



IN MEMORIAM  
 SAM SPRUILL FLUKER  
 1931-1986

Dr. Sam Fluker died March 12, 1986, at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., after suffering a heart attack. He was 54. Sam was a professor at the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, carrying the titles of Pesticide Information Officer and Southern Region Pesticide Coordinator.

He was born on April 14, 1931, in Rhone, Texas. Sam retired as a Staff Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force after serving from 1948 to 1960. He then earned the B.S. degree from Texas Tech University in 1966 and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Hawaii in 1967 and 1969, respectively. He worked as an entomologist at the Missouri Fruit Experimental Station in 1969 and then moved to the University of Florida Agricultural Research Center in Monticello to study insects of pecan and peach. In 1973, Sam moved to Atlanta, Georgia, as an entomologist with the Environmental Protection Agency, and in 1980 he returned to the University of Florida to direct programs, collect and disseminate information relating to agricultural pesticide products, and train personnel in the safe and legal use of pesticides.

Sam was a member of numerous civic and professional organizations, including Sigma Xi; the Florida, Hawaii, and Georgia Entomological Societies; the Entomological Society of America; and the American Registry of Professional Entomologists. He served as Local Arrangements Chairman for the 1980 ESA meeting in Atlanta, was an examiner in the biological control category for ARPE, and served on the ECOP Task Force for the National Agricultural Pesticide Impact Assessment Program.

Dr. Fluker was an expert in the field of pesticide use and regulations. He was a fountain of information and shared his knowledge willingly with all. His gentle personality, knowledge, and cooperativeness earned the respect of all who knew him.

Sam is survived by his wife, Laura, of Micanopy, Florida; son, Steven, of Gulfport, Mississippi; daughter, Nancy Fluker Rains, of Tallahassee, Florida, and three grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Ethel Fluker of Tampa, Florida; and two brothers and three sisters.

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