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In Memoriam

David M. Chittenden, 1936 – 2004

David Morse Chittenden II, 67, of Jonesboro passed away on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at St. Bernard's Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; two daughters, Jennifer Clack of Jonesboro and Julia Chittenden of Fayetteville; and one granddaughter, Madelyn Clack.

Born on Apr. 7, 1936, in Buffalo, N.Y., David received a bachelor's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N.Y., in 1958, a master's degree from the University of Arkansas in 1960 and a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas in 1966.

David moved to Jonesboro in 1967, when he was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. After 33 years of service to the Department and University, David retired in 2000. During that time, David served as chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry from 1990-96, acting as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1984-85, and was associate dean from 1984-86. David was a devoted teacher and researcher. His versatility as an educator was seen in the variety of classes he taught, from the non-majors Physical Science course to the graduate level Radiochemistry and Geochemistry courses.

David stayed active in research throughout his career. He was an Ames Associate at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., from 1994-98 and served in the Faculty Research Participation Program at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 1969. He had numerous publications, including several articles in the *Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science*. David was a member of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi Research Society, the American Geophysical Union, the Arkansas Academy of Science, Council on Undergraduate Research, serving as ASU liaison in 1994-96, American Association of University Professors and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

David was committed to the growth of science in the State of Arkansas. Not only did David serve as President of the Arkansas Academy of Science in 1989, he was also involved with the Arkansas EPSCoR committee, the SURF SILO program, and the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium. He also had a passion for the Arts, serving on the board of directors of the Jonesboro Fine Arts Council, was on the Guild of Opera Memphis and was the 2003 president of the Stage One Repertory Theater.

David touched the lives of many people and will be missed deeply. David loved a good pun and was happy to repeat it to any one who would listen. He was a good colleague to those that knew him, and an even better friend.

