

Submitted by Lee B. Kass and Marion Timothy, 6 January 2012

David H. Timothy (1928-2010)

The family of Dave (Tim) Timothy, noted maize cooperator, wishes to celebrate his life by sharing his biographical history with the maize community. Dave's publications can be found on MaizeGDB: <http://www.maizegdb.org/cgi-bin/displaypersonrecord.cgi?id=16845&proberef=1&probostart=1&probeclstart=&probeavstart=1#proberef> The following report, with slight modifications here, was published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on November 17, 2010.



David H. Timothy, 82, died unexpectedly November 14, 2010, at Rex Hospital, Carey, NC. He was born on June 9, 1928, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but spent most of his life in Raleigh, until he moved to Glenaire Retirement Community in April 2007. Dr. Timothy received his B.S. and M.S. in Agronomy from the Pennsylvania State University and his Ph.D. in Plant Genetics at the [University of Minnesota](#). In 1956, he joined the Rockefeller Foundation as Director of the Corn Program in Columbia, South America. While there, he originated and was curator of the *Tripsicum* World Collection. In 1961, he left the Rockefeller Foundation and joined the faculty of North Carolina State University (NCSU). There he was Professor of Crop Science, Plant Genetics, and Botany until his retirement in 1993. Professor Timothy was called upon to consult for the World Bank and to serve as the Chief Scientist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Grants Program while still on the faculty of NCSU. He also served on the Boards of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and The National Science Foundation. He was a founding board member of Genetic Resources Communications systems. In 1994, Dr. Timothy was awarded the prestigious Frank N. Meyer Medal for Plant Genetic Resources for his creation of broad interest and support for germplasm conservation. Dr. Timothy is survived by Marian Whiteley Timothy (formerly of Williamsport, PA), his wife of 57 years; two daughters, Marjory J. Timothy and husband Bob Bollinger of Charlotte, NC, and Elisabeth T. McChesney and husband David of Raleigh; one son, David W. Timothy and life partner Alberto G. Carbonilla of Trenton, NJ; five grandchildren, Robert T. Bollinger, Timothy G. McChesney, James W. Bollinger, Caroline E. McChesney, and William W. Bollinger; a sister, Timmie Blattner of Mount Lebanon, PA; a brother, Edgar J. Timothy and wife Elisabeth of Espyville, PA; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at 3:00 PM Saturday, November 20th, at Highland United Methodist Church, 1901 Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC. The family received friends at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of David H. Timothy to Easter Seals UCP, Horizons Foundation, Inc., ATTN: Bob Frazier, 2315 Myron Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607, telephone number: 919-965-8630 (www.nc.eastersealsucp.com). Send condolences at post-gazette.com/gb