

OBITUARY

Theodore R. Adkins, Jr.

1930 - 1989

Theodore Roosevelt Adkins, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Entomology at Clemson University, died of a heart attack on August 28, 1989. Ted was an extraordinarily fine, dedicated scientist, and a caring, good-natured friend. He was born in San Antonio, Texas, December 26, 1930. He grew up in south Georgia finishing West Crisp High School in 1948. He attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia as a college freshman. He then transferred to Auburn University where he received his B.S. degree in Agriculture in 1952. Ted earned the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in entomology from Auburn University in 1954 and 1958, respectively.



Dr. Adkins' career at Clemson University spanned 28 years. He was a highly respected medical and veterinary entomologist. He was a dedicated teacher and researcher who approached his work with overwhelming intensity. Ted received many honors, but he often cited his students as his proudest accomplishment. In 1987 the South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station honored Ted with its Hatch Act Centennial, Outstanding Research Award. He was one of two entomologists so honored during the Experiment Station's first 100 years. He served as a member of the National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship Evaluation Panel and as a reviewer of applications for National Science Foundation scholarships. In 1988, Dr. Adkins was named to the Board of Visitors for the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Adkins had a career-long interest in forensic entomology. He was one of only 38 forensic entomologists (medico-legal), listed in the worldwide 1986 Directory of Forensic Entomologists. Upon retirement, he moved with his customary enthusiasm and drive to forensic consulting. He rapidly established a national reputation and thriving business.

Dr. Adkins was very active in professional societies. He was Executive Secretary of the South Carolina Pest Control Association, Editor of the Journal of Agricultural Entomology, a member of the American Registry of Professional Entomologists, the Entomological Society of America, the Georgia, Florida and South Carolina Entomological Societies and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. His family business, Joyce's Print Shop, prints the Journal of Entomological Science. Ted and his wife Joyce have for years served our Society as both printers, and adjunct editors. We are especially appreciative of this special service. Ted is survived by his wife, Joyce Hartley Adkins; his mother, Mary Irma Easom Adkins; three sons, Randall Theodore Adkins, Dale Lynn Adkins, Gary Mark Adkins and four grandchildren.

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