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# The Stickels: In Appreciation

*A laboratory is  
named for a couple  
who conducted  
important studies of  
contaminants*

The Stickels began their careers in the early 1940s at Patuxent. During the next 4 decades, until their retirement in 1982, they conducted numerous important studies that provided the basis for present approaches to the evaluation of the biological and ecological effects of environmental contaminants on wildlife populations and habitats.

Lucille F. Stickel was instrumental through her personal research in bringing sharp focus to the effects pollutants had on wildlife and the environment. In addition, she served as a very capable and effective Director of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center from 1972 to 1981. As a senior scientist, Dr. Stickel also served on many national and international advisory panels as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service expert on environmental contaminants. Dr. Stickel is the recipient of many awards which include the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award, The Wildlife Society's Aldo Leopold Award, and the Federal Women's Award.

William H. Stickel is recognized as a pioneer in research on environmental contaminants. He is widely known and respected for his innovative experimental studies, his objectivity in the interpretation of research results, and his

development of practical management applications of research findings. In addition, Mr. Stickel helped establish the world renowned reputation of Patuxent as a place for credible research through his communications within the scientific community. Mr. Stickel not only advanced Patuxent's scientific research programs, for which he received several awards, but he also became an authority on the history and cultural resources of Patuxent.

Both Lucille and Bill Stickel dedicated their lives to developing Patuxent into what it is today. Their influence on the selection of the present outstanding staff and on the conduct of high-quality research was profound. They authored numerous scien-

tific papers and technical publications while at Patuxent, but their individual and col-

laborative contributions to Patuxent and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have extended

significantly beyond to a deep commitment to natural resource stewardship and the responsible use of pesticides in environmental management.

In recognition of the life-long contribution of the Stickels, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the renaming of the Chemistry and Physiology Laboratory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center as the William H. and Lucille F. Stickel Laboratory. Stickel Laboratory will be officially dedicated as part of the 50th anniversary celebration in early June. Appropriately, the scientific and administrative offices for the Environmental Contaminants Research Branch have been consolidated in Stickel Laboratory. ■



Lucille F. and William H. Stickel conducted pesticide studies.