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Edwin Hibbs



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WOOSTER -- Edwin Thompson Hibbs, 88, of Wooster, Ohio and Statesboro, Georgia died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, following a short illness.

A private family service will be held Saturday to commemorate his life.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Drive, Wooster, is handling arrangements.

Words of condolences may be shared with the family at www.MEM.com.

Dr. Hibbs received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University and was a professor of entomology at Iowa State University and was head of the biology department at Georgia Southern University. During his career he published and presented over 50 research papers on insects and their impact on agriculture. Dr. Hibbs further served as a consultant to the United Nations Special Projects in Costa Rica and as an exchange scientist serving in China, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Kenya.

Edwin T. Hibbs was born in Salem, Ohio, the son of Edwin G. Hibbs and Irma Stella (Thompson) Hibbs of Wooster. Surviving are his sister, Marjorie Elizabeth "Betty" Hibbs, and brother, Herbert Lee Hibbs of Ashland.

Dr. Hibbs was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Evaline Straight.

Together they raised five children, Dr. Michael S. Hibbs of Westford, Vt., Dr. Stephen T. Hibbs of Jerico, Vt., Anne Claire Hibbs Diel of Madisonville, La., Paul Scott Hibbs of Statesboro, Ga., and Henry E. Hibbs of Watkinsville, Ga. Dr. Hibbs has 13 grandchildren, Sarah, Thomas, Clifford, Julia, Clara, Peter, Danielle, John, Robert, Adrian, Garrett, Will, and Daniel.

Following his wife's death in 1989, Edwin Hibbs married Dr. Justine Mann of Statesboro, Ga.

Preceding Edwin Hibbs in death are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Hibbs, his brother, Dr. John W. Hibbs and his wife, Ruth Evaline Hibbs.

Dr. Hibbs had a great love and respect for family, music, art and the natural environment.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute or The American Indian Education Foundation.