Winter 2019 Obituaries

1947  Robert Wall ‘47 (WPE), 96, a native of Syracuse, died Thursday, November 15. Born in Syracuse, Bob was a veteran of WWII, serving in the European Theatre. He resided in Cazenovia for over thirty years, where he was a communicant of Saint James Church and served as chairman of the Finance Committee, was president of the Parish Council, a lector and Eucharistic minister. Mr. Wall was chairman of the Town of Cazenovia Board of Assessment Review for twenty years. He volunteered as a language instructor at Cazenovia High School, teaching German. Mr. Wall retired after forty seven years with Gerrity Company, Inc. as Senior Vice President and member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Wall was a graduate of NYS College of Forestry at Syracuse University. He has since served as a member of the Alumni Board of the College of ESF. He has been a member and past president of the St. Thomas Moore Foundation, a member of The Century Club of Syracuse, Everson Museum Members’ Council and Trip Committee, and a volunteer at Unity Kitchen in Syracuse. He was a founding member and first president of the Onondaga Ski Club, as well as an active member and past president of the Syracuse Alumni Ski Club. For twenty seven years Bob wrote a weekly ski column for the Syracuse Herald Journal. He also wrote ski and travel articles for the Syracuse Herald American, Ski Magazine, Skiing, and Ski America. He was a member of the Board and past president of Eastern Ski Writers Association. He was also a member of the Board and past president of North American Ski Journalists Association. As a member of the Board of Publishers Group International and an editor of the Blue Book of European Ski Resorts, he covered Austria and Germany. He is predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Mary Margaret Sweeney Wall. He is survived by a daughter, a son, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

1948  James E. Glavin (Jim) ‘48 (LA), 95, passed peacefully into God’s loving arms on All Saints Day, November 1, 2018 at Elderwood in Lake Placid. He was a recent resident of the Will Rogers in Saranac Lake, and a 30 resident of Cranberry Lake. Jim was born in Syracuse where he lived for 65 years before retiring in 1988 to the Adirondacks. Jim was predeceased by his wife, Helen Hartnett Glavin, a sister, and a son. Jim is survived by two daughters, three sons, a daughter-in-law, ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Jim proudly served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1942 to 1946, seeing action in the South Pacific from Guadalcanal, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa to Japan. Jim was a 1948 graduate of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) with a degree in Landscape Architecture. For over 30 years he served as a Principal with Hueber, Hares, Glavin, a Syracuse-based firm of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Engineers working on hundreds of commercial, residential and government projects throughout NYS and New England. Jim was an emeritus fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the highest honor
bestowed on his profession. He was a member of the Landscape Architectural faculty advisory council at ESF, and was past president of the ESF Alumni Association. Jim was also a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and was an active member of the NYS Board of Landscape Architects. He participated in professional affairs at national, state and local levels, guest lectured at several colleges and universities, and actively served on boards of dozens of community organizations. Jim may be best known for his love of the outdoors, an intense curiosity to learn about the world, unique ability to tell a joke, passion for fine cigars and red wine, and unconditional love for his family. He also liked to share an 'occasional' opinion on current events.

**1950 Ben Booth ‘50 (RS),** of Bend, Oregon, passed away peacefully on February 24, 2018. Born on March 23, 1929, he was the son of the late Andrew R. and Mildred (Zoller) Booth. Ben attended Mohawk High School, Class of 1947. Upon graduation from NYS Ranger and Forestry School (Wanakena), Class of 1950, he served in the United States Army from 1951-1952, including serving in Europe. After honorable discharge, he married Maryann Hoffman of Old Forge, a blessed and devoted union of 49 years, until her passing in June 2003. Ben worked as a civil engineer for the New York State Department of Transportation for 35 years, 1952-1987, retiring from his position of NYSDOT Supervisor for Region 2. He was also a licensed surveyor from 1970 to 1992. After retirement, Ben worked as a General Superintendent/Consultant for the Lange Finn Construction Co., for five years. Ben enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, camping and above all, spending time with family and friends at his lake home in Brantingham, NY. His sense of humor was legendary and his laugh was contagious. Ben loved doing projects of all kinds, content when surrounded by piles of lumber and dirt. He was an active member of Kiwanis, the Mohawk Volunteer Fire Department and was dedicated to the Mohawk community having served on the Recreation Commission for several years, including as its Director. Survivors include a sister, seven children, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves his special companion of many years, Dorothy Hilts.

