



William Stephen

June 6, 1927 - June 17, 2016

Dr. William P. Stephen, Emeritus Professor of Entomology at Oregon State University died peacefully in his home in Corvallis, Oregon on June 17, 2016 at the age of 89. Dr. Stephen dedicated his career to research and publications, specializing in the study of leaf cutting and native bumble bees. He shared his expertise through graduate instruction and internationally through the agricultural branch of the United Nations. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada to Stephen and Amalia Procuronoff, he was a devoted husband to Dorris Jo Stephen until her death in 1996. Bill is survived by his children Dana Stephen Schaefer of Portland, Oregon, Jan Marie Boukather of Mission Viejo, California, Mary Beth Puton of Paris, France and W. Thaddeus Stephen of Willows, California along with ten beloved grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His intellect, love, vitality, humor, and kindness will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, June 27th at Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

Grace Lutheran Church
435 NW 21st St
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Family of Bill,
When I joined Entomology Department at OSU as faculty, Bill was just about to retire. In fact, I "inherited" his lab and his office. It brought me good luck in research. Until last summer, Bill would store his research blueberries in our cold room, and always share some with my lab. But what was most remarkable about him was his cheerfulness. He past by my office many times on some days, greeting me with Polish "Jak sie masz?"
If he caught me working on a weekend, he would try to chase me home to be with my family. I hardly ever saw him without a smile on his face. People like Bill make this world a better place. As a tribute to Bill, let us smile more and spread the cheer.
With deep condolences,
Jaga Giebultowicz

Jadwiga Giebultowicz - June 27, 2016 at 01:47 AM

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“ *A los hijos y familiares del Dr. William P. STEPHEN
Les envío mis sinceras condolencias y mi sentido pésame por la
muerte de vuestro Padre.
Esta noticia apena el alma, ya que fue un gran amigo....Se
desempeñó como Director del Proyecto Alfalfa INTA-FAO en
Argentina, y fue guía en el NO de USA, de numerosos viajes de
capacitación de productores y técnicos argentinos en los Estados
de Oregon, California, Idaho, y Washington para observar sus
innumerables trabajos con el empleo del polinizador Megachile en
la producción de semilla de alfalfa. Mostró siempre su capacidad,
sus conocimientos, su eficiencia y ascendencia como extensionista
con los productores de semilla, y fundamentalmente su hombría de
bien.
En mi caso, fue un dilecto y apreciado amigo.
Los acompaño en el dolor.
Ing. Carlos MOSCHETTI.
Ex técnico Estación Experimental INTA Hilario Ascasubi. Prov. Bs
Aires. Argentina*

Carlos J. Moschetti - June 21, 2016 at 10:56 AM

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“ *Hago llegar mis mas sinceras condolencias a la Flia de Bill
Stephem*

.Amanda Fabiani de Paredes

AMANDA FABIANI DE PAREDES - June 21, 2016 at 10:13 AM

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“ *Estimados: Thad, Dana, Jan and Mary Beth*
Quiero hacerles llegar mi gran sentido pésame por el fallecimiento de su padre (Bill), que nos ha causado un gran dolor a mi esposa y a mí, porque a través de tantos años de conocernos habíamos llegado a tener una gran amistad. Eso era Bill principalmente ¡! Un gran amigo!!. Aquí en Argentina fue donde tuve el honor de trabajar con el desarrollado varios proyectos. Thad me conoce ya que estuve en EE.UU varias veces con productores visitando varias zonas de producción de alfalfa, con su guía y la de Michael Burguett. Ha dejado un gran legado para el mundo. Tengan Uds resignación y recuerden siempre a ese gran padre y abuelo, que siempre hablaba de sus seres queridos. Un gran abrazo. Marta y Enrique (Yoyo) Martinez

Dear: I want to send you my great condolences upon the death of his father (Bill) that has caused great pain to my wife and me, because through so many years of knowing us we had come to have a great friendship. That was Bill mainly! A great friend!. Here in Argentina was where I had the honor of working with the developed several projects. Thad knows me since I was in the United States. UU several times with producers several zones of production of alfalfa, with your guide and Michael Burguett. A great legacy to the world has left. They have Uds resignation and always remember that great father and grandfather, who always spoke of their loved ones. A hug. Enrique (Yoyo) and Marta Martinez

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Enrique (Yoyo) Martinez - June 21, 2016 at 09:04 AM

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“ *Bill was a friend, mentor, collaborator and colleague. I will always be grateful to him for launching me on my native bee research career, and mentoring all my graduate and undergraduate students. I was always fascinated and amazed by Bill’s dedication to the pursuit of knowledge about native bees and his many bee accomplishments – his early NSF grant, research in Alaska, United Nations assignment in Argentina and his legacy to alfalfa growers worldwide – domestication of the leaf cutting bee. Bill will be missed at OSU and globally.*



Sujaya Rao - June 21, 2016 at 08:03 AM

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“ *To the family of William Stephen*

I express my condolences to the family of Bill Stephen, mainly for Thad whom I know personally. I feel very sad about Bill's death ... Bill was a good man and a true friend whom I'll always remember.

*Eduardo Dell'Agostino
Pergamino, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

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Eduardo Dell'Agostino - June 20, 2016 at 09:56 PM