Samuel G. Turnipseed

DR. SAMUEL GUY TURNIPSEED, BORN 19 JANUARY 1934, lost his battle with heart and lung disease Friday, 11 October 2019. Dr. Turnipseed, age 85, passed away at his home in Quimistan, Honduras, where he had joyfully served as a missionary with the Tranquilidad Foundation since 2011.

Sam was born in Mobile, Alabama, to George and Ruby Turnipseed. He was the eldest of three sons. Dr. Turnipseed attended Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, where he received a B.A. degree and, more importantly, met his future wife, Betsy Ann Campbell of Paw Creek, North Carolina. He continued his education, receiving degrees from the University of North Carolina (Morehead Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, B.S.), Clemson University (M.S.), and North Carolina State University (Ph.D. in entomology). Dr. Turnipseed was employed at Clemson for 45 years, where he became a professor of entomology and enjoyed a long, productive career at Edisto Research Center in Blackville, South Carolina. He served as president of the South Carolina Entomological Society (1970), president of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America (1980), and was an internationally renowned entomologist.

Sam and Betsy settled in Williston, South Carolina, where they raised their son, Mike, and two daughters, Susan and Leigh. They helped establish the First Southern Methodist Church in Williston, as well as Jefferson Davis Academy in Blackville. Sam and Betsy were married for 38 years before she lost her battle with cancer in 1992. Sam then married Roxanne Francis in 1994 and became stepfather to her 6-year-old son, Craig Francis.

In 2011, when Sam was at the tender young age of 77, he and Roxanne were called to sell their home in Aiken, South Carolina, and purchase land in Quimistan, Honduras, to build a home for abandoned, neglected, and orphaned children. They founded and operated Tranquilidad Foundation, moving there in 2013. Sam became “Papa Sam” to nine children in their care. He remained there until his passing. Roxanne continues in God’s work with those precious young ones.

Sam was preceded in death by his beloved first wife, Betsy; his parents; and a brother, David Turnipseed (Cindy). He is survived by his wife Roxanne; brother Tom Turnipseed (Judy) of Columbia, South Carolina; son D. Michael Turnipseed (Maria) of Avon, Indiana; daughter Susan Richardson (Don) of West Jefferson, North Carolina; daughter Leigh Wechter (Pat) of Ravenel, South Carolina; Stepson Craig A. Francis (Casey) of Bozeman, Montana; nine foster children at Tranquilidad Foundation of Quimistan, Honduras; grandchildren J. Ryan Turnipseed (Tessa) of Avon, Indiana; Emily Marriott (Todd) of Boone, North Carolina; Tyler C. Turnipseed (Sara) of Avon, Indiana; Stephen P. Turnipseed (Karli) of Bowling Green, Kentucky; and nine great-grandchildren.

Ernest James Harris (1928–2018)

DR. ERNEST JAMES HARRIS, a quiet gentle giant of the entomological community, departed on 20 February 2018, three months before his 90th birthday. Born in North Little Rock, Arkansas, on 24 May 1928 and the eldest of six siblings, Ernie grew up on a modest family cotton farm. He missed school each year until mid-November to help harvest cotton. Ernie's interest in entomology emerged while he assisted his mother in removing insect pests in their vegetable garden. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1946. Instead of pilot training, he was assigned to menial tasks at the segregated Montford Point Camp in North Carolina. Ernie later joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1946. Instead of pilot training, he was assigned to menial tasks at the segregated Montford Point Camp in North Carolina. Ernie later accepted a GI Bill and earned his B.S. in chemistry and zoology at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (1947–1951), where he was greatly inspired by his botany and zoology professor, Dr. Rufus Caine.

Ernie moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin,