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MEMORIAL



WILLIAM F. BRADLEY

1908–1973

Professor William F. Bradley of the University of Texas, distinguished crystallographer and clay mineralogist, died on 16 January 1973, while attending a meeting of the American Crystallographic Society at Gainesville, Florida. His car was crushed by a speeding trailer-truck which had failed to halt at a stop-light. Dr. Bradley was a charter member of the Clay Minerals Society and its predecessor the Clay Minerals Committee of the National Research Council. He had attended every Clay Minerals Conference, served as Editor of *Clays and Clay Minerals*, and as Vice President of the Society. At the time of his death he was not only President of the Clay Minerals Society but also President of the A.I.P.E.A. (Association International Pour L'Etude Des Argiles).

As a result of this tragic event, the Executive Committee of the Clay Minerals Society at a meeting on 17 February 1973 authorized the following actions. The accolade 'Distinguished Member', already to have been awarded to Dr. Bradley at the Banff meeting, was to be conferred posthumously. Also, an issue of *Clays and Clay Minerals* was to be dedicated to Prof. Bradley's memory.

This number of our journal, Vol. 22, No. 1, is therefore *The Bradley Memorial Issue*. The next several pages contain the Citation and Memorial delivered by Prof. G. W. Brindley at the Banff meeting on the occasion of the Distinguished Member award. This writing conveys the professional and personal regard for Bill Bradley held by his friends and colleagues. The technical contributions of course compose the major portion of the issue. A measure of Bradley's fundamental impact on clay mineralogy is the certainty that his influence can be found, sometimes in an obvious way, sometimes after careful study, in all of these papers. Many now-obvious parts of clay mineralogy weren't so obvious before the Bradley touch.

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