

## In Memorium

Harvey E. Barké

1917 - 1994

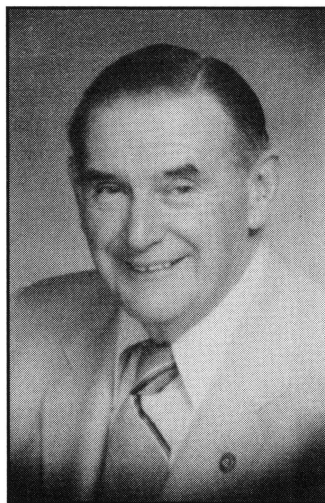
Harvey E. Barké, 76, retired professor of floriculture, botany and entomology, died of heart failure on 4 March 1994 in Plymouth, MA. He had been in poor health for more than a year. Dr. Barké was born on 20 November 1917 in Plymouth, MA, son of Charles O. and Caroline (Stevens) Barké. The grandson of a commercial florist, he learned to enjoy working with plants and all the activities associated with their production including protection from insects and diseases.

Dr. Barké received a Bachelor of Science in 1939 and a Master of Science in 1943 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his doctorate in 1970 from the University of Georgia. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 on Tinian Island in the South Pacific.

From 1948 to 1989, Dr. Barké taught floriculture, botany, and entomology at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Farmingdale, NY. He rose to the rank of Professor and was serving as Department Chair when he retired. SUNY at Farmingdale is only a two-year program and, always being interested in seeing a student continue in college as far as capable, Dr. Barké encouraged students to continue on to higher degrees – something he did himself in 1968-1970 when he matriculated at the University of Georgia in the Entomology Department in a Ph.D. program. In 1979, he and his wife Virginia (Pease) Barké retired to his family home in Plymouth.

Professionally, Dr. Barké was a member of the New York horticultural group, HORTUS, N.Y.; Sigma Xi; Entomological Society of America; Georgia Entomological Society; and Who's Who in Science. He also was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching at SUNY.

While his opportunities for original research were quite limited at SUNY at Farmingdale, Dr. Barké was well respected and very active in extension activities with commercial floricultural, horticultural, and landscape groups. He also was responsible for many extension oriented handouts and brochures addressing Long Island floriculture and horticulture. He had an interest in plant-feeding mites and wrote his dissertation on the Eriophyidae. Dr. Barké coauthored 2 papers on the Eriophyidae, the Catalogue of Eriophyid Mites (Acari: Eriophyidae) and one paper on the biology of the lesser mealworm, *Alphitobius diaperinus*.



He is survived by his wife, Virginia, five sons, James N., Richard W., Robert A., Charles R., and Harvey E. Jr., 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two aunts, and several cousins.

Dr. Barké was friendly and always had a smile. He was an enjoyable person to be around. We served as major professor and reading committee chair for his Ph.D. dissertation and appreciate the opportunity to have worked with him.

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