

### **Obituary**

#### **HARRY F. PAINTER**

Harry F. Painter (7 January 1921-13 October 2001), was Professor Emeritus of Biology at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Virginia. He was on the faculty at NVCC for 14 years until his retirement in 1986. Harry grew up in San Diego, California and received his A.B. degree in Biology from San Diego State College. His was the first M.S. degree in Biology awarded by George Mason University in 1971. Prior to teaching, Harry was an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and was in combat as an infantry officer in both Korea and Viet Nam. He retired as a full Colonel after 26 years of service.

Harry was a member of the Virginia Natural History Society since its inception in 1992. He was an entomologist with an interest in fleas. He published on the fleas of West Virginia and Virginia, as well as on lice and leptinid beetles. He gave many presentations about his work and was proud of having given one at the International Congress of Parasitology at Brisbane, Australia in 1986. Harry was active in the Virginia Academy of Science and was a former Chairman of the Biology Section. He was President of the Tropical Medicine Association of Washington in 1983 and held memberships in Sigma Xi and the Entomological Society of Washington.

Harry died of pancreatic cancer and was interred in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Audrey, of Annandale, VA and by his three daughters and a son and by 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial scholarship in his name has been established at NVCC. He will long be remembered by his colleagues and former students.

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