

Robert P. Celarier**(1921-1959)**

The untimely death of Dr. Robert Paul Celarier on December 23, 1959, leaves a vacancy not only in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology of Oklahoma State University, but in the scientific world as a whole. The impact of his research was both strong and unique for he possessed the capacity for synthesizing the knowledge of several disciplines and an ability to use the judgment of the past to enlighten the vision of the future. His work was primarily in cytotaxonomy of certain members of the grass family. Evidence of the scope and quality of his work is attested by nearly 30 publications in 16 different journals; by the eight Ph.D. candidates working under his direction at the time of his death; and by a National Research Foundation grant of over \$20,000 for continuing his research.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Bob will be remembered by all his friends and associates for his intelligent conversation on nearly any subject, his defense and support of minority opinions, his keen interest in learning for the sake of knowledge, and his devotion to his work.

To those of us who have known him, the association has been a pleasure and a privilege.

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