

# *In Memory — Robert Lee Pryor (1907-2002)*

William C. Miller III — Bethesda, Maryland

It is with great sadness that we report that Robert Pryor, 94, died January 10, 2002 of congestive heart failure at the Hillhaven Nursing Center in Adelphi, Maryland. He was the developer of the Beltsville hybrids (Yerkes-Pryor) and the Beltsville Dwarfs. His 42-year career included projects involving lilies, carnations, and azaleas. He worked at the horticultural division of the US Department of

Agriculture's Plant Industry Station in Beltsville, Maryland, and later at the US National Arboretum, from which he retired in 1977.

One of his chief interests was the development of a yellow, evergreen azalea from crosses involving deciduous and evergreen azaleas. While a good yellow was not forthcoming, one of the derivatives was subsequently

named 'Pryored', a blueless red, by the late Dr. Frank Santamour at the US National Arboretum in 1984.

In 1988 at the 10th ASA National Meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, Mr. Pryor was a special guest and was presented with a plaque, in recognition of his many achievements and contributions to the world of azaleas.

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