



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

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A TIME OF SERVICE

Five years seems like a long time, half a decade, a year longer than a Presidential term of office, the length of time to finish college these days; however, measured it marks a significant passage of time. This is the time I have served on the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters. It has not seemed that long and has felt fulfilling. I have been registered in this state for forty-seven years, most of my work career. I am and have always been proud of the profession I chose and the ability to be registered in Alabama. Registration, to me, always added a degree of professionalism and ethics, making an individual seem more responsible and respectable.

In my career, I have managed a logging crew, procured logs for a small sawmill, bought lightered stumps for a resin and distillation operation, worked as a private consultant, managed lands for an integrated paper company, managed procurement operations for pulp and paper mills, and managed supply agreements with multiple consuming facilities for a Timber Investment Organization in the Southeastern United States and Brazil. The forestry education I received was a great platform for the widely integrated activities that a forester encounters throughout their work assignments. The extended education gained along the way includes meteorology, climatology, geology, personnel management, many snippets of various law specialties, hours of accounting, public speaking, political science, safety practices, emergency response, first aid, recreational/wildlife/hunting management, endangered species protection, and most important interaction with people (some likeable, some not but all important and interesting). I always liked the saying that you learn something every day and everyone you meet can teach you something if you listen. I think you get your degree when you finish college, and you get your education the rest of your life. Good examples of this are the fourteen-month-old that taught me to pay attention by crawling out the screen door into the yard and the history that several nonagenarians have shared.

I hope you can tell that I strongly support the forestry profession and industry. The State of Alabama and the Southeast are blessed with the natural resource to support a vibrant industry that has been the backbone of most of the state's economy for years. Even though mills have closed, the solid wood business has responded with ever improving technology to meet the

product demands of today's consumer. The paper industry has shown resilience, rising to meet the packaging demands of the shop from home era and the not so paperless society. This industry has always been energy efficient with the consumption of production byproducts for energy. The increase in pellet production and consumption has kept us as a part of the green energy discussion. All creating a bright future for managed forest and foresters to manage them. I have enjoyed it all, especially my time on the board.

Gratefully,
Danny Norman, RF 819



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In Memoriam

As 2023 ends, we pause to remember those Alabama Registered Foresters who passed from this life during the past year. Alabama Registered Foresters are a community linked together by the shared knowledge that our work matters deeply, both for the present and for future generations. Much collected knowledge and untold experience leaves this world when one of our own passes. The trees and the forests remain. This year we respectfully remember the following Alabama Registered Foresters and their impact on our world.

John Edward Estes (#0456)

Laurens Keville Larson (#0499)

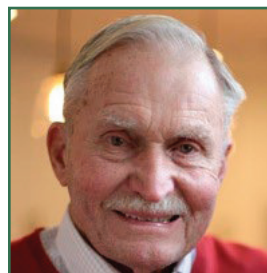
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JOHN EDWARD ESTES

(Sept 30, 1939 - Oct 24, 2022)

John Edward Estes Sr. was born September 30, 1939, to Ralph Jefferson and Katharine Barry in Milton, Florida. He graduated from Tate High School in 1957 and continued his education at the University of Florida. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Forestry in 1961 and a Master's in Forestry in 1962. John's work took him all over the United States, starting in South Carolina with a pit stop in New York City and finally settling in Monroeville, AL, in 1966. John started J. E. Estes Wood Company in 1966 and has been a staple of the community ever since.

John was a simple man who loved being in the woods and sharing his love of God's creation with family and friends. He loved the Lord, his family, the Florida Gators, John Wayne, Joe's peanuts, and his dogs. John spent a lifetime serving his family, church, and community. He was always willing to help and never needed to be acknowledged. He was a generous and humble man who was a father figure to many others. John was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Monroeville, AL.

John is survived by his wife Faye of Monroeville, who he loved dearly for 42 years of marriage. John was blessed with five children Brenda, Alisa (Mark), John (Kathryn), Rebecca, and Rachael. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren Kristen (Chris), Kenna (Eric), Thomasina, James, Carley, Mary Kathryn (Peyton), Jack (Margaret Braden), Sam (Amber), and Rosanna. His five great-grandchildren Kensley, Jayce, Adley, Annie, and Lyla Jane. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Jefferson and Katharine Barry, and his older brother Jimmy.



LAURENS KEVILLE LARSON

(Sept 6, 1937 to Oct 27, 2023)

Keville was born in New York City on September 6, 1937 to Estelle McGowin Larson and Lawrence Keville Larson. He grew up in Douglaston, NY with his sister, Theresa Larson Scheetz and brother, Stallworth McGowin Larson. Keville attended PS 98 for elementary school, and Friends Academy,

a Quaker school, for high school. He appreciated the Quaker's universal belief that "there is that of God in everyone" and the worship style of sitting in silence unless someone is moved to minister and speak to the group. Keville attended Stanford University as an undergraduate student, where he played on the Stanford Cardinals soccer team, for whom he was an All-Conference player for the 1957 season. He completed his studies at Stanford with a BA in Geography.

