

In Remembrance: Carlyle Gray

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Carlyle Gray passed away in 2009. He was state geologist of Pennsylvania from 1953 to 1961

While at the Survey he developed the concept of nappe structures in the Great Valley leading to an understanding of Appalachian thin-skinned tectonics. He presented these interpretations at a national GSA meeting. He contributed to many geologic publications, often as a co-author with Survey staff such as with Davis Lapham on the Cornwall iron ore deposits. He also worked on the origins of the Reading Prong. He left in response to pressure to politicize the Survey.

While a Member of AASG he served the Association as an officer. He was Statistician from 1956-57 and Secretary-Treasurer from 1958 to 1960.

After leaving the Survey he started a consulting company in Lancaster, Pa, that specialized in hydrogeology. He was trained as an economic geologist yet he developed this additional expertise that gained him respect in the field.

He spent several years in Libya and edited a 1971 Symposium on the geology of Libya.

In later years he retired to California.

Everyone enjoyed working with Carlyle. He was scrupulously fair and honest as well as knowledgeable, instructive and humorous. He had a deep and hearty laugh and greatly enjoyed life, which is a wonderful thing to say about a colleague.

