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The Necrology Committee of The Ohio Academy of Science consists of Emanuel D. Rudolph, Chair, The Ohio State University; Richard H. Mahard, Denison University; Relda Niederhofer, Firelands College of Bowling Green State University; and Ronald L. Stuckey, The Ohio State University. Below are listed those members of the Academy who we know have died in the past year, together with their affiliated sections. For some, we have provided obituaries, others may appear in a later issue. The author is identified at the end of each obituary.

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Lloyd Adair Chacey (1899-1990)

The eminent Ohio engineer Lloyd A. Chacey, who died in Columbus on 30 July 1990, was born on 10 October 1899 on a farm just north of Topeka, KS. His father, Abner Palmer Chacey, had moved west from Ohio as a young man. In 1913, the family moved to Florida, and then in 1917 to Ohio where Lloyd attended the Stow High School, graduating in 1919. After attending the University of Akron for a short time, he taught grades 7 and 8 in the Deerfield schools. By taking a job as surveyor in Akron, he became interested in engineering and entered Ohio Northern University to study it. Graduating with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1926, and after some experience as an assistant engineer in Ravenna, he went to teach for the Methodist Mission in Malaya. He taught mathematics and Bible subjects, and then became principal in the Anglo-Chinese schools. In 1930, upon returning to Ohio, he became engineer for the Ohio State Highway Department in Tiffin, and then in Columbus in 1936. Lloyd Chacey married Berneta Halter in Tiffin in 1937, a marriage that produced two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Chacey died in 1954. He married his second wife Edna, who survives him, in 1965.

His interest in promoting the engineering profession led to his becoming part-time Executive Secretary of the 65 year old Society of Professional Engineers in 1943, and its full-time Executive Secretary in 1945, a position he held until the end of 1970. In that role he did much to promote engineering in Ohio by example and persuasion. He was instrumental in starting the Ohio Engineer magazine and in having the Ohio Engineering Center building built at 445 King Avenue in Columbus. In 1964 he helped found the Engineers Foundation of Ohio which he served as part-time Executive Secretary; full-time from 1970 to 1980. He was a member of The Ohio Academy of Science from 1968, and was one of the founding members of its Engineering Section in 1973. With Jack Melvin, then Executive Officer of The Ohio Academy of Science, he helped promote the concept of an Engineers and Scientists Council of Ohio to inform the public and legislature about science and engineering. In 1970 he became Secretary of the Board of Governors of the newly formed Order of the Engineer, an organization that he initiated as a national organization.

Many honors came to Lloyd A. Chacey, including the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers' highest award with its citation in 1973, an honorary doctorate from Ohio Northern University in 1982, an Honorary Lieutenant Governorship of the State of Ohio, and honorary membership in Ohio Northern University's Iota Chapter of Tau Beta Pi. In addition to membership in The Ohio Academy of Science (Fellow 1980), he belonged to many organizations including the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, the Engineers Foundation of Ohio, the American Society of Association Executives, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Governor's Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board, the Ohio Council of Professions, and the Worthington United Methodist Church Administrative Board. He was the engineering profession's professional, whose personal motto was "contented but not satisfied."

William Bernhard Deichmann (1902-1990)

William B. Deichmann, born 2 September 1902 in Kiel, Germany, was the son of J. F. Wilhelm and Mathilde (Bollenhagen) Deichmann. He was brought to the U.S. in 1924 and naturalized in 1930. He attended Western Reserve University where he received his A. B. degree in 1932, M.S. degree in 1934. He received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1939.
John F. Hall, outstanding Ohio teacher of geology, died on 12 July 1988 in Cleveland. He was born in Glassport, PA, on 11 March 1923. After completing his B.S. in geology at West Virginia University in 1947, he earned a Ph. D. in geology at The Ohio State University in 1951 with a dissertation on the geology of Hocking State Park. He was geologist for a short time with the Ohio Geological Survey for which he had worked two previous summers (1949 and 1950) and again for two more summers (1955 and 1957). In 1952, he became an assistant professor in the Department of Geology and Geography of the Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He was promoted in 1962 to associate professor in the Department of Geology, which had been reorganized in 1960. In 1957-58 he served as a consultant for the Diamond Alkali Company, in 1959 he was visiting professor at The Ohio State University, and in the summers from 1962 to 1964 he directed a National Science Foundation summer institute for earth sciences teachers at Western Reserve University. Retirement with emeritus status came to Dr. Hall in 1985, John F. Hall was an inspiring teacher and counselor who was awarded the Western Reserve University's John S. Diekhoff Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching in 1982 in recognition of his contributions to education. He taught courses in historical geology, geomorphology, glacial geology, and economic geology of nonmetals. His research involved paleomorphology and salt geology of various parts of Ohio. He helped to organize five symposia on salt for the Northern Ohio Geological Society; and he was active in The Ohio Academy of Science's Visiting Scholars Program.

