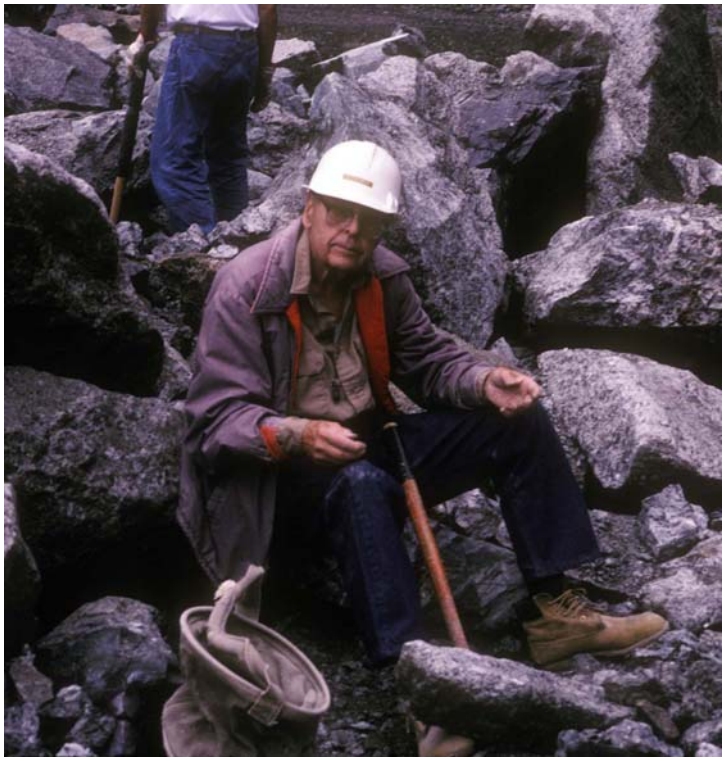
In Memoriam:

# Stephen Whitney Cares (1906-2006)



*Steve collecting at MSH on 14 September 1996*
*Photo: Willow Wigh*

*Steve Cares and Dana Jewell in July 1992*
*Photo: Bob & Anna Wilken*

Stephen W. CARES (or Steve as we all knew him) died May 25, 2006 at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass. He was a charter member of the Micromounters of New England in 1967[(1)], and a frequent contributor of giveaways and sales. In that year he married Janet Walkley (also charter member). Together they collected at many sites in New England, the Black Hills, and Mt St-Hilaire, where they discovered a new mineral, caresite[(3)], named for them. They were inducted into the Micromounters Hall of Fame in 1999 at the annual meeting of the Baltimore Mineral Society. Janet is now living in a retirement home in Charlton, Mass. A collection of some 6000 micromounts[(2)] was donated by the Cares to Harvard University as a reference collection.

*by Janet Walkley Cares*

[(1)]MMNE was organized in 1966, but officially chartered in 1967.

[(2)]Micromounts themselves do not require a microscope, but are best observed under a binocular microscope.

[(3)]*[from the editor]* Caresite is a carbonate officially described by Chao & Gault in the Canadian Mineralogist (vol. 35 pp. 1541-1549) from material collected by Janet and Steve at MSH in 1989. The chemical formula is $Fe_4Al_2(OH)_{12}CO_3.3H_2O$, and it is isostructural with quintinite and charmarite. Janet and Steve are also co-finders of charmarite.