



Dr Teddy E. Morelock

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Dr. Teddy E. Morelock, 65, of Fayetteville died Saturday, April 18, 2009 at his home. He was born June 13, 1943 in Fayetteville to Ted and Fanny Hembree Morelock. He was Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Jane M. Morelock, on January 4, 1999, his parents and one sister, Joan Little. Dr. Morelock graduated from Greenland High School, received his B.S.A. and M.S. in Horticulture from the University of Arkansas (UofA), Ph.D. in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the University of Wisconsin. He returned to the UofA in 1974 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Horticulture. He served as Associate Professor and Professor and was promoted to University Professor status in 2007. He was an Adjunct Professor for 20 years with Texas A & M. Dr. Morelock's major research contributions to horticulture involved the development and introduction of improved cowpea, spinach, turnip and mustard varieties. For over 20 years his spinach program was the only public sector breeding program in the United States. He was named a Fellow of the American Society of Horticultural Sciences (ASHS), class of 2004. He received the John W. White Team Research Award from the UofA in 2005 and 2007. His most recent recognition was the ASHS Distinguished Researcher Award, 2009. He served on numerous university committees and grant writing teams generating nearly 3.5 million dollars to the UofA. He was an Angus breeder, Advisor of the Year in 2001 for the National Jr. Angus Assoc. and loved helping youth. He had served on the Arkansas Angus Board. He served on several advisory 4-H committees in Washington County. Survivors include one daughter, Leslie Ann Roye, one granddaughter, Hailey Ann Roye, three brothers-in-law, Herman Jones, Berl Little, D. W. Morgan, several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews, all of Fayetteville and many friends and associates from all over the world. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville. Burial will be in Baptist Ford Cemetery in Greenland.



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Visitation will be Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The family will be present from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Pallbearers will be Larry Binning, Merle Gross, Rick Taylor, Lawson Hembree IV, Sam Sneed and Lynn Brandenberger. The family requests memorials made to the Dr. Teddy Morelock Memorial Scholarship; UofA, Dale Bumpers College; Atten: Development Office, E108 AFLS Bldg., Fayetteville, AR 72701. To sign the online guest book go to www.nelsonberna.com Arrangements are by Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville.



PF

Pam (Moore) Millican (Family Friend) posted:

Leslie, I am so sorry for your loss. I know with the holidays here, this must be a tough time for you and your family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers this season. Your father was such a wonderful man! It devastated my parents when he passed away, especially my father, Jim Moore. He and Teddy were such good friends and colleagues. When Dad had his MI, your father was there every day maintaining a vigil to see his friend through the worst of it. The University lost a powerful man and we all lost such a great friend. To know him was to truly care deeply for him. OMGsh...and no one will ever have hotter peanuts than he had! Yikes! God be with you as well as all the great memories of Teddy this holiday season.

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MT

Merlin And Beverly Augustine (Teacher) posted:

Leslie and Hailey, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. While there is truly a void in your lives, you know now, that your father and mother are back together again. I am sorry for waiting so long to reach out, but I was in the hospital when your father passed and was unable attend the service or call.I look forward to seeing you sometime in the very near future.May God's peace continue to strenghten you and your daughter during this time.Dr.and Mrs. Augustine

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LA

Larry Pitman (Acquaintance) posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. We have fond thoughts of Teddy, his wife Janie and her brother Herman Jones, from their days in 4 H programs in Fayetteville and Little Rock many years ago.Larry Pitman

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EF

Elbert & Syble Baker (Colleague And Friend) posted:

Leslie and Hailey:We were so shocked and saddened to learn of Dr. Teddy's demise. He was a wonderful friend and always left us laughing wherever we met up with him.We know this is a hard time for you, so grieve as you must but, remember the good times and let those memories replace the grief in time. You and Hailey are in our prayers.

