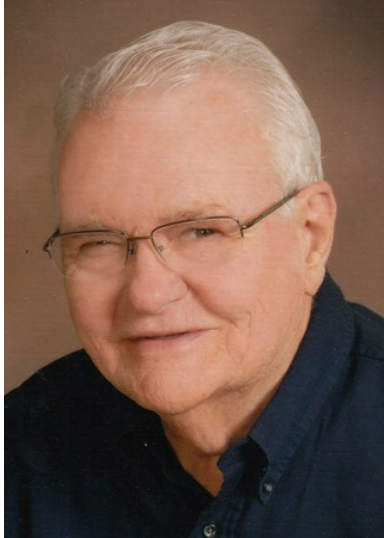


In the past year, two members of our community have passed away, Dr. David Weber and Dr. James Brewbaker. This room is a memorial to celebrate their lives and careers. Each desk in this room (Dr. Weber, upper left; Dr. Brewbaker, upper right) has a link to an online memorial wall where you can leave comments and memories that will be shared with family members.



Dr. David Frederick Weber of Bloomington passed away peacefully on Thursday April 15, 2021 surrounded by his loving family.

Dr. Weber's undergraduate course in genetics at Purdue University sparked a 60 year exploration in the field of maize cytology. His first research position was an internship at Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. He was awarded research and teaching assistantships at Indiana University under Marcus Rhodes and earned his M.S. and PhD. in Botany. After his appointment at Illinois State University School of Biological Sciences in 1967 he conducted research, taught genetics, and mentored graduate students. After 35 years he retired from ISU as a Full Professor of Genetics and continued maize research through National Research Grants and consulting with AgReliant Seed until 2019.

Source: <https://www.seedtoday.com/article/232551/biologist-dr-david-weber-passes-away>



Affectionately known as “Dr. B” by his students and colleagues, James Brewbaker, who had a long and illustrious career at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, died on March 15, 2021.

Brewbaker came to UH Mānoa in 1961 as a young researcher, and would remain with CTAHR for the next six decades. He went on to author nearly 300 scientific publications throughout his 70-year career.

An incredibly productive and innovative scientist in plant breeding, Brewbaker won numerous national and international awards for research excellence. He was instrumental in creating the tropical sweet corn seed industry that did not exist when he began, but is now a major world industry. Many of his varieties can be found across Hawai‘i and internationally, including the well-known “Kahuku Sweet Corn”—all of them noted for resistance to tropical diseases and insects. Brewbaker’s driving ambition was to leverage science as a means to alleviate widespread hunger around the globe. His work always centered on the farmer and people, and how advancements should benefit the lives of the community

Source: <https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2021/03/29/in-memoriam-james-brewbaker/>