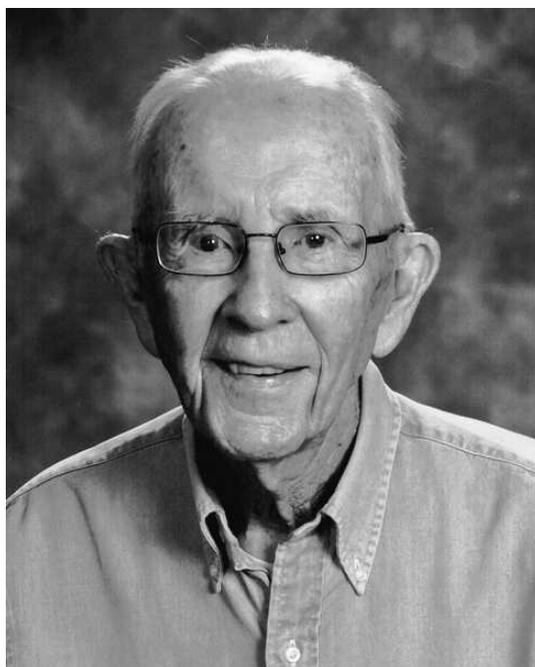


In Memoriam

WILLIAM R. (RANDY) BOGGESS

1913–2012



William R. (Randy) Boggess died July 18, 2012, at his home in Austin Texas. Randy will be fondly remembered as a friend, colleague and advisor by many of us who spent time at the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research from the late 1970s to early 1990s. He had already had a full and productive professional career (see obituary below) by most measures before he moved to Tucson to team up with Chuck Stockton and his dendrohydrology group. At the Tree-Ring Lab he contributed to a number of studies, including a book chapter (Boggess *et al.* 1985) summarizing the worldwide coverage (as of 1980) of tree-ring data and its applicability to a wide range of hydrologic and climatological problems. He applied his organizational and writing skills to help develop numerous conference presentations and papers illustrating

and arguing for the extension of hydrologic records with tree rings to engineers and other professionals in water resources planning and management. He approached these and other topics with a wealth of experience, wide familiarity with the literature, and a great sense of humor.

—Contributed by Dave Meko and
Chuck Stockton

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William R (Randy) Boggess, Professor Emeritus and former Head of the Department of Forestry at

the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at home in Austin TX. He was 99 years old. A charter member of AWRA he served the organization as a Director, Vice President, President and Secretary. He was the first editor of the Water Resources Bulletin and served in that capacity three different times for a total of 10 years. As a Navy Lieutenant during WWII he served as a photo interpretation officer for the Advanced Intelligence Center, North Pacific Area and Fleet Air Wing Four operating from Attu in the Aleutian Islands. A native of southern West Virginia he received an undergraduate degree in 1933 from Concord State College (now Concord University) in Athens, WV, with majors in physical and biological sciences. After a short stint as a high school science teacher he became a graduate student in Botany at Duke University in 1935. Three years later he transferred to the newly established Department of Forestry and received his M.F. degree in 1940. For the next 20 years he was

involved in forestry research, first at the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station at Auburn and later at the University of Illinois' Dixon Springs Agricultural Experiment Station in southern Illinois. He moved to the Urbana-Champaign campus in 1958 and taught Forest Ecology, Forest Soils and Silviculture until he became department head in 1968. He retired in 1973 and five years later started working as a Research Associate at the University of Arizona's Laboratory of Tree Ring Research. After retiring a second time in 1983 he continued working for ten years with C. W. Stockton and Associates, Consulting Hydrologists located in Tucson. He and Sis, his wife, moved back to Austin in 1993. She preceded him in death on November 14, 2004.

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