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AC

(Acquaintance) posted:

Leslie, We are praying for you. Love, Carrie, Coleen, Denisa, and David Cowan

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KL

Kim Eads (Friend Of Leslie) posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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PO

Priscilla & Jeff Griffin (U Of A) posted:

I will miss your teasing about what plants won't and will grow in "Madison County", your peanuts, your humor, and your kind heart,. You touched so many people's lives and I am so honored to have known you Teddy, you have definitely left a fond memory in my life. Leslie, Hailey and the brother-laws...may God comfort your hurting hearts...God Bless you.

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DF

Day Yazzetti Crowne (Student And Friend) posted:

I never had him as an instructor, but he was always around for everything. Working on the farm for years, he always picked the best day to bring us a pot of beans. It would be cold and miserable and we would be out pruning apple trees and to come in to a surprise pot of Dr. Morelock's beans would just melt everything away. Usually helped that he would add a spice pepper or two. To this day every batch of beans I make I compare to his. My memory of him was always with a smile, he loved life, and he always left you with a smile. I planted several rows of beans in my garden this week with my 4 year old son, and told him all about your father and grandfather. He will be forever missed in this world.

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FB

Fred Bliss posted:

Dear Family Members; I remember Teddy from the time he was a student at U.W.-Madison, and I served on his dissertation committee. Since then I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with him as a plant breeding colleague. He was a good friend, a fine person and an excellent plant breeder. I enjoyed his wit and sense of humor. I am saddened by his untimely death and he will be missed by many friends and professionals in horticulture. Best wishes to you as we mourn his passing.

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MA

Marcel Valdez (Business Associate) posted:

It was truly an honor to have met Dr. Teddy Morelock for a few short years since 1998. In this short period of time I witnessed a man with great knowledge about many aspects of Horticulture, Plant breeding and research projects that were second to none. It was also a privilege to know the none professional side of Teddy. I will always remember the day he introduced me to his famous "Hot Peanuts" and how he would indiscriminately share them with people to see their reaction. In December we hosted the International Spinach Conference here in Crystal City Texas and as usual Teddy was a great part of this event. The Spinach industry will miss Teddy's work, professionalism and dedication to an industry which he so dearly loved. May you rest in Peace. Marcel Valdez County Extension Agent-Agriculture Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service Zavala County, Texas

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HF

Hayden, Helen, Ashley Brown (Good Friends) posted:

We have known Teddy for more than 30 years as a family man, Angus breeder, youth supporter, plant breeder. Sometimes all those elements come together. Several years ago Teddy was getting support for National Junior Angus Show (I think in Minnesota). More than a year before the event, he started brainstorming about how he could get Tyson Foods (a poultry and beef processor) to support the event. There were many, many phone calls and meetings, and letters to the CEO to request donation of steaks, chicken, fajita meat, tortilla chips and even premade omlets. Along the way were discussions about where such a volume of frozen, refrigerated and room temperature product would be stored until the event- probably 2000 lbs of product in all! The event was a success. Leslie and Hailey even hauled some of the product up to the event. And as thanks, besides a banner, Teddy left a can of peanuts dusted with the hottest Habanero salt from one of his breeding projects. Today, there is a COO screaming still from the pain of eating something that did not have a Hazardous material warning. This was Teddy, dreaming of the possibilities, working to get it done and not forgetting to say thanks in his witty way. We will miss this, but his legacy lives on in Leslie and Hailey. Much love, the Browns.

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SF

Sarah Hamm (Longtime Friend) posted:

Leslie, I have so many memories of Teddy. From all of the cattle shows to trying to figure out his handwriting on his pea propagation while working in the Horticulture office in college. Any time I saw him, he always gave me a hug and gave Billy a shoulder squeeze, with his massive hand, and told him to behave himself. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.

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DF

Delbert "Pete" And Pat Allen (Friends) posted:

Leslie, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I know how special he was to you and I always loved hearing the stories you told about the peas and cows and the times you shared with him. May God bless you and keep you in his hands during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kristin

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BA

Breck And Cindy Long (Arkansas Jr. Angus) posted:

Leslie, We are so sorry for your loss. You and Haley have been in our prayers. I will always remember Teddy's big pot of collared greens he made at the fairs for all of us to eat. He will be missed.

