst in the Nebraska State Office, passed away Nov. 23, l908. Leonard was a charter member of the Lincoln SCS Retirees Breakfast Club formed in 1971. He retired with 35 years of service. He is survived by a son and two daughters. |
| **Johnston** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Howard Blake Johnston (91) of Kissimmee, Florida passed away February 18, 2008. He was a soil conservation technician with SCS, retiring in 1978. Blake was born near Brandon, Manitoba, Canada and his family moved to Kissimmee in 1920. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1938 with a degree in vocational agriculture and in 1946 with a Master of Science degree in soil science. He taught vo-ag, science, and math at different times from 1938 to 1948. Blake served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Blake was stationed out of Allied Force Headquarters for the Mediterranean theater in Algiers, North Africa, and later out of Naples, Italy. Among his duties, he served as a courier between Algiers and Italy with trips to Greece and France as well. In 1948 he went to work with the Soil Conservation Service. In 1956 he purchased a citrus grove from his grandfather. Blake was preceded in death by his wife Mildred. He is survived by two daughters and a son. |
| **Jones** | **2008** | Claud Jones (81) passed away Nov. 18, 2008. Claud retired in 1987 as a Conservation Technician at the Columbia NC Field Office. In retirement he served 18 years as a Supervisor for the Tyrell S&W Conservation District. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Iris; 2 daughters; 4 grandchildren; and 5 great grand children. |
| **Joos** | **2008** | Adelle Joos (86) passed away August 14, 2008. Adelle was the wife of Lloyd "Bud" Joos a retired SCS Soil Scientist who retired in 1978 and passed away in 1987. She is survived by her son, Terry, and 2 grandsons. |
| **Jurgens** | **2008** | Leonard J. Jurgens (75) passed away September 16, 2008 in Emporia, Kansas. He served in the United States Army from April 1953 to March 1955. From August 1953 to February 1955, he served in Korea. He retired as State Range Conservationist in Denver, Colorado in 1994. His career included positions with the SCS in Nebraska, Kansas, and North Dakota. He and his wife, Maureen, returned to Emporia in August of 1994 where he had served as area Range Conservationist at the Emporia Area Office from 1966 to 1981. Survivors include a son, two daughters, a stepdaughter, a stepson, a brother, a sister, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years on April 28, 2006, and a grandson. |
| **Kasch** | **2008** | Margaret F. Kasch (91) passed away July 4, 2008. Margaret worked for SCS in Grand Forks and Bismarck, ND before retiring in 1979. She is survived by a brother, 3 sisters, and 2 sisters-in-law. |

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| **Keairns** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Damon "Ozzie" Keairns (95) passed away February 20, 2008. Ozzie started his career in the Soil Erosion Service in 1934. He started his career as an Engineer in Ohio. He later was an Assistant State Conservationist in both Illinois and Oklahoma. He retired in 1968 and continued to live in Stillwater until the death of his bride of 66 years, Thelma. Ozzie then moved to the Pittsburg, PA area to be near his son, Dale. Dale and a grandson, Carter survives. Neil Bogner remembers Ozzie as "the person that interviewed me when I first contacted SCS about employment. He set up my first summer as a summer trainee. Any time I got to OK he had to spend some quality time with me. He was an unusually warm person and really enjoyed his work, being with fellow employees, and life in general." |
| **Kehne** | **2008** | Edna E. Kehne (87) passed away Dec. 5, 2008. Edna was the wife of Lewis Kehne. Lewis retired in 1975 as Assistant State Conservationist in Spokane, WA. Lewis survives as do their sons, Jon and Jay; daughter, Mary; and 7 grandchildren. |
| **Kerr** | **2008** | Alexander Kerr passed away Jan. 3, 2008. Alexander worked in the LA State Office. He was a Soil Scientist and retired in July 1975. |
| **Klingelhofer** | **2008** | Georgann Klingelhofer passed away Nov. 30, 2008. Georgann was the wife of Karl Klingelhofer who retired from the River Basin Division in the National Office in Aug. 1981. In addition to Karl survivors are 2 sons, Dennis and William; 5 grand children; and one great grandson. |
| **Korenski** | **2008** | Loetta F. Korenski (81) passed away April 10, 2008. Loetta was a Contract Specialist with NRCS at the time of her retirement. She is survived by a son, David; daughter, Donna; 4 grand children; and 5 great grandchildren. |
| **Kraut** | **2008** | Helen Kraut passed away recently (Nov 08). Helen was the wife of Harold Kraut. Harold retired in June 1975 as a Conservation Technician in Illinois. |
| **Kunzel** | **2008** | Joe Kunzel passed away May 21, 2008. Joe was a Conservation Technician in Wahoo, NE at the time of his retirement. |
| **Langston** | **2008** | Jane Sanders Langston (81) passed away at her home on Sunday, November 30, 2008. Jane was the wife of John Langston, a retired (1987) engineer with the Soil Conservation Service who served on the River Basin staff in Mississippi. |
| **Lanier** | **2008** | Kilby C. Lanier (72) passed away February 29, 2008. Kilby retired in August 1993 as Assistant State Conservationist in Kentucky. He is survived by his wife, Anne; daughter Lisa; son, John; step-daughters, Carol, Stephanie, and Stacey; step-sons, David, and Shawn; 14 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to Destiny Community Church, 4101 Tates Creek Center, PMB 334, Lexington, KY 40517 or the American Heart Association. |
| **Lawhon** | **2008** | Myrtle Lawhon (92) passed away February 11, 2008. Myrtle spent her career with SCS in Texas. She is survived by her daughter, Pat Echols and family. |
| **Leath** | **2008** | John B. Leath (90) passed away April 12, 2008. John retired in 1979 after 30 years with SCS. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary; daughter, Jane Mohon; 2 grand children; and 6 great grand children. Memorials may go to the Whitney Masonic Lodge #355, PO Box 176, Whitney, TX 76692. |
| **Lowe** | **2008** | Martha Lowe passed away Aug. 17, 2008. Martha had fought a long and courageous battle with cancer. Martha was the wife of Douglas Lowe, retired economist at the SNTC. Doug survives. |
| **Lowther** | **2008** | A. C. "Buddy" Lowther (75) passed away Sept. 22, 2008. Buddy spent 33 years as a Soil Scientist working in Abilene and Vernon, TX Area Offices. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons, Patrick, Mitchell and David; daughter, Linda; and 2 grandchildren. |
| **Lunde** | **2008** | Arthur H. Lunde (78) passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, at his home in Kenmare, ND. He started work for the SCS at Crosby, ND in 1953 and also worked in Ashley and Kenmare, ND. He is survived by his companion, Elsie Ganskop. |
| **Lundy** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Audie Lee Lundy Sr. (92) of Marks, Mississippi, passed away December 12, 2008 in Chattanooga, TN. A graduate of Mississippi State University, he was married for 60 years to the former Mary Blanche Snipes who died in 2001. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After leaving the army, he worked for the USDA SCS and retired as a district conservationist 1983. He was active in the First Baptist Church of Marks, was a Rotarian, a member of the Masonic Lodge, a supporter of Ducks Unlimited, a devoted Gideon, and an election official in Marks. He was an avid golfer and supported MSU football for many years. He is survived by two sons, Audie Lee Lundy Jr., of Baltimore, Md. and McKinley Snipes Lundy Sr., of Chattanooga; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. |
| **Martin** | **2008** | James E. Martin (93) passed away April 12, 2008. Jim worked as an Engineering Technician on the Potomac Basin Project in Harrisonburg, VA and then on the Watershed Planning Staff in Richmond, VA until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Avis; son, Douglas; daughters Violet Roberts and Glinda Powell. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren. Memorials may go to Concord Rescue Squad, PO Box 48, Concord, VA 24538. |
| **Martin** | **2008** | Julia "Judy" Martin (89) passed away July 16, 2008. Judy was the wife of the late Vernon "Swede" Martin. Swede, a past President of ARSCSE, retired in Dec. 1979 from SCS as the Director of the SNTC. He had earlier served as State Conservationist in a couple of states. Judy was often at his side at ARSCSE, SCS, and SWCS activities. She is survived by a son, Vernon; a daughter, Judy Ostervold; 5 grandchildren; and 11 great grand children. Memorials may go to the Judith Karnes Hospice, PO Box 818, Stillwater, OK 74076. |
| **Mask** | **2008** | Joyce Mask, wife of Bernard Mask, passed away December 18, 2008. Bernard was district conservationist at Tyler and Ennis before his retirement. Condolences may be sent to Bernard at 3131 Rosemary Lane, Tyler, TX 75701-7446. |
| **Matthews** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist John W. Matthews (91) passed away Dec. 6, 2008. John retired in Jan. 1973 as the Supervisor, Drafting Cartography, Ft. Worth NTC. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; son, Richard; and daughter, Judy Watkins. His first wife passed away in 1993. |
| **Mayo** | **2008** | Mary Mayo (78) passed away Oct. 7, 2008. Mary was the wife of Bailey Mayo retired SCSer in Texas. You can contact Bailey at 2040 Tech Dr., Levelland, TX 79336. |
| **McGee** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Dale A. McGee (86) passed away Dec. 4, 2008. Dale retired in Feb. 1977 as a District Conservationist in Marion County, OR. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Yvonne; daughter, Janette Bertrand; sons, Dean and Wayne; and 6 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Willamette Valley Hospice or charity of choice. |
| **Mellinger** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Ross H. Mellinger (94) passed away Oct. 12, 2008. Ross started his career in the CCC's and retired some 34 years later in October 1968 as the Forester for WV, MD and DE. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Madge; their children-Dorothy Jean Oliver, Sharon Lee Colombo, and John Ross Mellinger; and 9 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. |

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| **Menear** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Walter C. Menear (84) passed away January 5, 2008. Walter was one of the very last Auto Mechanics that serviced SCS vehicles. He served several states and is especially remember for his work in West Virginia. His wife, Geraldine, survives. Also surviving are daughters, Judy Sutton, and Pamela Whittaker. |
| **Metzger** | **2008** | James D. Metzger (101) was reported by the US Postal Service (2008) as being deceased. James was an Engineer and District Conservationist in California. He retired in 1945. |
| **Moses** | **2008** | Elijah Moses (76) passed away Sept. 18, 2008. He worked in the engineering section in the LA State Office. He retired in Jan. 1992. |
| **Myers** | **2008** | Margaret Myers passed away in May 2008. Margaret was the wife of Keith Myers. Keith passed away several years ago. At the time of his retirement Keith was the Director of the Midwest NTC. |
| **Neemann** | **2008** | Harvey W. Neemann (75) passed away on July 1, 2008. Harvey was an Engineer Technician with SCS in Nebraska at the time of his retirement. He is survived by a son, Karl; and 2 grandchildren. His wife, Doris, his wife, Doris, preceded his death. |
| **Neill** | **2008** | Bobby Joe Neill (80) passed away August 17, 2008. He worked for SCS at Mt. Pleasant and Sulphur Springs, TX. He later became an appraiser for the Corps of Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Wanda; son, Eric; daughter, Laurie Kiniry; and 4 grandchildren. |
| **Nigro** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist John F. Nigro (90) passed away January 26, 2008. John retired, after 35 years, in January 1982 as a District Conservationist at Troy, NY. He is survived by four sons; John, Richard, Joseph, and Thomas; and 2 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the St. Jude the Apostle Church, Brookside Ave., Wynantskill, NY 12198. |
| **Novak** | **2008** | Kenneth F. Novak (79) passed away Oct. 19, 2008. Ken retired in Jan. 1986 as the Director of Personnel for SCS. His wife, Frances Robinson Novak is also a retiree from SCS having served for many years as Secretary to the Administrator. Ken is survived by Frances, daughter Nancy Ferreira; sons, Garry and Barry; 3 grand children and a great grand child. Memorials may go to the Kansas Wesleyan University, Office of Institutional Advancement, 100 E. Claflin Ave., Salina, KS 67401. |
| **Obrist** | **2008** | Harry B. Obrist (83) passed away June 23, 2008. Harry spent 42 years with SCS in Nebraska. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty; daughter, Diane; sons Kevin and Kent; and 2 granddaughters. |
| **Olmstead** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Onienell H. Olmstead (100) passed away May 31, 2008. "Nell" served as a Secretary in SCS until retiring in Jan. 1971. At one time she was the secretary for Assistant Chief J. C. Dykes and Director Floyd Campbell in the National Office. She retired in 1971. Her retirement was filled with travel, needlework groups and her church. |
| **Osburnsen** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Laurence Osburnsen (94) formerly of Big Arm and Surprise, Arizona, passed away May 4, 2008, in Kalispell, Montana. He attended the Montana School of Mines from 1934 to 1935 and transferred to the University of Montana, where he received a degree in forestry in 1939. In 1942, Larry enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was trained as a combat glider pilot. After World War II, he worked for SCS in Nebraska and was later transferred to Montana, where he worked in Circle, Superior, Missoula and Butte. After his retirement from the SCS as an area conservationist in 1973, Larry took an assignment in Swaziland, Africa, to work on a land development and irrigation project until 1982. In 1984-85, he was employed by Morrison-Knudsen to work on a rice development project in Mindanao, Philippines. He was preceded in death by his wives Winifred Osburnsen and Faye Sloan-Osburnsen and his son, James Osburnsen. He is survived by two daughters, seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. |
| **Oujezdsky** | **2008** | Gladys Oujezdsky (87) passed away May 29, 2008. She retired from SCS at Temple, TX. She is survived by five sons, Christopher, Kevin, Phillip, Shawn, and Warren; daughter Lisa Cater; and 7 grandchildren. |
| **Owen** | **2008** | Ann Owen (88) passed away January 13, 2008. Ann was with SCS for many years in the Chase City, VA office. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, J Jack Owen, daughter Jackie Jefferson and 2 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Wylliesburg Presbyterian Church, PO Box 48, Wylliesburg, VA 23976. |
| **Patton** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Charles R. Patton (94) passed away August 9, 2008. Charles retired in June 1973 as Coordinator for the NC River Basin Staff. He had earlier served as an Area Conservationist. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Sarah; daughters Mary Shutko, Anne Patton, and Martha Brown; a son, Charles; 4 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Central Methodist Church, 27 Church Street, Asheville, NC; or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. |
| **Peters** | **2008** | Floyd L. Peters (87) passed away Dec. 2, 2008. Floyd retired in 1981 as the District Conservationist at Vinton, IA. He had served earlier at Bedford and Ft. Dodge. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Frances; daughter, June Schmidt; son, James; and 4 grandchildren. |
| **Phelan** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist John T. " Jack" Phelan (95) passed away on June 26, 2008. Jack retired from SCS in April 1974 as the Director of Engineering. Earlier he had served as the Team Leader for the India project and as the Irrigation Engineer in the Lincoln, Engineering and Watershed Planning Unit. He retired as a Commander from the Navy Reserve. His wife, Lucille, passed away several years ago. Surviving are his son, Jim; daughter Marie Powell; 4 grand children and 2 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Suite 225, 875 N. Randolph St., Arlington, VA 22203-1757 or to Saint Charles Catholic Church, 3304 N Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA. The family can be reached at Marie Powell, 501 Manchester, Arlington, VA 22203. |
| **Poeschl** | **2008** | Harold J. Poeschl (85) passed away Dec. 28, 2008. Harold retired as the State Resource Conservationist in Illinois. His wife, Lois, died in 1992. He is survived by 2 sons, Steven and Thomas; a daughter, Martha Duszynski; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the American Heart Association or MADD. |
| **Pool** | **2008** | Clentis Pool passed away February 22, 2008. Clentis retired as the District Conservationist at Summerville, GA. His wife, Betty, survives. She can be contacted at 68 Tyler St., Summerville, GA 30747-2131. |
| **Poss** | **2008** | Edward Warren Poss (83) passed away recently (Nov 08). Warren was the husband of Hilda Poss who retired in May 1991 as Secretary to the State Conservationist in Georgia. Hilda and Warren were married 59 years. He is survived by his wife; 2 daughters, Elaine McGarity and Marsha Paul; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the United Methodist Church, 101 Parkview Rd., Winterville, GA 30683. |

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| **Post** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Julius J. Post (95) passed away March 2, 2008. Julius retired from SCS in July 1970 as the Staff Economist on the Watershed Planning and River Basin Staff. Most of his career was spent in Texas and Louisiana. Julius started his career in the CCC's in 1935. His wife of nearly 56 years preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, Lynn(Retired from NRCS in 2001), daughters Ann Pustejovsky, and Kathy Riordan, and by 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Pose Endowment Fund, Crestview United Methodist Church, 1300 Morrow, Austin, TX 78757. |
| **Racey** | **2008** | David Lee Racey (61) passed away June 16, 2008. David spent his career with SCS/NRCS as a Soil Scientist. He is survived by his wife, Diana; daughter, Kimberley Brake; Son, Kevin; stepdaughter, Wendy Vann; stepson, Aaron Vann; and three grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Nature Conservancy, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6014, Albert Lea, MN 56007-9984. |
| **Redman** | **2008** | Raleigh L. Redman (61) passed away April 4, 2008. Raleigh retired from NRCS in Missouri as an Area Resource Conservationist in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and 2 daughters: Lindsey Redman and Lisa Redman. Memorials may go to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Assn, Seattle, Washington. |
| **Saltness** | **2008** | B. Jean Saltness (81) passed away February 24, 2008. Jean was the wife of Gerald "Salty" Saltness. "Salty" served as a Technician at Fessenden, ND and as a Construction Inspector at Grafton, ND. He retired in 1980. Jean is survived by sons, Gerald, Jim, and Clark; and 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. |
| **Scales** | **2008** | Joseph H. Scales, Jr. (86) of Greenville, SC formerly of Fife, Virginia, passed away December 27,2008. He retired from SCS after 29 years as District Conservationist in Goochland, Albemarle, Fluvanna and Powhatan counties. After retirement, he established a private consulting firm dealing with the practice of soil and water conservation. He is survived by his wife Roselle Faulconer Scales and one daughter Mary Scales Lawson. He was predeceased by death of a daughter Grace Scales Yoder. Mr. Scales also served his country in World War II as a Pacific-based pilot in the U.S. Air Corps. |
| **Scalf** | **2008** | John R. Scalf passed away Aug. 17, 2008. He was a Soil Scientist in LA. He retired in Dec. 1965. |
| **Scaling** | **2008** | Drucie Scaling passed away July 15, 2008. Drucie was the wife of Wilson Scaling former Chief of NRCS. She was very active with the Earth Team while Wilson was Chief. Wilson can be reached at PO Box 476, Henrietta, TX 76365. His phone number is 940/476-2404. |
| **Schledorn** | **2008** | Doris Schledorn (83) passed away June 3, 2008. Doris was the wife of Senior Conservationist Frank Schledorn. They were married for nearly 65 years. Frank retired from SCS as an Engineer in Montana. Memorials may be made to the Pilgrim Church for the Memorial Garden and Founders Circle project or to the Bozeman Deaconness Hospice Program. |
| **Schwarz** | **2008** | A. J. Schwarz (84) passed away Sept. 10, 2008. A. J. was an Engineering Technician with SCS. He is survived by his wife, Betty; 3 daughters-Jean Hull, Nona, and Amy; son, Phil; and 19 grand and great grandchildren. |
| **Shank** | **2008** | James A. Shank (83) passed away June 29, 2008. Jim retired as an Engineering Technician with the Ohio Watershed Planning Unit in Nov. 1984 after 28 years. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jane; sons Jim, and David; and 4 grand children. Memorials may go to the Community UMC Building Fund, 120 N Pickaway St., Circleville, OH 43113.John Peterson recalls "Jim worked on my staff when I was the planning engineer in Ohio. He was a superb person and wonderful technician." |
| **Simonson** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Roy W. Simonson (100) passed away Nov. 2, 2008. Roy retired in Dec. 1973 as the Director, Soil Classification and Correlation. He is survived by sons Bruce and Walter; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grand children. His wife of 54 years, Susan passed away in 1996. Memorials may be made to the Stephens Education Panel of Kendal, 600 Kendal Dr., Oberlin, OH 44074. |
| **Smith** | **2008** | Lionel Leon "Lon" Smith (94) of Point Pleasant and Newton, WV passed away February 28, 2008 from complications of injuries received in an automobile accident. He went to Glenville State College and then taught in several one room schools in Roane County, while saving money to attend WVU. He earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Agriculture from West Virginia University. He received a Purple Heart from his service during WWII. He worked as a Soil Conservation Agent in Mason County for many years, and he helped to start the Mason County Fair of which he was treasurer for a long time. Leon left SCS after serving as the District Conservationist in Mason County, WV and joined the US Corps of Engineers as a Realty Specialist. He was preceded in death by his wife. Surviving is daughter, Marlyn; son, William; and 9 grandchildren. |
| **Stevens** | **2008** | Don Wayne Stevens passed away May 9, 2008 in an accident while mowing. Don retired from NRCS in Texas. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, 4 daughters, and numerous grandchildren. |
| **Stevens** | **2008** | Jack "Jay" Stevens (83) of Midland, TX passed away Nov. 5, 2008. Jay was a Soil Scientist in Uvalde, TX from 1959 until he retired in 2004. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy; sons, Randy and David; and 5 grandchildren. Memorials may go to Alzheimer's Association. |
| **Sturgeon** | **2008** | Fines F. Sturgeon (88) passed away March 2, 2008. Fines worked for SCS as a construction inspector for thirty years. He is survived by his wife, Goldie; 3 daughters; seven grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. |
| **Sylvester** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Donnell "Don" Sylvester (84) passed away January 1, 2008. Don spent 38 years with SCS. He retired as State Range Conservationist in New Mexico in May 1984. Earlier he had served in Nebraska and Wyoming. Don served as the ARSCSE Representative for NM for many years. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dora; their children, Nancy, John, Mary; 6 grand children and 4 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Christian Veterinary Mission, 19303 Fremont Ave., N Seattle, WA 98133 or to the Heights First Church of the Nazarene, Choir Ministry, 8401 Paseo Del Norte, Albuquerque, NM. |
| **Tallcott** | **2008** | Forest Tallcott (95) passed away July 6, 2008. "Frostie" started his career in the CCC's. He then spent 32 years with SCS as an Engineer. He is survived by his wife, Nellie: daughter, Faye Sheppard; 2 stepsons, Robert and Scott Heath; six grand children and seven great grandchildren. Memorials may go to Alpha Delta Kappa, Fidelis Iota Chapter, Beth Tallcott, 815 Briar Creek Rd, #311, Palm Bay, FL 32905. |
| **Tarrant** | **2008** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Charles D. Tarrant (91) passed away July 4, 2008. Charles retired in Dec. 1973 as a Conservation Technician in OK. At the time of his death his wife, Wilma, of 66 years was living, but she passed away Oct. 8, 2008. They are survived by their twin daughters, Constance and Catherine; and numerous grand and great grandchildren. |

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| **Taylor** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Travis R. Taylor (92) of Tupelo, Mississippi passed away October 3, 2008. He was a conservationist and an agronomist with SCS, retiring as an area conservationist in 1979. |
| **Temple** | **2008** | Kenneth Temple (84) passed away July 3, 2008. Kenneth retired in 1979 as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Toledo, IL Field Office. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee; a son, Eric; daughters Glenda Taggart and Rebecca Temple; and 2 grandchildren and one great grandchild. |
| **Tippie** | **2008** | De Tippie (80) passed away Oct. 23, 2008. De was the wife of John “Dub” Tippie former State Conservationist in Kansas. Dub died in June 2005. Surviving are a daughter, Vickie McMullen; 2 sons, Brent and Chris; and 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Alzheimer’s Foundation. |
| **Tyler** | **2008** | Eugene “Gene” Tyler (85) of Hickory, Kentucky passed away March 31, 2008. He was born April 18, 1922, in Toronto, Canada. His wife, Fern Van Hoose Tyler, preceded him in death. Gene retired from SCS in 1982 as a soil conservation technician. |
| **Vanover** | **2008** | Geneva Anderson Vanover (86) passed away January 30, 2008. Geneva’s husband, Sam, retired as the District Conservationist at Lancaster, KY. |
| **Virag** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Helen M. Virag (98) of Brandon, Florida passed away March 27, 2008. Helen was a secretary with SCS for 35 years, retiring in 1972 from her last position in Portland, Oregon. |
| **Walden** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist David Walden (96) passed away Oct. 25, 2008. David was a District Conservationist in Kentucky. He retired in Dec. 1977. |
| **Walker** | **2008** | Lanell Walker passed away recently (reported 4/08). Lanell and her husband, John, were both SCS employees and started their careers in Ft. Worth, TX. |
| **Weston** | **2008** | John Weston passed away recently (Dec 08). John was the husband of Dee Weston. Dee retired from the Morgantown, WV State Office. |
| **White** | **2008** | Michael Paul White (66) passed away March 20,2008. Mike was a civil engineer (design and construction) on the state staff in Orono for several years before accepting the position of district conservationist for the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District before retiring. He worked closely with numerous farmers throughout Aroostook County, receiving numerous local, state and federal awards for his work. Mike's positive influence was extended even further with involvement in activities such as "The Potato Pickers Special," Boys Brigade at the local church and Castle Hill Planning Board. Mike was always an avid outdoorsman, enjoying the peace and solitude that nature provided. He enjoyed fishing and working at the family's tree farm. |
| **Wilson** | **2008** | Lucille Wilson (83) passed away in 2008. She was a retired SCS employee in Ohio. |
| **Winkler** | **2008** | Pearl Winkler (90) passed away Oct. 19, 2008. She was a Secretary for SCS in Lincoln at the time of her retirement. |
| **Wright** | **2008** | Senior Conservationist Charles V. Wright (94) of Van Horn, Texas passed away December 7, 2008. Charles retired in 1974 as a soil conservation technician with SCS. |
| **Wylie** | **2008** | Leo James Wylie (72) passed away July 3, 2008. Leo retired from in 1994 as State Conservation Engineer in Wisconsin. He is survived by his daughter, Linda and 5 grandchildren. Memorials may go to Alzheimer's Association or the Natural Resource Defense Council. |
| **Yost** | **2008** | David L. Yost (70) of Frederick, MD, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2008, at College View Center, Frederick, MD. He was born October 3, 1937 in Hartford, CT. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1962 and U.S. Army Reserves in several units until he returned to active duty during Desert Storm to help with military operations in Kuwait. David was a graduate of the University of Connecticut where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy. David was employed as a Soil Scientist with the USDA-SCS, serving in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Maryland and as State Soils Scientist in Maryland before transferring to Washington, DC from where he retired in 1993. |
| **Zimmerman** | **2008** | Norman Zimmerman (79) passed away April 13, 2008. "Norm" worked as a Conservation Technician at Mott and Dickenson, ND. He retired in 1986. He is survived by his sons, Lon, and Curt; and 2 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the United Church of Christ, Bismarck, ND. |
| **Betts** | **2007** | Donald Betts (89) passed away February 8, 2007. He was living at Coon Rapids. He had worked as a technician at the Atlantic and Audubon field offices. He is survived by his wife, Esther, and two children. |
| **Boone** | **2007** | Daniel "Dan" E. Boone (79) retired District Conservationist at Carthage, Texas passed away September 11, 2007. He was a graduate of Texas A & M University and served in the military during the Berlin crises. He was the commander of the National Guard in Carthage for a number of years. He retired from the SCS with 33 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Elanore, four children and seven grandchildren. |
| **Bostian** | **2007** | Marcus Bostian (92) passed away November 29, 2007. Marcus retired as a Soil Scientist in the Statesville Area Office, North Carolina. He was born in Alexander County and served in the US Air Force during World War II. Marcus was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite and Greensboro Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Helen Wilson Bostian and a son, Marcus “Mark” Wilson Bostian of Claremont. |
| **Bray** | **2007** | Marcus Bray (84) passed away after a single-car accident near Brookville, IN on Nov. 23, 2007. Marcus retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Warrant Officer after 23 years of service before joining the SCS. |
| **Bridgers** | **2007** | Clemmon Windfield Bridgers Sr. (73) passed away May 25, 2007. Clemmon was a native of Northampton County, North Carolina, where he was a member of Jackson Baptist Church. He was married to Barbara Barrow in 1955. Mr. Bridgers retired in 1990 as a soil technician in Halifax County where he served for 38 years. He was a Master Mason, a member of Seaboard Lodge #378, AF&AM, and a member of the Scottish Rite as well as a Shriner. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; one son, Clemmon Windfield Bridgers, Jr. and his wife, Heidi, of Ahoskie; and one grandson, Lewis Clemmon Bridgers. |
| **Brown** | **2007** | James C. Brown (J. C.) retired Assistant State Conservationist for Texas passed away August 13, 2007. J. C. was a graduate of Texas A & M University and worked for some 29 years at several locations in Texas, retiring in 1994. J. C. also served 29 years in the U.S. Army reserves, retiring at the rank of Lt. Colonel. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou, and one son, two daughters and seven grandchildren. J. C. will be remembered for his dedication, gentle spirit and his concern for finding a cure for Parkinson’s disease. |
| **Burns** | **2007** | Ken Burns from Indiana passed away in the last year (reported 6/07). |

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| **Burris** | **2007** | Robert “Bob” Burris (60) died suddenly October 4, 2007. Bob retired as Assistant State Conservationist in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, sons-Eric and Brooks and 4 grandchildren. The family suggests that memorials go to the Burris Memorial Academic Scholarship Fund, c/o Citizens Bank of Logan, 188 W Main St., Logan, OH 43138. |
| **Carstens** | **2007** | Marion Carstens (90) passed away September 4, 2007. Marion retired in March 1976 from the Idaho Snow Survey Section following 20 years with that Section. During her time with Snow Survey the groundwork was laid for the technological changes that moved data collection from manual measurements to the automated SNOTEL system. |
| **Cave** | **2007** | Jasper R. Cave (74) passed away November 11, 1007. Jasper retired as Soil Conservation Technician in Allegheny County, North Carolina. He was a quiet Christian gentleman who always had a big smile. He was a native of Surry County. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of 46 years and one daughter and two sons and their families. Also surviving are three sisters and two brothers. |
| **Celotto** | **2007** | Grace Celotto passed away February 2, 2007. Grace was on the staff at the NENTC for many years. |
| **Claughton** | **2007** | Stephen G Claughton (69) passed away October 17, 2007. Steve was Design Engineer in the Amherst, MA office and retired in 1995. He is survived by Carol, his wife of 40 years, daughters Sarah and Dana and son Stephen. Steve was a man who held dear many things in this life, his faith, family, and friends. |
| **Cott** | **2007** | Clyda Cott (88) passed away January 11, 2007. She had been in bad health for some time. Her husband, Hubbard “Hub” Cott retired from SCS in 1980 after a career that took him to Kansas, N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Iowa, 3 years in India and then back to Kansas. Hub died in 1984. Clyda is survived by 2 sons, Kenneth and Paul, a daughter, Su Piccioni, and seven grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Memorials may go to the Stanton Co. Library, PO Box 480, Johnson, KS 67855. |
| **Curran** | **2007** | Raymond P Curran, Jr. (62) passed away December 5, 2007. Ray was Field Engineer in the Hadley, MA NRCS office at the time of his retirement in 2005. Ray also served as an Engineer in the Navy Sea Bees. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 33 years, a son Dr. Raymond P Curran III, daughter Debra Lizon and son Tim Curran. |
| **Darling** | **2007** | Ruthie Darling (72) passed away August 24, 2007. Ruthie was retired from NRCS at Janesville, WI. |
| **De Tullio** | **2007** | David DeTullio (58) passed away in Reno, NV on June 2, 2007. His death followed a brief illness. David served as Water Resource Policy Coordinator in the West Regional Office. He had also served as Assistant State Conservationist in Idaho. He is survived by his wife, Terry and son, Mike. |
| **Draper** | **2007** | Allan Draper passed away September 22, 2007. Allan retired as a Conservation Technician at Hillsboro, IL. |
| **Dugan** | **2007** | Frank Dugan (90) passed away April 2007. Frank retired from the Resource Staff in the Virginia State Office in December 1977. He was the State Biologist there for many years. |
| **Eckert** | **2007** | Daryl Ray Eckert (43) passed away suddenly on July 19, 2007 in Boerne, Texas. Daryl was serving as the District Conservationist for Kendall County. He is survived by his wife Rhonda and two sons. |
| **Evanoika** | **2007** | Steve Evanoika, NRCS retiree, passed away April 17, 2007. He worked for NRCS- in Simla, Castle Rock, and Kiowa. He was serving on the Elbert/Douglas COC, and was very involved in the conservation community. Steve will be sadly missed by all of us. |
| **Evans** | **2007** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Thomas B. Evans (94) passed away December 25, 2007. His wife, Frances Melina, passed away in August 2007, after 73 years of marriage. Tom retired from SCS in June 1974. He enjoyed a lengthy and distinguished career with the Soil Conservation Service in Utah, Maryland, West Virginia, Indiana and Oregon. He graduated from the University of Maine, and a served as a naval officer in both World War II and the Korean War. He is survived by his son Thomas L., and daughters Linda and Virginia; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. |
| **Fecke** | **2007** | William C. Fecke (71) passed away October 31, 2007. Bill retired from the Water Resource Division in the National Office. Prior to joining the National Office he worked in Pennsylvania. Bill is survived by his wife, Sue, and children-William, Paul, Tyrone, Stephanie, Shannan, Emma and 18 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the American Heart Association in Bill’s name. |
| **Gockowski** | **2007** | Jerry Gockowski (81) passed away May 14, 2007. Jerry retired from the National Office as Director of Cartographic and Remote Sensing in Nov. 1980. Jerry started his career as an engineer in Minnesota. He later was in the Lincoln NTC with the Cartographic Unit. In his retirement he was active in his community and in his church. He and Marie were frequent attendees at ARSCSE Capitol Section luncheons. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marie, six children-Carol Ann, James, Mary Lee, Thomas, Nancy, and Jean, and 12 grand children. Memorials may be made to St. Francis Catholic Church Building Fund, 22 W. High St., Gettysburg, PA 17325 or to Hospice of The Good Shepard, 1075 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325. |
| **Grogger** | **2007** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Harold Grogger (95) passed away August 16, 2007. Harold was born May 15, 1912, in Solomon, KS, and earned a Union Pacific scholarship to attend Kansas State University, where he graduated in 1935 with a degree in economics. Harold retired in Oct. 1969 as the State Soil Scientist in Missouri. His early career as a soil scientist took him to Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. He settled in Columbia Missouri in 1944 and remained there until his death. In retirement he worked for the State of Missouri, University of Missouri, Corps of Engineers and the Missouri Conservation Commission until finally fully retiring in 1984. Irene, his wife of 69 years, passed away last year. Harold was active and vigorous until the end. He enjoyed tracking his various investments on the computer, and became an adept user of his VCR, cable TV remote controls and other modern gizmos that he always indicated he could not possibly have dreamed would ever exist when he was a boy growing up in rural Kansas. He was a voracious reader of local newspapers and an avid follower of Mizzou athletics, the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, Kansas City Chiefs, and any other sporting event which happened to grace the television in front of his recliner. He is survived by his daughter, Connie and son, Robert, 2 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. He has asked that rather than anyone thinking of a memorial use it for their own family. |
| **Hall** | **2007** | Paul Hall from Indiana passed away in the last year (reported 6/07). |
| **Hankins** | **2007** | Senior Conservationist Walt Hankins passed away in April 2007. He was just named a Senior Conservationist this year. He resided in Boise, ID until recently when he moved to California to be near family. He retired in July 1980 as a Branch Chief in the Adm. Services Division. |
| **Hassler** | **2007** | Gene Hassler from Indiana passed away in the last year (reported 6/07). |

