

Richard J. Glass



Richard J. Glass was born March 1, 1921 in Sissonville, West Virginia. At a young age, he developed a passion for agriculture and science. After graduating high school in 1939, Richard attended Morris Harvey College for two years, majoring in Biology. Glass enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941 and served for the duration of World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945. Following his military service, Glass enrolled at West Virginia University (WVU), and in 1947, married Elizabeth “Betsy” Ellison, also a student at WVU. They proceeded to have two children, David in 1953 and Diane in 1955. Glass graduated from WVU with a B.S. in Ag Education in 1949, and put his degree to use as a teacher in West Virginia public schools and then administrator for the Preston County Educational Center until his retirement in 1986. He was selected as the 1971 West Virginia Teacher of the Year and received the Gamma Sigma Delta Special Certificate of Merit for Distinguished Service to WV Agriculture in 1972. Mr. Glass passed away in December 2009.