

## Norman Jackson

(1927 – )

Norman Jackson was born in 1927, served in the military service from 1946-47, and graduated with a B.S. in Forestry in 1952. In 1953, he served as a forest superintendent and instructor of forestry at West Virginia University until 1957, when he took a year's leave to complete a M.S. in Wood Technology at North Carolina State University. Upon returning, he served as a forestry instructor at WVU in 1958. His entire professional career was with the WVU Division of Forestry, advancing to the ranks of full professor in 1978. During this time, he served in various teaching, research and administrative positions until his retirement in 1994.



Mr. Jackson's primary contribution to the agricultural and forestry community was through education. During his 30 plus years of service at WVU, he taught a wide variety of courses in the Division of Forestry, authored and co-authored several research publications, and provided invaluable administrative support to the Division. He also served as Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Agriculture and Forestry, providing essential administrative support.

Mr. Jackson assisted sawmills in meeting OSHA standards, taught lumber grading short courses, and participated as an instructor for high school students at the annual Forest Industries Camp. He provided higher education expertise by serving on advisory committees of forest technology associate degree programs for Glenville State College and Allegheny Community College in Cumberland, Md. As a faculty member, he was advisor to countless students, was totally devoted to his profession and was always there to provide counsel and assistance to both students and parents. He was a role model and mentor for two generations of students and touched the lives of many professionals in forestry and educators throughout the state and region.

Mr. Jackson is a member of honoraries including Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta and Xi Sigma Pi. He was elected as the 1992 Division of Forestry Outstanding Alumni, and was featured in the student yearbook dedication in 1980. Upon his retirement in 1994, he was awarded the Professor Emeritus Status. In 1997, he was recognized as a distinguished alumnus of the college.

He is a highly respected professional in wood technology and maintained strong contacts with the wood industries throughout the state by way of his personal contacts with companies and programs of the West Virginia Forestry Association. Some of his strongest efforts were to alumni activities and especially to those of the Division of Forestry.