**1952 Joseph W. 'Joe' Judge Jr. ‘52 (PSE),** 90, of Bethlehem Township, PA, formerly of Frenchtown, NJ, and Richmond, VA, passed away peacefully at home in the presence of his family on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Born Jan. 10, 1928, in Nyack, NY, Joe was the son of the late Joseph and Beatrice (Hewlett) Judge. After graduating from Pearl River High School in Pearl River, NY, Joe earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Syracuse University. Joe honorably served in the United States Army, attaining the rank of sergeant. He was a mill manager for many years for the former Riegel Paper Company in Milford, NJ, which later merged with James River Paper Corp., headquartered in Richmond. During his time as an executive there, he purchased more paper pulp than anyone in the world. Everyone who knew Joe will smile at the mention of his name. His humor and humility were appreciated wherever he went. Leftover pie on his cereal was
his favorite breakfast and he was happiest when he was gardening or fishing. Joe loved the outdoors and shared his love of growing things as a Penn State Extension program master gardener, especially with the youth at Northampton County's Juvenile Justice Center, area schools and the farmers market in Easton. A link to an article on his work as master gardener is at www.bit.ly/2HOWBxX Joe was passionate about preserving the environment and social justice, volunteering with the Bushkill Stream Conservancy and with the Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern. He devoted much of his life to volunteerism and served others in various ways, including as a past president of the Holland Township Elementary School Board, a former chair of Riegel Ridge Pool, a member of the Riegel Ridge Foundation, and a founding member of the Oak Hill Golf Course, all in Holland Township; with the RSVP of Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon counties, Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary in Williams Township, PA, as a former member of the board of directors at Hunterdon Medical Center Flemington, NJ, president of his college alumni association, past president of the Holy Name Society at church, and a member of several professional paper organizations. In addition to his wife, Patricia, Joe is survived by six children, several grandchildren, a niece and two nephews. Joe was predeceased by a sister and a brother. 1952 Donald G. Ward ’52 (LA), passed away on June 13, 2018. Beloved husband of Marian Ward (nee Fredrickson); loving father, devoted grandfather, cherished great-grandfather. He was predeceased by a brother and is survived by a sister. Donald was a proud US Army veteran and was president and owner of Grever & Ward Inc., Landscape Architects of Orchard Park. Donald was an ambitious man with an incredibly strong work ethic. He was happy being a provider for his family and did his best to teach his children the importance of hard work, honesty, and a connection with God. Donald originally had signed up for Forestry College, hoping for outdoor work as he loved spending time in nature. He happened upon Landscape Architecture classes from his sophomore year to his senior year in school, and he fell in love with the profession. He owned and ran his own successful landscape architecture company for many years. One of Donald's favorite pastimes was flying his 1943 Piper Cub plane that he fully restored. He had many adventures in the sky, including piloting aircraft to the Bahamas. In 1986, he made a solo trip across the United States to San Diego, California and back again. This trip was precarious, with a few major weather events taking place along the way, but he made it home safe and sound, to the great joy of his beloved wife and children. He also used to hunt and fish, but as he grew older, he was more content simply walking in the woods peacefully, talking softly to the deer and one day he was followed home by a young deer he named “Juni”. 1954 Philip Charles Clark ’54 (WPE), age 85, died at home of cancer, surrounded by family on June 3rd 2018. He was born in Syracuse NY, January 8th 1933. He received both his BA and Masters degrees in paper chemistry from Syracuse University. Phil spent most of his career managing the paper coating division, a part of the research department at Potlatch in Cloquet MN. He also was an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church serving St. Andrew's
