battle with lymphoma. All of us who ever had to borrow material from the USNM remember her with great fondness for her helpful attitude and professionalism.

MARGARET THOMSON

The death occurred in England on 30 December 2005, of Margaret Thomson aged 95. In the early 1930s Margaret worked on the sole austroperlid *Austroperla cyrene* for her thesis at Canterbury University College, Christchurch, New Zealand. Although she abandoned Entomology for the successful production of natural history documentary films in Britain her thesis has been a corner stone in the study of New Zealand Plecoptera.

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(by Ian McLellan)

GEORGE F. EDMUNDS, JR.

George F. Edmunds, Jr., the internationally recognized mayfly systematist and biogeographer passed away on March 4, 2006 at the age of 85. The scientific legacy of Professor Edmunds is well established. His contributions to mayfly systematics and also to aquatic entomology as a whole were enormous. He authored or co-authored more than 200 scientific papers and a book. He named numerous genera and species of mayflies from several continents and islands.

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Lidija Andreevna Zhiltzova - 80 years

Although publication of high quality papers dealing with stoneflies remains the focus of our journal, from time to time we do want to address important contemporary issues in an editorial format. Consequently, on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Lidija Andreevna Zhiltzova in February 2006, the editors and editorial board of *Illiesia* join with colleagues from around the world in saluting Lidija for her marvelous contributions to the knowledge of stoneflies.

The scientific work of Dr. Zhiltzova is based primarily on her personal collection and extensive fieldwork in the Ukraine, Carpathians, Caucasus, Central Asia, Mongolia and Russian Far East including Magadan, Sakhalin, Kuril Islands and Primorye. Working at times with other Russian and western European investigators she has authored, or co-authored more than 130 papers and monographs dealing with stoneflies including a very recent paper on genus *Agnetina* and several major book chapters. Her 2003 publication, "Fauna of Russia and neighboring countries. Insecta, Plecoptera, Group

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