

Micromounters Hall of Fame

William Shulman

Inducted in 1994

William (Will) Shulman was educated through Junior College in New Jersey and received his BA degree from Arizona State College. While attending Columbia University he entered the U. S. Army, serving two and a half years. Then he began a career as a senior high school English teacher.



During this time he became increasingly interested in nature, including minerals. He and his wife Gerry began a camping and canoeing odyssey which ultimately covered

every state in the United States and all of the provinces of Canada. They met and visited with many persons who were also interested in minerals and/or nature. In so doing they crossed North America twenty-six times! He corresponded and exchanged minerals with collectors and institutions world-wide. Many foreign visitors were welcomed to his home, where he and Gerry had established and maintained a small wildlife sanctuary in their yard, and a mineral museum in their home which included 6,000 micromounts. A past president (1985) of the New York Mineralogical Society and a fixture at the Baltimore Micromount Symposia, Will was an active member of several mineral organizations in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. He authored many articles on minerals for publications which included "ROCKS AND MINERALS" and the "MINERALOGICAL RECORD". A prolific mineral exhibitor and lecturer, he was much sought by colleges, museums, mineral shows and clubs. He and Gerry established a micromounting group (19) called "Peregrines, Nest" which met weekly at their home until his death. He was g. very proud that all of his minerals were acquired by selfcollecting or by trading.

Will was well known for sharing minerals and "know-how", especially for helping new-comers, sharing uncounted numbers of his duplicate mineral specimens.