in Cloquet. He loved fishing, sailing, traveling and stamp collecting. He also was an expert at playing computer solitaire and in recent years loved being read to. Phil is survived by wife Ann of St. Peter MN, a sister, two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren, a niece, a nephew, and a great-niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Catherine Clark and his first wife, Shirley Clark. **1955 Deane Hardewyck Brink ‘55** (WPE), a Huntington native died April 25, 2018, he was 84. Deane was born in Huntington on July 11, 1933. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1951 and earned a bachelors degree from The Environmental School of Forestry at Syracuse University in 1955. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1955 and graduated from Officers Candidate School at Fort Sill Oklahoma as a Second Lieutenant. He married Antoinette Urraro in 1957, and celebrated 60 wonderful years of marriage. He worked at U.S. Plywood and Champion International for many years. He was President of the Huntington Rotary Club in 1991-1992 and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Award. He was very active in Scouting and was so proud of the many Eagle Scouts he nurtured. He also coached St. Patrick's Little League for many years. In addition to his wife Deane, he is survived by four sons and seven grandchildren whom he adored. **1956 John David Roberts ‘56** (FRM), was born in March 1934 in Utica, New York, the youngest of 4 children. He died peacefully surrounded by his family and friends on April 15, 2018. John had graduated from the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science degree. In October of 1956, John married Jean and after a 2-week honeymoon, he went into the army. John served in the US. Army for 2 years, stationed at Fort Lewis, for 1 1/2 years. Jean relocated to Washington with him in July of 1957. John worked as a forester for the State of Washington for 40 years. He loved the Pacific Northwest and spent many happy days camping with the family, hunting and fishing as well as climbing the wonderful mountains of WA and OR. John’s love of family and his belief in God sustained his family through the many trials as well as joys. He was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church in Vancouver. Survivors include: wife, Jean, two daughters, fours sons-in-law, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a brother, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. A son, two daughters, a granddaughter, his parents and sisters preceded him in death. **1956 Lowell E. Robinson ‘56** (LA), 83, of Norfolk, MA passed away March 21, 2018 at Maples Nursing Home, Wrentham, MA, surrounded by his loving family and favorite nurse, Melissa. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marion (Latopolski) from Long Island, NY, two daughters, a son, several grandchildren, one Great-Grandchild, and a brother. He graduated from Amsterdam High School, Amsterdam, NY 1952. Attended the College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Syracuse NY in 1956 where he earned his degree in Landscape Architecture. Here, he and friends formed a jazz band, The Gators, who have kept in touch through the years. Served in the U.S. Army 1957-1962, mostly in Germany during the Cold War, then pursued his career as a landscape architect in Massachusetts which includes many plans
he drew and projects he was active in for his residing town of Norfolk. Lowell loved nature, walking in the woods, car racing, airplanes, trains and jelly beans. Also loved his church family at South Walpole Methodist Church which he was a member of for over 50 years. He was loved by so many for his sense of humor & articulation of words. 1956 Robert Louis Talerico '56 (EFB), 83, passed away Friday, September 21, 2018 at LiveWell (formerly Alzheimer's Resource Center) in Southington. He was married to Mary Jane (Pacciarelli) Talerico, his high school sweetheart, who was the love of his life. They recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. Dr. Talerico was born December 13, 1934 in Utica, NY, the son of the late Louis J. and Evelyn M. (Kunkel) Talerico. Bob was a graduate of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University where he received his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D degrees. He served in the army as a medic from 1961-1963. In 1966 Bob and his wife moved to Cheshire and raised their three children. He was employed as a Forest Entomologist for the United States Forest Service prior to his retirement. During his tenure with the Forest Service he worked in East Lansing, MI, Harrisonburg, VA, Hamden, CT and Broomall, PA. In his retirement, he was employed by Cheshire Nursery and Vinny's Garden Center. Dr. Talerico had a deep love for the environment and enjoyed spending time outside. He instilled in his children a respect for the forest and all creatures, great and small. Bob was a man of great integrity and honor, had a strong work ethic, and lived by his word; qualities he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He was a true gentleman; an exemplary husband, father and human being. He had a warm and friendly smile; a great sense of humor; impeccable character; and was loved by all who knew him. In his spare time, Bob was an avid reader, cyclist, runner and a lifetime member of the Hamden Fish and Game Club. He enjoyed attending traditional jazz concerts and going for rides along the shore with his wife, and had an affinity for all things sweet. Bob enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow up and looked forward to yearly trips to Kentucky and Missouri with his wife to visit them. Dr. Talerico is survived by a son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. 