

# Micromounters Hall of Fame

## Dr. William A. Henderson

1932-2014

Inducted in 1997

William. A-Henderson, better known as Bill Henderson, was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts in 1932 and later moved to Madison, Connecticut.

He received his BA from Harvard University in 1954 and his MS and Ph.D. (1959) from Yale University. He worked as an organic chemist and research fellow at the American Cyanamid Company in Stamford, Connecticut for some 33 years.



He published articles in the *Mineralogical Record* and was the author of its microminerals column for a number of years. He has also published in *Rocks and Minerals* and in *Revista Mineralogica Italiana*. He presented a number of technical papers at the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium and spoke frequently at other symposia, mineral club meetings, and mineral shows. He was a past president and vice president of the Stamford, Connecticut Mineralogical Society and was program chairman for almost 10 years.

Bill, who collected minerals for more than 40 years, accumulated about 13,000 micromounts (some 1,200 species). His initial interest in micromounts was inspired by Neal Yedlin who influenced a number of other collectors to enter this field. Bill was an avid trader, was very interested in crystallography and mineral paragenesis, and used a polarizing microscope for mineral identification.

Willhendersonite, a zeolite from Italy, was named in his honor.