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KELMAN, ARTHUR

KELMAN, ARTHUR, 90, died Monday, June 29. He was born in 1918 in Providence, RI. When he entered the University of Rhode Island in 1937, his interest focused on plant pathology. After he completed his undergraduate studies, he continued to study plant pathology at North Carolina State University at Raleigh.



Though called to duty during World War II, he returned to graduate school at North Carolina in 1946, remaining there to complete his Ph.D. degree and to accept a position as assistant professor of plant pathology in 1949. In addition to his achievements in research, his skills as an educator and his charismatic influence on students were recognized early in his career. He received the award of Outstanding Instructor in the School of Agriculture in 1956. In 1961, he received a Distinguished Teacher Award and was named William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor of Plant Pathology.

During World War II, he served for three years as a member of the Signal Intelligence Unit in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy, where he received a field commission as a 2nd Lieutenant.

In 1965, he moved to the University of Wisconsin at Madison to assume the chair of the Department of Plant Pathology. Despite an extremely demanding schedule, he taught the basic undergraduate course in plant pathology for many years, and in 1987, received the Amoco Excellence in Teaching Award and the Spitzer Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. In 1975, he was named L. R. Jones Distinguished Professor of Plant Pathology and later served as the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Senior Research Professor (1985-1989). He received the E.C. Stakman Award, University of Minnesota, 1987; the Researcher of the Year Award, Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Industry, 1988; the North American Seed Potato Researcher of the Year Award, 1988; and the University Distinguished Scholar, Department of Plant Pathology, North Carolina State University, 1989.

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