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# In Memoriam: Stanton Gill

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What a shock to hear that Stanton Gill, much-loved professor of entomology at the University of Maryland, passed away unexpectedly on October 6 at the age of 72.

Stanton was a distinguished entomologist and an icon in the cut flower industry, and he loved the opportunity to share his passions of research and education, working with the University of Maryland at the Central Maryland Research & Education Center (CMREC) for nearly 50 years. Stanton was an integral part of establishing the Montgomery College Landscape Technology two-year associates degree program where he took his students beyond the classroom by passing on real-world practical experiences to expand his students' skills and abilities.

He expanded his horizons and understanding of the sciences he taught by purchasing farmland and establishing an extensive orchard operation at his beloved MacBride and Gill Falcon Ridge Farm. This proved to be an unexpected learning experience for Stanton, who often commented that his understanding of all things agricultural was greatly enhanced by his hands-on efforts at his farm. His successful venture in fruit growing led him to be a long-time and well-known vendor at the Olney Farmers Market, along with several other markets.

Stanton is survived by his wife Nancy, his two daughters, Chelsey and Kelly (Kentaro), his sister Rose Mary (Ed) and his brother David (Sandy).

The family has establishing a scholarship in Stanton's honor for the Montgomery College Environmental Horticulture Program. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made HERE. Select "Give to where the need is greatest," then note that this is a memorial gift in honor of Stanton Gill. **GT**