



Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society

In Memoriam

Joseph H. Suess (1929 - 1992)

Joe Suess served as co-coordinator (with Mark Wallace) of the club's Boost Bluebirds program from 1988 until his death on January 14, 1992. With enthusiasm and concern for the declining Eastern Bluebird, he spent uncounted hours in recruiting individuals, monitoring nesting boxes, and keeping records. His cheerful personality made friends for the bluebird in all parts of the county.

One of our members has written the following reminiscence of the bluebird activities of Joe, Mark, and Frances Ehlers (who died in 1990). "They were an extraordinarily committed trio. Joe and Frances cannot be replaced; they can, however, serve as a continuing inspiration to others who are, or will, become part of this conservation effort." To honor them, the Howard County Bird Club's board of directors will dedicate the club's bluebird publications to their memory when the booklets are reissued.

—Joanne Solem