



In Memoriam: Dr. Harold G. Marshall



Dr. Harold Gene Marshall passed away on the 27th of April, 2019. He would have been 91 years old on May 7th. Being a very humble man, he did not want a formal service held, nor an obituary published in the local paper, but he was a giant in the oat world and deserves great recognition from our community.

Harold was an oat breeder with the USDA-ARS in the Department of Agronomy at Pennsylvania State University. The [1986 issue of the Oat Newsletter](#) was dedicated to him (as well as Paul Rothman) upon his retirement. A summary of Harold's life and career can be found in that issue, and is reprinted [here](#).

In 1994, Harold was presented with the Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement Award at the American Oat Workers' Conference in Minneapolis. More information concerning that presentation can be found [here](#).

Harold continued to work in oat improvement on his own farm after retirement, and breeders around the world continue to use his material. Those 'MF' lines? They're from Marshall Farms.