

David Paul Moore

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David Paul Moore, professor of agronomy and director of the U.S. Plant, Soil, and Nutrition Laboratory, died at Ithaca, New York, of a heart attack. He was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, the son of David Paul and Viola Jean Moore. Dr. Moore married Ruth M. Joyner in 1953. They had a daughter, Carol Jane Moore Sorenson, in 1957 and a son, Michael David Moore, in 1960.

Professor Moore attended high school at Wallace, North Carolina. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in soil science at North Carolina State University at Raleigh in 1953, and a Master of Science degree in soil science from the same university in 1955. From July 1953 to August 1955 he was a soil scientist at the Horticulture Crops Research Station at Castle Hayne, North Carolina, and a graduate research assistant in the Department of Soil Science at North Carolina State University. He was granted a Doctor of Philosophy degree in soil chemistry and plant nutrition from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1960.

In February 1960 he joined the staff of Oregon State University at Corvallis, becoming a full professor in 1970. There Dr. Moore taught graduate-level courses in soil chemistry and soil fertility and directed the thesis research of graduate students. His major research was in the relationship of soil chemistry to plant nutrition. One field of emphasis was acid soil problems, especially toxic effects of aluminum on plant roots. From 1971 to 1977 he was assistant director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station at Oregon State University, where he coordinated soil fertility research at the branch experiment stations. In February and March 1975 and January 1976 he worked with the U.S. Agency for International Development on agricultural research needs in Jordan. He became director of the U.S. Plant, Soil, and Nutrition Laboratory in Ithaca in September 1977 and was also appointed professor of agronomy at Cornell University. He served in these capacities until his death.

He was a member of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, the American Society of Plant Physiologists, and Sigma Xi. He was an associate editor of the *Agronomy Journal* between 1968 and 1973 and of *Crops and Soils* between 1970 and 1974.

Dr. Moore served as lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves. His most recent assignment was with the Civil Affairs Board as chief of the Food and Agricultural Branch.

Dr. Moore's keen interest in people and in people-related problems was immediately evident. He loved people and thoroughly enjoyed helping them develop their technical skills and their interpersonal work relationships. His incisive appraisals and his frank evaluations made him an unusually valuable leader and coworker and a good friend. He will be sorely missed, but he would be happy to know that his ideas and his influence on the ideas and attitudes of his coworkers will continue for many years. As one views the impact of his lifetime, one must conclude that here was a constructive life.

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