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GW

Gary Whiteaker & Kathy Whiteaker (We First Met In Grad School In Madison, Wisc.) posted:

Teddy was a good friend during grad school in Madison. And he was part of my professional connections since then. I will miss him. gary

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CP

Claude Kennedy (Professional) posted:

I really thought a lot of Dr. Morelock and enjoyed working with him on the Station with his southern pea research. I will miss him and my prayers are with his family and friends.

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KF

Kathy Pettigrew (Friend) posted:

Leslie, our thoughts are with you.

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DC

Debbie Cooke (Cousin) posted:

Our sympathies to you all

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DA

Dr. Fred And Tami Pohlman (Acquaintance) posted:

Our deepest sympanthy to Leslie and Hailey in this time of sorrow. Your both will be in our prayers. Teddy will be greatly missed by all that knew him. Dr. Fred and Tami Pohlman, AR Junior Angus Association Advisors

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JC

John Guerber (Friend And Colleague) posted:

I could always count on a smile and a witty comment from Teddy. He helped introduce me to plant breeding in the spinach breeding program. When encountering superior plants, Teddy would sarcastically comment that "There might be something to this genetics thing after all". The legacy of varieties he released is certainly proof. He will be missed as a teacher, mentor and friend.

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BF

Brett And Kristin Smith (Friend) posted:

LeslieWe are so sorry for the loss of your father. I will always remember all the fun times we had at the cattle shows with your dad and mom. Those were the days!! We wish you and Hailey the best. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please do not hesitate to call if you need anything. Let's stay in touch!Highest Regards,Brett and Kristin Smith

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DL

Dena Price (Friend Of Leslie) posted:

Leslie, I am so sorry for your loss. I can do nothing to take away your pain. I offer you a shoulder to cry on if needed, a hug when you are down, and most of all prayers for you in this time. I will honor your wishes of a contribution to your father's scholarship.Dena

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DC

Donna Graham (Colleague) posted:

Leslie, your dad was a very special person. He was a gentle, kind and caring man, a solid researcher, and a wonderful mentor to students. He will be greatly missed.

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BS

Bryan Stobaugh (Student) posted:

Dr. T. Morelock's family, It was an absolute pleasure to have Dr. Morelock as a professor this semester. He has given me knowledge that will help me in the future as a plant breeder. On Thursday, April 16th, I had the pleasure of working with him on my term paper for class. His passion for plant breeding came through in every word spoken, and he made me understand the importance of my work as a graduate student. I will never forget this discussion. I'm sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Bryan

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E1

Ed Smith (Friend/Classmate 1962) posted:

Sorry to hear of the loss of your father. The last time we visited with him a few weeks ago he was telling us how proud he was of you. Ed and Frankie Smith

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DF

David And Delaina McGee (Friend) posted:

Leslie, David and I want you to know how much respect and love we had for your parents. It was an honor to have worked with both of them through the AJAA. I'm so glad I got my hug from Teddy at the Belle Point Sale. He will be greatly missed just like Jane. Our prayers are with you and Hailey. Love, McGee's

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AF

Anne Sneed (Friend) posted:

Teddy was a wonderful friend...an individual who cherished his family and took great pride in his research. The contributions he has made will no doubt have a lasting impact on the health of our community, state, and nation.

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CL

Chad Harbison (Friend/Co-Worker Of Leslie) posted:

Leslie, We are so sorry for your loss. Our heart felt sympathy goes out to you and your family.

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FC

Fred & Bernice Allen (Second Cousin) posted:

We wish you all the strength you need during this difficult time. Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with you.

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SP

Shelia Stannard (Professional) posted:

My thoughts and prayers go to Leslie and Teddy's family. He was always so kind and caring, and I always enjoyed seeing him at Angus events. He truly brought a smile to my face, and knew how to brighten my day. God bless!

