



## **Mac Woodward (1933-2014)**

Mac Woodward, State Geologist Emeritus, died July 30, 2014 at the age of 81. He was a devoted husband and father who contributed more than fifty years to the study and promotion of geology in Arkansas. He divided his time between Little Rock and Magnolia.

Born to the late Walter Ashton Woodward and Mary Davis Woodward, Mr. Woodward grew up in Magnolia in the oil and gas industry, working for his father as a young geologist. He fostered a lifelong love of Arkansas history from his mother, who was a former chair of the Arkansas History Commission and avid collector of any book related to Arkansas. Mr.

Woodward was a lifelong member of the Arkansas Historical Association. He was also a collector of Arkansas maps, being particularly fond of an 1871 map of Arkansas compiled by David Fulton Shall, a cousin and the first cartographer of the state. Mr. Woodward was one of eight geologists who compiled the most recent geologic map of Arkansas, completed in 1976.

Mr. Woodward held dual degrees in history and geology and attended the University of Arkansas, Southern Arkansas University and Southern Methodist University. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree mason and a lifelong Methodist.

Mr. Woodward had a distinguished career serving as a geologist at the Arkansas Geological Commission from 1963-1975, Director of the Arkansas Energy Office from 1975-1978 following an appointment by Governor David Pryor, Arkansas Energy Liaison to the U.S. Department of Energy from 1978-1981, consulting geologist based in Little Rock from 1981-1988 and senior geologist with the Arkansas Geological Commission from 1988-2003. In 2003, Governor Mike Huckabee appointed Mr. Woodward as State Geologist and Director of the Arkansas Geological Commission, a position he held until 2005. Mr. Woodward continued to serve as the Assistant Director and Assistant State Geologist with the Arkansas Geological Survey from 2005 until his death on July 30, 2014.

Mr. Woodward was professionally affiliated with the Association of American State Geologists, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission and the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists.

He was dedicated to public service in state and federal government, supervised the Arkansas Geological Survey staff, and had many accomplishments throughout his long career in geology. He always worked hard to promote the natural resources of Arkansas, and to aid the Arkansas public and industry with the wise development and use of the State's natural resources such as fossil fuels, industrial minerals and water.

Mr. Woodward was predeceased by his brother Walter Ashton Galloway Woodward, Jr., his sister Mary Ann McLaughlin and her husband, Don. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Dorothy Thomas Woodward, son M. Bruce Woodward, both of Little Rock and Magnolia; brother Joe D. Woodward and wife Deane Reid Woodward of Magnolia and Little Rock, and his sister-in-law Anne Burke Woodward of Magnolia and Houston, Texas.