

in memoriam

PETER J. H. SHARPE 1940–1991

Peter Sharpe was an energetic research scientist, internationally recognized for his contributions to plant ecophysiology, integrated pest management, and ecological modeling. His modelling studies ranged from plant biochemistry to the global problem of desertification. He continually stressed the need to understand the mechanisms by which ecological effects are produced. He published 182 papers on a wide variety of subjects from poikilotherm growth to landscape processes at the biome scale. He was a very open individual and original thinker whose willingness to share insights and brainstorm ideas was known to all who came in contact with him. Peter was born in Sydney, Australia and maintained collaboration on the dynamics of woodlands with Australian colleagues throughout his research career. He was the leader of the Biosystems Research Group in the Industrial Engineering Department at Texas A&M for 18 productive years. Peter Sharpe passed away on 24 January 1991. He will be missed by many who knew him not only as a plant ecologist and modeler, but also as a stimulating companion and a good friend.

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