Keville followed his undergraduate career with graduate school at Yale University and obtained his Masters in Forestry in 1961. After graduation, he moved to Mobile, Alabama to work with his uncle, Julian McGowin, at the forestry consulting firm, Pomeroy & McGowin. In 1969, Julian and Keville separated the firm from Pomeroy, forming Larson & McGowin, Inc, with Keville as President, creating a successful and widely respected company that exists to this day. Keville never stopped learning and continued his lifelong education, taking courses at the University of Washington, Yale University, North Carolina State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Auburn University, the University of South Alabama and others. He taught courses in forestry at Auburn University and at Yale University, as the F. K. Weyerhaeuser Fellow at Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in 2000.

Keville was deeply involved in many forestry organizations, including the Association of Consulting Foresters, the Forest Industries Committee for Timber Valuation and Taxation, the Forest Landowners Association, the Society of American Foresters,

the Alabama Forestry Association, the Alabama Forest Resources Center, the Practicing Foresters Institute Trust, the Forest History Society, the Yale Forest Forum, the Coalition of Prescribed Fire Council, and the Seventh American Forest Congress and was a career-long Registered Forester. He greatly valued the many friendships and broad exchange of knowledge these groups brought to his personal and professional life. Throughout his life, Keville was a strong proponent of private property rights and believed strongly in the controlled use of fire to keep forests both healthy and safe from wildfire, a practice and philosophy for which he was a strong advocate.

Keville was an active member and past President of the Downtown Mobile Rotary Club, board member of the Mobile Botanical Gardens, for whom he was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Longleaf Pine Treasure Forest, supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, and member of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. He helped establish a soccer program for young people and adults and was an enthusiastic proponent of soccer in Mobile, a sport he enjoyed and played into his sixties. A passionate sailor, Keville spent his youth teaching sailing and competing in Long Island, sailing his beloved Lightning sailboat, Zephyr, on the waters of Little Neck Bay, and continued sailing throughout much of his life, passing on the skills and enjoyment to his children on Mobile Bay and Dog River.

Keville was long involved in the music world, enjoying leadership roles in the Greater Mobile Concerts, Inc, the Mobile Opera, the Mobile Symphony and recently MOJO, the Mobile Order of the Jazz Obsessed, sharing a love of good music with his community.

In addition to his love of the woods, reading, playing the guitar, and riding horses were great joys to him. His philosophy in life has always been to keep things in perspective, build for the long run, and, most importantly, "accentuate the positive."

Keville is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Eloise Echols Larson, his children Christopher Keville Larson and Jessica Larson Little, and granddaughters Catherine Keville Little and Lillian Dorothy Little.

Registered Forester's Renewal Reminder

The grace period for 2024 license renewal ends December 31, 2023. If you submitted your renewal but have not received your new ID card, please contact Lea Anna Meadows immediately at 334-240-9301 to make sure the renewal was received and processed.

If you renewed your license online an email was sent to you with your pocket card. The email will be from the Board it will be from notifications@alabamainteractive.net. If you need me to resend the email with your RF card, please let me know.

Licenses not renewed by December 31, 2023, will be revoked.

The Board is required by law to send revocation notices to all non-renewing licensees, including those who, for whatever reason, intentionally allowed their license to lapse.

NEW REGISTERED FORESTERS

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Registered Forester Eligible

If you have taken and passed the Registered Forester's Exam as a student, you are eligible to make application to become licensed.

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for more information or assistance.



Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters Annual Meeting - Promoting the Profession of Forestry -

By Dana Stone, Board Member

The Board of Alabama Registration for Foresters has been thriving since 1957 to promote the profession and to establish standards in forestry. In August, the Board had the honor of hosting the 30th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORG). With 17 states having a mandate registration for foresters, member states of the southeastern board were Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and West Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ideas of mutual interest which transcend state boundaries, to promote where possible uniformity among individual Boards, and to assist in the investigation and conviction of persons who violate the laws of one or more states. Montgomery, AL was the host city for the 2023 annual meeting. The Alabama Forestry Commission graciously offered their large conference room downstairs for the daily group sessions. The Alabama Forestry Association hosted the Thursday night dinner at its beautiful downtown building.

The meeting was well attended. The Executive Director of the Alabama Board, Lea Anna Meadows administered the meeting by initiating dialogue on various topics pertaining to the licensing of foresters. Alabama was fortunate to have all its board members present as well as the Assistant to the Attorney General's Office, Olivia Martin. Two new members from Arkansas discussed the new Board's mandate to be transferred under its state Forestry Commission. Georgia, Mississippi, and North Carolina had two representatives from their Boards at the meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the South Carolina Board of Director was unable to attend. West Virginia who is a member but does not have reciprocity with other member states, also had one board member present at the meeting.

Another distinctive group in attendance was the Society of American Foresters (SAF). Representatives from this organization played an integral roll in sharing information and giving directives on registration policies. The SAF representatives have been regular attendees over the years because of the organization's affiliated rules and regulations with the registration policies of participating states. The SAF also presented information regarding the process to create a separate certification program for Urban Foresters across the United States, garnering input from each state on its development and fruition.

The southeastern boards and the SAF will continue to work collaboratively to ensure that they administer the needs of the profession, and most importantly, they serve their commitment to the public. Even though registration for foresters has helped promote the profession, this vast career is needing to address other important areas of forestry to give them validity and structure. Another opportunity to continue dialogue will occur at the next meeting which will be in Georgia.

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Change of Address Form

Full Name _____ License Number: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Business City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Fax: _____

Business E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

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