

# In Memory

## William Baxter McIntosh (1923–2002)

William C. Miller III — Bethesda, Maryland

It is with great sadness that we report that Dr. Bill McIntosh, 78, succumbed to lung cancer on September 28th at the Gilchrist Center for Hospice Care in Baltimore, Maryland.

Born in Sprigg, West Virginia, on October 26, 1923, the son of the late Baxter McIntosh and Winifred Morgan McIntosh, he served in the Army during WWII, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1946 with a degree in biology, and received a doctorate in biology from the University of Michigan in 1954. He married Joan Seltzer who was a researcher at the National Institutes of Health and who predeceased him in November of 1995.

Bill began his career teaching and doing research at Ohio State University and subsequently entered the Civil Service in 1962. Federal duty stations included Fort Huachuca in Arizona and later the Aberdeen Proving Ground, not far from his beautiful home in Churchville, Maryland, approximately 80 miles north of Washington, DC. Retirement in 1986 afforded him the opportunity to pursue his avocations. Bird watching and gardening were his two major interests, and he maintained memberships in

the ARS, the Maryland Ornithological Society, the Susquehannock Environmental Society, and multiple local chapters of the ASA.

As a member of the Brookside Gardens Chapter of the ASA, he took particular satisfaction in the chapter's annual flower show. I will never forget his first show when he submitted his entries with perfectly typed entry cards. His entry cards were a thing of beauty. He had taken to heart my remarks about neatness being an extremely important factor, and he had a classic case of beginner's luck in his first competition.

He approached every task with remarkable energy. In 1994, Bill agreed to serve as national secretary for the ASA. To do so, it was necessary for him to buy a personal computer and to teach himself about the Internet, e-mail, and Microsoft Access. He assumed responsibility for maintaining the membership database and produced labels for mailing *The Azalean*. He also was a volunteer with the ASA's Glenn Dale Preservation Project. He is pictured standing before a number of *Rhododendron kaempferi* along Creech's row at the Glenn Dale Plant

Introduction Station (opposite page 79) in *The Glenn Dale Azaleas* Revised, the 1996 revision of Monograph 20.

Only when Bill's doctor at Johns Hopkins described his cardiac situation as "a walking time bomb" after multiple heart attacks and bypass surgery, did he consider cutting back on his ASA activities in April of 1998. With great disappointment, he reluctantly canceled plans to relocate/return to Arizona. True to character, he developed a detailed briefing package for Art Vance who assumed operational responsibility for the membership database. He wanted Art to have an easier time understanding how the system worked.

In a personal communication, Bob Stelloh who worked closely with Bill McIntosh in managing the affairs of the ASA shared with me the following characterization on which I could not improve: "Bill McIntosh was a genuinely and completely nice person. He was also hardworking, modest.... capable, courteous, and meticulous." A recipient of the prestigious **F. P. Lee Commendation** in 1995, Bill was active at every level of the ASA and a personal inspiration.

## Allan Richard Brooks (1928–2002)

Bill Sweeney — Massachusetts Chapter – ARS

"Dick" Brooks as he was known to most of his friends, or "Richard" as he was known to his siblings—was always a man of good humor.

A founder of the ARS Massachusetts Chapter in 1970, he was truly a mentor for the chapter. His enthusiasm and love for rhododendrons was matched only by his desire to share

them with everyone he met. He joined the ASA in 1991, and his wife is still a member of the Vaseyi Chapter.

Horticulture was Dick's first avocation. According to members of his family he would have been perfectly happy to make it his life's work. His father, however, pressed him to enter a more "serious" profession, like ac-

counting. Dick chose architecture probably because of its combination of art and science—not so very different from horticulture. After taking his degree in architecture from Harvard, Dick joined a firm that developed a high reputation for his designs of public buildings; but his love for horticulture continued unabated. He grew, hybridized, photographed, wrote

about, and lectured on rhododendrons and other plants.

Brooks held many offices in the ARS including chapter president, district director, eastern vice-president, and president of the ARS. He received many ARS awards including the

Bronze Medal (1981) and the Gold Medal (1998), and numerous other awards including the Jackson Dawson Medal of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (1999) and the Walter F. Winkler Award of the North American Rock Garden Society in October 2002.

After early retirement for health reasons, he operated Kalmia Woods Nurseries out of his home in Concord, Massachusetts, specializing in unusual rhododendrons, azaleas, and companion plants. We will miss this "true renaissance man."

We are saddened to report the loss of two more Society members, Art Stubbs of Milwaukie, Oregon, and Betty Spady of Salem, Oregon. Eulogies for both will appear in the Spring 2003 issue of *The Azalean*.

## New Members

We welcome the following eight new members who have joined the ASA as of November 17, 2002.

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## Special Mention

Thanks to the following members who have recently increased their investment in the Society.

### New Endowment Member

Harold M. Dodd

### Life Members

John and Carolyn Brown  
Frank Knight  
R. A. "Mitch" Mitchell

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