

Bill Barr died at his home in Moscow, Idaho on December 17. He was an early member of the Western Forest Insect Work Conference having attended the 3rd conference at Portland, OR, in 1951. He was the program chairman for the 7th conference held at Spokane in 1955. He is noted for his taxonomic work on the Clerids and Buprestids; however his initial involvement with the WFIWC stemmed from his teaching forest entomology at the University of Idaho before a full time forest entomologist, Jack Schenk, was hired. He was interacting with other teachers such as John Chapman, then of the University of Montana. Forest Entomology was just coming into its own among the curriculum of forestry schools.

After earning the Distinguished Flying Cross as a P-38 fighter pilot in Italy, he completed his PhD study of a genus of Cleridae at the University of California and was appointed Assistant professor at the UI in 1947, retiring there in 1982. He had 41 graduate students including Mal Furniss, currently Co-chair of the History Committee.

*Obituary and photo provided by Mal Furniss.*