

The Entomological Society of Canada lost a long-time member with the death of William Lloyd Sippell at the age of 97 on 22 February 2019 at the FJ Davey Home in his home town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. He lived a full and long happy life, disabled from Parkinson's Disease in the last few years but maintaining his loving, cheerful and friendly demeanour. His smile melted our hearts even when he was near the end.

Lloyd was born in Pembroke, Ontario, on 10 October 1921 to Rev Maurice and Anna Sippell and was the youngest of three siblings. After graduating from Hanover High School where he participated on the hockey team, he attended a "Teachers course" in 1941 at Stratford Normal School. Following this, he taught public school in one-room schools in Arkwright and Durkeld, Bruce County, Ontario, for a few years. Then, having volunteered to join the Royal Canadian Artillery, he served in Nova Scotia for 3 years, training recruits and patrolling for enemy U-boats off the coast. On return from his active military service, he was supported to attend the University of Western Ontario where he earned his BSc.

Upon graduation, he hitchhiked through Ontario, Michigan, Illinois, Georgia, Alabama, the Carolinas, Washington, New York and Quebec, spending the grand sum of \$65.

He met the love of his life, Doris M. Eickmier, while skating with his sister and was married by his father in St Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church in Mildmay, Ontario, in 1950. That same fall he enrolled at University of Western Ontario and earned his Masters in Zoology (cum laude) in 1951. The couple then moved to Ann Arbor where Lloyd studied entomology at the University of Michigan while his wife worked in private duty nursing. In 1953 Lloyd earned his PhD with a thesis entitled "*A study of the forest tent caterpillar Malacosoma disstria Hbn. and its parasite complex in Ontario*", with Professor SA Graham as the External Examiner.

Having worked several summers in forestry field stations for the Department of Agriculture during his undergraduate years, Lloyd joined the Forest Insect Laboratory, in Sault Ste. Marie as a research scientist in 1951. In 1953 he became the Officer-in-Charge of the Forest Insect Survey of Ontario, a position he held until becoming Program Manager for the Spruce Budworm Control Research Project and Forest Insect and Disease Survey in 1977. Control of the spruce budworm was the main focus of his professional life, and he encouraged prevention of widespread infestations by controlling spread at the onset of small outbreaks. In 1980 Lloyd was honoured by his election as a Fellow of the Entomological Society of Canada at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Society and the Société d'entomologie du Québec in Quebec City. In 1982 he returned to his research position to complete manuscripts specific to spruce budworm and to insects of man-made forests. He retired from the Canadian Forestry Service after 33 years of dedicated service, having published over 60 scientific papers. In his early retirement, Lloyd took on a part time consultant position as a Technical Advisor with Sumitoma Chemical America Inc. and travelled quite extensively.

The United Church was a huge part of Lloyd's life and he served as an Elder in his local church for many years. He placed his family at the forefront of his life, including them in everything that interested him. He loved skiing, both alpine and x-country, and also his Sand Bay cottage on Lake Superior. He maintained a childlike curiosity and spent many hours puttering happily at the



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(1921–2019)**

cottage and in his garden, readily sharing his knowledge of the natural world with his family and community. Indeed, people often commented on his easy-going and friendly personality; either he was a born teacher or he used his early teacher training to explain the wonders of the forest and nature to all who approached him with a question.

Lloyd was a dedicated husband and celebrated a 65-year anniversary with his wife Doris. He was greatly admired, loved, and respected by his three children David (wife Anne and sons Drew and Kenn), Wendy (husband Nicholas Payne and children Jennifer and George) and Jane. He shared his love of nature, travel and being active outdoors with them. A true gentleman, he rarely had anything negative to say about anyone or anything. He is greatly missed.

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