Dr. Hall became a Fellow of The Ohio Academy of Science in 1954, having been a member of its Geology Section since joining in 1949. He was a founding member of the Northern Ohio Geological Society and served as its vice-president (1963), president (1962), and treasurer (1965-1965). He was a member of two honorary societies: Phi Beta Kappa, and the Society of the Sigma Xi. Among his professional affiliations were: The American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Geological Society of America, the Association of Geology Teachers, the Geochemical Society of America, and the American Forestry Association. He is survived by his wife Catherine (Walkin) Hall whom he married in 1957.

Milton A. Lessler (1918-1991)

Milton A. Lessler, Professor Emeritus of Physiology at The Ohio State University, President of The Ohio Academy of Science in 1986, and Editor of The Ohio Journal of Science from 1974 to 1981, died in Columbus on 15 June 1991. He was born in New York City on 18 May 1918, the son of Louis and May Lessler. Educated in New York City schools, he then attended Cornell University earning a B.S. degree (1937) and a M.S. degree in plant physiology and science education (1939). He taught elementary school in Brooklyn in 1939-40. From 1940 to 1942, he was a technician for the Cardiac Research Unit of the New York State Health Department in Albany. During the Second World War he served in Europe with the United States Army 2nd Airborne Division (1942-45). Upon returning, he did graduate work at New York University in biochemistry and cell biology earning a Ph.D. in 1950. For a year he held an N.I.H. postdoctoral fellowship at New York University. In 1951 he came to The Ohio State University College of Medicine's Department of Physiology as an associate professor. He moved through the ranks to associate professor (1957), full professor (1963), and emeritus professor upon his retirement in 1985. During this time he was a consultant for the Yellow Springs Instrument Company (1965-79); visiting professor at Northern Michigan University (summer 1967); and participant in summer programs in radioisotope procedures at the Oak Ridge Institute (1959), methods in radiobiology at Argonne National Laboratory (1963), and study skills at the University of Michigan Medical School (1972).

Dr. Lessler's major research concerned cell physiology, the effects of environmental pollutants and radiation on cells, and lead poisoning effects on red blood cells. He published over one hundred scientific papers and participated in numerous professional meetings and symposia. His interest in public education and service was strong, as evidenced by his service as visiting lecturer for the American Physiological Society (1962-66), visiting scholar in The Ohio Academy of Science program (1964-69), and in the national visiting scientist for minority institutions program (1982-84).

Dr. Lessler was an active member of The Ohio Academy of Science since 1963, becoming a Fellow in 1966, and serving as Editor of its Journal for seven years. As Editor, he did much to enlarge the types of research reported on its pages. In 1985 he was elected President-Elect, and became President in 1986. He was one of the few chosen at the Academy's centennial in April 1991 to be a Centennial Honoree of The Ohio Academy of Science Centennial Commission. He held membership in a number of professional organizations in addition to being in the national scientific honorary society, Sigma Xi, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow), New York Academy of Science (Fellow), American Physiological Society, American Association for Cancer Research, American Society of Cell Biology, International Society of Cell Biology, Red Cell Club, and Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine.

Milton A. Lessler was an enthusiastic and positive person who was always willing to help others. He was preceded in death by his wife Katherine, and is survived by a daughter and two sons.

John P. Minton, Professor of Surgery at The Ohio State University School of Medicine and a specialist on liver, colon, and breast cancer, died on 1 December 1990 in Columbus after being seriously injured in a multiple car accident on 27 November. He was born in Columbus on 29 November 1934, the son of Harvey and Elsa Steiger Minton. All of his degrees, even his high school one from the University's school, are from The Ohio State University: high school (1952), B.Sc. (1956), M.D. (1960), M.M.Sc. (1966), and Ph.D (1969). He returned to the Department of Surgery after spending seven years (1962-69) as a clinical associate in the Surgery Branch of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health in Washington D.C. At Ohio State he moved from assistant professor of surgery (1969), to associate professor (1973), to full professor (1977), as well as being professor of zoology (1977) and of microbiology (1978). He was the American Cancer Society's Professor of Clinical Oncology from 1974 to 1984.

