



# Dr. Henry P. Wilson

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Dr. Henry Palmer Wilson, Jr., 74, Professor Emeritus of Virginia Tech, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at his home.

Dr. Wilson received his BS and Master's degrees from the University of Delaware and PhD in weed science from Rutgers University. He began work at the Virginia Truck and Ornamental Research Station, which became the Virginia Tech Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, in Painter, VA. After 47 years as a professor of weed science and 13 years as the director of the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research, and Education Center, he retired from Virginia Tech as Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Wilson was the principal or co-principal investigator on more than 130 competitive and non-competitive grants researching new herbicides and herbicide-resistant weeds. He authored or co-authored more than 400 peer reviewed journal articles, extension publications, and abstracts.

Dr. Wilson was revered by growers and colleagues throughout the region, especially those who worked closely with him on the Eastern Shore. His contributions to weed science and weed control, through his research and extension work, continue, even today, to be one of his greatest achievements and legacy. Farmers, of the Delmarva region and the agronomic and vegetable production areas of Virginia, were early adapter of his cutting edge research.

Dr. Wilson held officer positions in 16 academic/professional societies. He was an active member of the Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS) serving as President, Secretary-Treasurer; he received the highest honor of the NEWSS being elected Fellow; additionally, he received the outstanding paper award in numerous years.

He was the major advisor of 13 Ph. D., 4 M.S., and 3 post doctors; and on committees of many graduate students of Virginia Tech; many of his students received NEWSS awards for their presentations.

He also was an active member of the Weed Science Society of America, being elected to the Society's highest award, Fellow.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by two children, Sara R. Wilson, Brian R. Wilson and his wife, Maura; a sister, Linda Wilson; a brother, Stephen Wilson and a granddaughter, Lula Wilson.

Memorials may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 or a charity of one's choice.