

- Kenneth James Kraft (March 3, 1930 – January 12, 2014)
- David Wilson Crumacker (March 29, 1929 – January 16, 2014)
- Derek Anthony Duckhouse (1933 – January 2014)
- Sidney Camras (April 22, 1919 – February 5, 2014)  
(see Fly Times, issue 49, for an article about Sid by Skevinton, Thompson & Gibson)
- Andy Z. Lehrer (May 16, 1930 – February 2014)
- Mark A. Jervis (1951–March 11, 2014)  
(see [Kidd 2014](#) for an obituary)
- Harry Davis Pratt (April 13, 1915 – March 31, 2014)
- Richard Floyd Darsie, Jr. (January 28, 1915 – April 10, 2014)
- Edmundo Ferraz Nonato (June 1, 1920 – April 14, 2014)
- Eberhard Plassmann (November 3, 1938 – June 12, 2014)
- \*Benjamin Archer Foote (October 25, 1928 – July 6, 2014)
- Lewis Thomas Nielsen, Jr. (September 6, 1920 – July 25, 2014)
- Marian Adachi Kohn (March 1, 1929 – August 29, 2014)
- Jermy Tibor (January 31, 1917 – September 23, 2014)
- Barry Thomas Owen Lee (February 25, 1935 – October 5, 2014)
- \*Evert Irving Schlinger (April 17, 1928 – October 8, 2014)
- Pavel Láska (1934 – September 30, 2014)
- Vu Thi Phan (1931 – 2014)

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**Benjamin Archer Foote**  
**October 25, 1928 – July 6, 2014**

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Ben Foote was born and raised in Delaware, Ohio. In 1950 he received his B.A. degree in zoology at Ohio Wesleyan University under Dr. Clifford O. Berg, one of the fathers of sciomyzidology. In 1952 he earned his M.S. degree in entomology at The Ohio State University. After serving two years driving a tank for the U.S. Army in Germany and then serving on the faculty at the University of Idaho, Ben returned to college and in 1961 earned his Ph.D. in entomology at Cornell University, again under the guidance of Cliff Berg. At Cornell he associated with Berg's group of students, which at that time included the future sciomyzidologists Stuart Neff and Lloyd Knutson. Foote and Neff were Berg's first two graduate students studying sciomyzids, but that elite club would later include such productive dipterists as Jay Abercrombie,





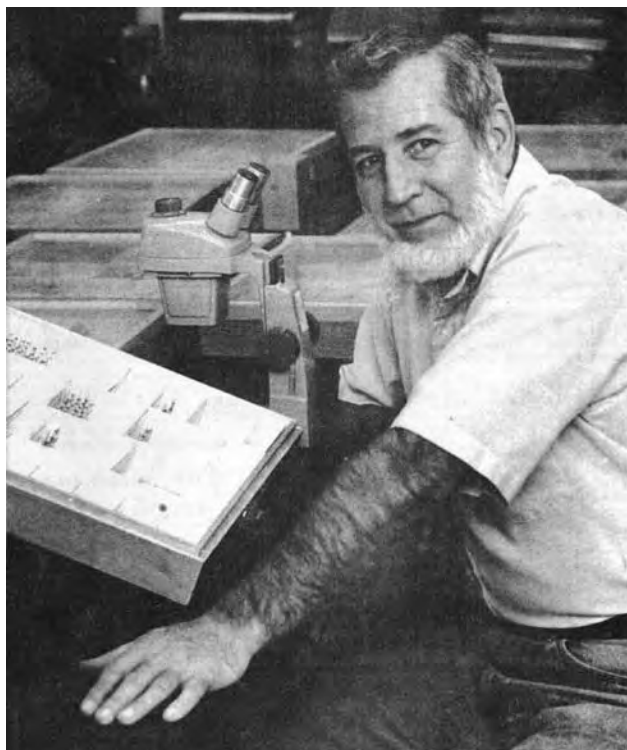
Ben Foote (left) with Lloyd Knutsen at Cornell University, 1962

Stephen Arnold, Jeffery Barnes, Jack Bath, Albertus Bratt, James Eckblad, Jeannette Gower Teece, Steve Juliano, Vic Kaczynski., Stuart Neff, Bill O'Neill, Denny Trelka, Karl Valley, and Jan Zuska. For the next 35 years, Ben was a professor of biology at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, where he mentored more than 50 graduate students. During many summers, he taught at the University of Montana's Biological Research Station on Flathead Lake. He retired in 1996 but continued his research as Emeritus Professor until shortly before his death.

