

WILLIAM WARD SMITH

1914–1988

William W. Smith was born on July 7, 1914, in Greenfield, Tennessee. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1936 and his M.A. degree from Cornell University in 1937. He joined the United States Public Health Service as a medical entomologist in 1943 and, while stationed in Gulfport, Mississippi, worked on his Ph.D. degree in medical entomology which he obtained from Tulane University in 1952. He then was appointed scientist at the Newton Field Station in southwest Georgia working on malaria control.

After retiring from the USPHS in 1957, he was appointed research professor in the Department of Entomology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He served as chairman and committee member of graduate students and published numerous papers on the bionomics of inland species of *Culicoides*.

"Bill" retired from the University of Florida in 1972 and spent a great deal of time in his

garden propagating all kinds of plants, which he either gave away or sold at modest sums. He was a compassionate and inspiring teacher and, as a researcher, competent and complete on any subject he explored. He was a member of the American Mosquito Control Association, Entomological Society of America and Sigma Xi.

His devotion to bass fishing will never be forgotten—exploring practically every lake in Alachua County. Bill seemed to be most content fishing on Orange Lake with its floating islands, luxuriant aquatic vegetation and cypress trees.

He passed away at his home in Gainesville on October 30, 1988, leaving his devoted wife Christine, two sons, Richard and Ward, and grandchildren.

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