Dr. Minton was a skilled surgeon, researcher, and teacher. His research, resulting in nearly 150 publications, concerned various aspects of cancer. He pioneered the use of lasers in cancer treatment starting in 1962, long before others, he developed special surgery for liver cancers that included immunological and drug use, and he developed tests for the early detection of breast cancer. In addition to his clinical and research activities, Dr.
Minton was an outstanding teacher and public lecturer. He developed a popular undergraduate course, Health Education 101, "How to Avoid Dying From Cancer, Now or Later." He spread the message of ways to avoid cancer risks in numerous talks, and even in the 1982 summer commencement address at Ohio State.

Many honors, awards, and recognitions came to John P. Minton. Some of these are: selection as Columbus Citizen-Journal's 1 of 10 Outstanding Men in Columbus (1966), the Ohio State Medical Association's Gold Award for Original Investigation (1973), the Ohio Medical Association's Gold Teaching Award (1977), election to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (1980), and The Ohio State University Medical College's Professor of the Year (1982). He was a member of numerous medical and scientific organizations including The Ohio Academy of Science which he joined in 1968, becoming a fellow in 1982, and a life member in 1983. Other of his affiliations included: the Society of Surgical Oncology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Association for Cancer Education, American Society of Preventive Oncology, American College of Surgeons (Fellow), Society of University Surgeons, Association for Academic Surgery, Central Surgical Association, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, International Federation of Surgical Colleges, Societe Internationale de Chirurgie, Columbus Surgical Society, American Medical Association, Royal Society of Health (Fellow), Pan American Medical Association, Ohio State Medical Association, Academy of Medicine of Columbus and Franklin County, Medical Society of The Ohio State University Hospitals, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association for Cancer Research, The Endocrine Society, The American Association of Immunologists, American Society of Microbiology, Reticuloendothelial Society, and New York Academy of Science. Early interest in science is illustrated by John Minton's science fair exhibition in 1951 in the Ohio Academy's Science Day.

In a special memorial service of Dr. Minton's colleagues, William Smead, said: "We will surely miss his technical expertise in surgical oncology. But what I will miss most will be the tremendous enthusiasm and real passion with which he approached everything, whether it was growing roses, singing in the church choir, practicing surgery, teaching his students, or caring for his patients."

Dr. Minton is survived by his wife, Janice G. Minton, his father Harvey Minton, and four daughters.

**William A. Rice (1912–1991)**

Dr. William A. Rice, retired Mount Union College professor, died at his Alliance home on 17 October 1991 following a one-month illness.

Born 8 December 1912 in Delaware to Edward L. and Sarah Langdon Rice, Dr. Rice graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1934, and received his doctoral degree from Yale University in 1940.

Dr. Rice, who held the title of professor emeritus of geology, taught at the Mount Union College from 1947 until his retirement in 1975. He was chairman of the geology department from 1948 to 1971.

He was a member of the geological societies on the state, regional, and national levels, and had been involved in several campus activities and organizations.

Dr. Rice is survived by his wife, Ellen (Feusner), two daughters, Carol Rice of Edgewater, NJ, and Virginia Rice of Watertown, MA; and a granddaughter. He was preceded in death by a sister, Charlotte Roucen.

**Daniel G. Stedman (1946–1990)**

Daniel G. Stedman, age 44, died at his residence, 30 December 1990, in Gahanna, OH. He served for 21 years as an outstanding science teacher in the Columbus Public School System. Mr. Stedman was recognized for his excellence in the teaching of biology and science research during 14 years at Independence High School. There he and the school won awards for preparing students who achieved top ratings in science fair competitions and for inspiring many of his students to pursue further education in science-related fields.

Born 24 January 1946, Mr. Stedman was the son of Gerald and Eileen Stedman of Bedford, OH. A graduate of Bedford High School (1964), he entered The Ohio State University and received his B.S. in Education (1968) and was certified for teaching in biology, mathematics, and computer science. In college, he worked as manager for four years under head basketball coach Fred Taylor and as an assistant in the University Herbarium under Dr. Clara G. Weishaupt. Aside from part-time employment (1964–81), Dan held positions in the Columbus Public School System at Linmoor Junior High (1969), Mowhawk Junior/Senior High (1969–75), Independence Junior/Senior High (1975–79), and Independence Senior High (1979–90). He also held coaching positions in baseball (1969) and wrestling (1972–75), and served on the Central District Science Fair Committee (1986–90).

One of Dan's major accomplishments was a creation of a course in scientific research at Independence High School. The program allowed for a long-term project on a one-to-one basis with the teacher and community mentors as students prepared for their science fair projects. Many of his students entered college or became employed in skilled positions. He was an innovator in the use of computers in the classroom. Dan received many awards for his accomplishments in the teaching of science, including being selected as the recipient of the Ingram Grant (1981), the teacher of the year at Independence High School (1985–86), the educator of the year by the Columbus Council Parent-Teacher Association (1986–87), the Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities (1986–88), the outstanding science teacher in Columbus (1988), and the Acker Outstanding Teacher Award of The Ohio Academy of Science (1990).