1957 James L. Caves '57 (WPE), age 82, died peacefully on Friday (February 23, 2018) at Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born on August 16, 1935 in Auburn N.Y. the son of the late James Walter and Marjory Irene Bullock Caves. Jim was an active member of the United Church of Phelps. He was a charter member of the Phelps Historical Society and past treasurer. He was a 1957 graduate of NYS Forestry college at Syracuse University. Jim owned and operated Caves Lumber in Newark, he was a member of the Genesee Reserve Supply of Rochester and the Northeastern Retail Lumber Association. Jim was a member and past President of Newark Rotary for 44 years. He was a 54 year member of the Phelps Fire Department and Ambulance. He was Fireman of the year twice. He was Assistant Chief, secretary, treasurer, Captain and head carpenter of the Department. He was instrumental in building the addition on the old firehouse. Jim was the last culprit of the missing Noah's Ark Clock that he and his accomplice's removed to
preserve the clock and protect it from being destroyed. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 61 years, Janet Hildreth Caves, a son, two daughters, five grandchildren a great-grandson, a brother, and a sister. 1958 Albert Earl Richard ‘58 (FRM), age 83, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2018. A US Army veteran, he was honorably discharged in 1960, having attained the rank of Sergeant. For over thirty years he worked as a Forester for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation retiring in 1990. Surviving him are one sister, one brother, five nieces, two nephews, and a special friend, Patricia Seymour. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother. 1962 George D. Ryan Jr. ‘62 (FRM), 78, of Syracuse, NY passed away April 2, 2018 after a long battle with dementia. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the SUNY college of Environmental Science and Forestry. He was a career Land Surveyor who once owned and operated Ryan Survey, Rowell and Associates, Gurskey and Ryan. A former member of Central New York Land Surveyors, New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors and the National Society of Professional Surveyors. George was a great story teller. He enjoyed the outdoors and his work but most of all he loved spending time with his family. Predeceased by his parents, George D. Ryan Sr. and Helen T. Ryan and two sisters, he is survived by a daughter, son-in-law, son, future daughter-in-law, three grandsons, and numerous nieces and nephews. 1969 Thomas Leo "Tom" Engdahl ‘69 (FEG), died Friday, March 9, 2018 at the Mississippi Veteran's Home in Jackson, MS. He was 71. Mr. Engdahl was born in Westfield, NY to the late Robert and Genevieve Parker Engdahl. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He had been a resident of Vicksburg since 1973 and retired in 2001 from Waterways Experiment Station as an engineer. Mr. Engdahl was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Vicksburg Lodge 95. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed golfing, softball, and bowling. Mr. Engdahl is survived by his wife, Sherron Brichetto Engdahl, a son, two daughters, four grandchildren, two brothers, and a sister. 1970 Brian Skinner ‘70 (FRM), 70, passed away on Sunday evening, November 25, 2018 to join the Lord, caring for his trees and gardens. Born to Bernard and Margaret Skinner, Brian was raised in Poughkeepsie, NY. He graduated from SUNY College of Forestry in 1970 and became a professional Arborist for 47 years. He retired from Lewis Tree Service and National Grid as a certified Arborist and registered consulting Arborist. During his career, he served the NYS Arborists, ISA Chapter on the Board and as an officer for 40 years. He also served on the Board and as an officer with the NYS Urban Forestry Council for 18 years. The recipient of numerous association awards, he was most proud of The National Grid Chairmans' Award, National Grid's "10,000 Trees and Growing" community tree planting program, and his establishment of the NYS Arborists education booth at the NYS Fair, celebrating 35 years at the Fair in 2018. Always willing to share his experiences and tree knowledge with fellow Arborists, workers and the public, Brian strived to encourage respect and thought
for trees when planted and as they matured to old age. He thanks all those who helped
him grow in his career. He begins his new journey, leaving his loving wife of 45 years,
Diane, a son, three daughters, eight beautiful grandchildren, a brother-in-law, and two
nieces.

