

Gene Doyle Amman passed away on April 12, 2012 of myeloproliferative disorder. He was born February 26, 1931, to Albert Gottlieb and Delestal Rose Amman. He married Jeanette Knodel on June 14, 1954, in the Territory of Hawaii, while serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He grew up on the shortgrass prairie of eastern CO, graduating from Bethune High School in 1949. Gene started college at Colorado A&M in Fort Collins in 1950. He was interrupted in his academic pursuits by the Korean War. He returned to Colorado A&M in 1955, and graduated with a B.S. degree in 1956, and an M.S. degree in 1958 from Colorado State University, the name having been changed from A&M. Gene worked summers for the Rocky Mountain Forest Range Experiment Station, U.S. Forest Service, while pursuing his M.S. He said he joined the Forest Service looking for shade.

Gene's first job after graduation was with the U.S. Forest Service, Southeastern Forest and Range Experiment Station, Asheville, NC. After four years, he began pursuing a Ph. D. degree in Forest Entomology at the University of Michigan, moving his family to Ann Arbor, MI. After a year of course work, he moved his family back to Asheville, NC where he completed language requirements at North Carolina State University. His thesis was on native predators of the Balsam Woolly Adelgid, an exotic pest of the native Fraser Fir. His degree was awarded in 1966.

In 1966, Gene and Family moved west to Ogden, UT where Gene was employed by the U.S. Forest Service, Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station. He authored and co-authored more than 100 publications about the Balsam Woolly Adelgid and Mountain Pine Beetle. In 1983, he was presented the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Superior Service Award by Secretary John R. Block in Washington, DC, for his research on the Mountain Pine Beetle. In 1991, Governor Norman Bangert awarded Gene the Medal of Science and Technology for his research. In 1994, Gene received the Founders Award from the Western Forest Insect Work Conference in recognition of a career of research accomplishments.

Gene had been active in Boy Scouts of America, serving in a number of capacities from committee member to merit badge counselor and participated in many scout camps. He was one of the original founders of the Ogden Nature Center and remained a lifelong member.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, of 58 years; three sons: Anthony of North Ogden, UT, Alan of Los Angeles, CA, David of Helena, MT and two daughters: Susan (Raymond) of Lakewood, CO and Mary (Miles) of Haines, AK; four grandchildren: Madeline Madsen, Andrew Raymond, Jenna Amman, and Julia Amman; two brothers: Ivan of Fairbault, MN, Delos of Chula Vista, CA and one sister: Maureen (Fellger) of Buffalo, MN.

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