

We lost a wonderful friend, WFIWC Founder, and mentor. Dave Wood passed peacefully on February 10th, 2024. He had, his wife, Caroline, and family beside him. He left us with a treasure trove of outstanding guidance, literature, stories, and memories.

Dave was 93 and “the patriarch of forest entomology”. He was an important friend in many of our lives. For several, he opened the door of forest entomology and was significant in our careers. Dave earned his B.S. degree in forestry at Syracuse University (1952) and a Ph.D. in entomology at University of California, Berkeley (1960). He was a Professor of Entomology at UC-Berkeley (1970-1994) and a Professor Emeritus and a Professor of the Graduate Division at the same institution. He has also served as Chair of Entomology (1985-1990) and as Associate Dean in the Graduate Division (1983-1985).

Perusing his publications and hearing from Dave’s colleagues, past students, and friends, it is easy to recognize Dr. Wood’s pivotal role in our community.



Many of us feel great sadness at this loss, and a melancholy gratitude for the wonderful stories and memories. Our thoughts are with Dave’s family and friends as they navigate the landscape of grief.