1976 David Allen Moser ’76 (LA), 65, of Hamden, Connecticut passed away peacefully
Monday, September 10, 2018 at his home with his loving and caring family by his side.
David was the beloved husband of Marie Greger, and is survived by a son and two
daughters. He was born in Seattle, Washington in 1953 to the late Harry and Edith
Moser. David lived in Hamden for over thirty years, after being raised in Malverne, Long
Island. He graduated Cum Laude from SUNY College of Environmental Science and
Forestry in 1976 with a 5th year Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Architecture that
included a Bachelor's of Science Degree. David worked for the City of New Haven Parks
Dept. as their Landscape Architect for over twenty years. He was honored with a Friends
of Wooster Square Award in 2017 by the Historic Wooster Square Association, and he
was given the 2018 City Spirit Recognition Award by Mayor Toni Harp. Many of his
personal touches and hard work can be seen and appreciated in parks and monuments
throughout the city, including Edgewood Skate Park, the Monument Fountain on the
Green, Long Warf Park, Cherry Ann Street Park, each of New Haven's numerous splash
pads, and Harvey's Walk in Wooster Square, to name a few. He diligently championed
for the planting of flowering trees in front of City Hall and the Hall of Records, which will
bloom each year in April for the City's birthday. He lead and participated in numerous
other civic and community projects, and his designs and legacy can be seen and enjoyed
in most public spaces in New Haven. David loved his family first and foremost, and was a
devoted father and husband. He also had a great love for nature and the outdoors, and
enjoyed walking and hiking, gardening, biking, swimming, drawing, architecture, reading
and listening to music. He was predeceased by his sister and his brother. He also leaves
a niece, a nephew, a brother-in-law, and three cousins.

1984 Richard J. Suttle ’84 (RS), passed away unexpectedly July 12, 2018. Born in
Glens Falls on March 17, 1964, Rick was the son of Patricia (Williams) Fountaine. Rick
was a 1982 graduate of Granville High School and 1984 graduate of SUNY- ESF Ranger
School at Wanakena with an AAS in Forest Technology. Rick resided in Vermont for over
25 years and has resided in Fort Ann for the past 5 years. Most recently he was
employed at Lia Nissan of Glens Falls, where in 2017 he was the recipient of the Award
of Excellence. He was predeceased by his grandparents and an uncle. He is survived by
his mother, a sister, a nephew, a niece, an aunt, and many cousins.

1994 Elizabeth Walker Kilmartx ’94 (FRM), 54, of Lyme, passed away at Dartmouth-
Hitchcock Medical Center in the presence of family and friends on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, as a consequence
of heart and lung damage from radiation treatment for childhood Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
She was born July 30, 1964, at the Boston Lying-In Hospital to Mary (Neidlinger) and
Robert Kilmarx. She graduated from Barrington High School in Rhode Island. She
attended a post-graduate year at the Ecole d'Humanité in the Swiss Alps, then graduated from Williams College where she majored in English. Elizabeth served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Dominica and earned a master's degree from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the State University of New York. She lived and worked in Thailand, then in Laos with the United Nations Development Program. She settled in Lyme Center, N.H., working as a consultant in GIS mapping and forestry. Elizabeth was very active in community organizations including the Prouty benefit for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center, the Lyme Democratic Party, and the Lyme Historians, for which she served as the Secretary. She was a devoted daughter, sister, and aunt. She maple sugared, raised chickens, cooked delicious meals for groups large and small, and generously shared her blackberries and rhubarb. She skied the length of the Long Trail in Vermont, climbed every peak over 4,000 feet in New Hampshire, skated the Connecticut River, and sailed the coast of New England. Elizabeth loved her friends, her community, her dogs, and the land, and took dim views of hypocrisy, injustice, and the incorrect use of apostrophes. Elizabeth is survived by her father, Robert, her brothers and sisters-in-law, and five nephews. She was predeceased by her mother, Mary.

