



Donald Vance McVey

February 1, 1922 - December 16, 2010

Age 88 of Falcon Heights, died 12/16/10. Born 2/1/1922 in LaFayette, IN to Warren and Edith (Vance) McVey. Graduated from Champaign HS in IL, Howe Military School, Purdue Univ (B.S., M.S.) and U of IL (Ph.D.). He played basketball for Purdue, where he was the starting center until entering the Army Air Corps. He served in the Pacific theatre as a corporal during WWII. A MN resident since 1965, Don and his wife also lived in Liberia and Puerto Rico. He retired in 2001 from the USDA after 45 years of federal service, the majority with the Agricultural Research Service. As a plant pathologist, he worked at the Federal Experimental Station in Puerto Rico and the Cereal Disease Lab, housed at the U of MN. He collaborated with scientists all over the world to develop wheat varieties. Preceded in death by wife, Arnetta F. (McKinzie) McVey. Survived by children, Anne A. McVey (Barrett Moffatt), Warren M. (Kay), Duncan L., Vance W. (Christine) and Alistair S. (Elizabeth Brine); grandchildren, Ian, Eli, McKinzie, Peirce, Arnetta, Samuel, Aidan, Jackson, Elliott and Eoin. Visitation 4-8PM Monday 12/20 and funeral services 1PM Tuesday 12/21 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W at Mackubin, Shoreview. Interment Leesburg, OH. Memorials are preferred to Melanoma Research for Dr. Kari Kendra. Address: Dr. Kari Kendra, The Ohio State University, Starling Love Hall, B 415, 320 West 10th Avenue, Columbus OH 43210. In the memo line of your check: in memory of Donald McVey.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *My deep sympathies to the McVey family.*

I knew Don when he came to Mexico with the St Paul group in the 1980's. He was a wonderful person and we enjoyed working with him.

Kind regards, Jesse Dubin

Jesse Dubin - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *My condolences to the Don McVey family. I met Dr. McVey at the Cereal Rust Laboratory (1986-1990) while at the graduate school-Plant Pathology Department (UM). He was a very nice person I will always remember him.*

Beatriz Alida Perez - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *My sympathy to the McVey family. I have great memories of "Doc", as his fellow Fighto-Paths softball team members called him. I can tell you that, even when he was over 50, he had a stretch at first base that won us a lot of games! Whether on the ball field, in seminar, or in the lab, he was an outstanding gentleman and colleague. It was my great pleasure to have known him.*

John Laurence - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My sympathies to the McVey family.*

I met Don in 1990 while working as one of many graduate students at the Cereal Disease Lab. Don was not a man of many words, but words definitely worth listening to.

Dr. Stephen Fox - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

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Jochum Wiersma - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *It is with great sadness that I heard of Don's passing. My deepest sympathies to his family. He will always be in our hearts and prayers.*

As a great wheat pathologist, he will also always be in our varieties. He played a major role in every variety of wheat that has been released by the University of Nebraska from the 1960s when he started to when he retired. Every Nebraska wheat producer and wheat researcher is in his debt. I have personally lived through one major and a number of minor stem rust epidemics. The bulwark defenses he built saved our crops. God bless him and his family, and thank you for a job extraordinarily well done.

Dr. P. Stephen Baenziger - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *To the family, I remember your father very well, I spent many summers going to the wheat variety test plantings on campus and got USDA to consider "leaf spot" in addition to rust. My condolences to you.*

Dr. Howard Bissonnette - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *The family will miss you, Don, with your quiet authority and words of wisdom.*

Liz Brine - December 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM