

James P. Kramer Biography



**James Phillip Kramer, -
Class of 1946 - b. March
13, 1928 - d. June 2, 2011**

From the EHS Yearbook, the
Maroon: Football, Track,
“E” Club, German Club, Jr.
Isaac Walton, Latin Club.

He and his identical twin
brother James (also a Hall of
Fame member) were born in
Elgin, Illinois on March 13,
1928, the sons of R. H. and
Anna B. Kramer. He and
John went from cradle to

Ph.D together and pursued similar careers following identical courses of study from kindergarten through the doctorate. James and John were educated in the Elgin public schools, where they both played high school football, and participated in the Junior Walton league and the Fox Valley Rabbit Club.

James passed away on Thursday, June 2, 2011. Kramer, 83, of Arlington, VA died from complications after surgery. He is survived by his wife of almost 51 years, Martha W. Kramer of Arlington; identical twin, John P. Kramer of Ithaca, NY; daughter, Martha (Nathaniel) Parsons of Fairfax, VA, son Christopher (June) Kramer of Louisville, KY, daughter Jennifer (Mark) Mainardi of Arlington, VA, and nine grandchildren.

He was a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Research Entomologist, and he received his B.S. from Beloit College (1950), M.S. from the University of Missouri (1952), and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois (1961). In 1957, Kramer joined the staff of the Insect Identification and Parasite Introduction Section, Entomology Research Branch, USDA, located in the United States National Museum (Smithsonian Institution). After 1972, the Branch became the Systematic Entomology Laboratory. Kramer remained with the USDA until his retirement in 1987, studying the Homoptera suborder Auchenorrhyncha, with special emphasis on New World leafhoppers (Cicadellidae) and planthoppers (Fulgoridae).

Summary:

The papers of James P. Kramer consist of incoming and outgoing correspondence documenting his career at the USDA from 1957 to 1987. Most of the letters concern the identification of specimens, but reviews of scientific papers and information about professional meetings are also included. A small amount of earlier correspondence, from 1937 to mid-1957, was created by Kramer's predecessors, Paul Wilson Oman and David A. Young, Jr. All records concern research on Homoptera done at the USDA.