RESEARCHER, EDUCATOR
James S. Lindzey
1918–2003

James S. Lindzey, former Leader of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, died August 2, 2003 at the family ranch near Laramie, Wyoming. Jim was born June 23, 1918 in Plainfield, New Jersey. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1940 and went from there to Oregon State University, where he completed requirements for a Master of Science in 1944. He worked for the West Virginia Game Commission before returning to earn his Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University in 1951.

Jim began his career with the Cooperative Unit Program in 1955 as Leader of the Virginia Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. He served as chief of the upland ecology section at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center from 1958–62 before returning to the Unit program as acting Leader of the Alaska Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. In 1962 he accepted the Leader position at the Pennsylvania Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, a post he held until retiring in 1980.

Jim maintained an active research and graduate education program throughout his career, supervising over 40 Ph.D., D.Ed., and M.S. students who are employed by resource agencies throughout the country. He was nationally recognized for work he and his students did on black bears, white-tailed deer, and eastern wild turkeys. Jim was an active member of The Wildlife Society beginning in 1940, serving at the state, section, and national levels. His contributions to research and education in the wildlife profession were recognized when he received the John Pearce Award from the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society.

After retirement, he became a part-time farmer, but remained active in TWS as representative-at-large for the Pennsylvania Chapter and as a member of the Certification Review Board. He and Jess Low served as co-directors of the Cooperative Research Unit Association. He continued to enjoy hunting and fishing and outdoor work until his death. He is survived by three daughters—Suzy and Leigh, who live near Laramie, and Margel, who lives in Washington, D.C.—and one son, Fred, who is Assistant Leader at the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.—Fred Lindzey, USGS, Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Department 3166, University of Wyoming, 1000 East University, Laramie, WY 82071.