



Franklin Ford Flint
1925-1992

Dr. Franklin F. Flint died on January 13, 1992, as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He retired in July 1991 from Randolph-Macon Woman's College where he was the Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology.

Dr. Flint was born in 1925 in Lunenburg County, Virginia. He received his Bachelor's degree from Lynchburg College and his Master's and Doctorate from the University of Virginia. He joined the Navy in 1943 and served in the European and Pacific Theaters in World War II and upon his discharge joined the Naval Reserve Intelligence Unit where he obtained the rank of commander.

In 1957-58 he conducted post-doctoral research in California and in 1968-69 was a Senior Fulbright-Hayes Research Fellow at Oeiras, Portugal. He was Staff Biologist with CUEBS in 1968-69 and an Extramural Associate with NIH in 1981. He was the author of numerous scholarly papers in the area of biological science and education.

Dr. Flint served the Virginia Academy as Chief Judge of the Junior Academy, Chairman of the Biology Section and Secretary and President in 1972-73. He was elected a Fellow of the VAS in 1973 and was Vice-President of the Science Museum of Virginia Foundation, Inc. in 1975-76. He had served as President of the Association of Southeastern Biologists, the Conservation Council of Virginia and the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He was granted the Thornton Award from Lynchburg College in 1985. Currently, he was on the National Board of Directors of the Izaak Walton League of America and President of its Virginia Division.

He was an esteemed and dedicated faculty member at Randolph-Macon Woman's College where he served 40 years in the Biology Department, with 24 years as chairman. In 1979 he received the Davidson Award for distinguished faculty service.

He was Chief Marshal of R-M.W.C. 1983-91.

He was the recipient of conservation awards from the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District and the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League. He was named "Soil Conservationist of the Year", Governor's Trophy Award in 1977 by the Virginia Wildlife Federation. He recently received the Rosette as a Fellow of the AAAS for his service and distinction in science.

As a leader in many local conservation and service organizations, Dr. Flint projected a sense of responsibility. He was a past president of the Friends of Lynchburg Stream Valleys and served on the Keep Lynchburg Beautiful Commission and on the Steering Committee for the master planning and development of the Blackwater Creek Natural Area which is a lasting memorial to him and his service to the community.

Scholar, conservationist, teacher; perhaps the latter was dearest to his heart. Students knew they had a friend the moment Frank walked into the classroom with his cheerful greeting. His interesting lectures were sprinkled with anecdotes and subtle humor. Many students have been inspired by his enjoyment of teaching and his deep interest and concern for them as individuals. In 1972 he developed a course entitled Conservation of Natural Resources which sparked the interest of his students in the environment and in biology. Many of them have gone on to graduate school and have achieved eminence in the field of science.

He is survived by his widow, Dona Cook Flint, two daughters, Kathryn Flint Garrett and Julie Flint Francis, a son, Roger Franklin Flint and three grandchildren.

With all of his many scientific accomplishments, his family still came first. In recent years Frank and Dona enjoyed a new dimension in their lives - the excitement and affection of their grandchildren.

All of us are extremely privileged to have known Dr. Flint and he continues to be an inspiration to those who have been touched by his life.