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| **Hellerick** | **2007** | Karl Hellerick (79) passed away June 26, 2007. Karl was a District Conservationist for 33 years at several locations in Pennsylvania. His death was the result of injuries from a tractor accident. He had a reputation as having the “best tasting strawberries in Bucks County.” |
| **Henderson** | **2007** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Richard C. Henderson (94) passed away recently (Feb 2007). Richard started his career with SCS in 1937. He worked in New Mexico and Colorado as Soil Conservationist and as a Soil Scientist. He retired in Apr. 1968. He is survived by his wife, Floy, and son Dave. |
| **Hoffmeister** | **2007** | Greg Hoffmeister from Indiana passed away in the last year (reported 6/07). |
| **Hopps** | **2007** | Robert Hopps passed away in March 2007. Bob worked in the Cartographic Print Shop, SCS Tech Center, Ft. Worth prior to his retirement. He is survived by his wife Lou, a daughter, and several grandchildren. |
| **Hovel** | **2007** | Robert E. Hovel (84) passed away in Temple, Texas on July 18, 2007. Bob served some 32 years with the SCS working in Laredo, Edinburg, Harlingen and retiring in Temple after several years as Assistant State Conservationist for Operations. Bob was a veteran of World War II and served with the 42nd Rainbow Division. He was a native of San Antonio and a 1945 graduate of Texas A & M University. Bob was a very dedicated person during his career. He held only the highest standards for himself and those that he worked with. He is survived by his wife Ruth and three sons. Two sons preceded him in death. |
| **Hudson** | **2007** | Noah W. Hudson (86) passed away October 7, 2007. Noah spent his career with SCS in Vermont. He served at Poultney, Manchester Center, Bennington, and Montpelier. He retired in 1985. His wife, Barbara, survives. Memorials may go to the Lyndonville First Congregational Church, PO Box 193, Lyndonville, VT 05851. |
| **Ireland** | **2007** | Senior Conservationist William Ireland (95) of Georgetown, Delaware passed away on September 3, 2007. William was a Soil Scientist with the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1971. |
| **Isaacs** | **2007** | Dean R. Isaacs (92) retired Range Conservationist passed away December 15, 2007 in Kerrville, Texas. He was a native of Scranton, Kansas and a graduate of Fort Hays Kansas State College. He served in World War II and was a decorated veteran serving in Germany. He was a Range Specialists with the SCS and worked in several locations, mainly in South Texas. He was a member of the Range Management Society, Medina Rotary Club and served as a volunteer in many community projects. He was a long standing member of the Medina United Methodist Church. He was preceeded in death by his wife, Florence. He is survived by two step sons, David Goss and George Goss. Dean was a highly respected employee. |
| **Johnson** | **2007** | Vernon E. Johnson (90) passed away within the past year (reported Nov 07). Vernon retired as the Resource Conservationist in MA in 1976. For the last several years he served as the ARSCSE Representative in MA. |
| **Kagy** | **2007** | Gilbert Kagy passed away April 11, 2007. He was with SCS in Ohio. His wife, Martha, survives. Her address is 54 S. Washington St., Tiffin, OH 44883. |
| **Keller** | **2007** | Milton H. Keller (78) passed away June 12, 2007. Milton was a draftsman with SCS in the Portland NTC. He is survived by his wife Anna; sons-Michael, Mark, and Matthew; daughter, Michelle; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to Kaiser Hospice. |
| **King** | **2007** | Harvey H. King (88) passed away August 19, 2007. Harvey retired from the SCS Engineering Office in Temple, TX. He was with Freese and Nichols after his retirement. His wife, Dorothy, passed away in June 2007. He is survived by his daughter, Janis Knight. Janis can be reached at 201 Elder Oak Dr., DeSoto, TX 75115. Memorials may go to Mission Arlington, 210 W South St., Arlington, TX 76011. |
| **Kortan** | **2007** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Steve Kortan (97) passed away March 16, 2007 at his home in Buda,TX. Steve retired as a Field Representative in the Portland NTC in March 1972. He started his career with SCS as an Engineer. Surviving are: his daughter, Karen Riker, son, James, 7 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Memorials may go to donor’s favorite charity. |
| **Kron** | **2007** | Wilbur “Babe” Kron from Indiana passed away in the last year (reported 6/07). |
| **LeBlanc** | **2007** | Hazel B. LeBlanc (78) passed away November 26, 2007. She retired from SCS as a Secretary in 1990. She is survived by her husband, Robert; sons Larry and Greg; daughters Linda and Gloria. Memorials may be made to the Central Oregon Home Health and Hospice, 2698 NE Courtney Dr., Suite 101, Bend, OR 97701. |
| **Lewis** | **2007** | Irma Lewis (95) passed away February 4, 2007. Irma was the Head of Personnel at the SCS Technical Center in Ft. Worth prior to her retirement. |
| **Long** | **2007** | Vera Long (96) passed away March 5, 2007. Her husband, Hampton Long, retired as the Area Conservationist in Macomb, IL. Hamp passed away many years ago. Vera moved to Golden, CO to be near their daughter, Juv. Juv’s address is: Juv Ann Fleming, 2039 Crestvue Cir., Golden, CO 80401-1769. |
| **Lopez** | **2007** | Floyd W. Lopez (87) passed way May 29, 2007. Floyd was in the Many, LA Field Office at the time of his retirement. |
| **Lucado** | **2007** | Basil “Buster” Lucado (94) passed away July 25, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lorene, three children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. |
| **Maddy** | **2007** | Senior Conservationist John K. Maddy (90) passed away June 16, 2007. John retired in Jan. 1978 as the State Conservation Agronomist for Iowa. He earlier served as a District Conservationist at LeMars, IA. He is survived by his wife, Wilma, their children-John, Marilyn and Marshall and by 2 grandchildren. |
| **Maesner** | **2007** | Clarence Maesner (73) passed away November 2, 2007. Clarence retired from NRCS as the Head, Ecological Sciences Staff in the Portland NTC. Prior to that he was the Recreation Specialist. He is survived by his wife, Rosalinda. |
| **Manchester** | **2007** | Raymond Manchester from Indiana passed away in the last year (reported 6/07). |
| **Marks** | **2007** | NRCS employee Michael J. Marks (55) of Milton, West Virginia passed away September 19, 2007, at Hospice House of Huntington due to colon cancer. Michael was born February 18, 1952, in Elyria, Ohio, a son of Geraldine R. Marks and Ralph J. Marks of Gassaway, West Virginia. He was a graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in soil science/agronomy. He was employed by the USDA-NRCS for 33 years, the last 27 as District Conservation for Cabell and Wayne Counties. He was a member of Church in the Valley where he served as deacon and sound technician. He is survived by his wife, Shelia J. Marks, and son, Matthew J. Marks of Milton. His funeral service was conducted September 22, 2007, at The Church In the Valley with Dr. Stan Maynard officiating. Burial followed in Forest Memorial Park, Milton. |

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| **Martin** | **2007** | Charles E. Martin passed way July 30, 2007. “Bo” was a Soil Scientist for much of his career. He retired in Oct. 1992 as the District Conservationist in West Monroe, LA. |
| **Mayhew** | **2007** | John W. Mayhew passed away Nov. 11, 2007. When John retired he was a Conservation Technician in Kentucky. |
| **McKinstry** | **2007** | Neal McKinstry (87) passed away recently (reported 6/07). Neal served as the District Conservationist at Craig, CO. |
| **McMullen** | **2007** | Doris J. McMullen (83) passed way September 11, 2007. Doris was in the Administrative and Financial Sections of the LA State Office. At the time of her retirement, April 1983, she was Secretary to the State Conservationist. |
| **Means** | **2007** | Harry Means passed away March 4, 2007. Harry retired in December 1998 as the State Conservation Engineer in Illinois. He earlier had served in that same position in Hawaii. He is survived by his son, Will and a daughter, Laine. |
| **Messer** | **2007** | LeRoy Messer (82) passed away September 16, 2007 in Wichita, KS. Formerly worked for the SCS in Williston and later as a grassland inspector for the ND BLM. He is survived by his wife Agnes, daughters Marcella Kately-Harlan, Wichita; Valerie “Bimbo” (Marc) Calvert, Wichita; Peggy (David) Howe, Olathe, KS; Bonnie Ahlstedt, Wichita; Becky (James) Wheeler, Haysville, KS; a sister and brother; 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. |
| **Messer** | **2007** | Walter J. Messer passed away November 8, 2007. Walter retired in April 1978 as a District Conservationist in Ohio. His wife, Virginia, survives. She may be contacted at 1813 Hillstone Dr., Finley, OH 45840. |
| **Metz** | **2007** | Charlotte Metz passed away February 15, 2007 in Colby, KS. Her husband, Harvey retired as an Engineer in 1994 at Ft. Collins, CO. |
| **Micheel** | **2007** | John Micheel and his wife Shirley passed away August 18, 2007. They were on their way home from a family get-together in Ettrick, WI when their car was swept away by a gush of water on County Road 23, just north of Stockton, MN. He worked on flood control measures for Garvin Brook as a Soil and Water Conservationist. The very stream he knew so well snuck up and killed him and his wife. He worked for 37 years for SCS/NRCS and was named Conservationist of the Year in 2006 by the Minnesota Conservation Federation. |
| **Monke** | **2007** | Leslie H. Monke (89) passed away November 26, 2007. Les retired as the District Conservationist in Champaign Co., IL. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, LaVonne, three sons-David, Daryl, and Roger. Also surviving are 2 grandsons and 6 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the St. John Lutheran Church, 509 S. Mattis Ave., Champaign, IL. |
| **Mowls** | **2007** | Herman L. Mowls (88) died at his home on February 2, 2007. Herman retired from SCS in 1979 as a District Conservationist in Ohio. He is survived by 2 daughters-Linda Robertson and Sally Furey, and by 2 sons-Robert and Roy. Memorials may go, in Herman’s name, to Continue the Call Campaign, First Christian Church, 6900 Market Ave N, Canton, OH 44721. |
| **Nanson** | **2007** | Donald W. Nanson (78) passed away June 13, 2007 at his home in Spokane, Washington. Don worked in Colville, Pomeroy, Selah, Spokane, Okanogan and Yakima SCS offices and five years in Olympia, on loan to the WA State Conservation Commission 208 program (water quality). He is survived by his wife Kay, 3 daughters, Laurie, Mary and Chris, and six grandchildren. |
| **Neel** | **2007** | William F. Neel (84) passed away in February 2007. Mr. Neel served 35 years on the Tazewell Soil and Water Conservation District Committee, 29 years as Chairman. He was very well known to the conservation community in Virginia. Mr. Neel’s sister Betsy, is married to Fred Sisk, an SCS retiree from the Indiana State Office. |
| **Nelson** | **2007** | Robert E. Nelson (80) passed away February 9, 2007. Bob started his career with SCS in Nebraska. He later served as the Regional Soils Engineer in Broomall, PA, Portland, OR and at Lincoln, NE. He is survived by his wife, Joy, and their children-Barbara Sylvester, Kristine Davis, Bradley, Brenda Rendon, and Jeffrey. Also 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Joy's address is: Joy Nelson, 901 E. Klug Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701 |
| **Nix** | **2007** | Charles “Charlie” Nix (80) passed away September 7, 2007. Charlie retired in Feb. 1985 as a Hydrologist on the River Basin and Watershed Planning staff in the LA State Office. |
| **Partenheimer** | **2007** | Ronald “Pat” Partenheimer (82) passed away March 2, 2007. Pat retired in Nov. 1980. He is remembered as the District Conservationist for Centre County, PA the home of Penn State University. He is survived by his wife, Ann, daughter, Susan and son, Raymond. |
| **Pearson** | **2007** | Lucy Pearson passed away May 16, 2007. Lucy retired after 28 years with the Cartographic Unit, Lincoln, NE. Her husband, Robert, was also an SCS employee. She is survived by Robert, daughter Eileen, 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. |
| **Perry** | **2007** | Joe Perry passed away in April 2007. Joe retired as the Project Engineer at Grenada, MS. His wife, Virginia survives. |
| **Peterson** | **2007** | Charles Peterson of Winterset, Iowa passed away January 16, 2007. He retired as a soil conservation technician at Winterset in 2002. |
| **Pipe** | **2007** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Frank C. Piper (92) passed away June 1, 2007. Frank retired Dec. 1974 as the District Conservationist at Baker City, OR. His wife, Virginia, passed away in 2001. In his retirement Frank was very active with volunteer work and travel. He is survived by daughter, Penny; daughter, Patti; and by 5 grandchildren. |
| **Puza** | **2007** | Benjamin J. Puza (81) passed away December 16, 2007. He retired in 1980 after 26 years with Soil Conservation Service in Wyoming and Sullivan Counties in PA. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elsie; three sons-David, Dennis, and Donald; three granddaughters; 6 grandsons and 8 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Riverside Park Commission or the Tunkhannock Tree Association. |
| **Ralston** | **2007** | Marge Ralston passed away recently (Oct 2007) in Colorado. Her husband, Bill, retired as the Legislative Assistant in the National Office. |
| **Ray** | **2007** | Florence Ray died following an accident on March 22, 2007. Her husband, Merrill, was also in the accident. Their entire family some 65 in all attended the funeral with only 3 great grandchildren did not attend. Merrill retired as the Resource Conservationist in Missouri in June 1984. |
| **Reed** | **2007** | David H. Reed (71) of Brownsville, Kentucky passed away January 21, 2007 at his residence. He was a former district conservationist with SCS, a farmer, and a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his son George T. "Tim" Reed of Brownsville. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Southern Kentucky, 1027 Broadway Avenue, Bowling Green, KY or the Edmonson County Library. |

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| **Richter** | **2007** | Willard E. Richter (84) passed away in Fredericksburg, Texas on March 27, 2007. He was a native of Boerne, Texas and a graduate of Texas A & M University with a degree in wildlife science in 1966. He had a career in the military, serving in U.S. Army Air Corps and flew P-47 Thurderbolts and served in the 371st Fighter Group in France, Belgium and Holland. He retired from the Air Force in 1963 to enter college. He worked as a Biologist in Texas in several locations including Navasota, Nacogdoches, Fredericksburg, Lubbock and San Angelo. He was highly respected in his field. He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren. |
| **Sanders** | **2007** | Wesley “Wes” Sanders (76) passed away November 10, 2007. Wes retired in 1986 as the District Conservationist in St. Croix County, WI. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; 2 daughters, Elaine Gonering, and Kathy Pankratz; 2 sons, David and James; and 8 grandchildren. |
| **Sauerwein** | **2007** | William J. Sauerwein (84) passed away March 5, 2007. Bill was a Forester for SCS for 36 years and retired from the Portland NTC. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons Mark and Brian, 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Margaret’s address is 5255 SW Dover Ct, Portland, OR 97225. |
| **Sawyer** | **2007** | David G. Sawyer, State Conservationist for Kentucky passed away January 17, 2007. David had been fighting cancer for the past year. David started his career as a Soil Scientist in Tennessee. He also served in the National Office, and in Pennsylvania. He is survived by 2 sons, Joseph and John. Memorials may go to the National Kidney Foundation, 250 E Liberty St., Suite 710, Louisville, KY 40202.Richard Coombe said "In the time that I knew David, I found him to be fiercely loyal to NRCS. He made this Agency his life and his dedication to conservation was admirable. He was a fine State Conservationist who did an outstanding job and was much appreciated by his staff. For many months David has been buoyed by the friendship, cards and prayers given to him by his NRCS family." |
| **Sawyer** | **2007** | Senior Conservationist Pauline Sawyer (90) passed away May 11, 2007 in North Carolina. Pauline retired in January 1975 as an Executive Assistant with SCS in the National Office. She is survived by her son, William Sawyer and 4 grand children. |
| **Schroedl** | **2007** | Andrew “Andy” Schroedl (97) passed away March 1, 2007. Andy was a Conservation Technician in the Bismarck, ND field office at the time of his retirement. His wife, Leone, died in July 2001. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanne; three sons, Paul, Michael, and Stephen and by 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. |
| **Sheppard** | **2007** | Allen V. Sheppard (90), retired District Conservationist in Texas passed away on January 13, 2007 in Temple. Allen was a native of Wise County, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M in 1939. After 34 years he retired from the SCS and worked some 10 years for the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Allen was a dedicated Soil Conservation Service employee. |
| **Shisler** | **2007** | Senior Conservationist Wilbur Shisler passed away July 21, 2007. Wilbur spent the bulk of his career as a District Conservationist in Ohio. He also was on the Watershed Planning Staff. He is survived by his wife, Marie; by his daughters Margaret, and Marilyn; by 3 grandchildren and by 4 great grandchildren. Her address is 551 Beechwood Dr, Wooster, OH 44691. Memorials may go to the Mennonite Central Committee Connections, Box 19, Kidron, OH 44636 or to Habitat for Humanity, Wayne County, 1451 Spruce St. Ext., Wooster, OH 44691. |
| **Shreve** | **2007** | Marion Shreve passed away March 28, 2007. Marion’s husband, Dixie retired as the State Resource Conservationist in West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, 2 daughters, and twelve grandchildren. |
| **Smith** | **2007** | Dorothy Smith died in late March 2007. Dorothy was the wife of Ray Smith. Ray retired as the State Conservation Engineer in Montana. |
| **Smith** | **2007** | Leroy Smith passed away March 6, 2007. Leroy moved to Yates Center, KS several years ago. His wife, Kathryn, survives. |
| **Smith** | **2007** | Senior Conservationist Ivan D. Smith (85) passed away August 31, 2007. Ivan retired from SCS in Dec. 1982 as the District Conservationist at Coldwater, KS. His wife, Marjorie, survives as well as 2 daughters, Ivalee Vanderhoff and Juanita Hanhardt, 4 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Reno County, in care of the Elliott Mortuary, 1219 Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501. |
| **Spence** | **2007** | Milt Spence (86) passed away November 11, 2007. Milt fell and fractured a disc in his back in May and never recovered. He graduated from Southern Illinois University and served in the Navy during World War II. He was a DC in Evansville, IN for several years. In the late 1960’s he briefly served overseas as agricultural advisor to the South Vietnamese government. He retired from the Indianapolis Watershed Planning Staff. |
| **Stephens** | **2007** | Harold V. Stephens (84) passed away June 2, 2007. At the time of his retirement in 1982 Harold was the Acting State Resource Conservationist in Maryland. He started his career as a Soil Scientist and District Conservationist in Texas. He has been living with his daughter, Nan, in Tenn. |
| **Stoneciper** | **2007** | Helen M. Stoneciper (86) passed away August 14, 2007. Helen retired from SCS in August 1984 as the Area Clerk at Carbondale, IL. Earlier she worked in the State Offices in Missouri and Illinois. Prior to working for SCS she, and her late husband, were publishers of newspapers in Washington, MO and Arcola, IL. Memorials may go to the Stonecipher Scholarship Fund (for journalism scholarships) at SIU Foundation, Mail Code 6805, Carbondale, IL 62901. |
| **Sutherland** | **2007** | Gladys Sykes Sutherland (87) passed away June 8, 2007. Mrs. Southerland was a native of Mebane, NC. She was secretary to the State Conservationist in Raleigh when she retired June 1, 1984, with 30 years of Service. She lived 41 years in Raleigh before moving to Greensboro to be near her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oswell P. “Duke” Southerland. She is survived by her son, Tom Southerland and wife, Joy, of Greensboro; two grandsons and three great Grandchildren. |
| **Swanson** | **2007** | Senior Conservationist Norris P. Swanson (90) passed away on February 15, 2007. Norris was with SCS in the early days and then was transferred to ARS with the SCS research activity. Norris maintained a Membership in ARSCSE for many years. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, son, Joel, and two daughters, Jane Armstrong and Beth Weiskircher, 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Memorials may go to Bethesda Lutheran Church, Clarinda, IA, 51632 or First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE 68506. |
| **Tootell** | **2007** | “Jake” Tootell passed away in early April 2007 at a nursing home in Missoula, MT. She was the wife of Don Tootell. Don Tootell retired as the Deputy State Conservationist in Washington. He had earlier served in Idaho and in the National Office. Don passed away a number of years ago. |

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| **Van Doren** | **2007** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Dr. Cornelius Van Doren (101) passed away March 16, 2007 at his home. He spent nearly his entire career as a research conservationist for USDA. Early in his career he worked at the Univ. of Illinois and with SCS. He retired from ARS 1974. His brother, Clifford is a Senior Conservationist. He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons Carlton, Dennis Gates, James Gates, 5 grand children and one great-granddaughter. Memorials may go to the Centennial Methodist Church, 1524 W County Rd C-2, Roseville, MN. |
| **Vistica** | **2007** | Stanley G. Vistica (76) passed away December 3, 2007. Stanley retired from SCS in 1976. He was working in Marion Co., Oregon at the time of his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Joan; sons-Rodney, George, and Timothy; daughter, Vicki; and 6 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the American Heart Association or the Multiple Sclerosis Society. |
| **Ward** | **2007** | Charles Ward (87) passed away March 10, 2007. Mr. Ward was a Soil Conservation Technician in Berryville when he retired in 1985. |
| **Warner** | **2007** | Lillian Warner (87) passed away June 12, 2007. Lillian was the Area Clerk at Macomb, IL at the time of her retirement. She was with SCS for 32 years. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Bonnett, a grandson, a granddaughter, and a great grandson. Memorial may go to the First Christian Church or the Everly House, Macomb, IL. |
| **Webb** | **2007** | John E. “Jack” Webb, Sr. (81) passed away December 3, 2007. Jack retired as the Economist for the Watershed/River Basin Planning Party in the state office, Raleigh, NC. He served in the armed forces during WWII. He loved the game of tennis and enjoyed researching family genealogy. Jack is survived by his wife of 55 years, Amy, of Cary, NC, four children, 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. |
| **Weddle** | **2007** | Talmadge T. Weddle (84) passed away November 17, 2007. “Tap” retired after 45 years with SCS in Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Edna, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. |
| **Welsh** | **2007** | Robert Michael Welsh passed away December 20, 2007. Michael was the son of Jerry and Alice Welsh. Jerry retired from SCS in 1990 as the Research Coordinator in the National Office. Mike is survived by his parents and brother, Marc. Memorials may go to Gideon’s International, PO Box 1448, Little River, SC 29566 or to Camp Days, 1622 Ashley Hall Rd., Charleston, SC 29407. |
| **Wetter** | **2007** | Fred F. Wetter (89) passed away September 19, 2007. Fred started his career in Washington and served in several locations in that State. After retirement he had a tree farm in Idaho. He is survived by his wife, Addie, son Monte, and daughter Maribeth. |
| **Williams** | **2007** | Jack C. Williams, retired Soil Scientist passed away suddenly on November 19, 2007 in Temple, Texas. He was 79 years of age. Jack was a native of Paris, Texas and grew up in the small East Texas town of Blossom. He was a graduate of Texas A & M in the class of 1950 with a degree in Agronomy. He retired in Temple after serving some 10 years on the State Staff as a Field Specialist for Soil Survey. Jack was highly respected as a soil scientist and as an employee of the SCS. He was married to Nita Spear and is survived by his wife, a daughter and son as well as 5 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. |
| **Wolfe** | **2007** | Margie Wolfe passed away November 3, 2007. Margie’s husband, Paxton, retired as the State Forester in PA. Paxton’s address is 119 Lancaster Blvd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. |
| **Yanta** | **2007** | Daniel “Dan” Yanta passed away March 10, 2007. Dan resided in Port Lavaca and was a retired District Conservationists in Texas. He was a graduate of Texas A & M University. He retired with 32 years of service and was working as a project manager for a contracting company. He is survived by his wife, Margaret and two daughters and several grandchildren. |
| **Zauha** | **2007** | Senior Conservationist Stanley A. Zauha (90) passed away November 12, 2007. Stanley retired as Administrative Officer for SCS in Nebraska on Dec. 24, 1975. He is survived by sons, Thomas, and Kevin; and daughters, Joan and Janelle. Memorials may go to St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 26th and State, Boise, ID. |
| **Anderson** | **2006** | Helmer “Andy” Anderson (99) passed away June 22, 2006. Andy began his career with the Forest Service as a supervisor in a CCC camp. He started with SCS in 1950 as a Soil Conservationist in Chippewa County, WI. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and daughter, Jeanne Tyner. He is survived by his son Bruce and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. |
| **Andresen** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Andrew J. Andresen (98) passed away March 19, 2006. Andrew retired in Sept. 1975 as an Area Conservationist in California. His wife of 63 years, Bonnalyn, passed away some time ago. |
| **Asp** | **2006** | Noel R. Asp (77) passed away June 23, 2006 at Fargo, ND. He worked at Milaca, MN; Fargo, ND and Finley, ND retiring in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Norma Asp, Mayville, ND; a son and 3 grandchildren. |
| **Autry** | **2006** | William (Bill) E. Autry Jr. (77) passed away November 25, 2006 in Ephrata, Washington. Bill had worked as an engineer in Washington and Texas and retired at Paris, Texas in 1985, then moved back to Ephrata for retirement. His wife, Juanita, son Bill, and daughters Vicki and Diane survive him. |
| **Berg** | **2006** | Gary Berg (66) pased away March 30, 2006. Gary retired in April of 1994 as a Soil Conservation Technician in MN. |
| **Berry** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Vernon C. Berry (85) of Lebanon, Tennessee passed away October 30, 2006. He was a district conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1984. |
| **Blevins** | **2006** | Joe Blevins (70) retired District Conservationist passed away in Lubbock, Texas on October 27, 2006. He was a native of Vernon, Texas, graduated from Brackenridge High School in San Antonio and received his degree from Texas A & I University in 1957. He retired in 1999. He is survived by his wife Shirley, a brother and a step son and daughter and five grandchildren. |
| **Brown** | **2006** | Alanson W. “Lance” Brown passed away October 17, 2006 after a long illness. Lance was a native of Pearsall, Texas. He was a graduate of Texas A & I University at Kingsville. He began working for the SCS in 1952 and worked in Belton, Taylor and finally served as Area Conservationist at Austin. He retired in 1980 and continued a career as a farmer and rancher. After retirement he served as a Director of the Taylor-Austin Soil and Water Conservation District. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Jane and four sons and seven grandchildren. |
| **Brown** | **2006** | George Brown (92) passed away April 1, 2006. George was the District Conservationist in Allegany County, NY at the time of his retirement in 1974. |
| **Brown** | **2006** | Harold T. Brown (82) passed away June 29, 2006. Harold retired as an Assistant State Conservationist. His early career service was as an Engineer. He is survived by his wife, Charlene. |

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| **Burns** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Kenneth C. Burns (91) passed away February 20, 2006. Ken retired in June 1973 as a District Conservationist in Indiana. His wife, Joan, survives. |
| **Carlson** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Mel Carlson (92) passed away January 8, 2006. Mel retired in June 1974 as the State Forester for Idaho. He started his career in the CCC's at a camp near Salmon, ID. He is survived by his wife, Zilda, daughter Janice Walters and 2 stepdaughters. Memorials may go to the Idaho Conservation League, 710 N 6th St., Boise, ID 8370. |
| **Carter** | **2006** | John B. (J.B.) Carter passed away May 14, 2006. Mr. Carter was 83 and living in Orange, Virginia, at the time of his death. Mr. Carter retired as a Soil Scientist in Virginia. |
| **Casteel** | **2006** | Billy Casteel (79) passed away in March 2006. Billy retired in Nov. 1990 as a District Conservationist in Texas. |
| **Cheetham** | **2006** | Robert N. Cheetham (85) pased away August 11, 2006. Bob was the State Geologist in Wisconsin at the time of his retirement from SCS. He is survived by his wife Evonna Marie. |
| **Claasen** | **2006** | Marla Lee Claassen (53) passed away May 30, 2006. Marla was a Contract Specialist with SCS/NRCS. She worked in Idaho, New Mexico, National Office, Kentucky and back to Idaho. She started her career as the Secretary for the Idaho Engineering Office. She fought a long battle with cancer. She was a friend, a dedicated person and a joy to be around. She is survived by her 2 brothers and a sister. The family suggests that memorials go to the Mountain States Tumor Institute, 100 E. Idaho, Boise, Idaho 83712. |
| **Collison** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Frederic Earl Collison (85) of Carmel, California passed away October 27, 2006. He was an area conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1976. |
| **Cook** | **2006** | Ed P. Cook (68) passed away May 30, 2006. Ed started his engineering career with SCS in Illinois. He served as a Planning Engineer for a number of years prior to accepting a position in the National Office in the River Basin Division. He later transferred to the Nevada State Office. His wife, Mary J., survives. Also surviving are children and grand children. The family asked suggests that memorials may go to Habitat for Humanity. Cards may go to the family at 2119 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. |
| **Cook** | **2006** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Merwin B. Cook (92) of Vero Beach, FL passed away January 22, 2006. At the time of his retirement in 1973, he was a planning engineer with SCS and began his career with SCS in Kansas. |
| **Corley** | **2006** | William H. Corley (82) passed away February 1, 2006. William retired as an Engineering Technician in VT in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, two daughters, one son, and their families. |
| **Curtis** | **2006** | C. Warren Curtis (79) passed away March 13, 2006. Warren retired as the State Soil Scientist in AZ in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Frances. Her address is 2625 Southern Ave., C-60, Tempe, AZ 85282. |
| **Curtis** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Charles R. Curtis (98) of Great Bend, Kansas passed away in October 2006. He retired as a SCS district conservationist in 1972. |
| **Davis** | **2006** | Dorothy Davis passed away August 22, 2006 after a long illness. Dorothy was the widow of Senior Conservationist Leonard W. Davis who died on March 4, 2006. Leonard retired as a District Conservationist in June 1978. Dorothy is survived by her sons, Wayne and Ken, and daughters, Connie, Joyce, Donna, and Karen, and 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Christ Community Church, 450 W. Jackson St., Cookeville, TN 38601. |
| **Davis** | **2006** | Henrietta Davis (Forrester) (90) passed away suddenly January 27, 2006. Retta was the WNTC Director's Secretary. She retired in 1981. |
| **Davis** | **2006** | Mary Davis (76) passed away September 3, 2006. Mary was an administrative aide in the National Office at the time of her retirement in 1984. She also worked in the Department for some time. She is survived by her husband Preston Davis, 2 children from her first marriage, 4 stepchildren, 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. |
| **Davis** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Leonard W. Davis (86) passed away March 4, 2006. Leonard retired in June 1978 as a District Conservationist in Tennessee. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dorothy, sons Wayne and Ken, daughters Connie, Joyce, Donna, and Karen, 10 grand children and 10 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Christ Community Church, 450 W. Jackson St. Cookeville, TN 38501. |
| **Deacon** | **2006** | Walter B. Deacon (87) passed away March 6, 2006. Walter retired as a Conservation Technician with SCS. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, a son, Stephen, 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to Alzheimer's Association of Central Ohio, 3380 Tremont Rd., Columbus, OH 43221. |
| **DeMent** | **2006** | James A. "Jim" DeMent, PhD., passed away October 8, 2006 in Bossier City, Louisiana. Jim was 85 years of age and a retired Soil Scientist. He was a native of Louisiana and a graduate of Louisiana State University. He received his MS and PhD from Cornell University in agronomy and soils. Jim worked as a field soil scientist in Louisiana and after completing his PhD he worked in the National Soil Survey Laboratory in Lincoln. He spent several years on the staff of the Principal Soil Correlator's office in Ft. Worth. Jim was a true scientist and the author of numerous scientific articles. After his retirement from the SCS, he spent several years in the consulting business, primarily in the area of surface mine reclamation. He was married for 63 years to Ruby Weaver DeMent and she preceeded him in death. He is survived by two sons, James A DeMent, Jr. of Houston and David DeMent of Gonzalez, and five grandchildren. |
| **Dersal** | **2006** | Eva P. Van Dersal (91) passed away July 5, 2006. Eva was the wife of Dr. William R. Van Dersal. William retired from SCS as Assistant Administrator for Management. He passed away in 1990. Eva, or as she was better known, Dr. Eva Gaines Van Dersal spent over 4 decades as a nurse, teacher, counselor and college professor. |
| **Dillon** | **2006** | Claude Dillon (89) passed away March 28, 2006. Claude retired as State Range Conservationist in Washington. He is survived by his wife Zena, two sons, Bill and Tom and two daughters, Claudia and Karen. |
| **Divine** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Hugh A. Divine (84) passed away November 22, 2006. Hugh retired in 1987 as a Conservation Technician in New York. He is survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. |
| **Dodd** | **2006** | Donald L. Dodd (66) passed away September 22, 2006. Donald retired in April 1994 after a career with SCS in West Virginia. He was a Project Engineer, State Construction Engineer, and Contracting Officer at various times during his time with SCS. He graduated from West Virignia University, and served in the U. S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. Don was the "go to" guy when there were serious problems on watershed and other projects. He was a very special person and will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren, and a great grandchild. |

