



**William S. Woolcott**

1922 -1998

Dr. William Starnold Woolcott, long time Academy member and D.A. Kuyk professor emeritus at the University of Richmond, died April 18, 1998. He was 76. Born April 14, 1922, in Coffeyville, Kansas, Bill led a distinguished and productive teaching and research career. A 1947 graduate of Austin Peay State University, he earned a Master's from George Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University. He taught biology for four years at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. and then earned a Doctorate in vertebrate zoology from Cornell University in 1955. Dr. Woolcott, whose many students often presented papers at our Annual Meetings, joined the University of Richmond's biology department in 1955 and was appointed to the Kuyk professorship in 1980. He held that position until his retirement in 1992. An ichthyologist, Bill was curator of the university's research fish collection. In addition, he coordinated the graduate program in biology and was a former chairman of the faculty research committee. The author of more than 60 scientific papers, he was awarded the Distinguished Educator Award, UR's highest honor for faculty members. One of his recent projects was a 25-minute video, produced with Dr. Eugene Maurakis, called *Phylogenetic Systematics*, is used as an educational tool in museums and universities throughout the world. He was a member of numerous professional societies including the Society of American Zoologists, the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Dr. Woolcott, a member of River Road Baptist Church, was also a former board member of the Maymont Foundation and the Virginia Nature Conservancy League. Survivors include his wife Betty Gilbert Woolcott; and two daughters, Neil W. Powell of Goldsboro, N.C., and Catherine W. Edwards of Richmond.