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DS

Dr. Lusike Wasilwa (Graduate Student) posted:

Hello Lesliel learnt of the passing of Dr. Morelock today (22nd April 2009) via email. I managed to get a plane ticket, but the visa was impossible. I thought that I could negotiate to come and pay my last respect but when the embassy staff said that it takes 2 days to get an emergency visa, and then I knew I had reached the end. I am sorry that I will not be able to be there with you at this sad time. I write this today to remember my advisor, mentor, teacher, friend and professor. But before I do this, I have to share this with you. Last week on Friday I talked to some work colleagues on the fact that I am a chocoholic. I reminisced to them how my advisor (Dr. Morelock) used to purchase for me a 5-pound bar of milk chocolate for Christmas. I reckon to them to imagine a 2 kg bar of chocolate and the joy of eating it!!!! What was God telling me? Yesterday evening (Tuesday) on my way home all over sudden I thought of Jane Morelock and recalled that it was her 10th anniversary of her passing. Then I thought of Dr. Morelock and wondered how he was doing. I reckon that I should call him. I looked for my landline cellular phone at night but once again I could not locate it (I have been looking for this phone for a week). What was God telling me? Today morning I connected onto one of my 3 email accounts to send an important email because yesterday the server at work was faulty. Then I saw an email that shocked me. Then I understood what God was trying to tell me. I cried. Josslyn (my niece who is 6 years old) asked me why I cried. All I could manage was that someone so important to me had passed on. She wanted to know whom and I explained. All the little girl could do was to ask me to wipe my tears before I go to work, but I could not. The world has lost great father, brother, granddad, uncle, professor, advisor, teacher, plant and animal breeder, researcher, mentor, innovator and this list goes on. I will always have Dr. Morelock in my heart. Dr. Morelock was a pure and precious soul. He not only taught me so much but also mentored to become the individual and scientist I am today. Dr. Morelock's hope was for me to become a plant breeder like him. What I am unable to tell him is that on 27th February 2009 4 of the macadamia varieties I participated in breeding were officially registered. What I am unable to tell him is that I will begin 2 major projects of breeding guava and berries this September with a team of scientists. What I am unable to tell him that I was recently confirmed in my position at work. But you know what, I know Dr. Morelock knows all of this and that is the beauty of being a Christian. God is now with my advisor and mentor. I pray that he rests until we meet again. God Almighty I pray that you give strength to his family and all of us whom he touched and influenced. Sincerely Lusike

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HF

H.L.Hembree (Friend) posted:

I knew Teddy for the past 7 years while working on spinach research in Texas, and was thankful to know him for that short period. My father was a plant breeder like Teddy, and I know how much effort the traditional plant breeders put into their work. He will definitely be missed by the spinach industry in Texas. Our prayers and thoughts are with his daughter and granddaughter.

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HF

Hadley Twilley (Friend) posted:

Leslie, I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was such a kind and likeable man. I am keeping you and your daughter in my thoughts and prayers.

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DC

Dr. Ted Fish (Cardiologist) posted:

Our thoughts are with you during this time.

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RF

Rick And Lynette Cartwright (Friends) posted:

Dr. Morelock was a great person, and more importantly, a good person who cared for everybody. We will miss him so much, and his dry sense of humor especially. The day we heard about his passing was indeed the saddest of days.

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FB

First State Bank (Business) posted:

We will miss your friendly visits and your "hot pepper" taste tests, and your dedication to your profession. Your Friends at First State Bank on Joyce Street. nnrKTb

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M2

Mallory L Mounce (Horticulture Alumni 2008) posted:

Dr. Morelock was always so cheerful in the hallways of the U of A Horticulture Department. He always had a smile on his face-and would go out of his way to make you smile. I am honored to have had the opportunity to be a student for 3 1/2 years while Dr. Morelock was with the department. He will be greatly missed by all!

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JF

Joan Roye (Friend) posted:

Teddy was a dear friend. He will certainly be missed.