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| **Douglas** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Donald S. Douglas (95) of Portland, Oregon passed away May 19, 2006. Donald was a plant materials specialist with SCS, retiring in 1973. |
| **Duesterhaus** | **2006** | Judie Duesterhaus (64) passed away at her home on June 7, 2006. Judie was the wife of ARCSE President Rich Duesterhaus. Rich retired from NRCS in Jan. 1997 as Deputy Chief. Judie is survived by Rich, 2 daughters-Kathy and Lynn, 6 sons-Steve, Mike, Dan, Alan, Tom and Greg, and 14 grandchildren. Memorials may go to So Others Might Eat, 71 O St. NW, Washington, DC 2001 or to Capitol Hospice, Development Office, 6565 Arlington Blvd., #501, Falls Church, VA 22042. |
| **Dunaway** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Sam G. Dunaway (87) passed away September 18, 2006. Sam retired from SCS in Oct. 1987 after 36 years. He served as District Conservationist and as RC&D Coordinator. Sam is survived by his wife, Ruth, three children, 2 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. |
| **Eby** | **2006** | Carl F. Eby, retired (1986) New Jersey State Soils Scientist passed away January 4, 2006 of a heart attack. |
| **Emsminger** | **2006** | George Ensminger (72) pased away August 17, 2006. George retired as an Area Engineer in OK. |
| **Enderlin** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Hal Enderlin (95) passed away February 20, 2006. Hal retired in May 1972 as Assistant Director, Engineering Division, in the National Office of SCS. Prior to coming to Washington he had served as the State Conservation Engineer in California. After retirement they moved to Central Nevada. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, sons, Jay and William, 2 granddaughters and 4 great grandchildren. |
| **Fairbanks** | **2006** | Terry G. Fairbanks (69) passed away January 16, 2006 following a sudden heart attack. Terry spent his entire SCS career as an Engineer in West Virginia. He was also an ordained minister in the American Baptist Church. While attending the University of West Virginia he was captain of the football team. He retired in Jan. 1991. His wife, Judy, 5 sons, a daughter, 15 grandchildren and one great granddaughter survive. |
| **Fenton** | **2006** | Phyllis Fenton passed away March 30, 2006. Phyllis was the wife of Senior Conservationist Earl Fenton. Earl retired in Feb. 1975 as Director of the Resource Conservation and Development Division in the National Office. She is survived by Earl, son Larry, daughter Jean, 3 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. |
| **Gehrt** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Bernice E. Gehrt (87) passed away November 8, 2006. Bernice retired in April 1994 as the Secretary for the State Conservationist in Kansas. This ended a federal career of over 50 years. In addition to SCS she worked in OPA starting in 1942. Her SCS career started in 1947 as the Area Clerk in Ottawa, KS. She transferred to the State Office in 1995. She was recognized as having served the most years of any female in SCS. |
| **Gillogly** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Wallace Gillogly (96) passed away November 28, 2006. Wallace retired in Dec. 1980 as a Soil Conservationist in Darke County, Ohio. He earlier had spent 14 years as District Conservationist in Hocking County, Ohio. He is survived by a son, John, and daughters, Odessa Wilkey, Martha Lisznyei, Mary Lou Brimner and Ruth Ann Roach, 19 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Brethren Home, Greenville, OH. |
| **Gingrich** | **2006** | Dale Gingrich (82) passed away October 9, 2006. Dale worked as a Conservation Technician in Perry, Dauphin and Mifflin Counties in Pennsylvania. After retirement he served as County Commissioner for Juniata County. During his career he was also a dairy farmer and a conservation district director. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth, and five daughters. Memorials may go to the Dale Gingrich Horticultural Conservation Fund, c/o Juniata County Conservation District, RR #5 Box 35, Stony Creek Rd, Mifflintown, PA 17069. |
| **Goin** | **2006** | John Howard Goin, Sr. (86) passed away August 28, 2006. Before his retirement, John was a technician at the Appomattox Field Office. |
| **Gusman** | **2006** | Donald F. Gusman (86) passed away December 6, 2006. Donald retired in 1985 as a Soil Conservation Technician at Caldwell, ID. He is survived by his wife, Twila, daughters, Deanna and Patricia, his son, Jim, 10 grandchildren and 19 great grand children. |
| **Harnish** | **2006** | Leroy Harnish (86) passed away September 19, 2006. Leroy served with SCS for 35 years, most of that time as an engineer at Kittaning, FL. |
| **Hartung** | **2006** | Robert E. Hartung (79) passed away March 26, 2006. Bob retired as the National Forester in Jan. 1984. He is survived by his sons, Doug and Gary, life partner Sue Barber, five grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Redmond Free Methodist Church. |
| **Haynes** | **2006** | Dorothy “Dottie” Haynes passed away June 28, 2006. She was the wife of Senior Conservationist Tom Hayes. Tom retired as District Conservationist at Eaton, OH in Aug. 1973. |
| **Holden** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Charles Holden (86) passed away September 15, 2006. Charles retired as Conservation Agronomist for the New England states in Dec. 1979. After retiring he moved to Columbia, SC. His wife, Peg, died several years ago. He is survived by 4 children, their spouses, and 9 grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to his daughter Jane Richardson, 507 Topknoll Ct., Columbia, SC 29212-phone 803-732-5707. |
| **Holloman** | **2006** | Francis E. Holloman (87) passed away March 29, 2006. Francis spent his career as a Conservation Technician in Hertford County, NC. He is survived by his daughters, Pat and Betty, and 4 grandchildren. |
| **Hughes** | **2006** | Shirley Hughes (86) passed away August 21, 2006. Shirley was the wife of Senior Conservationist Howard Hughes. Howard retired as Assistant State Conservationist in Iowa in Dec. 1979. |
| **Huntley** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Mark B. Huntley (99) passed away August 11, 2006. Mark started his career with SCS in 1955 in Centerville, IA. He retired as the District Conservationist at Garner, IA in June 1973 after having worked in several other locations in IA. He moved to Arvada, CO in 1973 where he lived at the time of his death. Survivors include his daughter, Dorothy Wells, 2 granddaughters, 4 great granddaughters, and 2 great great granddaughters.Word of his passing came from his daughter, Dorothy Wells, 10737 W 68th Place, Arvada, CO 80004. |
| **Huxtable** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Ray R. Huxtable (85) passed away August 13, 2006. Ray retired in May 1976 as the Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources in Nevada. His wife, Vi, survives. |

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| **Hytry** | **2006** | Mary Jo Hytry passed away June 14, 2006 after having cardiac arrest the day before. Mary Jo was the wife of Jerry Hytry. Jerry has served as Historian for ARSCSE for a number of years. He retired in Jan. 1988 as an Associate Deputy Chief. Jerry and Mary Jo moved from Northern Virginia within the past year to Orlando, Florida to be near their oldest son. Jerry and their children, Tom, Mary Lynn, Steve and Susan survive. The family asked suggests that memorials may go to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Jerry volunteered at Blue Ridge for several years while they lived near Winchester. |
| **Inman** | **2006** | Gerlene “Gerri” Inman passed away October 10, 2006 in Fort Washington, MD. She retired from the NNTC. |
| **Jackson** | **2006** | Bedford Jackson passed away September 9, 2006. Bedford retired in Tennessee after a career as a Soil Scientist. |
| **Jacobson** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Paul E Jacobson (96) passed away October 15, 2006. Paul spent 30 years with SCS. After serving as a Zone Conservation Engineer in the Milwaukee, WI Regional Office he moved to Iowa as State Conservation Engineer in 1951. He served in that position until his retirement in 1964. Following his leaving SCS he worked for Harza Engineering for 15 years. This position took him to conservation projects around the world. As State Conservation Engineer he developed and promoted the concept of tile outlet terraces and grassed backfill terraces. The many thousands of miles of terraces in western Iowa are a testament to Paul’s dedication and drive. He is survived by his son, Paul, and 3 daughters, Lorraine, Mary and Lusijah. Memorials may go to the Iowa State University Foundation or the Sandpoint, ID United Methodist Church. |
| **Johnson** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Ralph Johnson (85) passed away March 24, 2006. Ralph was a Conservation Technician and spent his entire career with SCS in his home county, Sampson County, NC. |
| **Jones** | **2006** | Isreal Jones passed way November 15, 2006. He was a Technician in Cheneyville, LA at the time of his retirement in Jan. 1993. |
| **Jurgens** | **2006** | Maureen Jurgens (73) passed away April 28, 2006. Maureen was the wife of Leonard Jurgens who retired as the State Range Conservationist for CO in April 1994. Leonard survives. |
| **Kalkanis** | **2006** | George Kalkanis passed away January 16, 2006. His death came after a fall that resulted in serious injury and then pneumonia. George retired from the Engineering Design and Technical Unit, Engineering Division. George was recognized as one of the most brilliant engineers in SCS. He had his PhD in engineering with studies under Dr. Hans Einstein. He was on the state staff in California prior to joining the Engineering Division. He is survived by his wife, Nancy. Her address is - 1350 California St., Berkeley, CA 94703. |
| **Kennedy** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Grant Kennedy (89) passed away August 23, 2006. Grant spent his career in SCS as a Soil Scientist. He retired in May 1975. Most of his mapping experience was in California but he also mapped in Nevada and Georgia after starting with SCS at Ft. Worth Texas. |
| **Kmetz** | **2006** | Beatrice Kmetz (80) passed away July 1, 2006. Beatrice was the wife of Andy Kmetz. Andy, who died a number of years ago, was the Personnel Officer for Illinois at the time of his retirement in July 1978. Andy was a historian for the CCC’s in Illinois. Andy died in 1995. Andy and Beatrice were recognized at an Illinois football game several years ago as having all of their children graduate from the University. She is survived by 2 sons-Andy and Bob, 4 daughters-Anne Marie, Janis, Joni, and Jennifer. Memorials may go to St. Matthew Catholic Church, 1303 Lincolnshire Dr., Champaign, IL 61821. |
| **Krivak** | **2006** | Joseph A. Krivak (79) passed away February 20, 2006. Joe became ill on an ice fishing trip. Joe was in Watershed Planning in PA and later worked for the Dept. of Interior and EPA prior to retiring in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Rita, daughter, Debra Meyer, son, John, and 3 grandchildren. |
| **Larson** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Kenneth M. Larson (93) passed away September 6, 2006 in Williston, ND. Ken retired as a District Conservationist in July 1975. He worked for SCS 30 years in Dickey County, ND. He is survived by a son and daughter, 8 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. |
| **Leopold** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Luna B. Leopold (90) passed away from congestive heart failure on February 23, 2006. Dr. Leopold started his career with SCS in 1936 following his graduation from the University of Wisconsin. He spent time on the Coon Valley Project in Wisconsin. After World War II he started on a long career as hydrologist and meteorologist. He was the chief hydrologist for U. S. Geological Service. He edited his father’s book, A Sand County Almanac, following his father’s death. As the son of Aldo Leopold he more than carried on the family’s reputation as environmentalists and scientists. |
| **Lodwick** | **2006** | James W. Lodwick (87), retired District Conservationist at Greenville, Texas passed away January 9, 2006. Jimmy served in several locations in Texas during his 35 years with the SCS. He was a native of Tyron, OK and he graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1941. He was preceded in death by his wife Bettijo. He is survived by two sons, Jim and John, a sister, a grand daughter and a great granddaughter.Charlie Thompson recalls "Jim was his first supervisor when he was the Work Unit Conservationist at Seguin, Texas. He was an excellent trainer, an innovator, and his standards for performance were very high." |
| **Lungstrum** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Wilma Lungstrum (85) passed away May 23, 2006. Wilma was the secretary for the California Engineering Staff and later for the State Conservationist. She retired in May 1961. She was an especially dedicated secretary and cared about all those she worked with. She served as the ARSCSE representative for many years. Memorials may go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1329 Howe Ave., Sacramento, CA 95825. |
| **Maehle** | **2006** | Robert Maehle (79) passed away October 22, 2006. Bob worked as a Conservation Technician in several districts in Illinois prior to his retirement in Dec. 1989. Bob is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, Mark; daughter, Lora; 3 step children; 2 grandchildren; and 5 step grandchildren. Condolences to Nancy may be sent to 902 Kratz Rd., Monticello, IL 61856. |
| **Maguire** | **2006** | Clifton A. Maguire (75) passed away April 4, 2006. Cliff retired in Dec. 1988 as the State Conservationist in Wisconsin. Cliff started his career as an engineer in Iowa. His wife, Connie, survives as does his son, David, 3 stepchildren, 18 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to HospiceCare Inc., 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, WI 53716. |

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| **Martin** | **2006** | Past President and Senior Conservationist J. Vernon Martin (88) passed away October 6, 2006. “Swede” was in a nursing home for several years and suffered from Alzheimer’s. His wife, Judy, is also in the nursing home. He retired from SCS in 1979 as Director, SNTC and Assistant Chief. Earlier he was State Conservationist in Missouri. He started his career and served in many positions in Oklahoma. He was an avid OK State University alumnus. He served as ARSCSE president 1993-1994 and was a strong leader during his term. Earlier he served as the President for SWCS. Swede enjoyed life and he was known for his sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Judy, son, Vernon and daughter, Judy, 5 grandchildren and 10 great grand children. Memorials may go to Oklahoma State University Foundation, SWCS, or to the Judith Karmen Hospice, Stillwater, OK. Click here to send a condolence. |
| **Martin** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist James V. Martin (92) of Vernon, New York passed away June 6, 2006. James was at district conservationist with SCS at the time of his retirement in 1980. He served as a Sargent in the U.S. Army during World War II. |
| **Matthews** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist William H. Matthews (100) is reported to have died (Aug 06). Bill worked in Iowa for many years as a Conservation Technician. He retired in June 1972. |
| **May** | **2006** | Allan D. May (76) passed away August 30, 2006. Allan retired as a District Conservationist in Will/Cook Counties in Illinois in October 1985. He is survived by his son, Steven, daughters, Carol, Jeanne, and Janet, and 9 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Gerber Hart Library, 1127 W. Granville, Chicago, IL 60660. Those wishing to send condolences may send them to Steven May, 3056 Rosemont Dr., Joliet, IL 60435. |
| **McClaskey** | **2006** | Lois J. McClaskey (75) of Salina, KS passed away March 20, 2006. Lois was the wife of Dale McClaskey. Dale retired in December 1986 as the Asst. State Conservationist in Kansas. Dale was the ARSCSE Representative for Kansas for a number of years. Dale survives with their 2 daughters, a son, thirteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. Memorials may go to the First Methodist Church Building Fund. |
| **McGauhey** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist William McGauhey (85) passed away January 25, 2006. He retired Feb. 1978 as a Resource Conservationist in the National Office. Bill returned to his home state of Kentucky after his retirement and sold real estate and managed the family farm. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Grace, a son, 2 daughters, 9 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504 or the American Heart Association, 240 Whittington Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222. |
| **Meyers** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Keith F. Meyers (87) passed away June 29, 2006. Keith retired as Midwest NTC Director. Keith also served as State Conservationist in Kentucky and Nebraska. His career started with the CCC’s. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, sons William, Robert, and Gary, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. |
| **Miller** | **2006** | Joseph G. Miller (75) passed away in San Antonio on May 15, 2006 after a sudden illness. Joe worked in several locations in Texas, retiring as Area Engineer at Uvalde. He was a 1952 graduate of Texas A & M University. He is survived by his wife, Joan S. Miller, two sons and two daughters and seven grandchildren. Joe was a faithful supporter of the Texas SCS/NRCS reunion and he was present at the last meeting in April. |
| **Moustakis** | **2006** | Christopher Moustakis (82) passed away September 15, 2006. Chris retired in Jan. 1985 as the State Resource Conservationist in MA. After retiring he served for many years as the ARSCSE Representative for MA. He is survived by 2 daughters, Jo Ann and Christine, and 3 grandchildren. |
| **Mullin** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Franklin H. Mullin (92) of Washington, Iowa passed away April 5, 2006. Frank was a forester with SCS and retired in 1973 as a district conservationist. |
| **Murphy** | **2006** | James Murphy (54) passed away March 12, 2006. James began his career with SCS/NRCS as a member of the watershed survey crew and later became an inspector on watershed projects. He is survived by his wife, Dianne, a daughter, a son, and a stepdaughter. |
| **Murrell** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Jesse J. Murrell (93) passed away February 5, 2006. Jesse retired in 1973 after 39 years as a District Conservationist. He was a charter Member of SWCS. He is survived by his wife, Marie, sons Lynn and Max and daughter Judy, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. |
| **Nelson** | **2006** | Paul I. Nelson passed away recently (May 2006). Paul worked for SCS/NRCS for 33 years. His last position was as District Conservationist at Kingfisher, OK. Cards of condolences may go to Jackie Nelson, 11050 Whitehouse Rd., Guthrie, OK 73044. |
| **Nelson** | **2006** | Virginia D. Nelson passed away November 1, 2006. Virginia was the wife of Vern R. Nelson. They had been married 63 years. Vern retired in Dec. 1980 as an Area Conservationist in Washington. |
| **Paide** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Charles E. Paige (87) passed away March 16, 2006. Charles retired in April 1982 as a District Conservationist in Missouri. He is survived by his wife, Rosenmae, 2 sons, a daughter, and 3 grandchildren. |
| **Payne** | **2006** | Bill Payne passed away February 1, 2006. Bill retired as Assistant State Conservationist-Watershed in California. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, 2 sons a daughter and several grandchildren. Audrey’s address is Space #128, 215 N Power Rd., Mesa, AZ 85295. |
| **Pendleton** | **2006** | Bettyjoe R. Pendleton, wife of retired National Range Conservationist Don Pendleton passed away January 25, 2006. Services were held at the St. Paul Methodist Church in Breckenridge, Texas. Don’s address is Post Office Box 86, Caddo, Texas 76429. |
| **Proctor** | **2006** | Martha Proctor passed away October 30, 2006. She was a secretary on the engineering staff at the tech center in Fort Worth before her retirement. Everyone who knew her will remember her supreme talent at the piano and organ. She is survived by her husband and 3 children. |
| **Qualls** | **2006** | Lillian Qualls passed away August 4, 2006. Lillian was the wife of Bill Qualls. Bill retired several years ago as District Conservationist at Iola, KS. His address is 812 North, Iola, KS 66749. |
| **Reece** | **2006** | Bill Reece, retired District Conservationist at Lubbock passed away recently (Sept 2006). Bill was 87 years of age. He served in the USAF during WW II as a crew chief on a C47 plane. He was a graduate of Texas Tech and was DC in Lubbock for some 25 years. After his retirement from the SCS he worked for the State Soil and Water Conservation Board as a District Representative. He was a loyal supporter of the Texas Tech Red Raiders. He was married to Wanza Mankins on July 4, 1948 and they have one son and a daughter and three grandchildren and one great grand child. Bill was a highly respected employee of the SCS. |

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| **Renfrow** | **2006** | Betty Renfrow (73) passed away March 27, 2006. Betty was the wife of Rex Renfro. Rex who was in the B&F Section, National Office, left SCS in the mid 70's to go into private business. She is survived by Rex and 7 grand children. She was preceded in death by their daughter and son. Memorials may go to the First Baptist Church of Springfield, 7330 Gary St., Springfield, VA 22150. Rex's address is 10715 Shadow Ln., Fairfax Station, VA 22039-22425. |
| **Rhea** | **2006** | Richard Rhea (76) passed away October 22, 2006. Before retiring, Richard served as District Conservationist in Abingdon, Virginia. |
| **Richardson** | **2006** | Ron Richardson, former District Conservationist in Woodstock, and Soil Conservationist in Verona, VA, passed away in March 2006. Ron had 25 years of service with SCS/NRCS. |
| **Riemenschneider** | **2006** | Richard Riemenschneider (93) passed away August 5, 2006. Richard spent his entire career in the Zanesville, OH area as a Conservation Technician. Memorials may go to the American Caner Society or the Miltonsburg Cemetery Association, 36110 Baltimore Rd., Woodsfield, OH 43793. |
| **Roble** | **2006** | Keith O. Roble (54) passed away unexpectedly March 4, 2006. Keith was an Engineer with NRCS at Presque Isle, ME at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and son, Niklas. Memorials may go to Covenant Church, New Sweden, ME or to Conservation Education Memorial, Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District, 735 Main St., Suite 3, Presque Isle, ME 04769. |
| **Russell** | **2006** | Clint Russell (76) passed away July 8, 2006. Clint retired in December 1989 as the Economist at the Midwest RTC. Earlier he worked in Texas, Arkansas, Illinois, and Oregon. Clint had been fighting cancer for sometime. He is survived by his wife Shirley. Memorials may be made to the Oaklawn United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, AR. |
| **Russell** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Edgar B. Russell (90) passed away February 22, 2006. He was born in Somerset, Kentucky, and a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He is survived by a son, two daughters, and grand children. Memorials may go to the Leukemia Society of America, Inc., Kentucky Chapter 710, W Main St., Suite #20, Louisville, KY 40202. |
| **Schroeder** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Carlton Schroeder passed away recently (Feb 2006). He retired as a Conservation Technician in New Jersey. |
| **Scrivner** | **2006** | Jerry L. Scrivner (74) passed away October 17, 2006. Jerry had worked in the states of Missouri, Nebraska, Hawaii, and Washington. Jerry retired in Jan. 1987 as the State Administrative Officer in Spokane, Washington. Jerry had been fighting cancer since early summer. He is survived by his wife Cori, sons Skip and Randy, and daughter Melissa. |
| **Shaw** | **2006** | Robert Shaw (66) passed away February 13, 2006. Bob had been fighting lung cancer. Bob served for several years as the Florida Representative for ARSCSE. He retired in Jan. 1996 as the Director, Engineering Division. He was also the Deputy for Technology. He began his career in Maine and was involved in Watershed Planning. He also served as State Conservationist in Vermont and Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, son, Scott, daughter, Elizabeth and a grandson. Memorials may go to American Cancer Society. |
| **Slaughter** | **2006** | Tommy Slaughter (89) passed away June 28, 2006 in Marshall, Texas. Tommy served some 38 years as a technician with the Soil Conservation Service in the East Texas area. Tommy served in the Army during World War II and earned many medals and awards. He also received several awards from the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He was faithful in attending the annual SCS/NRCS Reunion. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille in 1992. |
| **Smith** | **2006** | Robert Smith passed away May 31, 2006. Robert was a Soil Scientist in Pennsylvania through out his career with SCS. |
| **Spivey** | **2006** | Camilla "Bonnie" Spivey, former NRCS Budget Analyst for Delaware, passed away April 9, 2006 from a heart attack. Bonnie retired in June 2002 with over 26 years of federal service, serving in financial management in both Maryland and Delaware. |
| **Starr** | **2006** | Lou Starr passed away July 3, 2006. Lou was the wife of Claude Starr. Claude was in the National Office at the time of his retirement. Claude passed away some time ago. |
| **Steffan** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Harlan S. Steffan (86) of Midland, Michigan passed away May 24, 2006. He was an engineering technician with SCS, retiring in 1976. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, receiving the Navy Cross. |
| **Stewart** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Jacob A. Stewart (88) passed away May 15, 2006. Jake began his career in the Soil Erosion Service. He retired in June 1970 as an Engineering Technician at Statesville, NC. |
| **Stone** | **2006** | Margaret E. Stone, widow of George Stone, retired State Conservationist of California passed away in Nacogdoches, Texas on January 6, 2002. She is survived by daughter, Susan Buchanan, two granddaughters, one grandson and a great-granddaughter. George preceded her in death on December 6, 2004. |
| **Stucky** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Glenn E. Stucky (93) passed away September 13, 2006. Glenn retired in July 1975 as the Irrigation Engineer in the Upper Darby NTC. During his career he served in numerous locations including the Lincoln NTC. Glenn's energy and enthusiasm for his work and for his fellow man made him a leader and a respected co-worker. He is survived by his wife, Ann, their 8 children, 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the WWAMI Medical Program, WWAMI Medical Education Program, Montana State University, 310 Leon Johnson Hall, PO Box 173080, Bozeman, MT 59717. |
| **Surrey** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist William O. Surrey (95) of Webster, New York passed away November 17, 2006. William was a district conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1976. |
| **Terres** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist John Kenneth Terres (100) of Bronxville, New York passed away shortly before his 101st birthday on December 8, 2006. He was an American naturalist and author. He is best known for his popular works on North American birds. He authored more than fifty works, usually writing as John K. Terres. He worked as a field biologist for SCS from 1936 until 1942. |
| **Thompson** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Melvin M. Thompson (88) passed away November 6, 2006. Melvin retired as the Area Conservationist at Springfield, MO in May 1980. He earlier had served as Area Conservationist at Fulton, MO. He had a role in the establishment of several Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Missouri. He is survived by his wife, Lena, 2 children and 3 grandchildren. |
| **Tubb** | **2006** | John B. Tubb (92) passed away December 12, 2006. John was an engineer in the State Office in Louisiana at the time of his retirement in 1978. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ruth. |
| **Wade** | **2006** | Jim Wade passed away (June 06). Jim was a geologist on the Watershed Planning Staff in Ohio when he was with SCS. |

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| **Watts** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Leonard Watts (96) passed away in June 2006. Leonard worked as a Conservation Technician in Southern Ohio at the time of his retirement in September 1983. |
| **Wharton** | **2006** | Senior Conservationist Charles F. Wharton (89) of Moore, South Carolina passed away March 4, 2006. He was a soil scientist with SCS. |
| **White** | **2006** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist James S. White (93) passed away October 6, 2006. James retired in July 1970 as a District Conservationist in Georgia. |
| **Williams** | **2006** | Richard P. “Dick” Williams (91) passed away January 17, 2006 in Fargo, ND. He worked for the CCC and Forest Service in MT before his 37 year SCS career in Steele and Linton, ND. After retirement he returned to college and became the oldest student at that time to receive a Ph.D. from NDSU (64 years old). He is survived by Rachel, his wife of 65 years, 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. |
| **Windley** | **2006** | Daniel M. Windley (81) passed away September 3, 2006. Dan was a Conservation Technician at the Washington, NC Field Office for 32 years. He is survived by his wife, Ann, three daughters, three sons, 13 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. |
| **Worley** | **2006** | Claudia Chapman Worley (59) passed away in January 2006. Claudia will be remembered by many as the daughter of the late Cecil Chapman, long time State Conservationist in GA. Her death resulted from complications following kidney removal surgery on Jan. 13, 2006. She is survived by three children, three sisters, and her husband of 35 years, Davis Taylor Worley. Davis is the son of the late L.D. “Red” Worley originally from MS but remembered by Georgians as State Conservation Engineer for SCS in GA. |
| **Wortman** | **2006** | Vernon A. Wortman (73) passed away March 9, 2006. He was born March 20, 1932, and grew up on a farm near Walthill, NE. He attended Wayne State College and graduated from the University of Nebraska. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service from 1959 until his retirement in 1987. Survivors include his wife, Betty, two sons, Mike and Curt, and a daughter, Denise. |
| **Young** | **2006** | Harry N. Young passed away June 18, 2006. Harry retired in 1982 after having worked in the SCS office in Defiance, OH for 12 years. |
| **Zimmerman** | **2006** | Rosella “Rose” Zimmerman (74) passed away September 5, 2006 in Bismarck, ND. Rose was the wife of Norm Zimmerman who retired from SCS as a Civil Engineering Technician for many years from the Dickinson Area Office. She is survived by her husband, Norm, two sons and two grandchildren. |
| **Anderson** | **2005** | Stanley M. Anderson (81) passed away October 12, 2005. Stanley retired as a District Conservationist in New York. His wife, Lois, survives. |
| **Aten** | **2005** | Virginia Aten passed away March 21, 2005. Virginia was the wife of Fred Aten. Senior Conservationist Fred retired as Area Conservationist in Ohio in Jan. 1979. |
| **Bennington** | **2005** | Jesse W. "Skip" Bennington (84) passed away May 3, 2005. Skip was a Civil Engineering Technician at Harrisonburg, VA at the time of his retirement. He is a decorated WW II Veteran with a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. His wife, daughter, and 4 grandsons survive. |
| **Berg** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Ordean Berg (89) passed away recently (June 2005). He retired in June 1980 as the Area Conservationist in Fargo, ND. |
| **Bigelow** | **2005** | Kenneth L. Bigelow (79) passed away May 8, 2005 in California. Kenneth retired as a District Conservationist in Feb. 1981. His wife, Betty, survives. |
| **Boland** | **2005** | Carolyn Boland passed away April 18, 2005. Carolyn was the wife of Emmet Boland who retired as the Assistant State Engineer in Kentucky. Emmet is also having some very serious health problems. |
| **Boland** | **2005** | Emmett Boland (76) passed away May 7, 2005. Emmett retired as the Assistant State Conservation Engineer in KY. Emmett’s wife, Carolyn passed away just 3 weeks prior to Emmett’s death. Both suffered with cancer. Memorials may go to Hospice of Bluegrass, 3212 Alexandria Dr. Lexington, KY. |
| **Boston** | **2005** | Ronnie Boston (59) recently retired from NRCS passed away suddenly on March 17, 2005. Ronnie was a graduate of East Texas State University and served in several locations in Texas as a Soil Conservationist and District Conservationist. His wife, Sandra, two daughters and four grandchildren survive. Ronnie will be greatly missed by his family and his peers. |
| **Bowie** | **2005** | Gerald Bowie (65) passed away August 27, 2005. “Jerry” retired from the planning staff in the Virginia State Office. He started his career in his home state of Maine and worked for SCS as an engineer for 27 years. He is survived by his wife, Lois, four sons, David, Robert, Richard and James and 12 grandchildren. The family suggests that memorials go to New Hope Hospice, Eddington, ME 04429. |
| **Bowman** | **2005** | Gilbert A. Bowman (76) passed away December 30, 2005. Gib started his soil mapping career with SCS in Nebraska. He transferred to Colorado in 1978 as the State Soil Correlator. His wife, Ethel, 3 children-Paula, Tim and Jon, and 6 grandchildren survive him. |
| **Brasfield** | **2005** | Helen Brasfield passed away October 11, 2005. Helen was the wife of James Brasfield. James retired on Dec. 31, 1986 as a Soil Scientist in the South NTC. Helen is survived by James, 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. |
| **Broce** | **2005** | William “Bill” Broce (83) passed away April 29, 2005. Bill served in numerous locations in Missouri. Included in his tours were RC&D Coordinator and Area Conservationist. He retired in 1987. His wife, Muriel, survives. She resides at 1308 Walnut St., Bethany, MO 64424. |
| **Brugger** | **2005** | Sam Brugger (79) was born August 4th, 1925 and passed away March 21, 2005 at a Nursing home in Camp Hill, PA. Sam died of Super Nuclear Palsy, a disease similar to Parkinson, which he had for about 10 years. He was good, mentally, but could not speak or eat solid food for over a year. His wife of 59 years, Bernice, went to see and help feed him every day.Sam was the Economist on the Planning Party in PA for many years. Frank Resides recalls "I met Sam in the summer of '62, when he and others came to Wellsboro, PA to work on the Marsh Creek Watershed in Tioga County. I went along with him to collect flood damage schedules for the economic evaluation. We worked together on several PA watershed projects, before I transferred to MD in 1965, but have stayed in touch ever since. We enjoyed many hunting and fishing trips, and had a few beers together from time to time. Sam was a great friend and co-worker, whom we will miss dearly." The family has asked that memorials go to: ASCERA Care Hospice, 4813 Jonestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17109Bernice lives at: 4721-A Charles Rd.Mechanicsburg, PA 17050Tel. 717 761 7647 |

