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Robert George Hill Jr., Professor Emeritus, Horticulture, The Ohio State University and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) passed peacefully on Sunday morning, June 10, at home surrounded by his loving family. A celebration of life service was held on Wednesday, June 13, at McIntire, Davis and Greene Funeral Home, Wooster, with the Rev. Dr. David Wilcox and the Rev. Dwight Hayes officiating.

An Associate Chairman of the Horticulture Department, Dr. Hill retired in 1983 after a 33-year teaching and research career. He taught graduate and undergraduate horticulture science courses at the Ohio State University campus in Columbus during Winter Quarter for 17 years. He did research in small and stone fruit crops in Wooster evaluating cultivars adaptations to Ohio conditions. In 1963-1964, he had a one year sabbatical leave at the Scotland Horticultural Research Institute, at Invergourie, near Dundee. He did research on evaluating small fruit production systems.

Born Jan. 11, 1922, in Silver Spring, Maryland to Robert George Hill and Amelia Chapin Locke, he earned a bachelor of science degree in 1943, a master of science degree in 1948 and a Ph.D. in horticulture in 1950 at the University of Maryland. Robert married Dorothy Jones Veasey in Washington, D.C. in 1948. They came to Wooster, in 1950. His first position was assistant professor, fruit crops, Ohio State

University and Ohio Experimental Station (now Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center).

Following ROTC training at the University of Maryland, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, 1943-1946, as a Lieutenant in the European Theater of Operations with the 95th Infantry Division. He received the Infantry Combat Badge and the Bronze Star for valor. He was in the U.S. Army Reserves for a total of 30 years, retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He had been a member of the 447th Civil Affairs Unit in Wooster and the 359th Civil Affairs Unit in Mansfield.

He was affiliated as a Fellow, American Society of Horticultural Science, Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, American Pomological Society and American Society of Plant Physiologists.

He was an active member of the Wooster United Methodist Church for 56 years. He also was a member of the Wooster Rotary Club and a Harris Fellow. He was a member of Reserve Officers Association, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta and Phi Kappa Phi. He is listed in American Men of Science, Who's Who in the Midwest and Leaders in American Science.

Following retirement he was an American Association of Retired Persons volunteer income tax assistant at community center for 14 years and was a member of OARDC Retirees Association.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, he is survived by sons, Gregory L. Hill (Diane M. Hill) of Crestwood, Ky. and Dr. Peter C. Hill (Dr. Murat H. Sor) of Washington, D.C.; one nephew and one niece. He was preceded by a sister, Millie L. Moore of Laurel, Md.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider Hospice & Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County, or Wooster United Methodist Church. Dr. Hill was buried at the Wooster Cemetery.

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