

*Obituary*

**Charles R. Burnham**

One of the pioneers of maize genetics, Charles R. Burnham, passed away on 19 April 1995, at the age of 91. He enjoyed a full life still analyzing data, writing a manuscript on chromosome pairing, authoring a book *Genetics Is For Everyone*, and keeping in close touch with the breeding of a blight-resistant American chestnut through the American Chestnut Foundation, which he founded. His mind was as good as ever until very recently. He seriously fell ill only a few days ago, when congestive heart failure took its toll. Charles Burnham was a scholar and actively thought about plant genetics every day until his death. His passing closes an era in maize genetics and cytogenetics. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Burnham Scholarship for Research by Pre-college Students (University of Minnesota) or to the American Chestnut Foundation.

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