

Alpha Delta Chapter of
Epsilon Sigma Phi



A Memorial to our Colleagues and Friends



Extension Professionals Association of Florida 2018

2018 EPAF Memorial Service



“When angels visit us, we do not hear the rustle of wings, nor feel the feathery touch of the breast of a dove; but we know their presence by the love they create in our hearts.”

Mary Baker Eddy



Our condolences and in memory
of our colleagues that have left us
this past EPAF year.

September 2017 through August
2018

James B. “Jim” Estes

- October 30, 2017
- He grew up in the Milton-Bagdad area, worked in the family timber business, and graduated from the University of Florida with his master's degree in agricultural science.
- Served citizens and farmers as the Franklin County Director for the IFAS Extension Service in the Apalachicola Bay area for 30 years.
- He stayed active in retirement, spending much of his time outdoors in his favorite pursuits, hunting and fishing.



George Henry

- December 31, 2017
- Leon County Agronomy Agent
- Spent over 20 years as an agronomy agent with a specialization in sweet potato diseases and production.
- His impact on Florida Agriculture reached from Escambia to Dade County.
- Served many years on the North Florida Fair Board and chaired the poultry department.
- He was also credited with starting the first Leon County Farmers Market.



David Bray

- June 1, 2018
- A researcher in dairy science, focusing on mastitis and heat stress in dairy cattle.
- His work began at Cornell University, where he worked for 14 years before transferring to the University of Florida to continue his research in Florida's climate.
- He worked at the University of Florida from 1981 until his retirement in 2013.



Kimberly Niblett

- July 26, 2018
- Biological Scientist who contributed greatly to the fruit breeding programs of Dr. Gloria Moore and Dr. Jose Chaparro over the past 20 years.
- Had a love of traveling, going all over the world, from Europe, Iceland and Costa Rica.
- Had a great love of flying. She enjoyed volunteering in both the EAA's Young Eagles program and KidsFlyCubs.



Dr. Richard “Dick” Baranowski

- July 27, 2018
- Professor Emeritus and Former Director of the UF/IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center from 1984-2000.
- Initiated and developed an Integrated pest management program that reduced the Caribbean fruit fly population by 45%.
- Following his retirement in 2000, he continued to work on his lygaeid bug collection and to conduct other insect studies.



John Mark Shuffitt

- August 11, 2018
- Livestock Extension Agent IV in Marion County since 1991.
- He had a passion for teaching about horses and working with the Southeastern Youth Fair. He raised all the money for the 4-H lamb project each year. He enjoyed introducing young people to agriculture and livestock.
- He was very active in the local and state cattleman's associations and received numerous awards for his work in agriculture.



Carol Lehtola

- August 15, 2018
- In 1995 she began her career as a professor of agricultural engineering at UF until her retirement in 2010.
- She was a pioneer in her field of expertise-agriculture safety, where she assisted many Extension Agents.
- She received numerous awards including Undergraduate Teacher of the Year at UF Ag & Life Sciences School and was featured in Changing Our World: True Stories of Women Engineers.





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“We’re seldom bored with the life that we lead.
Even if sometimes it goes at light speed.
Which is faster, the speed of light or the speed of life?
It don’t much matter with two girls and a wife.

...And speed of the life that we led is amazin’
It just don’t leave time for restin’ and grazin’.”

~ John Mark Shuffitt

IFAS Colleagues Who Are No Longer With Us



Kimberly Niblett



James "Jim" Estes



George Henry



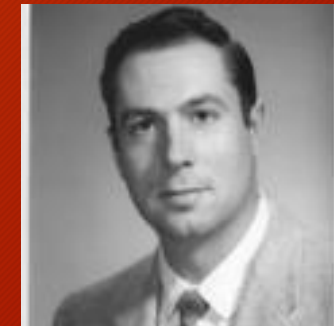
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In the end,
it's not the years
in your life that count,
It's the life in your years.

-Abraham Lincoln

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We cherish the memories of these, our friends,
colleagues and predecessors in Florida Extension.
We extend our condolences to their families.

