

## FEEDBACK AND FORWARD

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### Alumni News 1950-59

**Malcolm Crawford (FRM '50)** of Raleigh, NC, organized the 59th Reunion of the 1950 WVU Foresters and Friends of '51, '52, and '53 at Pipestem State Park in October 2009. Highlights of the reunion are available at [mccrawford24@nc.rr.com](mailto:mccrawford24@nc.rr.com).

### Alumni News 1960-69

**Jim Mallow (FRM '62)** from Pawleys Island, SC, sends a belated thank you to the Association for honoring him as an Outstanding Alumni. Jim was honored along with Jim Roberts and John Riley at the Alumni Association Banquet in April 2008. **Barry Clutter (W&F '68)** from Sutton, WV, enjoyed seeing grads from the Class of '68 and sharing the 50th Reunion of the Class of '59 last spring. Barry still enjoys the Antique Car Shows where his 1941 Plymouth won Best of Show at the 2005 Gassaway Fireman's Festival. He writes, "My best to the Class of '68 and please send in your feedback."



### Alumni News 1970-79

**Larry Sturm (W&F '71)** from Ripley, WV, retired in 2007 from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. **David Gunderson (FRM '74)** from Burlington, NC, is buying logs part time for Moncure Plywood and cruising timber for consultants and loggers. His daughter Elizabeth just earned her Master's Degree in Social Work. **Mike Antalosky (FRM '75)** from Russell, PA, retired from the US Forest Service in April after 30 years service. Mike is leaving behind the bureaucratic "chain-of-command" lifestyle and catching up on fishing & hunting, visiting long lost relatives, and travelling. **Doug Powell (MS FRM '76)** from Annandale, VA, retired from the US Forest Service in July after 38 years of service. Retirement brings more golfing, hunting, and volunteer work. He is looking forward to splitting time between their DC home and a log home in rural Pennsylvania.

### Alumni News 1980-89

**Susan Menz Snyder (BS R&P '83 and MS R&P '95)** of Briarcliff Manor, NY, has a new job as the Superintendent of Recreation for the town of Eastchester in Westchester County, NY.

### Alumni News 1990-99

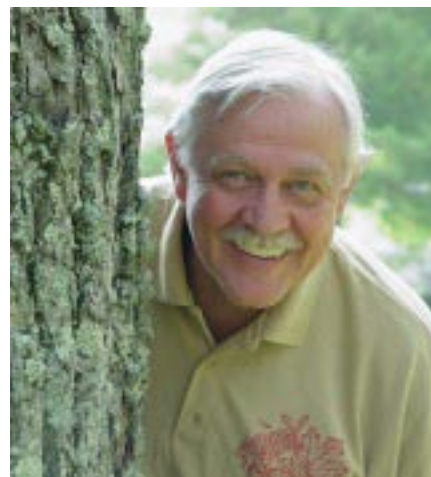
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### Alumni News 2000-09

**Jennifer Edalgo (W&F '05)** from Folkston, GA, sends good news about her 2nd child, Aspen Genevieve, born May 30, 2009. She volunteers at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and stays at home with Fisher (age 2), newborn Aspen ... and 3 chickens. This one made us smile!

### Obituaries

**William "Bill" Grafton, (BS '61 WM; MS '65 For)** 70, of West Virginia Ave., Morgantown, passed



away unexpectedly while at work at WVU on Friday, September 11, 2009. William was born in Lookout, WV on November 20, 1938, the son of the late Albert and Esta Nutter Grafton.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1961-1963. He graduated from West Virginia University with his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife in 1961 and his Master of Science in Forestry in 1965. William was an avid environmentalist and considered an expert on the botany of the Appalachian region. He taught at WVU for 43 years during which time he impacted the lives of many throughout the state and in the College of Agriculture and Forestry. William made major contributions to the state's botanical archives and helped found the WV Master Naturalist program. He was a constant presence at the National 4-H Forestry Contests, WV Forest Industries Camp, Conservation Camp and a key part of the WV State Atlas project. He was active in the WV Native Plant Society, Wildlife Society, Forestry Alumni, American Forestry Association and Nature Conservancy. He was inducted into

the WV Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame and an honorary member of WVFFA.

