Warren Stiles Passes at 86

Warren Stiles, age 86, of Dias Creek, New Jersey, died on Sunday, July 28, 2019.

The tree fruit industry and the farm community have lost a valuable friend and great extension worker. Dr. Stiles made valuable contributions in fruit nutrition at three different Land Grant institutions, Rutgers University, University of Maine, and Cornell University, and was a valuable member of the New Jersey farm community for 20 years after he retired. He was also a member of the American Society for Horticulture Science, American Pomological Society, and the NJ State Horticultural Society.

Warren was born on his maternal grandfather's farm in Green Creek, New Jersey, the son of the late Maurice and Laura Tomlin Stiles. He was raised on the family farm in Dias Creek. Warren's middle name is Cryder as he was delivered by Dr. Millard Cryder. He was a 1950 graduate of Middle Township High School and attended Rutgers University earning a BS degree in Farm Crops in 1954 and an MS degree in Horticulture in 1955. He received his PhD degree in 1958 from Penn State University. He was a member of the Dias Creek United Methodist Church where he was the organist.

Warren's professional career consisted of the teaching positions at Rutgers University as Assistant Professor of Pomology from 1958-1963; University of Maine as Extension Fruit Specialist and Associate Professor of Pomology 1963-1969 and Professor of Pomology 1969-1980; Cornell University as Associate Professor of Pomology 1980-1985 and Professor of Pomology 1985-1999. After retirement in 1999, Warren returned to the farm. He had various memberships including the Cape May County Agriculture Development Board Farmland Preservation Program; County Board of Agriculture, of which he was a member of the Board of Directors; the Beach Plum Association; County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council; County Master Gardeners Program, County Technical School Horticulture Program Advisory Committee; NJ Farm Bureau; NJ Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Managers.

Warren is survived by his wife, Sally A.; his children: Matthew P. (Lisa); Elizabeth Stiles; Kathleen Holzer (Jeffery) and Steven W.; step-children: Susan Clark, Robert Clark, and Christine Balch; two brothers: Francis T. (Barbara) and Irvin R. (Shirley); a sister, Beverly Schellinger (Leland); sister-in-law: Anne Stiles; three grandchildren: Michael and Allison Loder and Emily Holzer; and two step grandchildren: Jack and Grace Balch. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Herbert and Lucky.

As per wishes of the family, memorials in his name may be made to the Cape May County Board of Agriculture Scholarship Fund, 4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210. Condolences at www.radzieta.com.

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