

## **MERCER P. RUSSELL AND LOUIS C. RUTLEDGE: TWO UNFORGETTABLE ACAROLOGISTS**

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**ABSTRACT** - While 'Acarology' is the study of mites and ticks, 'acarologistology' is the study of acarologists themselves. As in other professions, it takes more than training to become a successful acarologist. Central to any life of achievement is the support of teachers and mentors, family and friends. Here is the story of two unforgettable companions whose benevolence was vital to a young acarologist at a time of dire need.

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