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EJ

Elaine Jones posted:

Dear Leslie and family, Your Dad will be greatly missed. He accomplished so much in dedication to his work and his family. He is once again with your mother and safe in the Hands of God. It is so much harder on those left behind, but your reunion is assured. I'm available to help in whatever manner you need me. Love, Elaine

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DS

Dr. Mitch Singleton posted:

I knew Teddy from Lions Club and as a patient. He was a good man and friend to many.

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JL

Jimmy Moore (Friend Of Leslie) posted:

Leslie and family, I am so sorry to here about your father. I can remember some of the stories you told at the old RHS. Remember the happy times and my prayers are with you. May God Bless each of you at this special time.Linda Thompson

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CP

Cecili Olcott Cormier (Professor) posted:

Dr. Morelock had a way of making me laugh whenever he saw me. You will be greatly missed. I am praying the God comforts your family.

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MT

Mark Fiely (Graduate Student Of Teddy) posted:

I am very grateful for the opportunity to have known this very kind, insightful, wise professor. A trip we took to Kibler Research Farm helped this yankee boy to fall in love with the state of Arkansas.

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MF

Melinda Reynolds Larson (Friend) posted:

Leslie,Just wanted to tell you my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of need.

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BN

Bill & Pam Jenkins (Neighbor) posted:

Teddy was a wonderful neighbor. He attended every neighborhood gathering, bringing his famous BBQ meat and beans. During our St. Patrick's Day neighborhood party, we sat on the deck for the longest time and had the nicest visit. We treasure every visit with Teddy, especially that last one. He brought enough beans to feed an army and cheerfully gave the leftovers to several of us. He will definitely be missed in the neighborhood.

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HA

Harold And Charlene Lewis And Family (Acquaintance) posted:

Teddy was a good friend to all of us. He was always ready to lend his knowledge and support to all projects working early or late. His love for his family and friends was easily seen. We shall miss him greatly. With our deepest sympathy to Leslie and Haley, Harold, Charlene, and family

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KF

Kelli Crossland (Family Friend) posted:

Teddy was a great caring, fun-loving man!!! He truly cared about others and especially his family!!! He will be missed! Kelli Crossland

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RC

Richard L. Fery (Friend And Colleague) posted:

Teddy was a long-time friend, colleague, and a fellow southern pea breeder. I much admired his mild manner, success in his chosen profession, and his ability to interact with students and colleagues. I will miss his friendship.

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EC

Ed Anderson (Friend And Former Colleague) posted:

To Teddy's family, especially to Leslie: I was saddened to hear of Teddy's death. He was a mentor, collaborator and friend to me. He was one of several faculty who helped me to establish a teaching and research program, and I have many fond memories of working and socializing with him. I will always respect and remember him for his team-spirit, his integrity, and his sense of humor. He will be missed by many. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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BA

B.C. Davis (Former Grad. Assistant) posted:

I was one of dozens of grad/research assistants Dr. Morelock had during his career. I believe I can say this on their behalf-we were all very fortunate to learn under Dr. Morelock. The college experience is a wonderful thing and people like Dr. Morelock made it that more special to me. He had and will always have my deepest gratitude and respect. Thanks for everything Ted. You were truly one of a kind.

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AU

Alicia Minden (Staff U A) posted:

Dr. Morelock was so good in encouraging my early morning walking.

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DC

Dr. Jim Mcguire (Acquaintance And Colleague) posted:

Teddy was a longtime friend and colleague while we were both faculty members at the UofA, and since my retirement we have stayed in contact through the Horticultural Industry Show, Arkansas Horticultural Society, and periodic visits. Teddy was an outstanding teacher and researcher, and shared his knowledge and love of horticulture with many students, colleagues and friends. His improvement of spinach and southern peas for growth in Arkansas and throughout the southern U.S. benefitted many producers and gardeners. His contributions will be sorely missed by so many, and his valued friendship can't be replaced. God's peace and blessings on his family.

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CS

Cinda Hammons (Ua Student) posted:

In addition to being such a sweet man with such a wealth of knowledge, Dr. Morelock could make a mean batch of beans! You will be sorely missed Dr. Morelock.

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