We are saddened to report the passing of Dr. Samuel B. Jones, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Botany and retired Curator of the Georgia Herbarium (GA). He died at his home on 9 February 2016.

Born on 18 December 1933 in Roswell, Georgia, Sam Jones was the only child of Samuel B. Jones, Sr., and Mary Bell Nichols Jones. He received his B.S. degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) in 1955, where he also met his future wife Carleen. He was in Army ROTC at Auburn, earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant, Armor, and was designated a distinguished Military Graduate. After training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he joined the 510th Tank Battalion in Mannheim, Germany, and served there 2 yr. After active service he joined the U.S. Army reserves and retired at the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Following active military duty, Sam completed his M.S. in Botany (1961) at Auburn University, followed by his Ph.D. in Botany at the University of Georgia (1964) under Wilbur Duncan. He was an Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi (1964–67). He started his career as a faculty member in the University of Georgia Botany Department in 1967, remaining there until his retirement in 1991. During that time he was also very active in several professional societies, including serving as Vice-President (1969) and President (1970) of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society, and Council Member (1983–86) and Secretary...