

## **Dave Hirsch 2019 Life Time Achievement Award Winner**

He was a member in many organizations that promoted conservation and wildlife protection. He has traveled most of ND and adjacent states for his job so when you would visit with him, he would give you details about an area, not only about what job he was doing but also the local attractions weather it was a land formation or a restaurant.

Since he was the first point of contact in ND for other Federal agencies and out of state Universities that were wanting to create new insectaries for biological control agents and since he knew the state so well, he would scout out a place that he thought would be beneficial for the reproduction of that insect. He was always involved in the redistribution of these insects because he has a strong desire for their use so less chemical can be used. He knew all the different techniques for the collections such as using sweep nets and insect sorters, using sheets with night lights and aspirators, etc....

He organized spray grids and locations for grasshopper spraying in the western part of ND with airplanes. Getting many planes spraying at the same time and flying for many miles at a time and applying the correct amount of insecticide.

Part of his job was to go to other countries to inspect produce that was destined for the USA. On one such inspection trip to Brazil is when he met a local girl from there that eventually became his wife.

He is the one that came up with the idea of the auction to generate money for the education committee for the NDWCA. He took a lot of pride in his work, you could see the passion he had for it if you ever had the pleasure working along side him. He will be missed but the work he has done has had ever lasting impacts in the places he has gone.

Thank you, Dave, for all your hard work and dedication. Not only for your work with the Association but all the work you have done for your entire career.

Enjoy your retirement you earned it!

## **NDWCA LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

- ❖ 2006 – Elvin Johnson
- ❖ 2014 – Myron Dieterle
- ❖ 2015 – Richard Anderson
- ❖ 2016 – Wayne Colberg
- ❖ 2017 – Jim Basaraba
- ❖ 2018 – Chuck Weiser
- ❖ 2018 – Dr. Rod Lym
- ❖ 2019 – David Hirsch