At Kent State he developed a group of M.S. students with whom he shared his knowledge and love of sciomyzids. Among them were Denny Trelka and Karl Valley, both of whom completed their M.S. degrees in 1968 and went on to produce outstanding Ph.D. theses on Sciomyzidae at Cornell under the guidance of Dr. Berg.

During his 60-year career, Ben published more than 150 papers on 17 different families of flies, including 30 papers on Sciomyzidae, as well as on Ephydriidae, Tephritidae, and other acalyptrates. He focused primarily on life cycles and descriptions of immature stages (34 species in nine genera) and faunistics. He was the first to demonstrate that certain sciomyzids attack submerged operculate snails, slugs, and fingernail clams. For Fred Stehr's 1991 book *Immature Insects*, Ben coordinated the chapter on Diptera and wrote many of the family sections. During the last decade, he was particularly interested in the biology of Tipulidae, especially species found in Ohio. He published his last paper in April of this year, describing a new species of sciomyzid, *Pherbellia anitae*, naming it after his beloved wife of 60 years.

Dr. Foote was a generous man. He contributed to his community as a founding member of the Kent Environmental Council, serving as its president for 18 years. Upon retiring, he donated his personal library of scientific papers and specimens to the Carnegie Museum. His passion for learning, love of his family, and dedication to leaving the world a better place were the driving forces in his rich and wonderful life.





Left: Three sciomyzid guys (left to right): Bill Murphy, Jay Abercrombie and Ben Foote, 2009; Right: Ben Foote, 2012.

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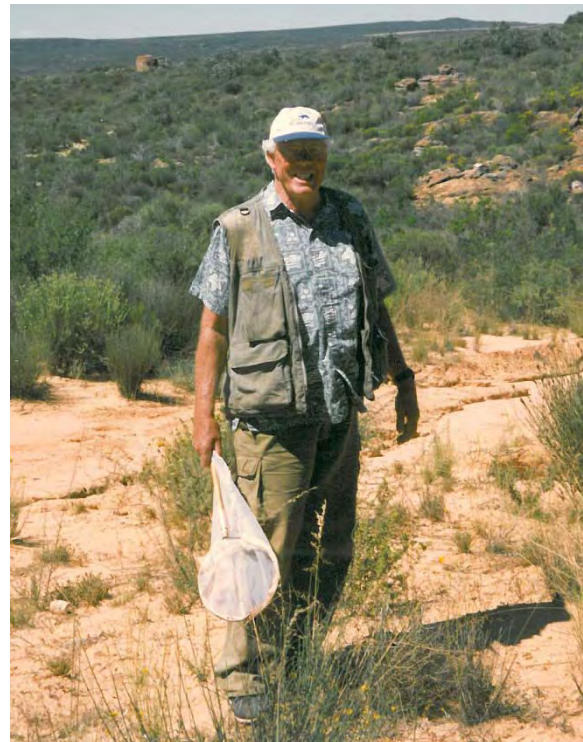
**Evert Irving Schlinger**  
**April 17, 1928 – October 8, 2014**  
**A Personal Tribute**

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Following a long and difficult battle with Alzheimer's disease, Evert Irving Schlinger passed away during a spectacular lunar eclipse in the early morning hours of Wednesday, October 8, 2014. Ev was peacefully resting at the home of his daughter Jane and son-in-law Brad Omick in Lafayette, California. He is survived by his brother Warren and sister-in-law Katie Schlinger, his four children Pete, Mathew, Jane and Brian, and 11 grandchildre.

Ev earned a B.S. degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1950 and, under the mentorships of Richard Bohart, Harry Lange, and others, a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis, in 1957. Ev was a member of Calpha fraternity, a life and charter member of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association, and a recipient of the Award of Distinction by the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, UC Davis; an Honorary Member of the Council of the International Congresses of Dipterology; and a Fellow and Trustee of the California Academy of Sciences.



Ev in South Africa, 1996 (photo: SD Gaimari)