



# Howard County Bird Club

**A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society**

## *In Memoriam*

### **R. Benjamin Dawson, Jr. (1934-2021)**

Dr. Dawson, a native of Virginia, died July 22, 2021 in his 86th year. A retired blood transfusion specialist, he had taught at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Many members of the Howard County Bird Club were unaware of his professional background. To fellow members, he was "Ben."

Ben and his wife, Frances, became residents of Wilde Lake, Columbia in 1968. They quickly became active in the budding arts community. They joined the bird club in its initial year, and, in typical fashion, Ben quietly became a leader in the young organization. Besides supporting numerous club activities from workshops to potlucks, he took on the position of treasurer from 1973 to 1976 and served as president during the 1976 – 1977 year. His open, friendly manner made many friends for the fledgling organization.

*--Joanne Solem*