

Gerald N. Lanier was a leader in the study of the chemical ecology, systematics and management of bark beetles. In 1990, he died from pancreatic cancer at the age of 52 in Syracuse, NY.

A professor at the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, Gerry was one of a group of scientists who identified the pheromone of the smaller European elm bark beetle (the vector of the fungus that causes Dutch elm disease), and used the pheromones as part of an area-wide Dutch elm disease management program. Gerry's work on the taxonomy and behavioral specificity of *Ips* bark beetles laid the foundation for numerous other researchers.

Gerry was born in Alamosa, Colorado, in 1938. He received a bachelor's, a master's and a doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley. He worked for the Canadian Forestry Service in Calgary, Alberta, before joining SUNY in 1970. Gerry published more than 60 refereed papers, cited more than 1,900 times.