In Memoriam

On January 16, 2021, Dr. Herbert T. Streu passed away after a short illness. He was 94. Herb, as he was called, was born in Elizabeth, NJ and attending high school in Cranford, NJ. After high school he attended Rutgers University where he received a bachelor’s degree in horticulture and a masters and doctoral degree in entomology. After a stint in the horticultural/ornamental industry he returned to Rutgers University as an assistant professor of entomology, obtained the rank of professor and retired from the university in 1988. During his tenure at Rutgers he was department chair and graduate program director from 1976 -1988, served as the faculty representative to the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees, and was a longtime member of the University Senate. In 1991 Herb was awarded the University Presidential Citation for his many contributions and service to Rutgers University.

Herb Streu was very in active in the Entomological Society of America (ESA) and was a member for 60 years. During that time he served on or chaired more than 20 ESA committees. He was elected Honorary Member in 1988. He also served ESA’s Eastern Branch as Secretary-Treasurer for eleven years and was elected as Branch Representative to the ESA Governing Board in 1982 where he served on the governing board’s Executive Committee. Herb was also President for the Branch’s 50th Anniversary Meeting in 1978. The Fiftieth Anniversary History of The Eastern Branch, published by the ESA in 1979, was dedicated to Dr. Streu as further recognition of his long service to the Branch. In 1991, the Eastern Branch recognized his dedication and service to the branch by creating the Herbert T. Streu Meritorious Service Award, which is presented to members dedicated to serving the branch’s members.