In professional societies, Dan held memberships in the National Science Teachers Association, The Ohio Academy of Science (1987, Section H, Science Education), the Columbus Ohio Computer User Group, various education associations, and the Audubon Society.

Mr. Stedman reluctantly had to resign his teaching position in 1990, as a long-term illness, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (known also as Lou Gehrig's Disease), began to rob him of his speech and mobility. His principal, James Osborn, said: "Independence High School was his life. He was one of the best science teachers we had in the city... he always kept Independence at the top in science fair competitions." One year he coached his students to the city science fair championship.

Dan is survived by his parents, wife Patricia A., daughters Wendy and Dana, sons Robert and Shawn, brothers Gerald and Daryl, and sisters Gerrylyn Jacobson, Sandra Eagle, and Marilyn Georgeson. The funeral was held 3 January 1991 at Stoneybrook Methodist Church, Gahanna, where he was a member, followed by interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Dan Stedman Memorial Scholarship Fund at Independence High School.

**Clara Gertrude Weishaupt (1898-1991)**

Clara Gertrude Weishaupt, age 93, died at Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia, OH, 12 August 1991. Described as "lively and devoted," she was for 22 years an outstanding teacher of general botany and local flora in the Department of Botany, The Ohio State University. Simultaneously for 18 years, Dr. Weishaupt gave dedicated service as curator of the University Herbarium and conducted research on the Ohio flora, culminating in her book, *Vascular Plants of Ohio* (1960, 1968, 1971), and two publications on the grasses of Ohio (1957, 1985).

Born 20 July 1898 to Peter and Elizabeth Barbara (Weisflock) Weishaupt, who lived on a farm west of Lynchburg in Dodson Township, Highland County, OH, Miss Weishaupt was educated there in a one-room elementary school and graduated from the Lynchburg High School (1916). She received a diploma in bookkeeping, shorthand, and typing from Bliss Business College, Columbus (1917). At The Ohio State University she completed three degrees, B.S. in Home Economics (1924), M.S. in Botany (1932), and the Ph.D. in Botany (1935).

Miss Weishaupt's professional career began as a stenographer with the Department of Agricultural Education at The Ohio State University (1912–20) and with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, OH (summer 1920), followed by eight years of teaching biology, mathematics, and related subjects in the Lynchburg High School (1921–22, 1924–31). While at The Ohio State University, she was a graduate assistant in the Department
George Willard Wharton, Jr. (1914-1990)

The internationally acclaimed acarologist, George W. Wharton, died in Columbus on 4 April 1990. He was born in Belleville, NJ, on 25 January 1914. After receiving a B.S. (1935) and a Ph.D. (1939) in zoology from Duke University and having served as a research aide for the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries (1935-36), he became an instructor at Duke. From 1941 to 1943 he was a biologist at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and continued as a naval lieutenant until 1946. At Duke he moved through the ranks to associate professorship before leaving there in 1953. During that period he became a collaborator for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1946, a relationship that continued throughout his life; he held a Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in 1950-51. In 1953 he moved to the University of Maryland, becoming professor and head of the Department of Zoology, a position he held until he left in 1961. He then became professor and chairman of the Department of Zoology and Entomology at The Ohio State University, serving as chairman until 1968. He started and became Director of the Institute of Acarology and Acarology Laboratory at Ohio State in 1969. In that capacity he served until his retirement as Professor and Director Emeritus in 1976. The Institute of Acarology has held summer programs for many years which have been attended by numerous persons from the United States and other countries. The Institute houses an outstanding research collection of preserved and living specimens.

George W. Wharton was a most productive researcher who was interested in the systematics and water balance of mites. His bibliography contains over one hundred papers and several books. He was involved in teaching at various levels from freshmen to graduate, always with great concern for quality. In addition to being a member of The Ohio Academy of Science, Zoology Section, since 1962 (Fellow 1966), he was a member of many professional organizations including: the American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow 1952), the American Society of Parasitologists, the Society of Systematic Zoology (Secretary-Treasurer 1948, President 1966), and the American Society of Zoologists. He served on the editorial committee of the journal *Acarologia*. George W. Wharton was recognized with the Beresford Award, as the acarologist of the year, by the *International Journal of Acarology* (1976), and he served as President of the First International Congress of Acarology (1965). Many would say that George Wharton is the father of modern acarology. He is survived by his wife Mildred, two daughters, and a son. A George and Mildred Wharton Endowment for Acarology has been established at The Ohio State University.