



William M. Brown Professional Development Award

William Malcolm Brown, Jr., age 67, Professor of Plant Pathology in the Department of Bioagricultural Sciences & Pest Management at Colorado State University for 25 years, passed away unexpectedly on January 27, 2003. Bill is survived by Betty Muller Brown, and sons William Malcolm Brown III and Karl William Brown. He was born June 20, 1935 in Hastings, NE.

Bill is described by all that knew him as one of the most upbeat and positive individuals that they ever met. His contributions to humanity and to plant pathology have been many and profound to the hundreds of students and colleagues worldwide who had the privilege of knowing Bill, his zest for life and jazz, and his witty sense of humor.

Bill received his A. A. in Agriculture from Modesto Junior College in 1955. Bill's professional passion took hold with his B. S. degree in Plant Pathology from U.C.-Davis (1957) and PhD in Plant Pathology from Oregon State University (1965). He worked in Nigeria, Thailand, South Korea, and Bolivia before "settling down a bit" in 1980 at CSU as Professor of Plant Pathology and Cooperative Extension IPM Coordinator. Since then he also served as International Extension Coordinator and faculty advisor for the Peace Corps, and taught courses and guest lectured at CSU, nationally and internationally (in Mexico, North Yemen, Albania, Guinea Bissau, Palestine, Iran, Hungary and Romania).

Bill contributed his vision and energy to numerous activities in the American Phytopathological Society by coordinating the collection and donation of plant pathology journals and textbooks to numerous libraries overseas, procured over 4 million dollars in surplus medical equipment and supplies for Ukraine, Hungary and Romania.

Bill mentored, counseled, befriended, pushed and helped many in our professional society become respected plant pathologists. Bill thrived on family and friends, international travel, classical music and jazz. His idea of a perfect evening included great food, good wine, live music, and dining surrounded by friends old and new from all cultures, preferably in a garden afflicted with an unusual disease!