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| **Brush** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist John B. Brush (84) passed away October 19, 2005. John was under Hospice care at his home. He died just 3 days after his 84th birthday. He retired in Jan. 1980 as the Chief, Records and Communications, SCS. He served in several locations after starting his career with SCS in Illinois. He served in the US Navy in WW II, and Korea. He retired from the Navy as a Commander. John is survived by his wife, Laura, and children-Anita, Richard, and John and 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. John and Laura have lived in Florida since his retirement. He was buried back home in Illinois on Nov. 12th. |
| **Burgher** | **2005** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist John Burgher (95) passed away in October 2005. John had a fall at his home and complications followed that lead to his death. John retired as an Engineering Technician in Illinois. He had served as an inspector on several watershed projects. John's wife, Gladys, passed away several years ago. He is survived by his daughter, Martha. |
| **Bush** | **2005** | Thomas M. Bush, Jr. (87) passed away September 16, 2005. Mr. Bush was an economist on the Watershed Planning Party in Virginia when he retired. |
| **Chapman** | **2005** | David Chapman passed away June 15, 2005. He had been fighting lung cancer and finally lost the battle. David was the son of Wayne and Pat Chapman. Wayne retired in Nov. 1989 as a Soil Conservationist in the National Office. Surviving are his wife, Karen, a daughter, his parents and 2 sisters. Memorials may go to Lung Cancer Support Community, PO Box 1205 Euless, TX 76039 or Massey Cancer Center, The Thomas Palliative Care, PO Box 98037, Richmond, VA 23298-0037.Our beloved son David went to be with the Lord on Wednesday evening, June 15, and he is at peace. David was an optimist and a fighter and he never gave up. He was in great pain and had fought long and hard with great courage for over two years. We and his sisters and wife were blessed to be at his side in his final moments and to see that old pleasant, peaceful look on his face when he went to heaven.When David was in 9th grade, he did some research on trumpet players in heaven, and he told us then that someday he would be one of them. Heaven has a new trumpet player now. Thank you, everyone, for your prayers, good wishes, and happy memories of our very beloved son David. - Wayne and Pat Chapman |
| **Clark** | **2005** | Marilyn Clark (84) passed away October 15, 2005. Marilyn worked in several locations in Illinois as an Area Clerk. Her last position was at Carbondale, IL. |
| **Clements** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Alvin (Buck) Clements (87) passed away at his home on December 7, 2005. He retired from SCS in July 1975 as Assistant State Conservationist in OK. His wife, Irene, survives. |
| **Clowdus** | **2005** | Ruby Clowdus (83) passed away August 22, 2005. Two grandsons, 2 granddaughters, 11 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, a sister, and a nephew survive her. |
| **Clum** | **2005** | I. Ross Clum (81) passed away November 8, 2005. Ross worked for SCS for 30 years in Allen County, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, 2 sons, daughter, 10 grand children and 18 great grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Dorothy Clum, 977 N. Hardin Rd., Ada, OH 45810. Memorials may go to the building fund for St. Paul Methodist Church. Ada, OH. |
| **Core** | **2005** | Margaret Core (92) passed away March 2, 2005. Margaret was the wife of Ed Core. Ed died in 2003. He retired as the Head, Engineering and Watershed Planning Unit in Portland, OR. Her daughter and son and five grandchildren and six great grandchildren survive her. |
| **Crane** | **2005** | Duane Crane (78) passed away March 15, 2005. Duane retired as the District Conservationist at Lakeview, OR. His wife, Juanita, a son, a daughter and three grandchildren survive. Juanita's address is: PO Box 6878, Kingman, AZ 86402. |
| **Crowley** | **2005** | Peggy Crowley (70) passed away April 21, 2005. She was the wife of Richard "Dick" Crowley who was District Conservationist for Mercer County, Pa. for many years. |
| **Davis** | **2005** | Virginia "Ginger" Davis (68) passed away November 19, 2005. Ginger was the wife of Joe Davis who retired as Asst. State Conservationist in Kentucky after having served for many years there as the State Conservation Engineer. She is survived by her husband, sons Joseph and William, daughter Jane McConathy and 2 grandchildren. Memorials may go to UK Lucille P Markey Cancer Center, 800 Rose St., Lexington, KY 40536 or Hospice of Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504. |
| **Demke** | **2005** | Willis Demke, former State Conservation Engineer passed away recently (June 2005). |
| **Dillon** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Richard G. Dillon (91) of Jensen Beach, Florida passed away July 5, 2005. He retired in 1963 as a district conservationist with SCS. |
| **Ditson** | **2005** | Robert Ditson (74) passed away December 13, 2005. Bob was born in Oakland, Maine on August 6, 1931. As a boy, Bob spent summers on Lake Mooselookmeguntic, where his mother was a cook at Bald Mountain camps. The Rangeley lakes were a place that he loved, and would return to visit throughout his life.He graduated from Williams High School in Oakland, in 1949. During his youth he earned the distinction of becoming an Eagle Scout. He went on to college at the University of New Hampshire, where he majored in business, agriculture, and engineering.Bob started his career with SCS in the summer of 1956. He worked in various capacities until 1986, serving first in upstate New York, and then in Michigan as the State Resource Conservationist. He finished his Soil Conservation Service career in 1986 as Liaison to the Federal Extension Service in Washington, D.C., the first person to hold that position. After retiring from government service, Mr. Ditson relocated to Kennebunkport, Maine. He is survived by his wife, Joan. |
| **Edens** | **2005** | Marshall Edens passed away January 12, 2005. Marshall retired as Asst. St. Conservationist-Water Resources in Ohio Oct. 1990. He served for many years as the Agr. Economist on the Planning Party. Memorial Gifts may be made to: American Legion Post 283, 7725 Refugee Rd NW, Pickerington, Ohio 43147. |
| **Eley** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Gail W. Eley (96) of Portland, Indiana passed away February 20, 2005. Gail was a regional water management engineer with SCS, retiring in 1965. |
| **Ellis** | **2005** | Wesley L. Ellis (92) passed away March 27, 2005. Wes retired as Director of the Cartographic Unit in Portland, OR. His wife, Rowena, died in 1988. Two daughters, a son, and numerous grand and great grandchildren survive him. |
| **Erinakes** | **2005** | Janet Erinakes (65) passed away August 23, 2005. Janet was the wife of Dennis Erinakes. Dennis retired in Oct. 1992 as the National Ground Water Geologist. She is survived by Dennis, 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. |
| **Evans** | **2005** | Herbert O. Evans (85) passed away recently (Oct 2005). Herb retired in Dec. 1977 as the Public Information Officer in Arkansas. |

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| **Fluke** | **2005** | James C. Fluke (92) passed away January 27, 2005. Jim had a 32-year career with SCS. Daughters, Gail Laurent, and Janet Parsons and 15 grand children and one great grand child survive him. Memorials may go to Taylor House Hospice, Des Moines, IA 50310. |
| **Fonner** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Robert F. Fonner (84) passed away February 16, 2005. "Frank" retired as the Upper Darby, NTSC Engineering Geologist in Oct. 1977 after 30 years with SCS. He returned home to West Virginia and worked 10 years for the West Virginia Geologic Survey. His wife of 56 years, Betty, son James, daughter Frances, and 8 grand children survives him. |
| **Fredregill** | **2005** | Ruth Fredregill passed away November 2, 2005. Ruth was the wife of Ivan Fredregill who retired from SCS as a District Conservationist in Dec. 1965. Ivan died in July 2003. |
| **Geiger** | **2005** | Mary Geiger passed away December 3, 2005. Mary was the wife of Al Geiger who retired in December 1980 as the National Engineering Geologist. Mary had been under Hospice care. She is survived by Al, children-Maureen, Patricia, Kathleen, Paul, Thomas and Ellen, and 10 grandchildren. Memorials may go to Mary Purcell Geiger Scholarship Fund c/o Greenbelt Community Center, 99 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or Community Hospice, 8200 Professional Place, Suite 104, Landover, MD 20785. |
| **Harms** | **2005** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Grenfall Harms (95) passed away September 30, 2005. He retired from SCS as a Soil Scientist in Dec. 1965. After retiring he worked for 12 years for the University of Minnesota. He started his career in the CCC camp at Spring Valley, MN. |
| **Hodges** | **2005** | Marcella Hodges (72) passed away at her home after a long illness on November 15, 2005. Marcella's husband, Tom, retired from NRCS as the Economist at the South NTC. Tom and their 2 children, Marcella and Charles, and 4 grandchildren survive. Memorials may go to the St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 10th and Lamar, Ft. Worth, TX 76102. |
| **Horton** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist J. G. Horton (90) has passed away (2/2005). He retired in Dec. 1976 after a career as a Soil Conservationist and District Conservationist in Arkansas. |
| **Hypes** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Wayne M. Hypes (86) of Staunton, Virginia passed away June 9, 2005. He was a district conservationist with SCS, retiring (or otherwise left the agency) in 1960. |
| **Inhoff** | **2005** | Eileen Inhoff (74) passed away July 19, 2005. Eileen retired from the WNTC in December 1994. She also was the State Conservationist's secretary in New Mexico. She is survived by her husband, Jack, and sons Rick and Kim. |
| **Jenkins** | **2005** | A. Earl Jenkins, Jr. (70) passed away November 21, 2005 in Athens, GA. He was an alumnus of Auburn University with a degree in Engineering and worked as an Area Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service. He served in the United States Air Force Reserves and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Margaret Louise Palmer Jenkins of Athens, a son, and a daughter. Remembrances may be made to the charity of your choice. |
| **Jennings** | **2005** | Carl Jennings passed away January 15, 2005. Carl retired as Engineering Technician for the watershed program. His wife Nell resides at 7299 Hwy 67 N, Popular Bluff, MO 63901-8095. |
| **Johnson** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Sven Johnson (88) passed away August 20, 2005. Sven was an Engineering Technician at Clarkfied, MN at the time of his retirement. |
| **Jones** | **2005** | Thomas B. Jones (74) passed away January 16, 2005. Tom retired as the Area Engineer at Medina, OH in October 1990. He had served in that Area for most of his career in SCS and NRCS. After leaving the Agency he started an engineering business and became active in Conservation District and RC&D activities. His wife, Jane, his daughters, Debi, Carolyn, and Connie and his son Tom survive him. There are also numerous grand and great grand children. Memorials may go to Medina Cty Park District, 6364 Deerview Ln, Medina, OH 44256 or Hospice of Medina Cty, 797 N Court St. Medina, OH 44256. |
| **Kennedy** | **2005** | Judy Kennedy passed away recently (Aug 2005). She was the wife of Senior Conservationist Grant Kennedy who retired as the State Soil Correlator for California. Grant is confined to a wheel chair and Judy was his primary care giver. She is survived by Grant and a son and a daughter. Grant's address is: 1316 La Sierra Dr., Sacramento, CA 95864. |
| **Kidd-Baker** | **2005** | Dorris M. Kidd-Baker joined the Lord July 1, 2005. Dorris was born May 8, 1940 and worked for SCS for over 30 years. |
| **King** | **2005** | Allen H. King (84) retired Conservation Agronomist passed away August 9, 2005. Allen was a native of Hazel, Okalahoma, but graduated from High School in Lubbock, Texas and earned his degree from Texas Tech in 1941. He served in the Coast Guard from 1942 to 1945. He began his career with the SCS in May of 1945 and worked in Seguin, Yorktown, Floresville, Mission, and Laredo before going to Lubbock as Agronomy Specialist for the western part of Texas. He received the Meritorious Service Award from SCS in 1972 and the Superior Service Award from USDA in 1975. He retired in 1976. He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn and they would have celebrated their 63rd anniversary in September. He is also survived by a daughter, Deborah Bailey and two grandchildren. Allen was a dedicated and outstanding employee and will be missed. |
| **Kollmorgen** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Herbert Kollmorgen (91) passed away February 21, 2005. Herb retired in 1973 after a 35-year career as a Soil Scientist. His wife, Lou, died in 2004. A son, two daughters, and numerous grand children and great grandchildren survive him. |
| **Kreger** | **2005** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Keith S. Kreger (92) passed away May 29, 2005. Keith retired in July 1972 as a District Conservationist in Missouri. He was preceded in death by both of his wives. He is survived by nephews and nieces. |
| **Laberee** | **2005** | Life Member Lyle Laberee (78) passed away recently (May 2005). Lyle retired as RC&D coordinator in 1984. He served for years as the ARSCSE representative for SD. Norma, his wife, survives. |
| **Laird** | **2005** | Bill Laird passed away April 16, 2005. Bill retired as a Soil Scientist in Baker City, OR. He is survived by his wife, Mary Sue Rightmire. |
| **Linford** | **2005** | Avard B. Linford (89) passed away July 12, 2005 in Des Moines, IA. Ave retired as the State Conservationist for Montana. Earlier he had served, among other positions, as Assistant State Conservationist in North Dakota, and Iowa. He is survived by 2 sons, Ronald and Thomas and 12 grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association or St. Jude Children's Research in Memphis, TN. |
| **Mack** | **2005** | Tinsley Mack (80) passed away March 26, 2005. Tinsley retired as the State Geologist in VA. |

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| **Mangum** | **2005** | Alton Mangum (79) passed away October 6. 2005. Alton retired as the State Conservationist in Louisiana. Alton had suffered through a long illness. His wife, Agnes, passed away several years ago. |
| **Mann** | **2005** | Robert Wayne Mann (89) passed away March 10, 2005 in Cameron, Texas. Robert was the retired District Conservationist at Cameron. Long before “environmentalism” became a household word Mann was advising farmers and ranchers of Milam County on agricultural practices to enhance crop and grazing land production. One AP reporter referred to him in the 1970’s as “the conscience of Central Texas”. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cameron. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, two sons and a daughter and several grandchildren. |
| **Margo** | **2005** | Ray T. Margo (70) passed away suddenly at his home on January 15, 2005. Ray was a native of Starr County, Texas and a 1956 graduate of Texas A & M University. He began his career with the Soil Conservation Service, working as a Range Conservationist, District Conservationist, Area Conservationist in several locations in Texas, and as Assistant State Conservationist and State Conservationist of New Mexico. Ray retired in June 1993. He was truly a gentleman and a strong proponent of resource conservation. His family and friends will miss him. His wife, Minerva, five daughters and several grandchildren survive. |
| **Mayhugh** | **2005** | Richard E. Mayhugh (73) retired Soil Scientist passed away August 23, 2005 in Ft. Worth. Richard was born in Chicago, Ill. and graduated from Kansas State University in 1954 and earned a Masters Degree from Oklahoma State University in the mid-1980s. He served in numerous locations including positions in Colorado and Oklahoma as a Soil Scientist and served as a Correlator in Kansas in 1980. He was headquarterd in Ft. Worth in 1984 and retired in 1992. He served on the Lincoln Nebraska staff from 1987 until his retirement. He was recognized for his interest in Soil Taxonomy and after retirement received a NRCS award for his volunteer work. He is survived by his wife, Violet “Fern” and children, Everett Mayhugh, Ruth Raichle, David, Michael, and Tim Mayhugh. He also has 11 grandchildren and two greatgrand children. |
| **McDowell** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Albert J. McDowell (86) passed away January 18, 2005. "Mac" retired as the District Conservationist for the Napa California Conservation District. He was active up until his death managing his ranch and vineyard. His wife, Olive, survives. |
| **McManus** | **2005** | Lois McManus (83) passed away November 17, 2005 after suffering with Alzheimer’s. Lois was the wife of Senior Conservationist Ken McManus who retired as State Conservationist for Missouri in Sept. 1981. Ken and Lois were married 63 years. Ken and their daughter, Debra Paros, and their son, Greg survive. |
| **Michels** | **2005** | Benno Michels passed away in January 2005. Benno was serving as Budget Analyst in the MN State Office at the time of his retirement in 1976. His wife, Helen, a daughter, 4 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren survive. |
| **Miller** | **2005** | Luella Miller (66) passed away June 18, 2005. Luella was the wife of Clayton Miller who was in the Watershed Operations Division in Washington, DC when he retired. She is survived by Clayton, 3 daughters and one grand child. |
| **Moffitt** | **2005** | Ivan D. Moffitt (84) passed away June 12, 2005. Ivan retired in 1980 as the Financial Manager in the OR State Office. He was struck with polio at age 32 but went on to earn a college degree and have a successful career. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary, two daughters, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. |
| **Moore** | **2005** | A. Duane Moore passed away September 11, 2005. Duane retired as a Soil Conservation Technician at the Field Office in Holton, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Betty, three daughters, a son, and six grandchildren. |
| **Moore** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Addison C. Moore (89) of Chatham, Virginia passed away October 9, 2005. Addison was a soil conservation technician with SCS, retiring in 1983. |
| **Mullins** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Thomas E. Mullins (84) of Wray, Colorado passed away July 28, 2005. He retired in 1978 from SCS as the State Range Conservationist. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. |
| **Mullis** | **2005** | Everett Thaxton “Red” Mullis (83) passed away June 24. 2005. Mr. Mullis retired as District Conservationist at Statesboro, GA after 32 years with SCS. Condolences may be sent to Mrs Marguerite Mullis, 501 Pitt-Moore Road, Statesboro, GA. |
| **Nash** | **2005** | Rayburn P. Nash (91) passed away November 17, 2005 in Colorado Springs, CO. Rayburn was a native of East Texas, receiving his degree from East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce in 1937 with degrees in Math and Agriculture. He began his SCS career as a Conservation Aid in Greenville, TX. He served as Work Unit Conservationist at Lancaster and Weatherford before moving to Mt. Pleasant as Area Conservationist. He was transferred to Fredericksburg as Area Conservationist and retired in 1978 after 33 years of service. He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law of Colorado Springs, CO. Rayburn will be remembered for his leadership qualities and his gentle ways. |
| **Nelson** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Morlan Nelson (88) has passed away (1/2005). "Morley" was an early snow survey hydrologist. After retirement, he became a preeminent raptor expert. He was instrumental in the establishment of the International Birds of Prey organization and the Peregrine Fund. He often flew his own eagles and falcons. He worked with Disney in making several movies and documentaries involving raptors. |
| **Newhall** | **2005** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Franklin Newhall (91) passed away March 4, 2005. Franklin was a Climatologist at the time of his retirement in Feb. 1980. His career with SCS was primarily as a Soil Scientist. |
| **Norton** | **2005** | Dan H. Norton (92) passed away January 22, 2005. Dan was an Engineer and spent his 39-year career at Rome, GA. His career started as an Engineer with the CCC’s. He retired from the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel. Survivors include a daughter, Myra Martin, a son, Dan, and grand and great-grandchildren. Memorials may go to the First Presbyterian Church, Preparing a New Generation Fund, 101 E 3rd Ave., Rome, GA 30161. |
| **Patterson** | **2005** | Larry Patterson passed away November 20, 2005. Larry retired as a Soil Conservation Technician at the Phillipsburg Kansas Field Office. Larry’s wife, Vickie, and their family survive. |
| **Patton** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Boyd J. Patton (93) of Buckhannon, West Virginia, formerly of Baton Rouge, Louisiana passed away November 11, 2005. Boyd retired in 1970 as a State Soil Scientist with SCS. |
| **Paul** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist George Paul (86) passed away October 30, 2005 at Bismarck, ND. George retired in Jan. 1976 as a Conservation Technician. He worked for SCS in Linton, ND for more than 30 years. He is survived by wife Frances, two sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. |
| **Perry** | **2005** | Buford Perry (81) passed away August 6, 2005. He retired in 1985 after working primarily in Louisiana and Texas. He is survived by his wife Ouida, 3 sons, 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and a sister. |

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| **Pickard** | **2005** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Myra S Pickard (93) passed away October 12, 2005. Myra retired from SCS as a Personnel Assistant in June 1973. |
| **Poe** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Buford Poe (92) passed away recently (Oct 2005) in Ft. Smith, AR. Buford retired in April 1974 as an Area Conservationist in Arkansas. |
| **Prior** | **2005** | Henry Prior passed away in February 2005. Henry was a District Conservationist in several locations in TN. |
| **Reinke** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Richard E. Reinke (97) of Bradenton, Florida passed away March 7, 2005. Richard was an engineer with SCS, retiring in 1967. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps and after retiring from SCS, served with the U.S. Agency for International Development. |
| **Riegel** | **2005** | William Riegel (79) passed away Octber 2, 2005. Bill retired from the SCS New York design office. He is survived by his wife Laura, a daughter and a granddaughter. |
| **Robbins** | **2005** | Ken Robbins (75) passed away June 11, 2005. Ken was a District Conservationist in MN. He passed away at Trenton, MO. |
| **Rogers** | **2005** | Alton B. Rogers (90) passed away November 21, 2005. “A. B.” retired as Assistant State Conservationist in KY in June 1973. He was raised on a farm in TN, earned a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Served as a forward observer for the U. S. Army in Germany in World War II. Received a Bronze Star. Returned home and worked his entire career (35) years with SCS. He began his career planting kudzu throughout the South to stop soil erosion. Rising through the ranks, he became the director of the watershed protection and flood prevention program in Kentucky.He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, daughter Linda Holmes, sons Robert and Ronald, and three grandchildren. |
| **Roscoe** | **2005** | Dennis Roscoe passed away recently (June 2005). Dennis was the District Conservationist in Towner, ND at the time of his retirement. |
| **Sanders** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Frank W. Sanders (88) passed away January 7, 2005. Frank retired as the Assistant State Soil Scientist, IN, in March 1979. His wife, Irene, and four sons and a daughter survive him. |
| **Sands** | **2005** | Lawrence L. Sands (85) passed away March 13, 2005. Lawrence was with SCS at Canandaigua, NY for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Gladys. |
| **Schmertzler** | **2005** | Henry Schmertzler (81) passed away August 3, 2005. Henry started his career as an Engineer in SCS in Delaware. Early on he transferred to New York State. He retired there in 1983 as an Area Engineer. Henry’s brother, Emory, retired from SCS as the State Conservation Engineer in Delaware. Henry was a veteran of WW II who witnessed the collapse of the bridge at Remagen, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and later was stationed at Dachau. Henry is survived by his wife, Carol, a son, Robert, a daughter, Wendy, 3 grand children and 2 great grandchildren. |
| **Schmiedlin** | **2005** | Gary A Schmiedlin (54) passed away July 17, 2005. Gary spent over 30 years as a Soil Conservationist in both Wisconsin and Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Jackie, a son, a daughter and 2 step children. |
| **Schumacher** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Charles (Chuck) Matthew Schumacher (91) of Huron, South Dakota passed away October 25, 2005. When his mother died shortly after his birth and his father went to war, Charles was raised by 3 maiden aunts until he graduated from Orleans High School in 1932. Inspired and perplexed by the prairie dust storms of his Depression-Era childhood, he chose to study forestry and, upon graduation from Iowa State University in 1939, he joined the USDA Soil Conservation Service. In 1942, Charles enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve where he honorably served during World War II in the South Pacific Theater, surviving Okinawa and returning home in 1945, later retiring with the rank of Major. In 1964, he settled in Huron where Charles retired in 1979 as the State Range Conservationist, leaving SCS after 40 years of service and having worked in OK, TX, and NE. Chuck (as his colleagues knew him) helped hundreds of ranchers throughout the Great Plains to improve their rangeland resources. He created original range site descriptions which are still in use today by government agencies, universities, and ranchers. And as an advocate of all things indigenous, he was an expert in native grasses, writing many range publications, technical guides, and training materials. In 1991, the Society of Range Management presented him with their national Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award. He also was an avid reader and a Cornhusker fan. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Rosemary of Huron; and one son, Frank Schumacher of Huron. He was preceded by one infant son, Charles James Schumacher in 1941. |
| **Sease** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Elisha Cornelius Sease (93) of Newberry, South Carolina passed away November 11, 2005. He was a soil scientist with SCS, retiring in 1971. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Elisha served in the Officers Reserve Corps in the 1930’s, and during World War II, he was a Captain in the 35th Infantry Regiment (July 1944 to December 1945). |
| **Shady** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Thesa Shady (91) passed away May 29, 2005. She retired in 1976 from the Financial Management Section of the State Office. She was World War II veteran having served in the WAVES. She is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. |
| **Shaw** | **2005** | Gene Shaw (89) passed away December 24, 2005 in Olympia, Washington. Gene was the State Agronomist in Spokane in the middle 1970’s. Gene had worked in the southern part of India at the same time that Robbie Roberts, Guy Nutt, Murray Cox, and Gene Pope were on assignment in India. Gene is survived by his wife, Laverne. |
| **Smith** | **2005** | Robert L. Smith (79) passed away October 10, 2005. Bob retired after 39 years as an Area Conservationist in Illinois during Jan. 1986. He had served in several other positions in Illinois as an Area Engineer. Bob was the ARSCSE Representative for Illinois on two different occasions and did an outstanding job. He was the Midwest Vice President for ARSCSE for several terms. Bob was awarded the ARSCSE Meritorious Services Citation in 2004. The Fighting Illini and the Chicago Cubs always had his avid, if critical interest. His wife, Marylin, survives. They have 2 sons-Joe and Richard, a daughter-Patty, and four grandchildren. Memorials may go to First Presbyterian Church, 602 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801. |
| **Sockman** | **2005** | Honorary Member and senior conservationist Hobart S. Sockman (94) passed away December 17, 2005. Hobart retired from the Conservation Planning Division in the National Office in Jan. 1977. They retired back to Ohio for many years and just recently moved to Greenwood, SC. He is predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Helen. Memorials may go to the Gay Street United Methodist Church, 18 N. Gay St., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050. |
| **Speaker** | **2005** | Leonard Speaker (84) passed away July 3, 2005. Leonard retired at the Leavenworth, KS Field Office after 31 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and a son and a daughter. |

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| **Stasek** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Jacob A. Stasek (89) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed away November 28, 2005. Jacob graduated in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in engineering from Marquette University. He was the state design engineer with SCS when he retired in 1972. |
| **Stevermer** | **2005** | Howard Stevermer passed away January 16, 2005. Howard started his career in Minn. and ended it from a Resource Conservation position in the National Office. He is survived by his wife, Jane. Jane's address is 401 Kensington Rd., Taylors, SC 29687. |
| **Still** | **2005** | Garland Still (75) passed away October 2, 2005. Garland retired as a District Conservationist. He is survived by his wife, Betty, a son, Garland, a daughter, Grace, and 3 grandchildren. |
| **Stoner** | **2005** | Mary Martha Stoner (82) passed away March 8, 2005. Mary Martha was the wife of William "Bill" Stoner former Conservation Technician in Juniata County, Pa. Bill resides in Mifflintown, Pa. In addition to Bill, she is survived by 5 children, 14 granchildren and 9 great grandchildren. |
| **Stout** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Howard Stout (92) passed away recently (June 2005). He retired as a Soil Scientist in ND in June 1968. |
| **Sumsion** | **2005** | R. Scott Sumsion (61) passed away January 16, 2005. Scott was the Nebraska State Geologist for NRCS at the time of his death. He was active in his church and in his community. His wife, Barbara Lee, and sons, Nathan and John, and daughter Stacy and grandchildren survive him. Memorials may go to the Humanitarian Aid, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. |
| **Swanson** | **2005** | Dwight W. Swanson (83) passed away May 26, 2005. Dwight retired as a Soil Scientist from the National Office of SCS in Dec. 1979. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, 3 daughters, a son, a step-daughter and 5 grandchildren. Memorials may go to either American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. |
| **Sykes** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Russell J. Sykes (86) of Bend, Oregon passed away November 4, 2005. He was a district conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1980. |
| **Taff** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Homer A. Taff passed away May 17, 2005 in Fort Worth, Texas. Homer was a native of Dustin, Oklahoma and a graduate of Oklahoma A & M in 1940. He earned his MBA from the University of Michigan in 1962. He served in several locations in Texas as a soil conservationist and soil scientist and was State Conservationist of Kentucky from 1962 to 1969. He also served as the Assistant Regional Director of the Fort Worth Regional Technical Service Center from 1969 to 1973. He received the USDA Superior Service Award in May of 1957. He is survived by daughter, Kathy Torres, 4 grandsons, and several nieces and nephews. Homer was a dedicated conservationist and was highly respected by all who worked with him. |
| **Tharpe** | **2005** | Lucy Tharpe (80) passed away March 20, 2005. Lucy was the wife of Will L. Tharpe who retired in Dec. 1990 as a member of the State Resource Conservationist staff in Georgia. Her husband, 4 grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren survive Lucy. Will's continues to reside at 230 Auburn Pkwy, Athens, GA 30606. |
| **Theobold** | **2005** | Agnes Theobold (89) passed away March 9, 2005. Agnes retired as Accounting Technician from the State Office in Ohio. Memorials can be made to Alzheimers Association, 3380 Tremont Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43221 or to the Indianola Church of Christ, 2141 Indianola Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43201. |
| **Thigpin** | **2005** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Robert L. Thigpin (97) of Corsicana, Texas passed away October 23, 2005. Robert was an engineer with SCS, retiring in 1965. |
| **Thomas** | **2005** | Mary Claire Thomas, wife of Carl Thomas, retired Chief Biologist on the National Staff passed away December 19, 2005 at the age of 74. Carl can be reached at 31421 Wild Oak Hill, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas 78015. |
| **Tippie** | **2005** | John "Dub" Tippie (76) passed away April 25, 2005. "Dub" spent 36 years in SCS. He served in Ohio, Texas, Connecticut, and closed out his career as the State Conservationist in Kansas. He also spent 2 years in Indonesia teaching conservation. He is survived by his wife, De, 2 sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren. Memorials may go to the First United Methodist Church, 946 Vermont St. Lawrence, KS 66044. |
| **Tripp** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Lawrence E. Tripp (88) passed away recently (Apr 2005). Lawrence retired as a District Conservationist in July 1975. |
| **Turell** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Harold Turell (86) passed away December 9, 2005. Harold retired as a Technician in Northwest Missouri in July 1982. Harold was noted for his surveying and map-making capabilities. He worked out of the Bethany, MO Area Office and had worked in that part of the state since 1948. |
| **Turner** | **2005** | Robert Turner (81) passed away March 11, 2005 in Terrell, Texas. Robert was a soil conservation technician for over 25 years, working at Maybank, Hillsboro, Kaufman, Terrell, and Greenville, Texas. Robert was a dedicated employee and enjoyed his retirement and was very active in the Texas SCS/NRCS Reunion each year. He was also active in the Boy Scout program and a Steward in the Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Billie and two daughters. |
| **Villafane** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Juan Villafane (86) passed away April 9, 2005. Juan retired in August 1979 as Administrative Officer. He was born September 3, 1918, and is now buried in the U.S. National Cemetary in Puerto Rico. His wife, Hilda, survives. |
| **Wagley** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Leonard Wagley (95) passed away February 14, 2005. Leonard was a Soil Conservation Technician at Metropolis, IL when he retired in Dec. 1972. His two sons, Lawrence and Phillip and several grandchildren survive him. |
| **Walden** | **2005** | Gayle Walden, wife of Travis Walden, formerly an SCS engineer, passed away in Aug 2005 after a bike accident. |
| **Waller** | **2005** | Jerry J. Waller, retired Conservation Agronomist, passed away December 12, 2005 at the age of 73 years. Jerry was a native of Paris, Texas. He received his BS degree from East Texas State University, and his MS degree from Texas A & M University. He also earned a MS from Montana State University. Jerry worked in several locations in Texas including the State Office, and worked in Montana for a period of time. He retired in 1987 with 34 years of service with the SCS. Jerry is survived by his wife, Sue, three sons and one daughter and 11 grandchildren. |
| **Winkler** | **2005** | Senior Conservationist Lawrence Winkler (85) passed away in April, 2005. Lawrence retired in Jan. 1985 as a Conservation Technician in Ohio. His wife, Arlene, survives. |
| **Wood** | **2005** | Ann Wood (76) passed away January 21, 2005. For many years prior to her retirement, Ann was the Secretary for the Engineering Team in Richmond, VA. |

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| **Wortman** | **2005** | Wilfred "Bill" Wortman (76) passed away January 12, 2005. Bill retired in Jan. 1984 as the State Construction Engineer in Nebraska. After retiring Bill worked for a consulting firm for 16 years. Bill was a pilot and flew 2 planes that he restored. His wife, Libbie, sons, Mark and David, and daughters, Ann, Michaela, and Betty survive. Memorials may go to Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3600 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68506-6127. |
| **Young** | **2005** | John W. Young (80) passed away December 29, 2005. “Big John” retired in 1983 as a Resource Conservationist in New York. He is survived by his wife Alberta, sons Ronald and John, 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Memorials may go to the SGA Junior Golf Assn., c/o Moses Clark, 709 Hazelwood Ave., Syracuse, NY 13224. |
| **Zecher** | **2005** | Richard P. Zecher (79) passed away November 20, 2005. Richard retired in 1988 after 35 years with SCS as a Soil Conservation Technician at Watertown, NY. He is survived by his wife, Emma, sons, Richard, Calvin, Robert, Michael, and John, and 9 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the United Community Church of Christ, Carthage, NY or Hospice of Jefferson County, NY. |
| **Zimmerman** | **2005** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Carl H. Zimmerman (95) passed away January 12, 2005. Carl retired as District Conservationist at Corning, IA in Jan. 1971. He was an active participant in his community and continued those activities after retiring. His wife, Lorraine, daughter, Jean and son, Chuck, survive as well as grand and great grand children. Memorials may go to the Soil and Water Conservation Society. |
| **Anderson** | **2004** | Francis P. Anderson of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Anderson** | **2004** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist R. D. Anderson (93) passed away May 20, 2004. He retired in July 1975 as Assistant State Conservationist in Colorado. |
| **Anderson** | **2004** | Obert Anderson of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Best** | **2004** | Robert "Bob" Best (79) passed away suddenly May 18, 2004 at Hannibal, MO when he was visiting his son. Bob was the Area Conservationist at Hannibal and Warrensburg, MO and was involved in organizing several Soil and Water Conservation Districts in both areas. |
| **Bingham** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist LeRoy M. Bingham (88) passed away May 5, 2004 in Auburn, ME. Bing served as District Conservationist in the Androscoggin/Sagadahoc Soil Conservation District for several years. |
| **Boger** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Leroy Boger passed away September 22, 2004. Leroy retired from SCS after having served as a District Conservationist in several districts in Ohio. His wife, Alta, survives. |
| **Boss** | **2004** | Frederick Boss, Muskogee, OK passed away. - reported May 2004 |
| **Bosworth** | **2004** | Duane Bosworth (76) passed away February 6, 2004. Duane retired as the Public Information Specialist for the West NTC. Prior to that he was Head, Education and Publication Unit in the National Office. His wife, Sue, 2 sons and grandchildren and great grandchildren survive Duane. The family has suggested that memorials may go to the Parkinson's Center of Oregon at Oregon Health & Science University, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Portland, OR 97239-3098. |
| **Braley** | **2004** | Norris D. Braley (69) passed away Friday, January 30, 2004, following an ongoing struggle with cardiac illness. He was born Oct. 22, 1934, in Mapleton, and received a diploma from the University of Maine, at Orono. He was employed for more than 30 years by the USDA Soil Conservation Service, serving in offices at Presque Isle, Belfast, Houlton, Rockland and Waldoboro. He is survived by his wife Janet, three sons, a daughter, and 16 grandchildren. |
| **Breinig** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Clarence B. Breinig (91) passed away some time ago. Clarence retired in April 1973 as the State Soil Scientist for Tennessee. |
| **Brooks** | **2004** | Charles A. Brooks passed away July 15, 2004 in Hillsboro, Texas. Charles was a retired Soil Scientist and worked in several locations in Texas. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University in 1949 and he served as a bomber pilot in World War II. He retired as a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserves. His wife of 60 years, a daughter and two grandchildren survives him. |
| **Burbank** | **2004** | Donald G. Burbank (81) passed away April 10, 2004. Don retired Sept. 30, 1980 as the State Conservationist for New Hampshire. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, sailing, gardening and carpentry. His wife, Dorothy, their 5 children and 12 grandchildren survive. The family suggests that memorials may go to Seacoast Hospice, 10 Hampton Rd., Exeter, NH 03837 |
| **Carlson** | **2004** | Clarence Carlson passed away October 19, 2004. Clarence retired from SCS in October 1986 after his career as a Conservation Technician in Utah. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jean. |
| **Carter** | **2004** | Elmer R. Carter of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Christenson** | **2004** | James Christenson passed away recently (Jan 2004). Jim has been retired for a number of years. Prior to his retirement he was in the New Hampshire State Office in the B&F Section. |
| **Clay** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist James E. Clay (95) of Huntsville, Alabama passed away September 30, 2004. He was a soil conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1975. |
| **Clement** | **2004** | Aaron Clement passed away April 22, 2004. Aaron spent many years as a Soil Scientist working in the west part of Tennessee. |
| **Clemons** | **2004** | Jesse Clemons passed away recently (reported 6/04). Jesse was a Soil Conservation Technician at Cathage, TN. |
| **Clifford** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist John Clifford (83) passed away in late February 2004. John retired as a District Conservationist in Kentucky in June 1977. His wife, Virginia, survives. |
| **Closner** | **2004** | Forrest Closner passed away in late Nov. 2004. Forrest retired out of the Idaho State Office. Earlier he was an Area Conservationist in that state. |
| **Compton** | **2004** | Claude K. Compton (76) passed away suddenly on December 7, 2004 at Nacogdoches, TX. Claude was a graduate of Texas A & M University and had a Masters degree from Stephen F. Austin State University. He began his career with the SCS in Nacogdoches and spent 40 years, serving as a Soil Conservationist, District Conservationist, Area Conservationist and Agronomy Specialist. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and the East Texas Wood Workers Club. His wife, Martha Ann, 2 daughters, 2 stepdaughters, and a brother survive. |
| **Cook** | **2004** | Hubert Cook (64) passed away March 6, 2004 of colon cancer. Hubert retired after 37 years of service with most of his career on the river basin planning staff in the Missouri state office as an engineering technician. He is survived by his wife, Lu Cook, 13351 N. Patton Road, Harrisburg, MO 65256. |

