

# Stanley W. Warren

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Dr. Stanley W. Warren, who lived to be 86, was one of Cornell's most outstanding and visible professors. A native of Ithaca, he retired in 1972 after forty consecutive years of classroom teaching. His primary work at Cornell was teaching the basic course in farm business management to students who intended to work in agriculture as farmers, bankers and in agribusiness. Renowned for his teaching skills and his rapport with students, he received the first "Professor of Merit" award presented by the seniors in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1948.

He received his bachelor's degree in 1927 and his doctorate in 1931, both from Cornell. On completion of his graduate work, he went to Nanking, China where he served as statistician for studies of Chinese agriculture at Nanking University. He joined the Department of Agricultural Economics in 1933.

Awarded a Distinguished Life Membership in the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council in 1973, he was cited for his continuing commitment to farming. Among the many honors he received were Honorary Life Membership in the Association of Teachers of Agriculture of New York (1967), the Distinguished Undergraduate Teacher Award from the American Farm Economics Association (1967), the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the New York Farm Bureau (1969) and the Distinguished Service Citation of the New York State Agricultural Society (1970).

For seventeen years (1945-61), he served as Scoutmaster of Ithaca's Boy Scout Troup 4 and was instrumental in restoring the Eight Square School (on Hanshaw Road) during the bicentennial year. His purpose was to use the one-room building as a place to teach about early rural and school life. He was also the treasurer of the Alumni Association, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, a director of Citizens Savings Bank and a Village of Cayuga Heights Trustee.

He touched many lives with his down to earth, homespun philosophy of management and life. His sense of humor and sense of purpose was always evident in everything he did. Stan shaped the careers of thousands of undergraduate and graduate students. He was a plain spoken, humorous, approachable man, loved by his students. He was devoted to them and taught his courses in a unique manner featuring field trips.

At his home on Warren Road, he kept a small museum behind the house that was quite an eye opener to anyone who had not grown up on a farm. He also loved to tend his garden.

He was a guiding light to thousands of students. He kept in touch with his students long after they graduated from Cornell. He kept a permanent file on every student he taught and devoted all his professional energies to teaching. In forty years, he missed only one scheduled class. Over those years, he taught more than 9,000 students farm management and farm real estate appraisal.

On the wall of his room was a painting of the Eight Square School, a drawing of a Scout leader given him by his scouts in 1955, a farm scene and a painting of him holding a grandchild and this summed up his good life.

At a tribute to Dr. Warren on Saturday, June 11, 1994, his former students and several of his children commented on various phases of his life.

He is survived by seven children, 16 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

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