

Reported Death

James M. Beattie

James M. Beattie, 88, of State College, PA, died Wednesday, 4 Mar. 2009, at The Atrium at the Village at Penn State University. He was born on 14 Feb. 1921, in Washington,



DC, the son of Herbert and Maude Rock Beattie. On 20 June 1942, he married Helen Crane, who survives. He was a graduate of Hyattsville High School in Maryland, and a graduate of the University of Maryland in 1941 with a BS in horticulture. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946, attaining the rank of captain. After he returned from the war, he received a graduate assistant fellowship from Cornell University, earning a PhD in 1948.

Upon completion of his academic training, Dr. Beattie was named assistant in horticulture at the Ohio Experiment Station at Wooster, now Agricultural Research and Development Center of Ohio State University, and advanced to professor in pomology. His research involved the nitrogen and mineral nutrition of tree fruits and grapes, culture and management of grapes, and the reclamation of strip-mine spoil banks for fruit crop production. He did pioneering work in the use of quantitative leaf analysis in the diagnosis of nutritional deficiencies and fertilization recommendations. In 1963 he was named assistant director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, associate director in 1969 to 1973, and in 1973 dean of the College of Agriculture, director of the Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension at Penn State University.

Dr. Beattie was named fellow of the American Association for the Advance-

ment of Science in 1975. During his administrative years he served as chairman of the Experiment Station Committee of Organization and Policy (ESCOP) and as chairman of the Division of Agriculture of the Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He also served as a member of Bilateral Agriculture Research and Development involving the U.S. and Israel, the Committee of the Agricultural Research Institute, Executive Committee of South East Consortium for International Development. He was a life member of ASHS, having served as president of the Society in 1970 and was named a fellow of the Society in 1968.

Jim was a member of the Presbyterian Church, having served as deacon, trustee, and elder. He was also a former director of the board of the Wayne County National Bank in Wooster, OH. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, James S. Beattie and his wife, Karen, of Elkhart, IN, and William C. Beattie and his wife, Kathleen, of Little Rock, AR; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Bogue, and her husband, Al, of Madison, WI; and several nieces and nephews.

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