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| **Cope** | **2004** | Ray Cope (88) passed away December 19, 2004. Ray retired as the National Grout Engineer in May 1987. Ray, who was born in Hirschberg, Germany, provided a unique and special skill to SCS. Ray's wife, Gabriele, died some time back. Memorials may go to the Gabriele Cope Fund at Nebraska Wesleyan University. |
| **Cowles** | **2004** | Janet Cowles passed away April 9, 2004. Her husband, Donald, retired from SCS as a Soil Scientist in July 1975. Don and Janet wintered in AZ and spent their summers in Auburn, WA. Don has sold the AZ residence and will live in the Auburn home. |
| **Crosby** | **2004** | Glenn Crosby, Sr. Cons. passed away in 2004. |
| **Crowell** | **2004** | Wilma Crowell (83) passed away September 4, 2004 in Rye, NH. Wilma served for many years as the Secretary for the State Conservationist. She was secretary for both Ken Grant and Bob Addison. |
| **Culp** | **2004** | Ruth H. Culp (92) passed away December 17, 2004. Ruth was the wife of Mel Culp who died in 1982. Mel was the National Design Engineer for SCS when he retired in the late 1970's. Ruth was an accomplished pianist who at one time formed a string trio that played in nursing homes for over 25 years. A daughter, Joan Carol Poor, and a son, James Culp, survive her. |
| **Davenport** | **2004** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Herbert L. Davenport (92) passed away May 17, 2004. Herb served as an Area Engineer at several locations in Illinois prior to his retirement in July 1976. Owen Lee remembers Herb: "Herb was the Area Engineer in Carbondale, Illinois, and my first supervisor after graduating from the U of I in 1964. He had me help with a soil boring for a watershed structure that he was investigating. We drilled and drilled - put extension after extension on the auger and only stopped when the hole filled with wet material as fast as we pulled it out. We ended at about 25 feet deep. I did an investigation on a farm pond that was going to have a thirty foot fill, and needed State Geologist, Lou Pierard's approval. As Herb, Lou, and I drove to the site, Lou looked at my request and saw 3 soil borings. The one at the bottom of the creek was zero feet deep (solid rock), and the ones on each embankment were 6 inches deep. Lou asked why so shallow, and I replied there was a hard layer at that point. I know Herb was thinking why didn't I go back out there with Owen and get a repectable soil boring. Then Lou said "I'll show you how to get through that hard layer" An hour later, Lou ended with a 6 inch soil boring too. Herb and I took big sighs of relief. Herb worked very hard, was very detailed and thorough. He was a patient and wonderful supervisor." |
| **Dean** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Harold Lee Dean (95) passed away October 24, 2004 in Sac City, IA. He retired in 1972 as Head, Cartographic Unit, Fort Worth. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, one son, one daughter, four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and his twin brother Hartzell Dean. |
| **Dempsey** | **2004** | William H Dempsey passed away April 11, 2004. Bill retired as a District Conservationist in Kentucky. His wife had passed away earlier. |
| **Donelson** | **2004** | Keith Donelson (72) of Savoy, IL passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2004. Keith retired as Assistant State Conservationist in Illinois on May 31, 1987. His wife, Barbara, survives. Memorials may be made to the Champaign County Humane Society, 1911 E. Main Street, Urbana, IL 61802 or OR Safefordville United Methodist Church, RR 5 Lake Kohola Road, Emporia, KS 66801. |
| **Doughty** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Thomas E. Doughty (93) passed away May 14, 2004 in Sheridan, WY. Tom was the first Soil Conservationist hired by SCS in Wyoming. He was Area Conservationist in Jackson, WY for many years prior to his retirement in July 1964. His wife of 62 years, Maxine, died in 1996. He is survived by 3 sons, a daughter, and numerous grandchildren(including 8 great-great grandchildren). |
| **Dylla** | **2004** | Francis Dylla passed away in November 2004. Francis was the District Conservationist in Stearns County, MN at the time of his retirement. |
| **Fallis** | **2004** | William E. Fallis (91) passed away July 1, 2004. He worked at the Louisville, KY field office at the time of his retirement. |
| **Ferguson** | **2004** | Dale Ferguson passed away recently (reported 6/04). Dale was a District Conservationist at Selmer, TN. |
| **Flach** | **2004** | Klaus Flach (77) passed away July 8, 2004. Klaus retired in Oct. 1988 as Special Assistant to the Chief and prior to that position he was Director, Soil Survey. His wife, Helen, survives him. She is currently the Asst. State Conservationist, Programs in California. She spent a number of years in the National Office as Head, Records and Reports Branch in Admin Services. Dr. Klaus Werner Flach of Davis, CA was born March 24, 1927 in Kolbermoor, Bavaria, Germany, the son of Dr. Werner Flach and Bianca Kolmgren Flach. He received a B.S. in Agriculture at the Technical University of Munich, and then came to the United States in 1950 where he earned an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Soil Science at Cornell University. His 30-year career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service began as a research soil scientist and took him to Washington, D.C. where he was Director of the Soil Survey and Associate Deputy Chief for Natural Resource Assessment. During his USDA career, he represented the United States on a variety of international and United Nations environmental summits, and was a leader in improving the technology for classification of soils. After his retirement from SCS in 1988, he became a senior research scholar at Colorado State University and later taught at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He is a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America and a member of the German Soil Science Society and Sigma Xi. He is survived by his wife, Helen Flach, of Davis; son Andrew Flach of Tucson; daughter Martha Flach of New York City; brother Dr. Andreas Flach of Tubingen, Germany; and stepdaughters Marsha Stephens and Marian Gilbert of Virginia and Marla Gilbert of West Virginia. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Elisabeth Goding Flach.The family suggests that as an alternative to flowers, donations may be made to the Smithsonian Institution Soils Exhibit, care of the Soil Science Society of America Agronomic Science Foundation, 677 S. Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53711, in memory of Klaus Flach. Dr. Flach was a member of the Smithsonian Exhibit design committee and was intent on seeing that an educational exhibit on soils become part of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. |
| **Fooks** | **2004** | Ken Fooks of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Force** | **2004** | Wayne Force, Perry, OK passed away. - reported May 2004 |
| **Fritz** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Jerome F. Fritz (87) of Lake Havasu City, Arizona passed away August 20, 2004. He was a soil conservation technician with SCS, retiring in 1979. |

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| **Gaskins** | **2004** | Edward A. Gaskins (70) of Parkersburg, WV passed away December 23, 2004, at Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital. He was born August 18, 1934, a son of the late Vance Edward and Edna Virginia Ridgeway Gaskins. Mr. Gaskins was a 1960 graduate of West Virginia University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in forestry. He began his career in West Virginia and retired in 1986 from the US Department of Agriculture as a state wildlife biologist in Missouri. He was a Korean Conflict Army veteran, serving from 1955-1957. He was a member of the American Legion Post 15 of Parkersburg, a member of the National Rifle Association, he enjoyed participating in Civil War reenactments and was a member of the Buckskinning Club in Missouri. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Mary Katherine Gaskins; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Virginia and Thomas Pino; and two grandchildren, Jennifer Maxwell and Casey Stoehman. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Mark Gaskins. His grave is in the Bridgeport Cemetery, Bridgeport, WV. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Camden-Clark Foundation, PO Box 1077, Parkersburg, WV 26102-1077. |
| **Gelbach** | **2004** | Robert Gelbach passed away in Dec. 2004. Robert was the husband of Jean Gelbach. Jean retired in June 1978 as a Purchasing Agent in the State Office in Wisconsin. |
| **German** | **2004** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Mary German (94) passed away February 14, 2004. Mary German was born on October 22, 1909 in Prescott, Washington. She grew up in Walla Walla, Washington and graduated from Washington State University in 1934 with a degree in Office Administration. Mary worked for SCS for many years before retiring in 1974 as a Personnel Management Specialist. |
| **Gibson** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist John Gibson (89) passed away January 4, 2004. John retired as Asst. State Conservationist in Maryland during June 1974. "Hoot" was well known for his hard work and ever-present sense of humor. He started his Federal Career with the CCCs. Memorials may go to SWCS, Dayton Hospice Inc., 324 Wilmington Ave, Dayton, Ohio 45420. Condolences may also go to his daughter, Nancy Clayton, 428 North Street, Easton, OH 45320. Neil Bogner says "Hoot was a special friend of mine! At one time he worked in MO and we got acquainted because of mutual friends. He was someone special". |
| **Gilbertson** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Magnus Gilbertson (88) passed away March 1, 2004. Magnus was a Conservation Technician when he retired in Dec. 1977. His wife, Arlene, survives. |
| **Glover** | **2004** | Frank W. Glover (85) passed away May 10, 2004. Frank retired as State Resource Conservationist, Morgantown, WV. He had received many honors in his career, most notably the USDA's Superior Service Award in 1979, and was inducted into the West Virginia Agricultural and Forestry Hall of Fame in 1987. His wife, Maxine, survives. |
| **Glover** | **2004** | Maxine Glover passed away October 18, 2004. Maxine was the widow of Frank Glover. The death of Frank Glover was reported in the July issue of the Newsletter. Frank retired as the State Resource Conservationist in West Virginia. |
| **Gordon** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Martin M. Gordon (91) passed away May 17, 2004. Martin retired as a District Conservationist in Maryland on Jan. 29, 1977. His wife, Thelma, survives. |
| **Gregg** | **2004** | Jeanette Gregg passed away on May 8, 2004. She was the wife of Calvin Gregg who retired in 1987 as the District Conservationist in Coquille, OR. |
| **Growe** | **2004** | Kenneth E. Growe (79) passed away August 19, 2004. Ken retired as Deputy State Conservationist in Maine in Oct, 1981. He served as the Maine ARSCSE Representative for many, many years. He is survived by his wife, Marilynn, sons, Douglas, Charles and Gary, and 4 grandchildren. Memorials may go to Save The Children, PO Box 980, Westport, Conn. 06881. Kenneth was born Feb. 8, 1925, in Canton, NY. He was a veteran of World War II, serving from 1943 to 1946 as a sergeant, aerial gunner, 880th squadron, 383rd bomb group, stationed in Foggia, Italy. He was a graduate of Ft. Hays State University (Hays, Kansas), Class of 1951. Kenneth held a Bachelor of Science in Botany. He was a member of St. Mary's Parish, Bangor. Kenneth was also a member of the Knights of Columbus; Elks Lodge No. 244, Bangor; Society of Retired Soil Conservationists; Aerial Gunner's Association and was a charter member of the World War II Memorial Foundation. Ken was an avid gardener, reader, traveler and lifelong Yankee fan who took particular delight in the annual demise of the Red Sox. |
| **Hager** | **2004** | Richard L Hager passed away May 15, 2004. Richard retired as Assistant State Conservationist in Kansas on Jan. 2, 2004. He had been diagnosed with two brain tumors in April 2004. His wife, Judy, and 2 sons, John and Thane survive him. Judy's address is 314 Laura, Salina, KS 67401. Memorials may go to the Christ Cathedral Church, American Cancer Society, or Boy Scouts of America. |
| **Hanapel** | **2004** | Herb Hanapel of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Hanchett** | **2004** | Garnett Hanchett (83) passed away February 22, 2004. Garnett was the wife of Gene Hanchett. Gene retired as a Soil Conservationist in NY in May 1985. Gene served as the ARSCSE State Representative for a number of years. |
| **Hansen** | **2004** | Gordon Hansen (95) passed away during June, 2004. He was the Area Engineer in Richfield, UT when he retired. |
| **Harper** | **2004** | Charlie Harper of Alabama passed away (2004). |
| **Harvey** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Addie S. Harvey (87) passed away some time before May of 2004. Addie retired in March 1971 as a District Conservationist in Tennessee. |
| **Heising** | **2004** | Harry Heising of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Helzer** | **2004** | Sue Helzer (59) passed away January 29, 2004. Sue was the wife of Norman Helzer. Norman retired in Jan. 1996. Norm served for several years as the ARSCSE State Representative for Nebraska. He and their 2 children survive. Memorials may go to the Nature Conservancy of Nebraska, PEO Home, or 2nd Church of Christ Scientist. |
| **Herrmann** | **2004** | James K. Herrmann (87) passed away Nov. 23, 2004. Kenny worked for SCS as an intermittent employee from 1957 into the 1990's. His wife, Mary, of 61 years and 2 sons and a daughter, survives him. |
| **Hester** | **2004** | Marlyn (Son) Hester of Alabama passed away (2004). |
| **Hinton** | **2004** | Robert Hinton passed away September 8, 2004 in Jackson, MS. He is survived by family members in Gallatin, TN where he will be buried. Bob was a Soil Scientist in the State Office. |
| **Huffaker** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Dillard Huffaker (83) passed away December 11, 2004. Dillard retired as the Area Conservationist at Emporia, KS in March 1983. His wife, Doris, survives. She may be reached at 1410 Brookview Dr., Casper, WY 82604. |

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| **Hutchinson** | **2004** | Evelyn M. Hutchinson passed away September 13, 2004 in Temple, Texas. Evelyn was a long-time employee of the Soil Conservation Service State Office in Temple. She retired in the late 1970's. She served as the Secretary to the State Conservationist for many years. Evelyn was a dedicated and highly efficient employee and had many friends in the SCS. She was preceeded in death by her husband, C.E. Hutchinson, also a former SCS employee. She is survived by a son, Larry, a daughter, Linda Gunter, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. |
| **Ilgen** | **2004** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Louis W. Ilgen (91) passed away April 4, 2004. Louis retired as a Soil Scientist in Conn. during May 1971. His wife, Emily, and 4 children survive. Memorials may go to the Rockville, CN Lutheran Church. |
| **Innes** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Charles H. Innes (91) passed away July 17, 2004. Born Sept 1, 1913, Charlie retired as a Soil Scientist in Ohio in June 1972. He had resided in a family care center for a number of years. |
| **Irwin** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Raymond R. Irwin (91) of Kenney, Illinois, formerly of North Plainfield, New Jersey passed away July 31, 2004. Raymond worked for SCS as a soil scientist and work unit conservationist, retiring in 1968. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. |
| **Jacobson** | **2004** | Marion Jacobson (97) passed away at her home on April 1, 2004. Marion was the wife of Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Paul Jacobson. Paul retired from SCS as State Conservation Engineer in Iowa. He then spent a number of years with Harza Engineering. Paul and their 4 children survive. Memorials may go to the Sandpoint United Methodist Church, 711 Main Street, Sandpoint, ID 83864. |
| **Johnson** | **2004** | Jerry Johnson of Alabama passed away (2004). |
| **Jones** | **2004** | Crawford Jones from Jackson, Ohio passed away (reported 7/04). |
| **Kelly** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Henry Kelly (91) passed away January 2, 2004. Henry retired in May 1977 as the Asst. State Administrative Officer in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Eileen Kelly, at 3682 Wellesly Dr, #108, Carrol, OH 43112. Memorials may go to the Salvation Army. |
| **Kennedy** | **2004** | Patrick Kennedy (84) passed away April 24, 2004. Pat was a Soil Conservationist in the St. James, MN office for 30 years. |
| **Kincannon** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Jim Kincannon (87) passed away February 1, 2004. Jim was the Director of Policy Analysis in the Watershed Division, National Office, at the time of his retirement in Dec. 1977. Jim will always be remembered for his assistance to many in the field as well as those who worked with him in the National Office. Jim's daughters, Sandra and Katherine and numerous grand and great grand children survive. Memorials may go to the Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA 22310. |
| **King** | **2004** | Edwin E. King (76) passed away August 14, 2004. Ed was the District Conservationist at Harrodsburg, KY for many years. |
| **Kinsey** | **2004** | Barbara Jane Kinsey passed away November 13, 2004. Barbara was the wife of Franklin Kinsey who retired in June 1986 as the Area Engineer at Manhattan Kansas. Frank and their son, Hugh, and 3 granddaughters survive. |
| **Kinzie** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Richard Cline Kinzie (90) of Marion, Virginia passed away June 27, 2004. He retired in 1977 from SCS as an area conservationist. Survivors include his wife, Rosa Wagoner Kinzie; son, Richard C. Kinzie Jr.; daughter, Barbara Susan Kinzie; and six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. |
| **Lane** | **2004** | Ray Lane of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Larner** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Don C. Larner (95) passed away December 24, 2004. Don was a 1933 graduate of Texas A & M University and worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Texas until his retirement in 1966. He served as District Conservationist and Area Conservationist. After retirement he worked for the Texas Water Development Board in Austin until his retirement in 1977. He was a member of the Methodist Church and is survived by three sons, Eric, Mark and Eddie and two grandchildren. |
| **Lee** | **2004** | Martha Lee passed away June 23, 2004. Martha was the wife of Tillman Lee. Tillman retired as an Area Conservationist at Columbia, TN. |
| **Lesley** | **2004** | James R. Lesley (80) passed away (July 2004) in Lower Burrell, PA. Jim retired as Asst. State Conservationist, PA in Dec 1980. Jim is survived by his wife, Betty. |
| **Lindquist** | **2004** | Daniel A. Lindquist (71) passed away January 11, 2004. Dan worked for the SCS as an engineer in Shenandoah and Des Moines, IA and in Ohio. He spent approximately 25 years as an engineer with the IA Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship/Soil Conservation Division in Des Moines prior to his retirement. Burial was in Funk, NE. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis and several children. |
| **Lister** | **2004** | Norman Lister (68) passed away January 14, 2004. Norman retired in Dec. 1997 as a Hydraulic Engineer in Arkansas. His wife, Estella, survives. |
| **Livingston** | **2004** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Charles M. Livingston (91) passed away February 4, 2004. Charles retired as a District Conservationist in Wisconsin on June 30, 1974. Charles was very active in his home area and was involved in many organizations and societies. His wife for 64 years, Letha, daughter, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, survives. |
| **Logan** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Manford A. Logan (89) passed away June 7, 2004. "Manny" retired after 35 years with SCS as a District Conservationist in Illinois. His wife, Drusilla, died in Jan. 1994. A son, daughter and grandchildren survive him. Memorials may go to the Jefferson County Heart Association in care of the Hughey Funeral Home, PO Box 721, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864. |
| **Lybeck** | **2004** | T. K. Lybeck (86) passed away May 28, 2004 in Devils Lake, ND. He is survived by 3 sons, a daughter, 8 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. |
| **Lytton** | **2004** | Christine Lytton passed away December 25, 2004 in South Jordan, UT. She was the wife of Warren "Jim" Lytton who retired from the National Office in 1988. They had been married for 54 years. |
| **Magill** | **2004** | Mary Jane Magill, wife of Donald Magill, passed away during Nov. 2004 in Mechanicsburg, PA. |
| **Martin** | **2004** | Margaret "Marty" Martin passed away just before Christmas, 2004. She was the wife of Benny Martin. Benny retired as Asst. Chief, Midwest, in June 1982. |
| **Martin** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Arthur M. Martin (84) passed away March 28, 2004. He retired as the State Administrative Officer in S. Carolina in August 1974. His wife, Frances, survives. |

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| **Maxwell** | **2004** | James "Dean" Maxwell (72) passed away October 21, 2004 in Salt Lake City, UT. Dean worked 34 years for the SCS. He is survived by his wife, Orell, seven children, 22 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. |
| **McAdams** | **2004** | James B. McAdams passed away recently (reported 6/04). James was a District Conservationist at Brownsville, TN. |
| **McAdams** | **2004** | Y. E. McAdams, Jr. passed away January 22, 2004. Y.E. was a Civil Engineering graduate from Texas A&M University and retired as an Area Engineer from Lubbock, Texas with 30 years of service with the SCS. He served in World War II in the European Theater and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals along with four Campaign Stars. His wife and several nieces and nephews survive him. Graveside services were held at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock. |
| **McArthur** | **2004** | Elaine McArthur passed away October 11, 2004. Elaine was the widow of Donald McArthur former State Conservationist in Rhode Island. Don passed away August 16, 2000. |
| **McCracken** | **2004** | Ralph Joseph McCracken (82) passed away Thursday, March 11, 2004, in Greensboro, NC. He was born in Cuba and grew up there and in Fairmount, IN. He was a farmer, rose-gardener, soil scientist, professor, author, administrator, Boy Scout leader, Rotary Club president, religious fellowship teacher, president of the Soil Science Society of America and man of quiet faith. A lover of brass choirs and bluegrass, he was a friend to all children and dogs. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Johnson McCracken, of Greensboro; son Douglas of Lugoff, S.C.; daughter Ellen (Nell) of Greensboro; granddaughters, Cille and Dixie; and nieces and nephews. Friends who wish may send memorials to New Garden Friends Meeting, 801 New Garden Ro! ad, Greensboro, NC 27410; or to the general scholarship fund of the N.C. State University Foundation, c / o Joan DeBruin, Campus Box 7501, Raleigh, NC 27695. |
| **McCracken** | **2004** | Virginia McCracken passed away Nov. 28, 2004 in Greensboro, NC. Virginia was the wife of Ralph McCracken who retired as Deputy Chief, SCS. Ralph passed away in March of 2004. |
| **McVicker** | **2004** | Edgar McVicker, Burneyville, OK passed away. - reported May 2004 |
| **Miles** | **2004** | Donna Miles passed away recently (May 2004). Donna was the wife of Larry Miles. Larry was an engineer in the Kansas State Office at the time of his retirement in January 1997. |
| **Millar** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist John W. Millar (88) of Athens, Ohio passed away January 12, 2004. John was a district conservationist with SCS at Tiffin, OH. |
| **Mills** | **2004** | Gene Mills (74) passed away July 5, 2004. Gene retired in Dec. 1988 as the Deputy State Conservationist in MA. His wife Patricia survives Gene. Her address is PO Box 2065, Amherst, MA 01004. Memorials may be sent to the Building Fund, Dwight Chapel, PO Box 1270, Belchertown, MA 01007. |
| **Minor** | **2004** | Paul E. Minor (78) passed away July 9, 2004 in Columbia, MO. Paul retired as a Soil Scientist in the State Office in 1994 after 29 years with the SCS. His wife, Helen, survives at 3103 Kunlan Drive, Columbia, MO 65203. |
| **Morely** | **2004** | Loren Morley of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Morrow** | **2004** | Alice Morrow passed away on March 7, 2004. Her husband Wilson “Robb” Morrow retired as a Conservation Technician at Vinton, IA in Aug. 1990. |
| **Muse** | **2004** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Herbert J. Muse passed away May 28, 2004. Herbert retired from SCS in 1975 as a District Conservationist in Ohio. |
| **Naylor** | **2004** | Charles Wilbur Naylor (98) passed away August 5, 2004, at Cloud County Health Center. He was born Sept. 28, 1905, on a farm near Poplar Bluff, MO. He graduated from Kansas State College in 1931 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Signal Corps attached to the Air Force in New Guinea and the Philippines as a Radar Officer. Since July 1, 1934, Charles worked for the Department of Agriculture as a conservationist. He was the Cloud County District Conservationist from 1947 until he retired in 1975. He was a registered professional engineer with the State of Kansas. He was active in the Methodist Church, serving on local and district levels. For six years, he served on the Kansas West Conference Committee on Institutions. Five of these years, he was the Conference Representative on the Asbury Hospital Board of Trustees. In April of 1979, he was elected to the Concordia City Commission and served as mayor. He was with the Boy Scouts of America since 1940. He received the highest award, the Silver Beaver Award in 1992. Wilbur was a member of Rotary International since 1939. For many years, he was secretary of the Concordia Rotary Club. He was an amateur (Ham) radio operator for over 70 years. He was a life member of the Cloud County Genealogical Society, the Cloud County Historical Society, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, AARP, National Association of Retired Federal Employees and a member of the VFW Post #588. His wife, Annamary Naylor of Concordia survives him.Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Concordia with the Rev. Ken Parker officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts of America, or Rotary Polio Plus Foundation. |
| **Nelson** | **2004** | Peggy Lois Nelson (57) passed away August 3, 2004 in Farmington, UT. She was the victim of pancreatic cancer. Peg was the wife of Phillip (Skip) Nelson who recently retired as State Conservationist in Utah. |
| **Neseth** | **2004** | Clarion J. Neseth (63) passed away March 31, 2004 at his home in Perham, MN. Clarion retired as a Soil Scientist after 35 years with SCS. His wife, Rose, 2 sons and several grandchildren and great grandchildren survive him. |
| **Newcombe** | **2004** | Kathryn Elaine Newcombe (67) passed away Thursday, January 22, 2004 at Fair Oaks Hospital. Kathy was the wife of Paul Newcombe who retired as Director of the Finance Division, SCS, in Dec. 1989. Paul and their two sons, Keith and Dean survive. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in memory of Kathryn. |
| **Nikolaus** | **2004** | May Nikolaus passed away September 4, 2004. She was the wife of Gordon Nikolaus who retired from the WNTC. |
| **Nylander** | **2004** | Lucille Nylander (90) passed away November 15, 2004. Lucille was the wife of Paul Nylander who retired as the National Construction Engineer in June 1986. Paul and Lucille had celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary in March 2004. They had made their annual trip to the west to visit family in the summer. A fall while on the trip left Paul with a broken arm. Paul and Lucille celebrated their common 90th birthday on Oct. 2 with all of their family. |
| **Panter** | **2004** | Gladys Panter, Pryor, OK passed away. - reported May 2004 |
| **Parker** | **2004** | Herman W. Parker passed away recently (Jan 2004). Herman was the District Conservationist at Exeter, NH at the time of his retirement a number of years ago. |
| **Peterson** | **2004** | Helen Peterson passed away April 20, 2004. Helen was the wife of Irv Peterson former State Agronomist for Nebraska. Irv passed away quite some time ago. |

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| **Peterson** | **2004** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Bernie D. Peterson (95) passed away October 27, 2004. Bernie served as the first District Conservationist for Pierce County, WI. He started there following the CCC days and served there until his retirement in Oct 1969. |
| **Pierre** | **2004** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Dr. Joseph J. Pierre (93) passed away April 29, 2004. Joe worked for SCS in Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Illinois as a Plant Material Specialist and then as the Resource Conservationist in Illinois. He spent the last 11 years of his career as the Regional Agronomist for the Midwest. He retired in Jan. 1967. Joe received numerous awards and was a charter member of SWCS. His wife, Odile, survives as well as their 8 children, 26 grandchildren, and 32 great grand children. |
| **Polk** | **2004** | D. B. Polk passed away August 22, 2004. D. B. was a retired Resource Conservationist in Texas. He was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of Texas A & M University with a degree in Range Science. He worked in several locations in Texas and served on the State Technical Staff in Temple for a number of years. |
| **Pollard** | **2004** | Lawrence D. Pollard (67) passed away August 25, 2004 in Warrenton, MO. Lawrence was an engineering technician in Perry, Lincoln, Cole, Warren and St Charles counties before retiring in Harrison County in 1984. |
| **Potter** | **2004** | Chester Potter passed away December 26, 2004. Chester retired as the Soil Conservation Technician at the Shelbyville, IL Field Office in 1987. His wife, Bonnie, lives in Shelbyville. |
| **Purdy** | **2004** | Jane Purdy passed away in Austin, Texas in March of 2005. Jane worked as a secretary in the Austin Area Office for many years. She was a well known and respected employee. |
| **Puryear** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Francis M. (F.M) Puryear (94) of Lillington, NC, passed away January 23, 2004. F. M. worked in Harnett County as Soil conservation Technician for many years. His wife of 46 years, Emily Stephens Puryear and also his second wife, Lizzie Smith Puryear, preceded him in death. |
| **Rader** | **2004** | Raymond D. Rader's passing was recently reported. He was from Baltimore, OH. |
| **Reinhart** | **2004** | Charles Reinhart from Bellfontaine, Ohio passed away (reported 7/04). |
| **Richbourg** | **2004** | Sam Richbourg of Alabama passed away (2004). |
| **Richman** | **2004** | Hugo Richman of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Richmond** | **2004** | Dave Richmond passed away August 16, 2004. Dave retired as the State Soil Scientist in Arizona. Dave's wife passed away some time ago. |
| **Riepl** | **2004** | Gerald "Jerry" Riepl passed away July 27, 2004. Jerry retired in 1986 as District Conservationist, Cimarron, Kansas. His wife, Helen, and 4 sons survive. |
| **Rosenow** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Richard V. Rosenow (85) passed away May 31, 2004. Richard spent his entire career in Kansas. He retired as a District Conservationist in Oct. 1980. His wife, Norma and a son and a daughter survive him. |
| **Sanderson** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist George W. Sanderson (94) passed away August 23, 2004 in Cold Springs, MN. Worked in the Red River Valley region of ND for 36 years and retired in 1972 as District Conservationist. He received a 1956 USDA Superior Service Award for sustained and outstanding ability as Work Unit Conservationist 1941-1955 in Larimore, ND. He is survived by one son, two daughters, nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. |
| **Scarborough** | **2004** | Retha Scarborough passed away February 18, 2004 after a short hospital stay. She was the wife of Senior Conservationist N. D. Scarborough who retired as an Engineer in Louisiana in June 1975. |
| **Schulz** | **2004** | Dave Schulz passed away January 16, 2004. Dave retired as the District Conservationist at Oconto, WI. Cards and memorials may go to the Schulz family at 1700 Superior Ave., Oconto, WI 54153. |
| **Schwartz** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Ralph Schwartz (97) passed away February 21, 2004 in Abilene, Texas. Ralph was was a legendary conservationist and soil scientist in Texas. He retired from the SCS in 1965, but continued his “career” until 1992, serving as Executive Director of the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District. He was a graduate of Ohio State University and started his career in the CCC days and served on the historic Dust Bowl Survey. He also served in World War II as an administrative officer in the Army Air Corps. A memorial service was held at the First Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene, and burial was in the Bryan Cemetery in Bryan, Texas. He is survived by a daughter, two granddaughters and a grandson. |
| **Scilley** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Maynard Scilley passed away May 19, 2004 in Laguna Hills, CA at the age of 84. Maynard was a long time SCS soil scientist and past State Soil Scientist in MN. |
| **Seibolt** | **2004** | Frank Seibolt of Illinois passed away. - reported Aug 2004 |
| **Seidel** | **2004** | Patricia Sullivan Seidel (42) passed away February 11, 2004. Patti was the daughter of Gene and Carrie Sullivan. Gene retired as a State Conservationist and was the Deputy State Conservationist in California. Gene and Carrie Sullivan's address is: 1709 Circledale Rd., N. Little Rock, AR 72119. |
| **Selby** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist John "Jack" Selby (85) passed away February 5, 2004. Jack was a RC&D Coordinator at the time of his retirement in April 1994. He had over 50 years of Federal Service. He was with the Corps of Engineers prior to joining SCS. He was a member of ASAE for over 50 years. |
| **Shumate** | **2004** | William Shumate passed away December 16, 2004. Bill was a Soil Scientist in Ohio at the time of his retirement. |
| **Shyrock** | **2004** | Roy Shyrock (79) passed away July 2, 2004. Roy retired as a Conservation Technician in PA. His wife, Mary Lou, survives him. |
| **Sickeler** | **2004** | Gail Sickeler passed away in Novrmber 2004. Gail retired in 1977 as the Area Consevationist at Fergus Falls, MN. Earlier in his career he served as a Soil Scientist and Soil Conservationist. |

