

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Dr. William S. Wise

Inducted in 1987



William S. Wise was born and raised in Carson City, Nevada. He became interested in the earth sciences in his early teens, developing into an avid field collector and later to a micromounter. He earned a masters degree at Stanford University and a doctorate at The Johns Hopkins University. He is at present Associate Dean for the Sciences at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

He has authored or co-authored numerous papers on mineralogy including descriptions of new minerals, of which parnauite and goudeyite are examples. His numerous articles on the zeolites have contributed to his recognition as an authority in this field.

Bill is well known among micromounters for his contributions for almost twenty years to the success of the Pacific Micromount Conferences. In addition to his annual lectures he is known for his "data sheets" on lecture subjects which are distributed to all conferees; these highly useful papers are prized.

His availability to answer questions on mineralogy, to assist in mineral identification, and to share his knowledge has won him the respect and esteem of the micromounting fraternity. He is especially respected on the West Coast where he is often an active participant in amateur mineralogical projects sponsored by micromount groups and others.