

## IN MEMORIAM

### Stanley R. Lincoln, 1929-2015

Long time Federation of New York State Bird Clubs and New York State Ornithological Association supporter, officer and past president Stanley Lincoln passed away February 6, 2015.

Stan Lincoln's contributions to our organization cannot be overstated. For the period of the mid-1980s through the 2000s he was a constant presence in the governance, finance and membership areas, all with a common thread of maintaining and improving the infrastructure of the organization.

Stan's first official position with the then Federation came as treasurer from 1985-88. In 1990 he was elected vice-president, and subsequently served as president from 1991-93. However, much of his work was more behind the scenes. In particular, his service on the bylaws committee resulted in the major rewrite of this document in 1998, expanding the board of directors, and bringing the organization into line with state corporate law.

Among his other efforts were membership promotion chair, finance committee chair, nominating committee, assisting with the Atlas projects, establishing the member organization grant program, and computerizing circulation management. Stan had a major role in the organization's publication of *Bull's Birds of New York State*, from early planning through production, including formatting materials, preparing range information, and even writing several species accounts. He is credited as an Associate Editor for the book.

In 1991 Stan married the former Berna Weissman, past Federation president. Stan and Berna together were an even stronger presence and sustaining force for the organization. Their long time collaboration has served the organization well over many years. In 1998, Stan and Berna received the Gordon M. Meade Distinguished Service Award for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Federation and NYSOA. Stan and Berna took many birding trips around the country in their camping van, listing along the way.

In addition to his work for our organization, Stan was active in the governance of the American Birding Association as treasurer and served twice as president of Saw Mill River Audubon Society. He was a Korean War veteran and a long-time employee of IBM.

Perhaps Stan Lincoln's most lasting achievement was authoring *Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, History of the First Fifty Years, 1948 - 1998*, in 1998. This 35-page history, published as a supplement to Vol. 48 of *The Kingbird*, is a thoroughly detailed and well researched document that is essential reading for anyone interested in the earlier days of our organization. For this labor of love, Stan received the John J. Elliot Award that year.

Stanley Lincoln and his legacy will remain a part of the Federation and NYSOA for many, many years. Thank you Stan!

Stan is survived by his wife Berna, and son Christopher and daughter Cyndi. Our deepest condolences go out to Stan's family.