2008 Daniel J. Howard, Jr. ‘08 (FRM), 32, of Philomath, Oregon, and formerly of Oswego, New York, passed away tragically on Aug. 12, 2018. Daniel was in a motor vehicle accident while involved in fighting the wildfires of the Pacific Northwest. Born in Oswego, New York, Daniel was the beloved son of Daniel and Nancy (Ruttan) Howard of Hannibal, New York, formerly of Oswego Town. Dan was a 2004 graduate of Mexico High School, where he played four years of Varsity Football. He also was active in Mexico Boy Scout Troop No. 825 and went on to earn the prestigious Eagle Scout Award in 2003. Daniel was 2008 graduate of SUNY's College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York, earning a degree in Forest Resource Management. He was also a 2006 graduate of its famed Ranger School in the Adirondack Mountains. Upon graduation, Dan realized his dream and moved to the Pacific Northwest. He worked for the University of Washington College of Forestry in Seattle, and later worked for the USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center in Benton County, Oregon, as a Research Biologist. Dan currently worked for Integrated Resource Management of Philomath, Oregon, as a Forester/Project Manager. During his spare time, Dan enjoyed all things outdoors, especially mountain biking and spending time with his special canine friends, Lola and Bauer. Dan was also very active with Team Dirt, a chapter of the International Mountain Biking Association in Corvallis, Oregon. Daniel is survived by his parents, his sister, his girlfriend and soulmate Ginny Kroshus of Philomath, Oregon, his maternal grandfather, a nephew, a niece, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends. He was predeceased by his maternal grandmother and his paternal grandparents.

2013 Lauren "Kimi" Worrell ‘13 (FRM), passed away on August 19, 2018 when she fell while preparing to descend a 400-foot rock face at Castle Rock in Waikato, New Zealand. Kimi had just finished a master's degree at the University
of Auckland and planned to work in sustainable transport policy. She was an avid outdoor enthusiast and rock climber. When she died, she was climbing with her boyfriend, Richard Graham.

During her time at ESF, Kimi was the director and co-founder of The Ecotones, an a cappella singing group. Kimi’s family wanted to highlight the problem of relying on equipment on the rock face. This equipment is naturally affected by UV rays and other elements of nature affecting its condition and reliability. At many sport-climbing areas around the world, anchors are permanently bolted to the rock. A climber clips her rope to these anchors as she ascends rather than inserting removable anchors into cracks in the walls. At some areas, ropes are left on the walls as well. The climbing website Mountain Project says Castle Rock has 10 multi-pitch sport-climbing routes, with difficulty ratings of 5.9 to 5.10d. The descriptions of the routes do not warn of worn anchors, but they do mention the possibility of rope drag (friction that could damage a climber's rope.) A crowdfunding page has been set up in Kimi's name to raise money to replace fixed lines and hardware in climbing spots around New Zealand.