In his personal life, William was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. He was known for a wry sense of humor, joyful disposition, and steadfast dependability in all aspects. A highly intelligent person, William traveled on five continents during his life and was exploring the world to the end. Known for orchid hunting, he was happiest surrounded by nature and friends. He is survived by his wife, Emily Williams Grafton, in a marriage of 29 years, and a son Daniel Grafton. He is also survived by his brothers Edwin, James, Allen, Charles, Thomas, and Donald, and a sister Margarete. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters Marie and Neola "Bet," and a brother Michael.

Friends were received at the Erickson Alumni Center in Morgantown, WV, on Sunday, September 27. In lieu of flowers, donations for a scholarship fund may be sent to the West Virginia Forestry Association (WVFA), in care of Dick Waybright, PO Box 718, Ripley, WV 25271.

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#### **Vearl Lloyd Haynes (FRM '62)**

late of Springerville, AZ, passed away at home on July 18, 2009. He was born in Ritchie County, WV on May 2, 1940. He graduated from Calhoun County High School in 1958 and attended WVU on a full football scholarship, earning a BS in Forest Management with honors in 1962. He married Virginia Long in 1959, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife and three children: Vivian Thompson (Don) in Mesa, AZ; Jenny Harrold (Mark) in Springerville, AZ; Vearl Haynes, Jr. in Kingman, AZ. He had six

grandchildren: Christian, Matthew, Anna, Reagan, Erin, and Faith. His brother Voras Haynes (Betty) lives in Valley Bend, WV. He is also dearly missed by his beloved beagle Missy.

Vearl accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in his early teens and was true to the commitment throughout his life. He was a deacon in the first Southern Baptist Church of Springerville.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt elk in the White Mountains of Arizona. He spent the summer seasons of 2003 and 2004 on Prince of Wales Island in southeast Alaska. He and Jinny were volunteers managing a bunk house on the district in Thorne Bay. He was able to get in many hours of fishing there and loved it.

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#### **Henry Clay Smith (BS '61 For)**

passed away unexpectedly on August 15, 2009. Clay served for many years as the Principle Silviculturist and Project Leader at the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Research Station Timber and Watershed



Laboratory. Born in Piedmont, West Virginia, Clay received a B.S. in Forestry from West Virginia University in 1961, and a M.S.F. in 1962 from Purdue University, and also studied at Syracuse University. He joined the Forest Service in 1962 at Parsons, WV, and served his entire career there, except for a 4 year stint in Burlington, Vermont (1967-1971), retiring in 1994. Clay's research on reproduction, growth and development of quality Appalachian hardwoods focused on practical management guidelines for

forest managers and landowners. Particularly notable was his work on crop-tree management, grapevine control, and his contributions to the award winning "Managing Your Woodlot" video series. After retirement, Clay maintained an active interest in forestry and was a practicing landscaper, forestry consultant, and wildlife photographer. An SAF member since 1961, Clay was a SAF Fellow, and a member of the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame, National Wild Turkey Federation, WV Christmas Tree Growers, WV Forestry Association, and Woodland Owners of WV.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, two sons Forrest and Eric, 4 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He leaves behind many friends and forestry colleagues who will remember his passion for the outdoors, a commitment to doing to the right thing, and his ability to make each individual feel valued.

A scholarship fund has been set up through the West Virginia University Forestry Endowment Fund to remember Clay Smith. To make a contribution to this scholarship fund, please make checks payable to WVU Forestry Endowment Fund and mail to:

Ralph P. Glover  
Secretary Treasurer  
806 Daverton Road  
Charleston, WV 25303

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