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| **Sloan** | **2004** | Donald E. Sloan (81) of Clearwater, Florida passed away on March 2, 2004. He formerly lived in Grantsburg, Indiana and was a native of English Indiana. Mr. Sloan was retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service in the late 1970's. Other than a short training period in Corydon, Indiana, Don spent his entire career as the District Conservationist in English (Crawford County), Indiana where he and the local District Supervisors and the local Extension Agent developed a soil conservation and rural development program that was the envy of many. But through it all Don was always in the background teaching, encouraging and giving others the credit. During his thirty-year tenure in the county the gully ravaged hillsides turned green with trees, pastures and contoured row crops set off by farm ponds, grassed waterways and spring developments. The Lincoln Hills Resource Conservation and Development (the first in the nation) was one product of his and other local leaders' farsightedness. Although he was asked to move to more responsible positions of leadership, he always said his job was to help care for the hills of Crawford County. Another of his unassuming accomplishments was that many conservationists of today passed though his office as trainees and all became members of the Soil and Water Conservation Society through his gentle leadership. At least five or six are very active members of the Hoosier Chapter today. His wife, Aledia, niece Rita Wolfinger and nephew David Sloan survive him. He was a member of the Grantsburg Community Church, the First Christian Church in Clearwater, the Masonic Lodge and was a forestry graduate of Purdue University. |
| **Spray** | **2004** | Mark Spray passed away January 4, 2004. Mark retired as District Conservationist at McConnelsville, OH. Mark was an outstanding photographer. |
| **Stone** | **2004** | George Stone (85) passed away December 6, 2004 in Nacogdoches, Texas. George was a native of Nacogdoches, graduating from Stephen F. Austin State University with a degree in Agriculture and Biology. He worked for the US Customs Service and served as a Principal at Teneha High School. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service with 32 year service. George served in Texas in several positions including District Conservationist, and Area Conservationist. He retired from the SCS as the State Conservationist of California. He received many awards in watershed planning and construction. George is survived by his wife Margaret, two daughters, two granddaughters, one grandson and a sister. Memorials can be made to the Perritte Memorial Methodist Church, 1025 Durst, Nacogdoches, Texas 75964. |
| **Sweetser** | **2004** | Thomas Curtis Sweetser Jr. (77) passed away April 22, 2004. Tom served as the RC&D Coordinator/ Extension Agent in the Down East Resources Conservation and Development Area in Hancock and Washington Counties, Maine for several years prior to his retirement. |
| **Teasley** | **2004** | Bill Teasley passed away August 8, 2004 only days after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Bill retired in 1994 as the lead electronic technician in the Portland Data Collection Office. Before Snow Surveys, he served 28 years in the Air Force. |
| **Thayer** | **2004** | Gerald "Jerry" Thayer (78) passed away on March 5, 2004 in Great Falls, MT. He retired from SCS in Nov. 1987. |
| **Thomas** | **2004** | Lloyd E. Thomas (65) of Pinewild, NC, passed away Friday, October 1, 2004 at First Health Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst, NC.He was born in Ebensburg, Cambria County, PA on February 15, 1939 a son of the late Leonard and Maude (Lloyd) Thomas. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1961. Lloyd retired as the Head, Engineering Staff, Northeast NTC in April 1994 after 36 years of service. Prior to that he was the Construction Engineer for the Northeast. He relocated to North Carolina last year.Lloyd is survived by his wife of 40 years, Shirley Lou Simons Thomas and their children Terri and Christopher. Memorials may go to the charity of your choice. |
| **Thompson** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Robert W. Thompson (89) of Albion, Michigan passed away October 5, 2004. He was a work unit conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1975. |
| **Throckmorton** | **2004** | Judy Throckmorton (64) passed away March 30. 2004. Judy was the wife of Bill Throckmorton, 7113 Southeast Grindstone Road, Cameron, MO 64429. Bill retired in 1994 as the Soil Conservationist at Maysville, MO. |
| **Tinsley** | **2004** | Warwick (Bill) M. Tinsley (84) of Cape Elizabeth, ME passed away July 24, 2004. Bill retired as the State Conservationist in Maine in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, three children, ten grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. |
| **Tonsfeldt** | **2004** | Wallis R. Tonsfeldt of Spirit Lake, IA passed away May 21, 2004. Wally retired at Sioux City, IA in 1984 where he had been the Area Conservationist. He is survived by his wife, Deloris. |
| **Treumer** | **2004** | Clarence J. Treumer (82) passed away April 9, 2004. Clarence ("Parse") retired in July 1977 as an Assistant State Conservationist in Virginia. He had been suffering with Parkinson's for several years. His wife, Theresa, survives him. |
| **Turman** | **2004** | Ralph L. Turman (90) passed away December 28, 2004. Ralph retired in 1972 as an engineer in North Dakota. He started his career in the CCC's at Mandan, ND. He is survived by his wife, Della, their 4 sons, Frank, Joe, Mike, and Rich, and by 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. |
| **Ulrich** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Rudolph Ulrich (88) of Pleasant Hill, California passed away December 28, 2004. He was a soil scientist with SCS, retiring in 1971. |
| **Vaughn** | **2004** | Charles (Chalky) Vaughn passed away in Florida just after Christmas 2004. He is survived by his wife, Vickie, 10915 Bristol Bay Dr., Bradenton, FL. 34209. |
| **Walker** | **2004** | Gerald (Jerry) Walker passed away February 26, 2004. Jerry retired as a civil engineering technician on the IA State Office Planning Staff in the early 1980's. |
| **Waters** | **2004** | Robert Waters of Alabama passed away (2004). |
| **Watts** | **2004** | William M. Watts passed away Saturday July 3, 2004. "Mack" retired as a Soil Conservation Technician at Mayfield, KY. |
| **Weaver** | **2004** | Ed Weaver (79) passed away January 24, 2004. Ed was the DC at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, PA from 1964 until his retirement. |
| **Wegeleben** | **2004** | Harry Wegeleben (85) passed away on February 19, 2004 in Yakima, WA. After being discharged from military service in 1945, he completed college and started working with the SCS as a Range Conservationist. Harry worked with ranchers in Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Klickitat, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties and in the WA State Office, retiring in 1979. Harry is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth, and 3 sons. |
| **Wentz** | **2004** | Joel A. Wentz (77) passed away February 10, 2004. Joel retired in June 1984 as the Assistant State Conservationist in Kansas. He served as an engineer in Kansas prior to becoming an Asst. State Cons. Joel served as the Kansas ARSCSE State Representative for a number of years. His wife, Betty, and their 2 daughters survive. The family has suggested that memorials go to Salina Hospice or to the Key Presbyterian Church, Salina, KS. |

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| **West** | **2004** | Earl R. West (83) passed away in early March 2004. Earl retired as a District Conservationist in Tennessee on Aug. 3, 1986. Earl's wife, Carlee, survives. |
| **White** | **2004** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist James D. White (95) passed away December 25, 2004. James retired as a District Conservationist from SCS in Dec. 1976. He served in several districts in Georgia during his career. A son, Ivan and 2 daughters, Janis McMillan and Kathy White survive him. Memorials may go the First Baptist Church of Winder, PO Box 340, Winder, GA 30680 or to the Winder Lions Club, PO Box 172, Winder GA 30680. |
| **Whitenack** | **2004** | David S. Whitenack (82) passed away July 4, 2004. Dave retired in August 1980 from the National Office of SCS as an Administrative Specialist. He started his career as a Conservation Technician in New Jersey. He joined the National Office in 1955. After his retirement he was a volunteer tutor in Fairfax City Elementary schools and was active in church work. Dave was a regular attendee at the Northern Virginia SCS Retirees Tuesday Breakfast. |
| **Wickline** | **2004** | Elvin V. "Wick" Wickline (82) passed away December 2, 2004. "Wick" retired as an Assistant State Conservationist in Indiana in August 1979. He started his career in West Virginia, spent 2 years in Algeria for US Agency for International Development, and returned to West Virginia where he was an Area Conservationist prior to going to Indiana. His wife, Elizabeth, survives him. |
| **Wing** | **2004** | Senior Conservationist Gordon Wing (95) passed away Nov. 26, 2004 in Eau Claire, WI. Gordon started his career with the SES and ended it as a soil scientist on March 2, 1973. Gordon was a very active person. Included were biking and walking with his wife. They were active in their church and in senior activities. Gordon's wife, Margaret and three sons survive. |
| **Yager** | **2004** | Thomas U. Yager (86) passed away August 30, 2004 in Mesa, AZ. He retired as an Assistant Soil Correlator in Feb. 1974. |
| **Yates** | **2004** | Clyde Yates passed away in his sleep February 1, 2004. Clyde was still working as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Oak Grove Field Office in Oak Grove, LA. He had just reached retirement eligibility. |
| **Anderson** | **2003** | Andy Anderson of IL passed away recently (2003). |
| **Bornstein** | **2003** | Joseph Bornstein (82) passed away December 20, 2003. Joe started his career with SCS and ended it in with ARS. He was an Agricultural Engineer and was active in ASAE. |
| **Brehm** | **2003** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Clarence D. Brehm (96) passed away recently (2003). Clarence retired in April 1968 as State Conservation Engineer in South Dakota. He was the first person named State Engineer in South Dakota. He has spent the last number of years in Mesa, AZ. |
| **Brower** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist Clayton Brower (84) passed away December 31, 2003. Clayton retired in Dec. 1974 as an Engineer in Ohio. His wife, Tempest, survives. |
| **Carper** | **2003** | Thelma Evelyn Carper (75) passed away November 29, 2003. Thelma worked for SCS as a secretary and editor. She retired from the WNTC. Survivors include five sisters and two brothers. |
| **Case** | **2003** | Dexter Case (60) passed away October 12, 2003. Dexter retired from the Engineering Division on 1/2/99 as the National CADD Coordinator. His wife, Jeanne, survives. Her address is: 1202 Kentmorr Rd, Stevensville, MD 21666 |
| **Champion** | **2003** | Boyd Champion of KY passed away recently (2003). |
| **Conroy** | **2003** | John Conroy of IL passed away recently (2003). |
| **Converse** | **2003** | Henry Converse of Paducah, KY passed away recently (2003). He was a retired Soil Scientist. |
| **Core** | **2003** | Edwin J. Core (91) passed away November 9, 2003 in Beaverton, OR. Ed retired as the Head, Engineering and Watershed Planning Unit, Portland, OR. He was a very special leader and an inspiration for young engineers and others that worked with him. His wife, Margaret, a son, a daughter, 5 grand children, and 3 great-grandchildren survive him. Memorials may go to -- Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation, 1121 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97205. |
| **Curl** | **2003** | J. Edward Curl of Macomb, IL passed away recently (2003). |
| **Daniels** | **2003** | Albert Daniels (79) of Fuquay Varina, formerly of Wilson, NC, passed away December 27, 2003. Albert served in the US Coast Guard during World War II and farmed for several years before beginning his career with the SCS in 1954. Albert spent his entire career in Wilson County where he retired in 1984 as a Soil Conservation Technician. He is survived by his wife, Glenna. |
| **Daniels** | **2003** | J. Alton (Dan) Daniels passed away recently (2003). He was a long time AC in Nashville, AR. |
| **Dean** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist Marshall P. Dean (99) of Butler, Georgia passed away December 12, 2003. Marshall was a work unit technician with SCS, until 1942. |
| **Ediger** | **2003** | Ott Ediger (90) passed away December 7, 2003 in Austin, Texas. He retired as District Conservationist at Sinton Texas. Services were at the First United Methodist Church in Sinton on December 13. His career spanned 35 years with the SCS in Texas and he also served in the military in World War II. He was a graduate of Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University) with a degree in agronomy. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, a son and a daughter. |
| **Ellington** | **2003** | Emmett Ellington (85) was State Administrative Officer in Little Rock, Arkansas. |
| **Fox** | **2003** | Avis Fox passed away December 5, 2003. Avis was the wife of Roy Fox, retired State Conservation Engineer in Oregon. She is survived by Roy, three daughters, a son, nine grandchildren and one great grandson. |
| **Gallacher** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist Lincoln Gallacher (84) passed away October 21, 2003. Linc had been fighting health problems for several months. He retired as Director, Administrative Services in Jan. 1982. Linc was a life member of ARSCSE. He was the Secretary-Treasurer for over 17 years. In 1998, he was the recipient of ARSCSE's Distinguished Service Award. His wife Esther survives him. Neil Bogner reflects "This is one of the saddest reports that I have ever sent.... It is with a heavy heart that I am reporting that Lincoln "Linc" Gallacher passed away this morning (10/21/03). His work involved him in all aspects of SCS. Linc touched the lives of many SCS'ers and all benefited. One activity that he always had special liking for was dealing with those involved in construction and contracting. He spent uncounted hours teaching at training sessions for engineers and inspectors. We all considered him one of the best instructors. Shortly after retiring he became the Secretary-Treasurer for ARSCSE. His support and guidance led to ARSCSE becoming fiscally sound and reached its highest number of members." Tony Vrana remembers "Linc was truly a great guy. Everyone liked Linc and I never ever heard anyone say a bad thing about him. As a devout Mormon, he never drank but it didn't keep him from having a glass of water or something in his hand and participating in the frivolities. I recall of him telling of having had voice training that he might better call square dances and he occasionally used that mellow voice to amazed new, young employees." |

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| **Gallivan** | **2003** | Theresa Gallivan of IL passed away recently (2003). |
| **Garrett** | **2003** | John W. Garrett, who once lived in Quaker City, OH, passed away November 26, 2003 in Jacksonville, FL. John is survived by his wife, Coralee, 13890 Intracoastal Sound Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32224-1195. |
| **Giles** | **2003** | Thad E. Giles (82) of Davis, formerly of Raleigh, NC, passed away November 15, 2003. Thad was born in Polk County, NC and was reared in Spartanburg County, SC. His career with the SCS spanned 35 years as Financial Manger in the state office in Raleigh. |
| **Glick** | **2003** | Philip M. Glick (98) passed away December 17, 2003. Mr. Glick was Chief, Land Policy Division, USDA between 1933 and 1942. He was the primary author of the "Standard State Soil Conservation District Law." He later was the legal advisor of the Federal Water Resources Council. He retired in 1973. |
| **Gordon** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist Lester L. Gordon (96) passed away November 2, 2003. Lester took a medical retirement from the State Office in Temple, TX in 1962. His wife, Leah, one son and two sisters survive him. Leah's address is 219 Nelson St., Nacogdoches, TX 75961. |
| **Gray** | **2003** | Robert L. Gray passed away December 18, 2003. Bob retired as the State Conservation Engineer in Oklahoma. His wife, Jo, survives. Her address is Rt 1 Box 95N, Bluffton, TX 78607. |
| **Hauger** | **2003** | Roy L. Hauger (92) passed away in Rosenberg, TX, on November 11, 2003. Roy was a retired Area Conservationist, having served some 40 years with the SCS in Texas. He began his career in 1935 in Alice, Texas where he met his wife Adele. He was a native of San Antonio and a 1933 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in civil engineering. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by USDA in 1957. He held many positions in various professional organizations. He is survived by two sons and two daughters and several grandchildren. Services were held on Nov. 14, 2003 at St. Marks Episcopal Church in Rosenberg. |
| **Hocker** | **2003** | John & Mary Hooker both passed away sometime in 2003. John was District Conservationist at Medina, OH at the time of his retirement. |
| **Hughes** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist E. J. Hughes (91) passed away December 16, 2003 in Brownwood, Texas. E.J. came to work for the Soil Erosion Service in 1935, and held numerous positions in Texas, retiring as Area Conservationist at Brownwood in 1971. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1934 with a degree in Agricultural Science. He served under General Patton in World War II and received the Purple Heart and numerous campaign ribbons. Memorial services were held on December 19 at the First United Methodist Church in Brownwood. He is survived by his wife, a brother and a sister. |
| **Isgrig** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist Dan Isgrig (83) of Fredericksburg, Virginia passed away July 16, 2003. He was a soil scientist with SCS in KY, CA, and VA, retiring in 1980 with more than 30 years of service. Dan and his wife donated a significant collection of arrowheads, grindstones, and spear points (over 1500 relics that he had collected) to the Virginia Museum of Natural History. He served his country as a World War II B-26 bomber pilot with the Army Air Corps base in England. On Jan. 14, 1944 his plane was shot down over Germany where he spent the remainder of the war as a POW. After his release, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired from the Air Force Reserves as a major. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Elizabeth, and two sons. He was preceded in death by a son and a daughter. |
| **Jackson** | **2003** | Leland Jackson (75) passed away November 1, 2003. "Lee" spent his career with SCS in Nebraska. He started as a project engineer moved on to State Construction Engineer and ended his career as State Conservation Engineer. He retired in Sept. 1983. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and served 20 years in the Army and Army Reserve and retired as a lieutenant colonal.His wife, Betty, survives as does his two daughters. Memorials to the family will be used for scholarships. |
| **Johnson** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist William M. Johnson (87) passed away November 19, 2003. Bill retired in Nov. 1980 as Deputy Chief. He was a soil scientist and served as the Principal Soil Correlator for the Western States prior to going to the National Office. Prior to being named Deputy Chief he was the Director of the Soil Survey Division. Bill was an aerial observer and meteorologist in the Navy in WW II. Survivors include his wife, Carol, two daughters, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. |
| **Kunz** | **2003** | Walter Kunz (81) of New Salem, North Dakota passed away June 4, 2003, at a Bismarck hospital. Walter was born July 14, 1921, near Rosebud, North Dakota, the son of Kurt and Martha (Moebius) Kunz. His family later moved to a farm four miles north of New Salem. After graduating from New Salem High School, he joined the U.S. Army. Most of his four years of service were spent in Africa and Europe. He married Elaine Toepke on July 26, 1948, at the Peace Church in New Salem. He was a soil conservation technician with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in New Salem for 33 years. Retiring in 1979, he worked part time in Oliver County as a land use administrator and as a registered land surveyor. Walter was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church, the Lion Club and the American Legion. He also served as the clerk for the New Salem Park Board for over 20 years. |
| **LeBlanc** | **2003** | Otho L. LeBlanc passed away in early November 2003. Otho was the District Conservationist in Thibodaux, LA when he retired. |
| **Ledvina** | **2003** | Virginia Ledvina passed away December 4, 2003. Condolences may be sent to Louie at his daughter Nancy's address: 5302 Wonder Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76133. |
| **Lewis** | **2003** | Larry Lewis, NRCS Grassland Conservationist in the Lebanon, MO Field Office passed away December 12, 2003. Larry had 32 years of service and is survived by his wife Nancy Lewis, Route 3, Box 3450, Camdenton, MO. |
| **Lingo** | **2003** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Sedley M. Lingo (97) passed away December 3, 2003. Mr. Lingo retired in 1969 as an Assistant State Administrative Officer in South Dakota. Earlier he had worked in the Lincoln, NE Regional Office. His wife, Mildred, passed away in 1981. Surviving are a son, David, 2 grandsons, and 2 great grandsons. David P. Lingo's, address is 8225 38th Ave. N, New Hope, MN 55427. |
| **Lovan** | **2003** | Willard Lovan of KY passed away recently (2003). |
| **Loyal** | **2003** | Charles Loyal from KY passed away recently (2003). |
| **McDaniel** | **2003** | Charles V. McDaniel from KY passed away recently (2003). |
| **McDonald** | **2003** | Herman McDonald of Lexington, KY passed away recently (2003). He was a retired Soil Scientist. |
| **McWhorter** | **2003** | Oliver McWhorter of KY passed away recently (2003). |

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| **Owen** | **2003** | William J. "Bill" Owen (77) passed away November 4, 2003. Bill was the Lincoln NTC Hydrologist at the time of his retirement. He had 38 years with SCS. Survivors are his wife, Mary Lou, 4 daughters and a son. Mary Lou's address is 1143 Mulder Dr., Lincoln, NE 68510. Memorials may go to the Christ Lutheran Caregiving and Missions Ministry, 4325 Sumner St., Lincoln, NE 68506. |
| **Paschke** | **2003** | John E. "Jack" Paschke (84) a prominent soil classifier in northern Illinois and formerly of Kankakee, IL, passed away November 11, 2003 in Bonita Springs, FL. Mr. Paschke earned a B.S. degree in Soils from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1941. He was a veteran of WWII having served as a navigator with the US Army Air Corp in the South Pacific. After the war, Paschke began a long career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He authored numerous county soil reports for northern Illinois and assisted with soil classifications throughout Illinois and portions of Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana. After 31 years of service with the SCS he became an independent soil classifier and worked to develop guidelines and soil ratings for municipal, county, state and federal agencies. He was an active advocate for soil and natural resource conservation in Illinois. Paschke was a founding member and past president of the Illinois Soil Classifiers Association and a long-time member of SSSA. After 20 years as an independent soil classifier, he retired to Bonita Springs, FL in 1995. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Marguerite "Peg" Paschke of Bonita Springs, FL; sister Adeline Trudeau of Evansville, IN; three sons, Jack Paschke of Armonk, NY, Paul Paschke of Lakewood, CO, and Mark Paschke of Fort Collins, CO; five daughters, Mary Brand of Scottsdale, AZ, Jeanne Paschke of Frankfort, IL, Lucy Paschke of Estero, FL, Rita Paschke of Bloomington, IN, and Sara Parish of Durango, CO; as well as 16 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. |
| **Payne** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist Allan S. Payne (89) of Lakeport, California passed away August 6, 2003. Allan was an engineer with SCS and retired in 1977 as Chief of the Design Branch. |
| **Queen** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist Herbert "Herb" Queen (90) passed away December 20, 2003. Herb retired in Sept. 1970 as a Soil Conservation Technician in Gove County, Kansas. |
| **Rallison** | **2003** | Loraine Rallison passed away October 18, 2003, after a short illness. She was the wife of Bob Rallison. Bob retired from NHQ in 1984 as the National Hydrologist. They have seven children, 40 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.Bob's address is: 18749 SW Kemmer Rd., Beaverton, OR 97007, Phone- 503/591-1807 |
| **Reed** | **2003** | Deloris W. Reed, wife of former Chief Pearlie S. Reed, passed away October 7, 2003. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Mr. Pearlie S. Reed, 310 Flannery Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904 |
| **Reeder** | **2003** | Leroy Reeder of IL passed away recently (2003). |
| **Rhorer** | **2003** | Frank Rhorer from KY passed away recently (2003). |
| **Roy** | **2003** | A.J. Roy passed away December 28, 2003. A.J. was a Soil Scientist in the Jennings LA Field Office. He retired Jan. 3, 1984. |
| **Rush** | **2003** | Ronnie M. Rush (59) passed away November 23, 2003 in Tompkinsville, KY. Ronnie retired in Jan. 2001 as an Area Conservationist in Kentucky. He died as a result of prostrate cancer. He is survived by his wife, Betsy. |
| **Sanders** | **2003** | Elizabeth Sanders of Clinton, MO passed away in early December 2003. Elizabeth was the widow of Charley Sanders, District Conservationist of Johnson County, MO for many years. |
| **Shaffer** | **2003** | Vernia Shaffer's husband, Butch passed away recently (2003). |
| **Slota** | **2003** | Robert Slota (80) passed away December 1, 2003. Bob retired from SCS in 1976 as a Soil Scientist. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Dorothy, at 608 East First St., Baraboo, WI 53913. |
| **Smith** | **2003** | Arthur Smith from KY passed away recently (2003). |
| **Taff** | **2003** | Statesman Homer Taff (86) passed away. Homer retired from SCS in June 1973. At the time of his retirement he was Assistant Director of SNTC. Prior to that he served as State Conservationist in Kentucky. |
| **Tinivell** | **2003** | Elsie Tinivell (79) passed away September 27, 2003. Elsie served as the secretary for the Head, Northeast NTC at the time of her retirement. Elsie's husband, John, passed away several years ago. John retired from the Upper Darby EWP Unit as a Planning Engineer. |
| **Wallace** | **2003** | Edna Wallace of Edwardsville, IL passed away recently (2003). Her husband is Donald L. Wallace. |
| **Williams** | **2003** | George Williams of KY passed away recently (2003). |
| **Young** | **2003** | Senior Conservationist Haden Ewing Young (90) of Mangum, Oklahoma passed away on July 13, 2003. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp at Binger from July 1934 to March 1936. Haden retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1981 as an engineering technician after 33 years in Caddo, Kiowa and Greer counties. He was a member and elder of the Church of Christ. He was a member of the board of directors of Quartz Mountain Christian Camp for many years. Young's Mountain was dedicated in his honor. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Altus; three sons, two daughters, 14 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. |
| **Zimmerman** | **2003** | Jerry Zimmerman of Maryville, MO passed away November 8, 2003 of lung cancer. Jerry recently retired as the Area Soil Scientist at Maryville. He is survived by his wife Jody Zimmerman, 1213 West Crestview Drive, Maryville, MO 64468. |
| **Anderson** | **2002** | David B. Anderson passed away September 1, 2002. He served in SCS for over 35 years. He retired as RC&D Coordinator in Oregon. His wife, Shirley, passed away in 1999. The family asks that remembrances go to the Nature Conservancy of Oregon, 821 SE 14th Ave., Portland, OR 97214. |
| **Ault** | **2002** | Max A. Ault (70) passed away Sunday, January 27, 2002 in Tea, SD. Max's widow, LaVerne said, "Max had a massive heart attack on the 18th while we were out for dinner. It was quite a shock as he had been feeling fine." He was in a coma and never came out of it. He was born Aug. 9, 1931 in Holmesville, NE. He earned a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska, and was a State Administrative Officer for SCS for 18 years retiring in 1987. He served in Lincoln, NE; Syracuse, NY; Bismarck, ND; and Huron, SD. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the American Legion in Tea. His hobbies included golf, reading, crossword puzzles, and football - especially CORNHUSKER football). |
| **Bennett** | **2002** | Allyn C. Bennett, Sr. (85) passed away January 5, 2002 in Waco, Texas. Allyn retired in December 1982 from the Texas State Staff as a Field Specialist, Engineering in the area of Conservation Operations. He was a 1939 graduate of Texas A & M University with a degree in engineering. He also served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as P-39 pilot. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for action in the South Pacific. He was preceded in death by his wife, and a son. He is survived by three sons, a daughter and 11 grandchildren. |

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| **Bentz** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Elmer C. Bentz (90) of Newton, Kansas passed away March 11, 2002. He was a work unit conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1977. |
| **Bolline** | **2002** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Morrie A. Bolline (91) passed away November 16, 2002. Morrie retired on June 30, 1973 as the Regional Director Midwest TSC. Prior to that he had served for many years as State Conservationist in Kansas. His wife, Gwendolyn, his son, Michael, and daughter, Rosemary, and one grandson survive him. Memorials may go to Hospice. |
| **Bone** | **2002** | Thomas R. Bone passed away recently. He retired as an Agricultural Engineer in Texas. |
| **Bower** | **2002** | James E. “Jim” Bower, retired Soil Scientist passed away August 16, 2002. Jim was Area Soil Scientist in Victoria, Texas for a number of years. |
| **Bowers** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist George V. Bowers (94) of Sarasota, Florida passed away September 22, 2002. He worked for SCS. |
| **Brown** | **2002** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Raymond S. Brown (95) passed away October 6, 2002. Ray retired as Ohio's State Conservationist in April 1970. He started his career as an engineer in the CCC camps in Illinois. Ray has been living in a nursing home in Wisconsin for the past couple of years. Condolences may be sent to Jerry Brown, W3314 Lake Forest Ln, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. |
| **Cape** | **2002** | Charlie B. Cape (89) passed away January 30, 2002. He retired as a Soil Conservationist. Charlie started his career with the CCCs at Bartlett, TX after having worked in Knox City, Memphis, and San Benito, TX. |
| **Cheek** | **2002** | Joan Cheek passed away in August 2002 after a lengthy illness. Joan was the wife of Charles Cheek in Ponca City, OK. Charles had been an engineer in Kansa for many years before moving to Oklahoma. She is survived by Charles and one son, Randy. |
| **Coffield** | **2002** | William H. Coffield passed away August 28, 2002. Bill was an economist and Watershed Planning Staff Leader. He retired in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Fran. |
| **Collier** | **2002** | Mary Parrot Collier passed away recently. She retired as the Financial Officer in the State Office at Temple, Texas. |
| **Cooper** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Joseph T. Cooper (95) passed away December 13, 2002. Joe retired from SCS in May 1969 as a Construction Engineer in Texas. His three sons, William, Robert, and James, their wives, and daughter Martha Jo Turner survive him. The family suggests that memorials go to a charity of your choice. |
| **Courtney** | **2002** | Theresa Celine Courtney passed away August 9, 2002 after an extended illness. Celine started her career with SCS in 1971. She later served as the SCS-Colorado IRM manager. She retired from NRCS in 1994. Her husband, Tom, survives. |
| **Cox** | **2002** | Willoma I. Cox, passed away December 18, 2002 in Salem, Oregon. Willoma was married to William J. Cox for 57 years. He retired from the WNTC in 1982. They served as Peace Corps volunteers in Thailand for six years. |
| **Derickson** | **2002** | Helen Derickson passed away in August 2002. Helen was the wife of Senior Conservationist Gene Derickson. Gene retired from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources in March of 1983. His time with SCS was previous to the time with Ohio State government. |
| **Dicken** | **2002** | Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist Tom D. Dicken (93) passed away August 2, 2002. Tom retired as an Area Conservationist in Kansas in June 1976. |
| **Doneen** | **2002** | Marguerite Doneen (94) passed away March 30, 2002. She was the widow of Byron Doneen. |
| **Douglass** | **2002** | Honorary Statesman Earle Lawrence Douglass (96) passed away June 4, 2002 in McAllen, TX after a long illness. Earle worked for SCS for 32 years in Washington County, NY, and then for NY State Water Resources for another 10 years. He is survived by a son, 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. |
| **Elder** | **2002** | William R. (Bob) Elder (94) passed away in Temple, Texas on April 8, 2002. Bob was originally from Winfield, Kansas, and was a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in Soil Chemistry. He served on the Soils Staff of the Texas State Office from 1948 until his retirement in 1969. Bob was well known among his peers and has published several technical papers. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Temple and was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth on February 17, 2002. He is survived by one son and one daughter. |
| **Fenner** | **2002** | Olen L. Fenner, Cloudcroft, NM passed away August 13, 2002. Olen was 98 years of age. He was a 1930 graduate of Texas A & M University and worked as a Soil Conservationist and District Conservationist in San Angelo and Bridgeport, Texas, retiring in 1965. |
| **Fields** | **2002** | Francis Fields of Lewis, NY passed away January 6, 2002. Francis had been a technician in the Plattsburg, NY office. |
| **Fournier** | **2002** | Statesman Joe Fournier (91) passed away July 19, 2002. Joe retired as the State Administrative Officer in Kansas in 1966. His wife, Nina, passed away in 1999. He is survived by a son, a daughter, 10 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Catholic Charities. |
| **Fox** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Robert E. Fox (91) passed away February 23, 2002. Bob started his career as a soil scientist in Texas and later served in Alaska, California, Oregon and ended his career in Wisconsin. He retired in December 1974 as Assistant State Soil Scientist. For many years, he was the Editor for the ARSCSE Newsletter. He, and his late wife, Christina, not only edited the Newsletter but also typed it and did the mailing. He was recognized for his special effort by ARSCSE at the last annual meeting he attended. Bob was active up until a brief illness prior to his death. The week before he died he bowled a line with his son. He is survived by his three sons and numerous grand children and great grandchildren. |
| **Fox** | **2002** | Statesman Adrian C. Fox from Leeds, ND, passed away July 11, 2002. Adrian was born January 28, 1905, and he received BS and MS degrees from ND State University in the early 1930's. He was first employed as the Grand Forks County Extension Agent in the sugar beet acreage control program. On May 11, 1935, he joined the SCS as a biologist and forester at Huron, SD. A few months later he transferred to Park River, ND to work on the first soil and water demonstration project in ND. He was in charge of wildlife management. In June of 39, he moved to Mandan, ND and was in charge of wildlife and forestry for the ND CCC camps. He served in the U.S Navy from 1942 to 1945. After the war, he went to Lincoln, NE to work on Soil Conservation and Education Relations. The last 10 years of his career he worked in Washington, DC as head of the educational branch. |

