



Donald Nelson Maynard

June 22, 1932 - November 27, 2016

Donald Maynard of Sarasota, Florida passed away at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on Sunday, November 27th, 2016.

He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and was the only son of the late Elsie Maynard Anderson and Harry Ashley Maynard.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Donna Lee Maynard and is survived by his wife, Gail and his son David and his wife Linda (Winkler).

Don graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1954, received a Master of Science degree from North Carolina State College in 1956 and a PhD from the University of Massachusetts in 1963. Dr. Maynard retired from the University of Massachusetts as Professor Emeritus in 1979, and accepted the positions of Professor and Chairman of the Department of Vegetable Crops at the University of Florida. He served as Chairman for five years then assumed full-time duties as Professor continuing his research and service at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center of the University of Florida in Wimauma. He retired as Professor Emeritus in 2003.

After his retirement, Dr. Maynard continued his career as a crop consultant working with both the agricultural community and industry.

He was the author of more than 500 publications including Knott's Handbook for Vegetable Growers. Throughout his professional career,

Dr. Maynard received numerous academic and industry awards and honors for his research and service to the agricultural community. Most notably he served as President of the American Society of Horticultural Science (1997) and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Connecticut Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Department of Horticulture at North Carolina State University

Don was also a long time Rotarian and multiple Paul Harris Fellow with an ongoing belief in Rotary International's ability to make the world a better place.

Dr. Maynard acknowledged that his education at the University of Connecticut started him on his way to achieving status as an internationally recognized author, scientist, and expert in horticulture.

He is a member of the Charles Lewis Beach Society, which allows for members to provide for the University through planned giving.

A recipient of a scholarship himself at the University of Connecticut, he established a scholarship to give financial assistance to students at his alma mater.

Professor Maynard was dedicated to education and research and his life serves as an inspiration to all who wish to accomplish much in this world.

A Requiem Mass will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer (222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL) at 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 17, 2016. Funeral arrangements by Toale Brothers.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy or memorial are asked to consider a donation to the Donald N. Maynard Scholarship Fund c/o the UConn Foundation Inc. 2390 Alumni Drive, Unit 3206, Storrs, CT 06269 or by using web address: <https://uconn.givecorps.com/admin/causes/6698-the-donald-n-maynard-fund>. For more information contact Amy Chesmer 860-486-1763.