

Kenneth L. Carvell



Kenneth L. Carvell was born in North Andover, Massachusetts. From 1948-1953, he earned a bachelor's degree in forestry, Harvard University; master's degree, Yale University; and doctorate in forestry, Duke University.

Dr. Carvell came to West Virginia University (WVU) in 1953 as Assistant Professor of Silviculture. His activity in service, teaching and research is voluminous. He has been unselfish with his time to civic organizations, schools and other public groups. The Allegheny Society of American Foresters bestowed him the honor of Outstanding Forester. He has also received the Outstanding University Teacher of the Year from WVU and Distinguished Service Award from the Society of American Foresters.

His research in the area of silviculture and silvicides contributed significantly and added to the prestige of WVU's Division of Forestry. He helped WVU strengthen relationships with many of its clientele groups, most noteworthy the community of vegetation management professionals in the power utility industry.

Of all his accomplishments and contributions, most remembered will always be his dedication to teaching and students. Generations of students remember him not only as a professor, but as a friend.

Dr. Carvell took special interest in two important facilities of the Division of Forestry and gave considerable time and effort to their improvement. The first was the Forestry Library in Percival Hall. He worked hard to get donations of periodicals and publications to make the Library a valuable asset to the Division's teaching programs. And, his work as overseer of the University forest for many years was really a labor of love. Many students had the opportunity to work side-by-side with him in the forest on various management, research and improvement projects.

Dr. Carvell has published more than 150 scientific and popular articles on topics related to forest ecology, tree care, vegetation management and the safe use of herbicide growth regulators. He is an active member of the Nature Conservancy, Izaak Walton League of America, Utility Arborist Association, Danforth Association, Society of American Foresters and West Virginia Native Plant Society.

Dr. Carvell retired from WVU in 1988 as Professor Emeritus of Forest Ecology. He presently does consulting work for a research company.

Dr. Carvell has left his mark on West Virginia in many significant ways – generations of professional resource managers, school children excited through his own enthusiasm and companies using information generated through his research.