



Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society

In Memoriam

George Cassell (d. 1987)

The Howard County Chapter notes with a deep sense of loss the unexpected death of George R. Cassell who was the taxidermist for our collection of over 100 specimens.

George helped us in 1977 when the chapter began its collection and continued to work with us mounting skins at a modest fee. This enabled the chapter to afford an educational outreach that otherwise would

been prohibitively expensive. Taxidermy was a hobby which he exercised for the benefit of many of the MOS chapters, besides other groups. Birds of prey were his special interest and his basement workspace contained many specimens he had collected or traded over the years. He leaves a rare legacy for the specimens he mounted will continue to be seen and appreciated. for many years to come. The final bird he mounted for the Howard County Bird Club in 1987, a Surf Scoter, was designated as a memorial in grateful remembrance of George's skill and generosity.

—Joanne Solem