

FRANKLIN D. KIZER

Academy Fellow, Franklin Dadmun Kizer, 93, of Lively, Virginia, died on March 13, 2010. Surviving are his wife of 72 years, Helen B. Kizer; daughters and sons-inlaw, Ann K. and Melvin G. Spain, of Mechanicsville, and Marion K. and Merlin M. Renne of Williamsburg; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was son of the late Franklin J. Kizer and Marion B. Kizer of Norfolk. He received his bachelor and master of arts degrees from East Carolina University in 1942 and 1949. After college, he was a chemist and ship safety inspector at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Thereafter, he taught chemistry and physics in Norfolk from 1949 until his appointment in 1956 as the first State Supervisor of Science for the Virginia Department of Education in Richmond. He served in that capacity with great distinction until his retirement in 1979. Mr. Kizer was a co-founder and first president of the Council of State Science Supervisors in 1963. Thereafter, he served as its Executive Secretary for 25 years, during which he directed several of its national conferences as well as seven regional conferences for the National Science Foundation. He joined the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society in 1954 and served as its Chairman throughout 1976. Mr. Kizer is the only individual to have received both its Distinguished Service Awards for high school chemistry teaching and for contributions to the chemical profession.

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