givealittle.co.nz/kimis-legacy-fund

Staff/Faculty
Raydora S. Drummer Francis, ESF Director of Multicultural Affairs from 2004 -2017, 61, of 7220 E. Genesee Street, Fayetteville, died at home on Saturday, November 3, 2018 after a long illness. A native of New Haven, CT, she attended Richard C. Lee High School in New Haven. She went on to obtain a B. A. degree in Communications from Albertus Magnus College, New Haven; a M.A. degree in Educational Ministries from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois and a Ph.D. degree in College and University Administration from Michigan State University in Lansing, MI. She spent almost all of her career in Student Support Services at Wheaton College, Michigan State University and the University of Dubuque (1986 -2004). She was Interim Dean of Student Life at the University of Dubuque from July 2000 to August 2001. Raydora moved to Syracuse in January 2004 to become the Director of Multicultural Affairs at SUNY ESF. She retired from SUNY ESF in April 2017. She received Service Recognition Awards from all four Colleges that she worked. At SUNY ESF, she won a SUNY ESF Top Employee Participation Award for her volunteer work on the 2006 CNY SEFA Fundraising Campaign. She later won a Maple Leaf Award for her leadership in student affairs. She was a devoted Christian and a member of Grace Baptist Church for most of her time in Syracuse. She was an active volunteer who, in Syracuse, served on the Board of the Matilda Joclyn Gage Foundation from 2004 - 2005 and co-founded By HIS Spirit Ministries in 2014. She had served on the City of Dubuque Human Rights Commission for five years (1998 - 2003) and was vice-President of the Dubuque Branch of the N.A.A.C.P from 1999 - 2004. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Francis, two brothers, and a sister. She was predeceased by her adopted mother, Miss Bess, a brother, and a sister.
Michail Schaedle, PhD, ESF Professor Emeritus, died Friday, August 24, 2018 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania after a prolonged period of illness and infirmity. Michail was a Professor Emeritus at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry of the State University of New York in Syracuse, having retired a full Professor in 1994. He was born December 27, 1927 in Tallinn, Estonia to Erich Schaedle and Maria von Brevern, but lived for much of his life in Central New York in Syracuse, Skaneateles, and DeWitt. Dr. Schaedle was an immigrant to the New World, leaving Europe in the aftermath of World War II. He started his life in the Americas in British Colombia in Canada, working in logging camps and as a railroad mechanic. Overcoming deep poverty and after ensuring that his mother and siblings were also able to emigrate to North America (they settled in Canada and in the United States), Professor Schaedle earned a scholarship to the University of British Colombia, where he studied biology and soil sciences. Achieving academic distinction, he obtained his masters and PhD at the Department of Soils and Plant Nutrition at the University of California, Berkeley. At Berkeley, Dr. Schaedle studied and worked with Professor Melvin Calvin, the Nobel-Prize winning biologist, who conducted groundbreaking studies on plant photosynthesis, including identifying the "Calvin Cycle" in respect of photosynthetic reactions. In working with Professor Calvin, Professor Schaedle found his true intellectual calling, studying plant physiology and nutrition for the rest of his working life. At Berkeley, he met his wife, Marguerite Ybarrondo. After completing his PhD, he joined SUNY ESF's Department of Forest Botany and Pathology in 1965 as Associate Professor, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Herb Tepper. His courses included Nutritional Physiology of Plants, Ecological Physiology of Plants, Techniques in Plant Physiology, Plant Physiology Laboratory and an advanced course in Photosynthesis. Dr. Schaedle's research focused on photosynthesis in the bark of poplar trees and the isolation of photosynthetically active cells and chloroplasts from tree leaves. His studies also covered the carbon metabolism of spinach chloroplasts (using spectrophotometric and radioautographic techniques), the effects of acid deposition on forest communities, and the biogeochemistry of aluminum. Professor Schaedle was much published, a strong scientist and a dedicated conservationist, who taught and mentored generations of biologists and biochemists as undergraduates and graduate students at SUNY ESF - a college he esteemed. Making Central New York his home with Marguerite (who passed away in 2003) and his son, Michael, Dr. Schaedle loved the High Peaks in the Adirondacks and the Finger Lakes country. He was a runner, a skier and he explored every reach, hollow and back corner of Upstate New York with Marguerite and Michael, in the short vibrant springs and deep green summers of the place. A good day was a day spent in his garden, hands in earth, or in the kitchen attempting to bake good bread (he never quite succeeded in figuring out that kind of chemistry). Professor Schaedle was a proud, naturalized citizen of the United States, who believed in the promise of America. He was an optimist, who began each day with good cheer and a bounce in his step, head held high. To his family, Dr. Schaedle
epitomized rationality, logic, industry, loving kindness, honesty, patience and duty. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, a granddaughter, a step-daughter, 2 step-children, a brother, 2 sisters, and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.