

ACADEMY FELLOW



MARTHA ANN KOTILA ROANE

The Virginia Academy of Science has honored Martha Ann Kotila Roane, adjunct professor at Virginia polytechnic Institute and State University as a Fellow of the Academy, recognizing her service to the Academy and her profession.

Roane has been an active member of the academy for two decades and has served as secretary and treasurer, chaired the Botany section, Flora Committee, Public Relations subcommittee and Long Range Planning Committee, edited *Jeffersonia* and held other offices.

She is also an active member of the American Phytopathological Society, Mycological Society of America, Rhododendron Society of America, Sigma Xi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and is listed in *American Men and Women of Science* for her work on taxonomy of higher plants, especially rhododendron and fungi (*Endthia*).

Roane earned a B.S. from Michigan State University in 1944, an M.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1946 and her Ph.D. from VPI & SU in 1971.

Before becoming a doctoral student, she taught math at VPI for 7 years and at Radford for 5 years. She also was assistant Director of the Office of Institutional Research at Radford.

After earning her Ph.D., she became coordinator of the General Biology Laboratories at VPI & SU, was curator of fungi and an adjunct professor, first in botany and later in plant pathology and physiology.

She has also been a faculty advisor, chaired the advisory board of the Virginia Tech Chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, has served as faculty advisor of the Student Service Council and was a member of the advisory board of the Virginia Museum of Natural History.