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| **Gray** | **2002** | Fenton Gray (86) of Stillwater, OK passed away October l8, 2002. In his early career he worked as a Soil Scientist for SCS. He returned to school to complete his Ph.D. in soil science. He was on the faculty at OSU where he taught soil morphology and cooperated on Oklahoma Soil Surveys until his retirement several years ago. |
| **Heinen** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Raymond W. Heinen (83) of Silver Spring, Maryland passed away January 18, 2002. He was an information specialist with SCS and became Assistant to the Administrator in 1951. He retired in 1973. He was preceded in death by his wife, June E. Heinen. Surviving are sons Ken and Jim Heinen; and five grandchildren. |
| **Hickey** | **2002** | Walter Hickey passed away December 5, 2002. Walter began his service in California, MO in 1964, and retired as a technician at the Bowling Green field office in 1979. Barabara Hickey, his wife of 52 years, resides in Bowling Green, MO. |
| **Hurd** | **2002** | Honorary Member and Statesman Herschell D. Hurd (96) passed away March 29, 2002 in Yuma, AZ. Herschell retired as the State Conservationist in Montana in 1965. His wife, Pat, died in 1995. A son, a daughter, 2 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren survive him. |
| **Jeter** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Frank H. Jeter (84) passed away June 10, 2002. Frank was the retired Public Information Officer for NRCS in North Carolina. Before joining NRCS, Frank was a writer for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and worked for ASCS and Federal Extension Service in Washington, DC. Prior to working for government agencies, he was a reporter, editorial writer and editor for papers in Greensboro, NC, Rock Hill, SC and Fayetteville, NC. Frank's story telling is memorable and his humor was outstanding. Frank served as the ARSCSE State Representative for North Carolina for many years. His wife, Doris, survives. |
| **Justice** | **2002** | Louis Justice, NRCS State Biologist in Georgia passed away Sunday, December 8, 2002 at the Athens Regional Hospital in Athens, GA. Louis was working in Bainbridge, GA on a multi-state Native Plant Workshop when he was hospitalized. Louis will long be remembered for his early efforts in the restoration of the Longleaf Pine - Wiregrass Ecosystem, wildlife conservation efforts, and wetland protection and creation. He will sadly be missed byhis many friends. |
| **Keller** | **2002** | Honorary Senior Conservationist Sylvester H. Keller (94) of Winfield, Kansas passed away in December 2002. He retired as a SCS district engineer in 1972. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. |
| **Ketchum** | **2002** | Sarah C. Ketchum (89) passed away January 21, 2002 in Portland, ME. Sally was a long-time District Clerk at Presque Isle, ME. Sally's late husband was a Soil Conservationist at Presque Isle. |
| **King** | **2002** | Roger "Okay" King (75) passed away December 2002. Roger retired as an Engineering Technician in West Virginia. He also worked for some time in Ohio. Roger has been the ARSCSE WV State Representative for the past few years. His wife, Edith, survives. |
| **Klingenber** | **2002** | Honorary Member and Statesman Paul J. Klingenberg (94) passed away February 26, 2002. Paul retired from SCS in April 1950. He started his career with the Soil Erosion Service. His wife, Gladys, survives. |
| **Krug** | **2002** | Sandi Krug passed away November 26, 2002. Sandy was the wife of Ken Krug who retired as Plant Ecologist in South Dakota. A memorial fund will be established to further research MS in Sandi's name. More informationwill be forthcoming. |
| **Lann** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist L.J. Lann (92) passed away during June 2002. L.J. was an engineer on the Watershed Planning Staff in Temple, TX prior to his retirement as the Assistant State Conservationist in 1972. He retired in San Marcos, TX. |
| **Levermann** | **2002** | Tom Levermann passed away in Virginia on April 18, 2002. Tom had 26 years of service with the agency and had been a public affairs specialist on the Conservation Communications Staff in NHQ since 1981. Before coming to DC, he was the state public information officer in Kentucky. Prior to that he was the director of information-education for the Papio Natural Resources District (Omaha NE) and an urban conservationist with the former Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District (Omaha NE).In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. |
| **MacLauchlan** | **2002** | Ruth MacLauchlan passed away January 20, 2002. Ruth was the wife of Bob Maclauchlan. She had been fighting a battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Bob retired from the National Office as Head, Plant Materials in Jan. 1985. |
| **McCorkle** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Will D. McCorkle (94) of Ft. Smith, Arkansas passed away July 13, 2002. He was an area conservationist with SCS. |
| **Means** | **2002** | Cherrie Means passed away following a heart attack. Cherrie was the wife of Harry Means former State Conservation Engineer in Illinois. |
| **Miles** | **2002** | Ruth Miles passed away November 22, 2002 in New Cumberland, PA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernal "Corky" Miles. |
| **Miller** | **2002** | Honorary Member and Statesman Eskel N. Miller (93) passed away April 25, 2002. He retired from SCS in July 1970 as the Assistant State Soil Scientist in South Carolina. His wife, Syvilla, one son, 2 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren survive. |
| **Mulvaney** | **2002** | Francis E. Mulvaney (92) passed away May 2002. |
| **Munk** | **2002** | Evelyn Munk (81) passed away July 1, 2002. Evelyn was the wife of Dale Munk. Dale retired in 1973 as Asst. State Conservationist in California. She is survived by Dale, 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. |
| **Ness** | **2002** | Statesman Arnold O. Ness (87) passed away April 24, 2002. Arnold retired as the State Soil Correlator in Oregon in Jan. 1980. His wife, Melva died in 1992. He is survived by a son and two daughters. |
| **Nowotny** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Arnold Nowotny (89) of Minden, Nevada passed away February 20, 2002. Arnold worked for SCS as a conservation agronomist and work unit conservationist, retiring in 1977. |
| **Oman** | **2002** | Gerald Oman (79) passed away December 30, 2002 following a heart attack at his home. Jerry retired in 1982 as the head of the Design Staff in the Northeast Technical Center. He started his career in Montana. He is survived by his wife, Lois, and their 2 children, Daniel, and Diann. Lois lives in Wawa, PA. |
| **Parlin** | **2002** | Lewis E. Parlin (91) passed away January 20, 2002 in Citrus Springs, FL. Lew was Assistant State Conservationist and State Resource Conservationist in Maine. |

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| **Patterson** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist, Quentin W. Patterson (83) passed away December 31, 2002. Quentin was a retired District Conservationist, Hillsborough, North Carolina. He served in U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. After graduating from NC State University, he taught school in Hiddenite, NC for eight years before joining the Soil Conservation Service where he worked for 37 years. He was an expert photographer, and his photos of historic Hillsborough are on display in many locations including the North Carolina State Capitol foyer. His photographs of conservation work have been used in many publications. Quentin was a charter member of the Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America. He was an active member of the chapter for 52 years and was due to receive the Chapter's highest award on January 5, 2003, the Superior Service Award. Quentin and his wife Evelyn attended not only almost every chapter annual meeting but also most national meetings during his 52 years of membership. In 1977 he was bestowed the honor of Fellow, the highest award given to members by the international chapter. Quentin and Evelyn served as the lead hosts for the ARSCSE Annual Meeting when SWCS met in North Carolina a number of years ago. Evelyn survives him. |
| **Pavlik** | **2002** | Erwin A. Pavlik (68) of Giddings, Texas passed away December 28, 2002. Erwin worked at Edna, Texas and was District Conservationist at Columbus, Snyder, and retired as the District Conservationist at Giddings. He was a dedicated employee and served in several capacities in the Texas Council of Chapters of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He is survived by four sons and three grandchildren. |
| **Phillips** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist, Charles G. Phillips (86) passed away during June 2002 from a heart condition. Chuck retired from the National Office in July 1977. He had earlier worked in Illinois and Ohio. His wife, Rita, survives. |
| **Price** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist J. Boyd Price (85) passed away October 7, 2002. Boyd retired as the State Range Conservationist in Dec. 1973. |
| **Ralston** | **2002** | Statesman William J. "Bill" Ralston (87) passed away April 6, 2002. Bill retired from the National Office as Legislative Assistant. After retirement they continued to live in Northern Virginia until a few years ago when they moved to Colorado Springs, CO to be near family. Bill's wife, Marge, survives. |
| **Reed** | **2002** | Richard Reed, Angle Fire, NM passed away July 11, 2002 after a brief illness. Richard retired from the SCS in 1986 and was on the Land Resource Staff of the National Office. Richard was a native of San Angelo, Texas and a 1956 graduate of Texas Tech. He served in several locations as District Conservationist, Area Conservationist, Assistant State Conservationist of North Dakota and finally on the National Office staff. After retirement Richard worked for the New Mexico S&W Bureau Forestry Department. He leaves his wife Carol, two daughters and four grandchildren and many friends. A memorial service was held at the United Methodist Church in Angel Fire, New Mexico on August 3. |
| **Ritter** | **2002** | Lugene Ritter (74) passed away March 17, 2002. Lugene retired in October 1983 as the District Conservationist at Olathe, KS. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. Memorials may go to the First Christian Church Building Fund, c/o Nicholson Ricke Funeral Home, PO Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544. |
| **Selby** | **2002** | Helena "Lee" Potter Selby passed away September 30, 2002. Lee was the wife of Senior Conservationist John "Jack" N. Selby. Jack retired as RC&D Coordinator in April 1996. |
| **Shockley** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist, Dell Shockley (93) Passed away December 20, 2002 in Sun City, AZ. Dell retired in Feb. 1971 as Irrigation Engineer in the Portland EWP Unit. Dell and his twin brother, Dale, were renowned engineers. Dell's wife and his brother both preceded him in death. |
| **Shugart** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist, M. W. (Bill) Shugart (89) passed away December 14, 2002. Bill began his career as a conservationist with the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) camp in Franklinton, NC. He served as District Conservationist in the Halifax Field Office from 1939 until his retirement in 1969. He was an active cattle farmer after his retirement until two years ago. |
| **Slater** | **2002** | Robert L. Slater (74) passed away November 27, 2002. Bob retired from SCS in 1983 as a Conservation Technician at Martinsville, IL. His survivors include his wife of 52 years, Inez, 2 sons and a daughter. Memorials may go to the American Cancer Society. |
| **Smith** | **2002** | Margaret Smith passed away January 15, 2002 in Waukee, IA. She was the wife of Volney H. Smith, retired Assistant State Engineer in Iowa. |
| **Soderblom** | **2002** | Bertel "Bert" Soderblom (85) passed away December 23, 2002 at Hays, KS. He is survived by his wife Dorothy. |
| **Soucek** | **2002** | Adolph "Ed" Soucek passed away at his home in Seward, NE on July 1, 2002. Ed retired from SCS as a Conservation Technician. Ed was a brother-in-law of Tony Vrana. |
| **Stephens** | **2002** | Mary Simpson Stephens (99) passed away August 24, 2002. Her husband was Miles Stephens, former State Soil Scientist in AL. He died several years ago. |
| **Strelow** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Harvey V. Strelow (86) of Wausau, Wisconsin passed away June 1, 2002. His wife of 54 years, Doris, preceded him in death in 1998. He worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps in order to go to college, graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison where he studied with Aldo Leopold. During World War II he was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps working as a navigation instructor in Texas. He worked as a soil scientist for the Soil Conservation Service throughout Wisconsin for 30 years, retiring in 1972. He is survived by a son, two daughters, six grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters. |
| **Stroup** | **2002** | Gordon Stroup (75) passed away on September 26, 2002. Gordon had been battling leukemia. He retired as the Drainage Engineer in the West NTC in Jan. 1986. His wife, Lorraine, and several adult children survive. |
| **Tarrence** | **2002** | Life Member and Senior Conservationist Clell O. Tarrence (92) of Dodgeville, Wisconsin passed away on November 17, 2002. Clell retired as a District Conservationist from the Soil Conservation Service in 1969 |
| **Teakell** | **2002** | John Teakell (74) passed away May 31, 2002 at his home in Walters, Oklahoma. Prior to retirement he worked the Perry Field Office. He was buried in the Walters cemetery. |
| **Tinley** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Elizabeth D. Tinley (87) of Milledgeville, Georgia passed away January 12, 2002. She was an area clerk with SCS, retiring in 1973. |
| **Tokach** | **2002** | David J. Tokach (76) passed away December 14, 2002 due to pancreatic cancer. Dave retired on Jan. 3, 1983 as the State Conservation Engineer in South Dakota. During his career he served in engineering positions in Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota. His wife, Ruth, 2 sons and 2 daughters survive him. |

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| **Turner** | **2002** | Honorary Member Julian J. Turner (98) passed away September 17, 2002. Julian retired as the State Conservation Engineer in Arizona on Feb. 28, 1972. He was living with his son, Gary, at the time of his death. |
| **Van der Voet** | **2002** | Dirk van der Voet (81) passed away June 1, 2002. Dirk retired as Assistant Deputy Chief in April 1976. He had worked in New Hampshire, and Michigan as well as in the National Office. He is survived by his wife, Hilda, and two children. |
| **Vaught** | **2002** | Dorothy Vaught passed away August 22, 2002. She had struggled with breathing problems for a number of years. Dorothy was the wife of Bill Vaught retired as Director of the South NTC in Dec. 1976. |
| **White** | **2002** | S. Rodney White Jr. (62) passed away February 19, 2002. Rodney was Water Management Engineer in the South NTC at the time of his retirement. Most of his career was as spent in Louisiana. His wife, Helen, and 2 daughters and 2 sons survive him. |
| **Witherspoon** | **2002** | Honorary Member Perry G. Witherspoon (96) passed away January 7, 2002. He spent his entire SCS career in the Elgin and La Grande field offices in Oregon. He and Josie (his wife of 14 years) were independent in their Elgin home and enjoyed their large garden and many friends. Josie is the grandmother of Louise Davis who is on the Oregon State Office staff. |
| **Wriston** | **2002** | Senior Conservationist Rev. Richard Jennings Wriston (87) of Scarbo, West Virginia passed away March 5, 2002. He studied forestry at the University of Idaho. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1942 to 1945 building roads, docks, bridges, hospital units and fuel storage sites in New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea and the Philippines. He worked for the Fayette County office of SCS from 1948 to 1974. After retirement, he became an honorary minister with the United Methodist Church and pastored at several churches and charges. He also worked as a water plant operator for the Mossy Public Service District for 11 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ashtoreth Stevens Wriston, and two grandchildren. Survivors include two daughters, two sons, and five grandchildren. |
| **Anderson** | **2001** | Honorary Member and Statesman Sanford Anderson (92) passed away December 20, 2001. Sanford retired in 1971 after a career in SCS as a Soil Scientist. His last duty station was in Tunisia. He is survived by his wife, Miriam. |
| **Arno** | **2001** | Statesman John Arno (88) passed away August 27, 2001 at his home in Dexter, ME. John was a Soil Scientist with SCS in Maryland, New York, and Maine until his retirement in 1976. He is survived by his wife, Imogene, of 57 years. |
| **Blakely** | **2001** | Delores Blakley passed away May 21, 2001. She was the wife of Earl Blakley of Fort Worth, Texas. |
| **Bordelon** | **2001** | Marie Bordelon (78) passed away October 9, 2001. Marie came to SCS in August 1962 and retired in March 1986. Marie worked her whole career as a secretary in the Louisiana State Office. |
| **Brown** | **2001** | Nan Brown (57) passed away August 14, 2001 after a long battle with cancer. Nan was the wife of Raymond N. Brown, Jr. who retired from the NENTC as Associate Director. Ray, three children and 2 grandchildren survive Nan. Memorial contributions may go to American Cancer Society, 11 Loomis St., Montpelier, VT 05602. Ray can be reached at 90 Sunset Ct. Shelburne, VT 05482 |
| **Brownfield** | **2001** | Joyce Brownfield passed away March 10, 2001. Joyce was the wife of Shelby Brownfield who retired in 1983 as State Soil Scientist in Idaho. |
| **Carter** | **2001** | Statesman Meril G. Carter (88) passed away June 26, 2001. Meril retired in January 1976. He had been an Area Conservationist at Uvalde and Austin, Texas. |
| **Cockrell** | **2001** | Freddy Cockrell passed away February 22, 2001. He retired as Assistant State Conservationist in Kentucky in 1996. Earlier he held the positions of District Conservationist, Area Conservationist, and State Resource Conservationist in Kentucky. He also spent time with TVA. Memorials may go to the American Cancer Society. |
| **Cohee** | **2001** | Melville H. "Mel" Cohee (91) passed away January 14, 2001. Mel was born April 17, 1909, and was reared on a north central Indiana crop and livestock farm. He was a graduate of Frankfort, IN high school, and received BSA (1931) and MSA (1932) degrees in Agricultural Educa-tion and Economics from Purdue University. He worked on his PHD at the University of Wisconsin (Madison). In 1933, he helped develop the first ever watershed soil erosion and flood control program for the Coon Creek Watershed, Coon Valley, Wisconsin. In 1936 he moved into the Soil Conservation Service, Washington, DC office in its Erosion Control Practices Division. In mid-1938 he traveled and researched past conservation laws, procedures and operations in seven central European countries to gain experiences about their governmental and land owners cooperative conservation endeavors for potential application in the US. After he retired from SCS in Dec. 1965, he did consultant economics work with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He was a senior economist consultant with FAO of United Nations. Mel is the author of about 50 technical publications and articles. He was active in professional civic organizations as a charter, lifetime, and fellow award status membership in the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He was a member of Issak Walton League of America. Mel was also a Mason, an honorary Kentucky Colonel, and member of First United Methodist Church, Madison. He is survived by two sons, Roger and Kent. Memorials may go to the Viola G. Cohee Memorial Fund, SWCS, 7515 NE Ankeny Rd., Ankeny, OH 50021. |
| **Cosby** | **2001** | Earl Cosby passed away March 10, 2001. Earl was State Conservationist in Georgia at the time of his death. Earlier in his career he held that same position in Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Vickie, and their family. |
| **Cross** | **2001** | Louise Cross passed away May 15, 2001. She served for many years as Area Clerk in Louisiana prior to her retirement on August 2, 1985. |
| **Cummins** | **2001** | Joseph Cummins (86) passed away March 2, 2001. Joe retired as a Soil Specialist in Minnesota. He spent nearly 37 years in SCS, including military time. Most of his career was in Minnesota. His wife, Edna, survives. |
| **Curtis** | **2001** | Neville Curtis (77) passed away May 31, 2001. Neville was the Sedimentation Geologist in the WNTC at the time of his retirement in 1984. His wife, Marie, a son and a daughter survive. |
| **Dambrosky** | **2001** | Selden Dambrosky (83) passed away Thanksgiving evening, November 22, 2001. His youngest son, Gary, died 5 hours later (both of cancer). Selden retired after 34 years of government service and lived in Denver, CO. He is survived by his wife Marie, and his older son, and daughter. |
| **Davis** | **2001** | Arnold G. Davis (72) passed away on January 12, 2001. Arnold retired in December 1983 as a dedicated Plant Materials Specialist in the Ft. Worth NTC. He was also a man with deep and abiding faith in God. Arnold's wife, Suzanne, survives. |
| **Dwyer** | **2001** | Robert E. Dwyer (75) passed away August 6, 2001. He was the first RC&D Coordinator for Sullivan Trail RC&D. |

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| **Earl** | **2001** | Joe (J.B.) Earl (83) passed away August 23, 2001. Joe retired as Louisiana State Conservationist. He worked in several locations in South Carolina before transferring to Louisiana in 1961 as ASTC. He was promoted to St. Con. in 1967 and retired in 1973. His wife, Flora, a daughter, Jane, a son, Jerry, 4 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren survive him. |
| **Evans** | **2001** | Statesman Charles A. Evans (90) passed away November 25, 2001. Charlie had been having serious health problems for the past year or so. He retired as State Conservationist in North Dakota in 1973. He started his career as an engineer. |
| **Fairchild** | **2001** | Warren Fairchild (74) passed away September 29, 2001. Warren began his career as a Soil Scientist and was also instrumental in organizing the Nebraska Resource Conservation Districts. He is interred at Fairbury, NE. His wife , Lois, a daughter, Julianne, a son, Warren, 3 grandchildren, and a sister survive him. |
| **Fontenot** | **2001** | D. L. Fontenot passed away April 27, 2001. “Doc” retired as the State Soil Scientist in Louisiana in 1961. |
| **Foster** | **2001** | Honorable Member and Statesman Albert B. Foster (95) passed away October, 2001. Al was the Head, Education and Publications when he retired from the SCS National Office in June 1970. |
| **Fruit** | **2001** | Jim Fruit passed away March 2, 2001. Jim worked in the Budget Branch in the National Office and in the Mississippi State Office. His wife, Betty, passed away in Oct. 2000. |
| **Geoghegan** | **2001** | Senior Conservationist Muriel B. Geoghegan (91) of Houston, Texas, formerly of Arlington, Virginia passed away June 30, 2001. Muriel was a secretary with SCS. |
| **Godbey** | **2001** | Louis Godbey passed away February 8, 2001 after a lengthy illness. When Lou retired he was an Assistant State Conservationist in Tennessee. Much of his 37 year career was spent as a geologist in Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Klena, and sons Steven and Gary. |
| **Goss** | **2001** | Dr. Don Goss, Research Soil Scientist passed away November 30, 2001 in Temple, Texas. Dr. Goss retired from the SCS after 25 years of service and since 1991 has worked with the Blackland Research Center in Temple as a soil scientist in the area of computer modeling of soils information. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University and received his PhD from North Carolina State University. He is survived by his wife, Michele, three sons, one stepson and four grandchildren. Charlie Thompson said "I was the Area Soil Scientist in San Benito, Texas in about 1961 when Don came on board as a student trainee. It was immediately obvious that Don was going to have a brilliant career, and he certainly did." |
| **Griggs** | **2001** | Mary Griggs, wife of Grady Griggs, passed away February 4, 2001. Grady retired from SCS in March 1984. At the time of his retirement he was State Conservation Engineer in Delaware. When he retired they moved back to Tenn. |
| **Grimwood** | **2001** | David Grimwood (81) passed away April 6, 2001. Dave retired as State Conservationist for Virginia in Jan. 1980. Prior to that he held the same position in Vermont. |
| **Guernsey** | **2001** | Francis Guernsey passed away September 21, 2001 in Bellingham, WA. Fran was the widow of Carl Guernsey, retired State Soil Scientist. Carl and Fran had served SCS in Indiana, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, and Arizona. A son Carl Scot of Tujunga, CA, survives. Fran was a teacher of students from seventh grade to college courses. |
| **Heiney** | **2001** | Clayton L. Heiney passed away December 22, 2001. Clayton retired as the State Biologist in Pennsylvania. |
| **Hickman** | **2001** | Darrell Hickman (64) passed away November 7, 2001. Before retiring, he worked 33 years for SCS. He worked on a watershed planning staff and retired as Cartographer, preparing Soil Survey Publications of Oklahoma Counties. |
| **Hilliard** | **2001** | Peg (Margaret) Hilliard passed away July 14, 2001. Peg was the wife of Bob Hilliard who retired as NY State Conservationist in 1980. In addition to Bob, survivors are their 2 sons, James and John, and 4 grandchildren. Memorials may go to the Fairmont Community Church, 4801 W. Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13219. |
| **Howard** | **2001** | Senior Conservationist John K. Howard (88) of Birmingham, Alabama passed away August 20, 2001. John was an agronomist with SCS and retired in 1972 as an area conservationist. |
| **Isaacs** | **2001** | Statesman I. Preston Isaacs (86) passed away May 9, 2001. Ike started his career in Annapolis Maryland as a Soil Conservation Technician. He held several administrative positions in Maryland before becoming State Administrative Officer there. He was also Administrative Officer in New Jersey and moved to Washington, DC where he retired as Chief of the Records And Communications Branch in 1976. Following his retirement, Ike served in a number of positions for the Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District in Maryland. I. Preston Issacs had a long and outstanding career with the Service, however he will be best remembered for the SCS employees he guided and nurtured through their career and educational goals. Many of the SCSers who passed through Maryland owe much of their career growth to this gentleman. |
| **Kay** | **2001** | Morgan David Kay passed away December 16, 2001 in Temple, Texas after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were in Ft Worth on December 18. Morgan spent his career with the Soil Conservation Service in Texas, retiring in 1993 as Head of the Texas Design Section. He graduated from Texas A & M University in 1951 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Morgan was highly respected among his peers and was known for his professionalism and his gentle disposition. He is survived by his wife Charlene of Temple, sons Morgan David Jr. of Ft. Worth, Douglas of Granbury, daughter Melinda Reeves of Ft. Worth and seven grandchildren. |
| **Kent** | **2001** | Honorary Member and Statesman Ramon L. Kent (93) passed away December 1, 2001. He retired in Feb. 1972 as the Resource Conservationist at Spokane, WA. He is survived by his wife, Mae, and 2 sons. |
| **Kent** | **2001** | Statesman Kenneth M. Kent (87) passed away November 18, 2001 following a heart attack. Kenny retired in Jan. 1973 as head of the Lincoln EWP Unit. Prior to that he had served as the National Hydrologist. |
| **Klingebiel** | **2001** | Statesman A. A. Klingebiel (90) passed away March 29, 2001. “Kling” retired as Director of Soil Interpretations in March of 1973. He was the second President of ARSCSE and was a very active participant, especially in the early years of the Association. His wife, Edith, and their children-Keith, Kenneth, John and Janice (Griffin), survives him. |
| **Knecht** | **2001** | Joe Knecht passed away September 2001. Joe was a Soil Conservation Technician at Corning, IA who retired in 1973. |
| **Kowitz** | **2001** | Honorary Statesman Arthur W. Kowitz (91) passed away recently. Art retired in July 1970 as the State Conservation Engineer in Wisconsin. He was the first State Conservation Engineer for that state. |
| **Kubalek** | **2001** | Emil E. Kubalek (68) passed away September 26, 2001. Emil retired in Jan. 1987 as a District Conservationist in Illinois. His wife Geraldine survives. |
| **Lane** | **2001** | Gaylon Lane (64) passed away August 23, 2001. Gaylon was the State Soil Scientist in Texas when he retired in December 1994. He spent his career with SCS in Texas and was on the State Staff starting in 1977. His wife, Sarah, 2 daughters, and 5 grandchildren survive him. |

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| **Lewis** | **2001** | Honorary Member and Statesman Ralph O. Lewis (96) passed away May 31, 2001 in Peoria, AZ. Ralph retired in March 1972. In the early part of his career he was in charge of a CCC camp in Parsons, AZ. His career took him to Kansas, Lincoln, NE, and the National Office. He also worked for the State Department where he spent several years in assignments to Asia. His wife, Margaret, died in 1994. |
| **Little** | **2001** | Ivan Little (83) passed away September 12, 2001 in Stillwater, OK. Prior to retirement he worked as an Agronomist and Economist with a planning party. His wife, Luceil, and two daughters survive. |
| **Maddon** | **2001** | Jefferson Maddox passed away July 2001. He retired as a Soil Conservationist in Arkansas in December 1964. |
| **Martin** | **2001** | Irving L. Martin (99) passed away March 30, 2001. He retired as a Soil Correlator in October 1965. |
| **McCorkle** | **2001** | Honorary Statesman Jack S. McCorkle (97) passed away on July 21, 2001. Jack was an Assistant State Conservationist at the time of his retirement in April 1965. He was one of the earliest Statesmen identified by Mel Cohee. |
| **McCrossen** | **2001** | Darold C. McCrossen (77) passed away March 4, 2001. Darold retired from SCS in Aug. 1984 as the Assistant State Conservationist in New Mexico. His wife, Sherlee, survives. |
| **Melstrom** | **2001** | Bill Melstrom passed away July 31, 2001. Bill retired from SCS as the Director, Cartography and Remote Sensing in 1983. They moved to Greenwood, SC in the late 1980's. His wife, Joanne, survives. |
| **Miller** | **2001** | LaVerne Miller, wife of LeForrest Miller, passed away May 4, 2001. She had been battling pancreatic cancer. LeForrest retired in March 1986 as a Soil Scientist. In addition to LeForrest she is survived by a son and a daughter. A funeral for LaVerne will be held on Wednesday, May 9th, in Peoria, IL. The family requests that Memorials go to either the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. |
| **Mills** | **2001** | Russell Mills passed away December 1, 2001. Russ retired in 1996 as Special Assistant to the Regional Conservator in Ft. Worth. Prior to that Russ was the State Conservationist in Missouri. He started his career in Ohio in 1957 as a Student Trainee. He fought a strong fight against lung cancer for the past 15 months. Memorials in his name may go to Missouri River Hospice, 3210 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, MO 65201 or to Special Olympics-Kirksville Area, 107 N 5th St., Moberly, MO 65270. |
| **Paulson** | **2001** | Richard Paulson (62) passed away March 14, 2001. His death followed a long battle with cancer. Richard retired as Assistant State Soil Scientist in April 1994. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy. |
| **Reel** | **2001** | Mary Reel was killed in a car accident on June 25, 2001 near Piper City, IL. Mary was the wife of Jim Reel (Jim retired as Watershed Party Leader in Iowa in April 1994). Mary's mother, Elosie Ritchie, was also killed in the accident. Several cars and trucks were involved in the accident at a construction site. Jim was airlifted from the site to Carle Hospital in Urbana, IL. He was later transferred to Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, IA, 50309. As of July 11, Jim was still in the hospital but is recovering. |
| **Roberts** | **2001** | Jack Roberts passed away July 8, 2001. Jack was in an auto accident on June 30th and was in critical condition in the hospital until his death. Jack retired as an Engineer Technician in Jackson Co., TN. |
| **Rounds** | **2001** | William T. Rounds passed away February 20, 2001. Bill was an Engineering Draftsman in the New York State Office. He retired in March of 2000 after over 20 years with SCS/NRCS. |
| **Scott** | **2001** | Edgar Neal Scott (70) passed away February 6, 2001 of lung cancer. He was the State Administrative Officer in West Virginia when he retired in Sept. 1985. Memorials may be made to: Friends of Carolina's Hospice, 1110 13th St., Port Royal, SC 29935. His wife, Verna, survives. |
| **Shockley** | **2001** | Honorary Member and Statesman Dale R. Shockley (95) passed away June 22, 2001 in Peoria, AZ. Dale started his SCS career in January 1935, and resigned as Assistant Head, Program Appraisal and Internal Audit in June 1955. He served in numerous engineering positions in the west. Just prior to transferring to the National Office he served as Irrigation Engineer in the Albuquerque EWP Unit. After leaving SCS, he was with Morrison-Knudsen and International Engineering. He spent several years in Afghanistan. His twin brother, Dell, is also a STATESMAN, that worked as an irrigation engineer in the west. His wife, Wanda, also survives. |
| **Silberberger** | **2001** | Leon Silberberger (91) passed away December 21, 2001. Leon "Sil" retired as the State Conservation Engineer in TN. His wife, Verna, survives. |
| **Simmons** | **2001** | Jessie A. Simmons passed away January 2001. Jessie was the Contract Specialist in Louisiana at the time of his retirement on Jan. 2, 1987. |
| **Simms** | **2001** | Statesman D. Harper Simms (88) passed away July 14, 2001. Harper retired as Director of Information Division in March 1968. In addition to his writings with SCS, he was also a noted writer on the American West. He was a member of the Outdoor Writers of America. His wife of 65 years, Effie, and their 2 daughters survive. Memorials may go to Meals on Wheels, PO Box 92614, Albuquerque, NM 87199. |
| **Steeley** | **2001** | Statesman Eugene N. Steeley (87) passed away February 19, 2001. Gene retired as an Area Conservationist at Effingham, IL in Dec. 1976. He was one of the very early employees of the Soil Conservation Service. As a Soil Scientist he did extensive soil mapping in Illinois. His wife, Eleanor, and 3 children survive. Memorials may go to the Gene Steeley Agricultural Scholarship at the Centennial Bank in Cottage Grove, OR. |
| **Stennett** | **2001** | Statesman Homer E. Stennett (90) passed away August 6, 2001 in Jamestown, NY. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, class of 1934, Mr. Stennett taught vocational agriculture for three years and in 1937, began working for the USDA, Soil Conservation Service as a technician in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He served in the CCC camps for five years. For twenty years, Mr. Stennett was District Conservationist in Cattaraugus County, then held the same position in Chautauqua County. For three years he served as RC&D Coordinator for Seneca Trail RC&D Area, retiring in 1975. After his retirement, Mr. Stennett was active in volunteer work with WCA Hospital for 16 years, serving for three years in the Palliative Care and Hospice program. He was a master gardener and a member of the board of directors of the Chautaqua Adult Day Care Center for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Shagla Stennett, a son, two daughters, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a sister, two stepdaughters, a stepson, five step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean Bierkamper Stennett in 1979 and his second wife, Ruth Olson Stennett in 1995. |

