

In Memoriam

Dr. Melbourne R. Carriker



Dr. Melbourne (Mel) R. Carriker, Professor Emeritus at the University of Delaware, College of Marine and Earth Studies, passed away at the age of 92 on February 25th in Lewes, Delaware.

Born in Santa Marta, Colombia in 1915, Mel was a world recognized authority on marine subjects as diverse as functional morphology, biomineralization, and larval ecology interactions. Obtain-

ing a Bachelors degree from Rutgers University (NJ) in 1938, Mel entered a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and completed his Ph.D. in 1943. During World War II, he served aboard a naval patrol ship (YPT 780), patrolling the entrance to Pearl Harbor (HI) and the Aleutian Island Chain (AK).

During his career, Mel held several positions including Assistant Professor at UNC, Chapel Hill, and Director of the Systematics-Ecology Program at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA. In 1972 Mel accepted a professorship at the College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware. He would remain at Delaware for the rest of his career, retiring in 1985 at the age of 70. Mel was named Professor Emeritus and continued active, scholarly pursuits up until several days before suffering a stroke.

Mel participated in his first NSA meeting in 1942, and served the Association in various capacities, including: Secretary-Treasurer (1953-1954), Vice President (1955-1957), and President (1957-1959). In 1978, Mel was presented with the Honored Life Member award by NSA, and in 1998 recognized when the first NSA student research award was named in his honor. During the past few years Mel served as Historian of NSA, and completed a book entitled "Taming of the Oyster," which chronicles the history of NSA as it emerged from earlier oyster meetings and groups.

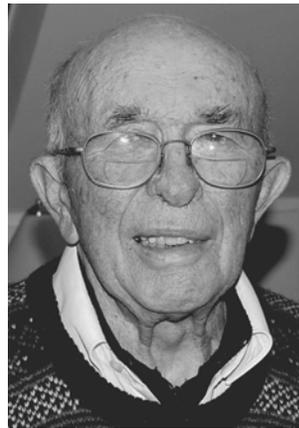
Over his lifetime, Mel published 160 papers, 45 abstracts and made more than 250 professional presentations at scientific meetings. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Meriel R. "Scottie" Carriker; four sons; a sister and brother; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mel will be remembered for many things, but perhaps above all as a gentle caring man who treated everyone like family. He mentored with grace and friendship, and touched the lives and helped shape the careers of many.

J. Evan Ward

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Mr. Dana E. Wallace



Shellfish growers, harvesters and managers in Maine mourn the passing of one of their own. Dana E. Wallace passed away on March 19th at the age of 89, though Dana's legacy far surpassed the boundaries of the Downeast State.

Dana retired in 1983 after a 38-year career as Assistant Research Director and Director of Industry Services at Maine DMR. A hands-on

guy, he initiated the Maine Clam Conferences, informal gatherings of those involved in industry, research and management which fostered communication among participants. The Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery was named "The Dana E. Wallace Education Center" in 1991 as a way of recognizing his spirit of cooperation and grassroots effort to help increase clam harvests in Maine and improve the quality of life for those who depend on clamming.

Mr. Wallace served as Chairman of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, working extensively with the Fisheries Research Board of Canada to devise techniques for transplanting seed clams from areas of high to those of low productivity. He was instrumental in organizing meetings in Washington with Senator John F. Kennedy and Leverett Saltonstall which led to the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act that still supplies funds for fisheries research. Mr. Wallace also served as Treasurer and Secretary of NSA.

Active in aquaculture throughout his life, Dana raised quahogs and oysters, and served on the Board of Directors for the Maine Aquaculture Association. He performed clam flat surveys as a consultant to help communities manage their resources. A staunch advocate for clean water and habitat conservation, he shared his expertise and knowledge of marine resource issues with legislators.

Above all, Dana was an educator, mentor, and friend to all. As his business partner Peter Horne said, he was "a wonderful, generous man who would always find what is good in life no matter what his circumstances." He will be sorely missed.

Sandy Macfarlane
Brian Beal
Peter Horne