

OBITUARY OF DR. GERALD F. KRAFT

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Dr. Gerald F. (Jerry) Kraft, 75, of Yachats, OR passed away August 16, 2003. He was born February 22, 1928 in Salinas, California.

Jerry's academic background included a Ph. D. in Entomology, Oregon State University (Minors in Microbiology and Zoology), 1963; an M.S. in Entomology, Washington State University (Minor in Bacteriology), 1956; and a B.A. in Biological Science, San Jose State College, 1954. He attended City College of San Francisco, 1947, 1950.

His teaching career began at Oregon State University and continued for thirty-six years at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington where he taught Biology, Zoology, Ecology, and Entomology.

At WWU, he co-founded the Institute for Freshwater Studies, was University chief premedical advisor for twenty years, and served as chairman of the Biology Department. He was an exchange faculty with Asia University, Tokyo, Japan, on three separate occasions.

Upon retirement in 1998, Jerry moved to Yachats, Oregon, where he became actively involved in community and political life. He volunteered as an interpretive guide at Cape Perpetua and was a member of the Yachats Parks and Commons Commission. He was elected to the Yachats City Council in 2000. Jerry was on the Economic Alliance Development Board and an active member of the Mid-Coast Watershed Enhancement Board where he gathered information on macro invertebrate distribution, and trained volunteers to sample insects for stream quality assessment.

Recent projects/papers include:

1993, 1994. Work on sensitive species of stream macro invertebrates in Olympic N. F., Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie N. F., and North Cascades N. P.

1994. Biodiversity of the Kuril Archipelago. (NSF Grant University of Washington) Report on stoneflies collected in August and September 1994.

1995. Okanogan National Forest (Challenge Grant). Effects of forest practices on stream insects.

1995-1996. Stream insects in the Thunder Creek watershed in North Cascades National Park.

1997. Teslenko, V., Minakawa, N., Kraft, G. & R. Gara. Stoneflies of the Southern Kuril Islands. pp. 193-198 in: P. Landolt and M. Sartori, Eds. Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera Biology-Ecology-Systematics. Mauron+Tinguely, et al. Fribourg/Switzerland

1999. Minakawa, N., & G. Kraft. 1999 Winter diets of Coho fry in a small stream and adjacent pond in Washington State. *J. Freshwater Ecol.* 14(2)249-254

2001. Sherk, T., Rau, G., & G. Kraft. 2001. Emergence of Plecoptera From Findley Lake, Washington.

He attended the XII International Symposium on Plecoptera, Lausanne, Switzerland and the XIV International Symposium on Plecoptera, Perugia, Italy. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl, three children and four grandchildren.

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