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| **Stratton** | **2001** | L. Dean Stratton (72) passed away October 8, 2001. Dean had bypass surgery on Oct. 1, but did not recover from complications that developed. Dean served for many years as the ARSCSE State Representative for North Dakota. He retired as Deputy State Conservationist of ND in Jan. 1986. His wife, Nina; son, Wayne; and daughter, Lisa survive. Memorials may be given to the McCabe United Methodist Church, 1030 N 6th St., Bismarck, ND; or to the American Heart Association. |
| **Thatcher** | **2001** | Harold F. Thatcher (94) passed away September 19, 2001 in Santa Fe, NM. He retired as an agronomist. His career with the government started in the CCC camps in Wyoming. After a couple years with the Dept. of Interior in Colorado he joined SCS in 1941. Two daughters, Gordy Maxine and Bobby Jayne survive him. He missed a trip to the Olympics in 1928 because he could not get sponsors to cover his travel costs. One of his most valued possessions was his Olympic certificate signed by Douglas MacArthur. |
| **Tompkins** | **2001** | Edward A. Tompkins (77) passed away December 2001. Ed was the Assistant State Soil Scientist in Michigan at the time of his retirement in Jan. 1984. His wife, Patricia, a daughter, and 3 sons survive him. |
| **Trach** | **2001** | John Trach (75) passed away during the week of August 4, 2001. John was a Soil Scientist. He worked on the World Soil Map Project in the National Office before his retirement. |
| **Vadem** | **2001** | Joseph H. Vaden (82) passed away October 26, 2001. Joe retired in Dec. 1975 after having served in several positions with SCS in Virginia including that of soil scientist, area conservationist and state agronomist. His wife, Helen, survives. |
| **Velarde** | **2001** | Tony S. Velarde passed away during October 2001. Tony attended New Mexico A&M and worked as a geologist in New Mexico with the Corp of Engineers and later with SCS. He retired in 1980. |
| **Venable** | **2001** | Senior Conservationist Boyd C. Venable (95) of Hillsville, Virginia passed away December 17, 2001. Boyd retired in 1970 as an area conservationist with SCS. |
| **Warren** | **2001** | Pauline Warren passed away June 7, 2001. Pauline was the wife of Statesman Robert Warren. Robert retired as a Soil Scientist at Denison, IA in Dec. 1971. Robert and Pauline were married for 59 years. |
| **Wischmeier** | **2001** | Statesman Walter H. Wischmeier (90) passed away February 10, 2001. He retired from ARS in 1976. Walt was with SCS in the early days before the research activities were transferred to ARS. His specialty was erosion research. This work led to the development of the Universal Soil Loss Equation which was published by USDA in 1958. He served as the leader of the ARS National Erosion Center at Purdue University from 1955 until 1975. In 1991 he was inducted into the ARS Science Hall of Fame. He was the recipient of numerous awards. He was a member of many professional societies including SWCS and American Society of Agricultural Engineers.He is survived by his wife, Shelly and a son, Dennis. Memorials may go to St. James Lutheran Church, Lafayette, IN. |
| **Zimmerman** | **2001** | Bob Zimmerman passed away November 2001 in Whitting, IA. Bob was a technician in western Iowa. |
| **Anderson** | **2000** | Paul Anderson (86) passed away December 16, 2000. He was a District Conservationist in Washington County, Maryland, and had a 41-year career with SCS. |
| **Bennett** | **2000** | Warren D. Bennett (84) passed away August 13, 2000. Warren was an Area Engineer in CA prior to his retirement in April 1973. |
| **Berto** | **2000** | Oren Berto (84) passed away July 31, 2000. Word of his passing came to us from his son, Roy Berto. Oren retired as a Soil Conservation Technician in Michigan. |
| **Boilesen** | **2000** | Betty Boilesen, wife of Axel, passed away on October 26, 2000. Axel retired as Head, Design, in the Lincoln NTC. |
| **Campbell** | **2000** | Floyd W. Campbell (80) passed away November 27, 2000 at his home in Strafford, VT. Floyd was the first SCS'er selected for the Harvard School of Public Administration. Floyd retired in 1973 as an assistant to the Administrator from the National Office. Earlier he had served on a special assignment from Secretary of Agriculture Freeman to review the Forest Service. He was the State Conservationist in Maine 1960-1965. His wife, Kathleen, and their 6 children survive him. Memorials may go to Friends of Morrill Homestead, PO Box 98, Strafford, VT 05072. |
| **Clark** | **2000** | Senior Conservationist Dexter M. Clark (90) of Oneonta, Alabama passed away January 17, 2000. Dexter was a conservation technician with SCS, retiring in 1980. |
| **Clegg** | **2000** | Donald A. Clegg passed away February 17, 2000 in Pickerington, Ohio. His last assignment was Watershed and River Basin staff leader in Columbus, Ohio. He served in the US Air Force during World War II. |
| **Collier** | **2000** | Billy W. Collier (74) passed away January 29, 2000 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He began his career with SCS during 1953 in the Administrative Services section of the Oklahoma State Office. |
| **Compton** | **2000** | Lawrence V. Compton (93) passed away February 8, 2000. Lawrence was the National Biologist at the time of his retirement in 1974. |
| **Cowan** | **2000** | Thomas E. Cowan (83) passed away on June 28, 2000. Tom was an Engineering Field Specialist in Texas at the time of his retirement January 1974. |
| **Crabtree** | **2000** | William E. Crabtree (77) passed away on September 18, 2000. Bill retired after 30 years of service as the State Design Engineer in Tennessee. He earlier had worked in Texas. |
| **Danielson** | **2000** | Arden (Danny) Danielson passed away July 12, 2000. He retired from his Engineering Technician job the planning staff at the Iowa State Office in the middle '70s. He then worked in the same type of position for the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation until he had a second retirement. |
| **Dickerson** | **2000** | Charlie Dickerson (89) passed away April 5, 2000. Charlie started his career in the Civilian Conservation Corp as the youngest engineer in Randolph and Charlton Counties, Missouri. He had 40 years of service when he retired in 1970 as area engineer in Warrensburg. |
| **Erwin** | **2000** | Roy Erwin (86) passed away February 14, 2000 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Roy retired during 1974 as an Oklahoma Assistant State Conservationist. He is remembered for his concepts and early guidance of the RC&D program. |
| **Fergerson** | **2000** | Senior Conservationist Walter M. Fergerson (90) of Indio, California passed away February 12, 2000. Walter was a woodland specialist with SCS in Portland, Oregon when he retired in 1968. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. |
| **Feusner** | **2000** | LaVern M. Feusner (76) passed away September 2, 2000. Lavern retired in Jan. 1983 as the State Agronomist in Ohio after 30 years of service. He was a WWII veteran from the U.S. Army. |

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| **Firor** | **2000** | David Firor passed away on October 18, 2000. David was with NACD and was well known to many SCS'er. Also, his wife, Edna, was first married to Charles Bartlett, former State Conservationist in Georgia. Memorials may go to the John William Firor Scholarship Fund at the Agricultute Alumni Association, Four Towers, The Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. [This scholorship honors David's father.] |
| **Fisk** | **2000** | Allen I. Fisk (82) passed away February 6, 2000. Allen retired as state conservationist for North Dakota during 1980 after 38 years of service. |
| **Franki** | **2000** | Guido Ernest Franki (93) passed away November 4, 2000. He began his career with SCS in 1935 in Lindale Texas, and retired as Area Soil Scientist, Alice, Texas in 1971. Those that knew Guido will remember his colorful personality. He was a dedicated employee and a loyal Texas Aggie, graduating in 1930. He served 51 months in the Army Air Corp during World War II. |
| **Gertsch** | **2000** | Mary Lou Gertsch, wife of Marion Gertsch, passed away in September 2000. Marion retired as an Engineering Technician in Dec. 1989. |
| **Gibson** | **2000** | Louise Gibson, wife of John "Hoot" Gibson passed away on September 30, 2000. John retired as Assistant State Conservationist in 1974. |
| **Gillespie** | **2000** | Don Gillespie (74) passed away on September 7, 2000. Don had been in a battle with cancer. He retired as Resource Conservationist in Colorado in January 1990. |
| **Grant** | **2000** | The fourth head of the Soil Conservation Service, Kenneth E. Grant (80) passed away July 21, 2000. Ken was born in New Hampshire in March of 1920. After receiving a B.S. in agronomy from the University of New Hampshire and serving for four years with the United States Army Air Corps, he joined SCS in 1946. He advanced rapidly from Soil Scientist to Deputy State Conservationist by 1956. From 1959 to 1964 Grant was State Conservationist for New Hampshire. In 1964, after obtaining a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University, he moved to the State Conservationist position in Indiana. It was there in the Lincoln Hills area that he helped initiate the first Resource Conservation and Development project in the nation. In 1967 he was selected to become Associate Administrator. Following the retirement of Donald Williams, Grant served as Administrator from January of 1969 to May of 1975 when he retired. He carried out two assignments as advisor on erosion control in Pakistan and one assignment on soil and water management in India. He served as an advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture on soil and water conservation in Greece. In 1971, the University of New Hampshire awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. He has received the Distinguished Service Award from USDA, which recognized his contributions in many areas including his response to growing public concern over the environment. Grant was a fellow of the Soil Conservation Society of America. |
| **Green** | **2000** | George L. Green (69) passed away on September 26, 2000. After 30 years with SCS, George retired in 1988 as Assistant State Soil Scientist in Oregon. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. |
| **Hoeft** | **2000** | Frank Hoeft (73) passed away October 24, 2000. Frank retired as the Assistant Head of Cartographic in Lincoln, NE in Feb. 1982. Earlier in his career he served in several engineering positions in Minnesota. |
| **Hollins** | **2000** | Robert Hollins passed away August 31, 2000. He lived and worked in Moville. He had retired in 1972. |
| **Huey** | **2000** | George E. Huey (73) passed away February 7, 2000. He was born in Station, Alabama, graduated from Auburn University, and served during World War II in the South Pacific. He was the State Conservationist in South Carolina before he retired. |
| **Hughes** | **2000** | Ed Hughes passed away August 7, 2000. Ed spent his career in Missouri as a soil scientist. |
| **Hutchings** | **2000** | Theron B. Hutchings, Ph.D., (88) passed away March 6, 2000. When he retired in 1982, after 44 years with SCS, he was serving as Utah State Soil Scientist. |
| **Igert** | **2000** | James A. Igert (62) passed away December 6, 2000. Jim retired as the RC&D Coordinator for the Southwest Missouri RC&D Project. He had also worked with SCS in Michigan. |
| **Johnson** | **2000** | William G. (Bill) Johnson Jr. passed away on October 22, 2000. He retired as Deputy State Conservationist in Arkansas. |
| **Kingery** | **2000** | Clarence Kingery (90) passed away January 11, 2000. Clarence retired as State Range Conservationist in May 1972. |
| **Lee** | **2000** | Jerry Lee passed away July 23, 2000. Jerry was the State Conservationist in TN before his retirement. |
| **Leisher** | **2000** | Dick Leisher (74) passed away May 24, 2000. Dick retired from the River Basin Division at NHQ during February of 1981. |
| **Lesesne** | **2000** | Senior Conservationist Frank F. Lesesne (93) of Greeleyville, South Carolina passed away July 3, 2000. He was the Assistant State Soil Scientist with SCS, retiring in 1965. |
| **Lofton** | **2000** | Statesman K. T. Lofton (87) passed away on December 19, 2000. He retired in October 1968 after a career in SCS as a Soil Scientist. His wife, Frances, survives. Had he lived one week longer he and Frances would have been married 63 years. |
| **Magee** | **2000** | Charles Keith Magee (81) passed away November 23, 2000. Keith worked for several years as a District Conservationist in northwest Missouri before transferring to the Agency of International Development (AID). Most of his tours were in Africa. |
| **McArthur** | **2000** | Don McArthur passed away August 16, 2000. Don retired as State Conservationists in Delaware. He started his career in New York, was Assistant State Conservationists in Michigan and Connecticut. He was State Conservationist in Rhode Island and Delaware. He also served as State Representative for ARSCSE for New York for a number of years. |
| **McElroy** | **2000** | Charles Harvey McElroy (61) passed away May 13, 2000. Charles was born in Asheville, N.C. and is now buried there in Forest Memorial Park. He was a 1957 Lee Edwards High School graduate and a 1962 graduate of North Carolina State University. He retired in 1994 from SCS after 33 years. He was the head of SCS's-South National Technical Center - Soil Mechanics Laboratory in Fort Worth. He was elected Engineer of the Year for SCS in 1974. He was active in ASTM since 1977 and was vice-chairman of Committee D-18 on Soil and Rock, a member of D-18 executive sub-committees for 10 years, and was recognized with D-18's Standard Development Award in 1989, the Outstanding Achievement Award in 1993 and the Technical Editor's Award in 1994. In 1996, he received the ASTM Award of Merit, the highest award granted to a member for distinguished service and outstanding participation. He was also a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of State Dam Safety Officials and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute. |
| **McIntyre** | **2000** | James O. McIntyre passed away February 7, 2000. He retired as the Area Engineer on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. |

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| **Merrill** | **2000** | Fred Merrill (76) passed away November 5, 2000 at his home. Fred retired from SCS as a Public Affairs Officer in Oct. 1980. His wife, Martha, and children, Amy and Lynn, survive. Memorials may go to Hospice, PO Box 1168, Stuart, FL 34995. |
| **Milford** | **2000** | Donald E. Milford passed away April 4, 2000. He was Design Engineer for EWP in Lincoln, NE. |
| **Miller** | **2000** | Senior Conservationist Harold W. Miller (86) of Yacolt, Washington passed away January 28, 2000. Harold was a forester with SCS, retiring in 1970 as the plant material specialist at the West National Technical Center. |
| **Otte** | **2000** | George E. Otte passed away January 26, 2000 in McMinnville, Oregon. When he retired in 1979 he was Wyoming's State Soil Scientist. He was an avid skier and mountain climber. |
| **Phelan** | **2000** | Lucille Phelan, wife of Jack Phelan, passed away December 27, 2000. Jack Phelan was the SCS Director of Engineering when he retired in 1974. She was interred in Arlington National Cemetary. Memorials may go to the building fund for St. Charles Church or to the Sister's of Charity BVM, 1100 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, Iowa 52003. |
| **Pope** | **2000** | Gene Pope passed away July 20, 2000. As you recall Gene retired as Director, MWTC. Prior to that he had been Head, Lincoln EWP Unit, Construction Engineer, State Cons. Engr. in Indiana and served a tour in India. |
| **Qualmann** | **2000** | Elena Qualmann passed away December 8, 2000. She had been the Secretary to the Wisconsin State Conservationist. |
| **Ratledge** | **2000** | Statesman William “Bill” Ratledge (86) passed away Tuesday December 19, 2000. At the time of his retirement Bill was the State Conservationist in Delaware. After his retirement from SCS he became the Director, Division of Soil & Water Conservation. He served in this position under three governors. Bill completed his goal of visiting every continent by attending a wedding in Antarctica. In addition to loving to travel Bill was an avid photographer. Bill’s wife, Liz, passed away in 1992. Survivors include his son, Ed, daughter, Betsy, and granddaughters and great grandsons. Memorials may go to the University of Delaware. |
| **Roberts** | **2000** | Senior Conservationist Jesse A. Roberts (88) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away January 6, 2000. Jesse was a soil conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1969. |
| **Rohrer** | **2000** | George R. Rohrer (73) passed away November 15, 2000. George retired in Jan. 1986 as a Soil Conservationist. During his career in SCS he served in 15 counties in Pennsylvania. His wife, Sarah, and 4 children survive. Memorials may go to First Presbyterian Church, 5 Court St., Towanda, PA 18848. |
| **Scholl** | **2000** | Harold Scholl (82) passed away November 25, 2000. Hal retired in August 1980 as the State Resource Conservationist in Maryland. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His wife, Kay, and their children survive him. Memorials may go to the SWCS-Harold and Kay Scholl Excellence in Conservation Award. |
| **Smith** | **2000** | Elizabeth "Betty" Smith (81) passed away January 21, 2000 at Indianola, Iowa. She retired from the Contract Section in the state office. |
| **Sudduth** | **2000** | Statesman David Sudduth (86) passed away October 26, 2000 in Greeley, CO. David retired as a District Conservationist in July 1973. His wife, Jean, and their children survive him. |
| **Waterman** | **2000** | Statesman Lucius W. Waterman (95) passed away July 11, 2000. Lucius retired in 1993 as a Soil Scientist in California. |
| **Weaver** | **2000** | Jay B. Weaver (81) passed away October 19, 2000. Jay retired in December 1978 as a Soil Scientist. |
| **Weaver** | **2000** | Mike M. Weaver (88) passed away March 26, 2000. Mike worked for SCS as an Agricultural Engineer, and was an avid collector of drainage tile. He was inducted into the Virgil Overholt Hall of Fame at Ohio State University, and he established the Mike Weaver Drain Tile Museum in Geneva, NY. |
| **Wohletz** | **2000** | Senior Conservationist Leonard R. Wohletz (90) of Berkeley, California passed away April 24, 2000. Dale was the State Soil Scientist with SCS, retiring in 1971 as the Assistant State Conservationist. |
| **Wood** | **2000** | William H. Wood III passed away December 24, 2000. Bill retired as a District Conservationist on April 16, 1994 at Shiprock Field Office, NM. |
| **Wright** | **2000** | Ed Wright passed away August 1, 2000. Ed was the District Conservationist in Moultrie County, Illinois when he retired. |
| **Bridgewater** | **1999** | Robert Bridgewater passed away December 24, 1999. Robert was a geologist. |
| **Chessmore** | **1999** | Walter Chessmore passed away on August 8, 1999. Walter was head of the training unit at the South NTC for many years. |
| **Davey** | **1999** | William B. "Bill" Davey (82) passed away January 1, 1999. Bill was the 6th President of ARSCSE. He was Deputy Administrator for programs when he retired. Before that, he was State Conservationist for Arkansas. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery. |
| **Dwyer** | **1999** | Mary Frances "Fran" Dwyer (86) passed away December 27, 1999 in Des Moines, Iowa. Fran served as Secretary to the State Conservationist in the 50's and 60's. She transferred to Iowa from the old regional office in Milwaukee when offices were set up in states. |
| **Hamilton** | **1999** | Roy E. Hamilton passed away December 31, 1999. Roy, a West Virginia graduate, retired as State Resource Conservationist in Indiana in 1979. |
| **Hermanson** | **1999** | Ingram T. Hermanson passed away June 11, 1999. He was Watershed Planning Specialist in NE. |
| **Jacot** | **1999** | Senior Conservationist Cyril M. Jacot (84) of Caro, Michigan passed away February 13, 1999. He retired in 1975 as a district conservationist with SCS. Cyril served as a Sargent in the United States Army during World War II. |
| **Jarvis** | **1999** | Kendall P. Jarvis passed away December 19, 1999. Ken retired as the State Conservation Engineer in Maryland. |
| **Jones** | **1999** | Herbert I. Jones (84) passed away August 26, 1999 in Englewood, Colorado. Herbert was a soil conservationist and a range management specialist during his career with SCS. |
| **Kennedy** | **1999** | Ed Kennedy passed away during April, 1999 in Milan, Missouri. Ed was the first district conservationist of Sullivan County, Missouri, and spent most of his career there. |
| **Latham** | **1999** | F.H. "Chick" Latham passed away January 18, 1999 in Newport, OR. He retired in 1979. |
| **McEarthron** | **1999** | Senior Conservationist Donald McEathron (84) of Bruce, Wisconsin passed away February 10, 1999. Donald was a soil conservation technician with SCS, retiring in 1979. He had five children. |

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| **Morkert** | **1999** | Roy L. Morkert (88) formerly Leeds, ND, passed away on July 21, 1999. He was in the CCC's in 1933 and 1934 at Lost Corner, AR and Hill City, SD. He worked for the SCS in Leeds from 1948 to 1975 when he retired. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Gunvor; a daughter, Marlene (Robert) Freudenwald of Caledonia, WI; a son, Sidney (Margaret) of Ludington, MI; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth LeRoy; a sister; and a brother. |
| **Perritte** | **1999** | Raymond Perritte passed away December 11, 1999. Raymond was the husband of Barbara Perritte who retired from the Nacogdoches Area Office in Texas during 1990. |
| **Pierre** | **1999** | Lloyd M. Pierre passed away January 15, 1999. He worked with the FOCS software package in the West NTC and prior to that was the District Conservationist in Multnomah County, OR. |
| **Bewly** | **1998** | John P. Bewley (92) passed away November 8, 1998. John retired as a Soil Scientist in Dec. 1970. |
| **Bruce** | **1998** | William A. Bruce passed away November 5, 1998. He retired as a Construction Engineer in Temple, Texas. |
| **Burtschi** | **1998** | Elder Statesman, William T. Burtschi (90) passed away February 9, 1998. He retired as State Engineer of Oklahoma. |
| **Corbin** | **1998** | P. B. Corbin passed away January 6, 1998. He retired as District Conservationist at Rustin, LA. |
| **Halliday** | **1998** | Blaine Halliday passed away December 1, 1998. Blaine retired as State Conservationist of Wyoming. He also served as State Conservationist for Alaska. |
| **Ison** | **1998** | Arthur Isom (66) passed away September 6, 1998. Art served as Area Engineer at Houston, MO, and also on the River Basin Planning Staff in the State Office. |
| **Kelly** | **1998** | Senior Conservationist Ivey C. Kelly (96) of Pickens, South Carolina passed away December 22, 1998. Ivey retired in 1977 as a conservation technician with SCS. |
| **Knull** | **1998** | Jean Knull passed away December 23, 1998 in Harrisburg, PA. She was Secretary to the State Conservationist, serving Benny Martin, Jim Olson, Graham Munkittrick, and Dick Duncan. |
| **Laing** | **1998** | T. J. Laing (82) passed away August 1, 1998. He served as a Soil Conservation Technician at Osceola, IA. |
| **Morris** | **1998** | Gerald A. "Jerry" Morris (78) passed away December 10, 1998. He was a retired District Conservationistat Hamilton, OH. |
| **Nace** | **1998** | Elder Statesman, William W. Nace (91) passed away December 22, 1998. He established the first Soil Conservation Office in Garrett County, MD. He served as District Conservationist of that county until 1972. |
| **Nolte** | **1998** | Forest W. Nolte (73) passed away December 22, 1998. Forest retired as a Resource Conservationist in the Columbia, MO state office after 42 years of service. He spent 26 years in Poplar Bluff, MO as District Conservationist. |
| **Oliver** | **1998** | Elder Statesman, J. Ross Oliver (92) passed away October 15, 1998. He retired as Area Conservationist at Mason City, Iowa. |
| **Pacheco** | **1998** | Adams Pacheco, Sr. (77) passed away December 6, 1998. He worked in materials at Fort Worth, TX. |
| **Parton** | **1998** | Senior Conservationist Louis A. Parton (85) of Bakersfield, California passed away January 15, 1998. Louis retired in 1973 as a district conservationist with SCS. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. |
| **Patterson** | **1998** | Senior Conservationist William G. Patterson (91) of Bishophill, South Carolina passed away January 1, 1998. William was a work unit conservationist, forester by discipline, with SCS, retiring in 1965. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. |
| **Price** | **1998** | Phillip M. Price (93) passed away December 16, 1998. He was State Engineer in Texas for many years. |
| **Ritchie** | **1998** | George Hanford Ritchie (82) passed away December 4, 1998. He retired as Conservation Technician at Houlton, Maine. |
| **Sayler** | **1998** | Senior Conservationist Edwin Sayler (87) of El Cerrito, California passed away March 31, 1998. Edwin was an engineer with SCS, retiring in 1971 as the Assistant State Conservationist. He also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. |
| **Stanley** | **1998** | Elder Statesman, William R. Stanley (92) passed away December 12, 1998. He began his career in the Soil Erosion Service in Mankato, KS in 1934. Bill retired as Construction Engineer in the West NTC in 1973. |
| **Stephens** | **1998** | Elder Statesman, Miles E. Stephens (94) passed away September 29, 1998. He retired as State Soil Scientist of Alabama. |
| **Stewart** | **1998** | Kenneth V. Stewart passed away July 1998. KV was the State Conservation Engineer in Louisiana for many years prior to his retiement. |
| **Terry** | **1998** | James M. Terry (81) passed away November 29, 1998. Jim worked on the Administrative staff in Wisconsin for 40 years. |
| **Winchester** | **1998** | Elder Statesman, George L. Winchester Sr. (1900-1998) was North Carolina's 20th Century Conservationist. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Sadie. |
| **Craig** | **1997** | Senior Conservationist Johnston C. Craig (90) of Laverne, California passed away August 27, 1997. Johnston was an area conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1964. |
| **Hazen** | **1997** | Senior Conservationist J. Frederick Hazen (86) of Boyds, Maryland passed away August 22, 1997. Frederick was a soil conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1973. |
| **Hickok** | **1997** | Senior Conservationist Robert B. Hickok (87) of Riverside, California passed away July 5, 1997. Robert was hydrologist with SCS, retiring in 1968 as the Resources Inventory Leader. |
| **Hobbs** | **1997** | Frank Hobbs (78) of Bothell, Washington passed away on May 6, 1997, at the Life Care Center in Bothell. He worked for SCS in Cavalier, Cando, and Linton, ND. He was survived by his wife of 55 years, Blanche; three sons: James (Sara) of Woodenville, WA; Jerome (Mary Anne) of Maple Grove, MN; Kelly of Monroe, WA; two daughters: Janelle Woolsey of Seattle, WA, and Kim (Dean) Fahlsing of Gresham, OR; 11 grandchildren; two brothers and one sister-in-law. |
| **Wallin** | **1997** | Woodrow W. Wallin passed away October 15, 1997. He worked with USDA Statistics and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Cox** | **1996** | Gene H. Cox passed away June 23, 1996. He was State Resource Conservationist and was located in HI. |
| **Criddle** | **1996** | Wayne D. Criddle passed away November 29, 1996. He was in Irrigation Engineering Research located in UT as an Assistant to George D. Clyde. |
| **Ellithorpe** | **1996** | Glenn L. Ellithorpe passed away July 4, 1996. He was an Engineer and was located in KS. He was also an Irrigation Well Specialist in India. |

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| **Kelly** | **1996** | Senior Conservationist Ludwig L. Kelly (86) of Esponola, New Mexico passed away January 19, 1996. Ludwig was a hydraulic engineer with the Agricultural Research Service, retiring in 1966. |
| **Schmidt** | **1996** | Senior Conservationist Milford E. Schmidt (88) of Findlay, Ohio passed away July 25, 1996. He was a district conservationist with SCS, retiring in 1969. |
| **Francis** | **1994** | Chester J. Francis passed away August 31, 1994. He was Director SCS Engineering Division and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Stockland** | **1994** | Clarence Stockland passed away January 10, 1994. He was a Soil Conservationist in NE. |
| **Greene** | **1993** | Ogden W. Greene passed away February 16, 1993. He was Director SCS Personnel Division and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Ogrosky** | **1993** | Harold O. Ogrosky passed away November 4, 1993. He was Chief Hydrologist and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Schwendiman** | **1992** | John Leo Schwendiman (82) passed away from a heart attack on June 7, 1992 in Pullman, Washington. He retired in 1976 after 41 years with the Soil Conservation Service. He was a nationally-renowned plant materials specialist, helping develop 14 different grass varieties for use in soil and water conservation. From 1929 to 1932, he served in the Swiss-German Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He married Naomi Garner Sept. 5, 1934. In 1935, he graduated from the University of Idaho College of Agriculture and taught agriculture at Rexburg (Idaho) High School before being appointed junior agronomist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service at Pullman. In 1945, he was appointed manager of the Soil Conservation Nursery and to the Washington State University Experimental Station staff. He was very active in many professional organizations including the Soil and Water Conservation Society and American Society of Range Management and received many awards for his work. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife Naomi and four sons, Carl J. Schwendiman of Arlington, Texas, Gary Schwendiman of Lincoln, Nebraska, Robert Dee Schwendiman of Pullman, Washington, Gene Scott Schwendiman of Vancouver, Washington, a daughter, Karen Davis, of Springfield Missouri; his stepmother, Francis Schwendiman of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two brothers, a sister, and 20 grandchildren. |
| **Hecker** | **1991** | Herschel Hecker passed away March 13, 1991. He was Asst. Associate Administrator and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Dykes** | **1990** | Jefferson C. Dykes passed away December 29, 1990. He was Assistant Director of SCS and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Partain** | **1990** | Lloyd Partain passed away March 10, 1990. He was Assistant to the SCS Administrator and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Van Dersal** | **1990** | William R. Van Dersal passed away May 16, 1990. He was Deputy Administrator for Management and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Reeder** | **1989** | Edson A. Reeder from Ohio passed away August 4, 1989. |
| **Herndon** | **1988** | Louis W. Herndon passed away May 10, 1988. He was Chief SCS Drainage Engineer and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Decker** | **1987** | Ray Decker passed away March 2, 1987. He was Soils Engineer and was Head, Lincoln Soils Laboratory. |
| **Haws** | **1987** | J. Dexter Haws passed away May 31, 1987. He was a Conservationist in KS and NE. |
| **Jenkins** | **1987** | Harold L. Jenkins passed away December 20, 1987. He was Chief of Information and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Blakely** | **1986** | Burdette D. Blakely passed away September 18, 1986. He was Chief Agronomist and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **McVicker** | **1985** | Dwight S. McVicker passed away August 19, 1985. He was Head, EWP in Lincoln, NE. |
| **Wilson** | **1985** | Ralph C. Wilson passed away May 20, 1985. He was the Recreation Specialist and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Cott** | **1984** | Hubbard Y. Cott passed away March 15, 1984. He was an Engineer and was located in KS and India. |
| **Doubt** | **1984** | Paul D. Doubt passed away November 7, 1984. He was Design Engineer in Design Section and was located in Washington, DC. He was a Hydraulics Expert. |
| **Rogers** | **1984** | Joseph B. Rogers passed away November 1, 1984. He worked in Foreign Programs and was located in Washington, DC. |
| **Bohart** | **1982** | Charles V. Bohart passed away December 20, 1982. He was Recreation Specialist and was located in the EWP Lincoln, NE. |
| **Eikleberry** | **1982** | Robert W. Eikleberry passed away September 7, 1982. He was Soils Correlator and was located in Lincoln, NE and Ft. Smith, AR. |
| **Williams** | **1982** | Donald A. Williams passed away November 12, 1982. He was SCS Administrator and was located in Washington, DC. He was the Founder of ARSCSE. |
| **Williams** | **1981** | Hollis R. Williams passed away September 9, 1981. He was Deputy Administrator Watersheds and was located in Washington, DC. |

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| **Kellogg** | **1980** | Charles E. Kellogg passed away March 9, 1980. He was Deputy SCS Administrator Soils Division and was located in Washington, DC. Kellogg, Charles Edwin (2 Aug. 1902 - 9 Mar. 1980), soil scientist, was born near Ionia in Ionia County, Michigan, the son of Herbert Francis Kellogg, a farmer, and Eunice Irene Stocken Kellogg. Following graduation from Palo High School, Kellogg enrolled at Michigan State College, where he pursued studies in science and mathematics, and eventually specialized in the new field of soil science. At that time, Americans had begun to view soils as natural bodies, the creations of unique combinations of soil-forming factors. As a student, Kellogg participated in two major events in the utilization of soil data for planning. During the summers from 1923 through 1926, he did research and mapped soils for the land economic survey, an interdisciplinary project of the Michigan Department of Conservation. One objective of the survey was to help solve the problem of the cut-over lands, which had been logged by timber companies. The inefficient use of land vexed failing farmers and taxed the local economy and the state. Very early, Kellogg had learned to view soil properties in the context of their meaning to and interaction with the local society. He earned his bachelor of science degree in 1925 and remained at Michigan State College on a fellowship in soils, April 1926-April 1928, sponsored by the Michigan State Highway Department. Later he made a second contribution to the utilization of soils data. New concrete highways in some portions of Michigan had buckled. Kellogg made a study of the relationship between soil characteristics and the appropriate design for cement-concrete highways. The work led to definite procedures for highway construction in accordance with the soil conditions as assessed by detailed soil surveys. On December 25, 1925, Kellogg married Lucille Jeanette Reasoner; they had two children. From April 1928 until December 1929, Kellogg directed soil surveys and carried out research on soil genesis for the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey. In 1930 Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science awarded him a Ph.D. for his dissertation "Preliminary Study of the Profiles of the Principal Soil Types of Wisconsin." The study was in the new field of "pedology." In January 1930 Kellogg took an assistant professorship at the North Dakota Agricultural College, where he also was in charge of the soil survey program and land classification. He advised on the design of the soil survey of McKenzie County, North Dakota, so that it could be used in land classification for rural tax assessment. Once again, Kellogg made innovations in the area of what soil scientists would come to call "interpretations" of soil survey data for utilitarian purposes. His work in North Dakota brought him to the attention of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, whose soil scientists had responsibility for the soil survey, an activity that had started in 1899. In February 1934, Kellogg accepted a position specializing in land classification in the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils. On 1 July 1934 he became acting chief, Division of Soil Survey, and then chief of the division on 1 July 1935. For nearly thirty-seven years Kellogg directed the work of the soil survey division. He sought to make the published soil survey a more useful document for farmers and other users. Curtis F. Marbut, Kellogg's predecessor, had worked to establish the soil survey as a scientific document, but he generally eschewed including "interpretations." Interpretations assessed the suitability of soils for particular uses such as for crops, forests, grazing, or a host of nonagricultural uses. Kellogg believed that the soil scientists themselves should work with other technical specialties to develop the interpretations of the soil survey. The early years of Kellogg's leadership focused on tools to improve and advance the soil survey. He wrote the first edition of the Soil Survey Manual (1937) to give soil scientists more precise instructions, definitions, and procedures. In 1936 he had issued a USDA publication Development and Significance of the Great Soil Groups of the United States. That publication was used widely in college classes and gave a rather full discussion, in qualitative terms, of the five factors of soil formation. Kellogg wrote extensively in a clear lucid style. His most popular book, The Soils That Support Us (1941), examined the relationship of soil properties to historical developments. Many of his writings concerned public policy in soils and agriculture, but others ranged more widely, such as the Scientific Monthly series "The Scientist and Social Policy in the Democratic State." (1942). After World War II, Kellogg traveled, studied, wrote, and spoke on world soil resources. He made tropical soils something of a specialty. His was one of only a few voices advising caution during the headlong exportation of Western agricultural technology. In Kellogg's opinion, Western |
| **Haughton** | **1979** | Fred A. Haughton passed away September 29, 1979. He was State Conservationist for HI. |
| **Peterson** | **1977** | Ervin O. Peterson passed away May 28, 1977. He was State Agronomist in NE |
| **Clyde** | **1972** | George Dewey Clyde passed away in 1972. Born in Mapleton, Utah, he graduated from Utah State Agricultural College with a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering. Clyde joined the Utah State faculty in 1923 and was dean of engineering at the school from 1935 to 1945. From 1945 to 1953, he worked for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. He was Head SCS Research and was located in Logan, UT. An expert on water, he became director of the Utah Water and Power Board in 1953 and helped to initiate the Flaming Gorge and Glen Canyon dams. He later became Governor of Utah. |
| **Hutton** | **1969** | Frank Hutton passed away February 12, 1969 in Bradford, PA. In 1912, Frank graduated from the Pennsylvania State College with a degree in Agriculture. He took the civil service examination for a soil scientist in The Bureau of Soils and Chemistry, and started mapping soils in the north (MO and ND) during the summer and in the south (MS and AR) during the winter. He was automatically retired at age 70 years as a Soil Scientist at Salisbury, MD. |
| **Vallicott** | **1962** | Dayton R. Vallicott passed away March 18, 1962. He was State Engineer in NE. |