

# GROWERTALKS

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### Harold Wilkins Memorial Tribute

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The American Floral Endowment (AFE) announced a new memorial tribute in memory of Dr. Harold F. Wilkins, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Horticulture at the University of Minnesota, who passed away on January 7. Dr. Wilkins was a major force in the floriculture world, creating ideas, generating research and mentoring students that profoundly influenced industry and academic directions. The \$1,000 fund was established by one of those former students, Dr. Royal Heins.

Harold Wilkins had a major impact on the floriculture industry and academics. Known as “the “father of the alstroemeria industry,” his research covered the gamut, included branching control for roses, carnations and poinsettias.

Contributions in any amount can be made at [endowment.org/memorial-tribute-established-in-memory-of-harold-wilkins](https://endowment.org/memorial-tribute-established-in-memory-of-harold-wilkins). **GT**