

In Memoriam

Unfortunately, we have lost four giants in our hobby in the past few months. We memorialized Hugh Shull in the last issue and now we have three more. The hobby and all of us will truly miss these icons of the hobby.



Dean Gordon Oakes. Dean was born on Christmas Eve, 1936 in Emmet County, IA. He married Evelyn Feddersen in 1958 (a 67-year marriage) and they had two sons and two daughters. Dean died on March 21, 2026.

Dean was SPMC member #1322, joining the Society in 1963. He served the society very faithfully and was President from 1995-1997; Vice-President 1993-1995; Treasurer 18-986-1995 and Governor 1981-1999. He was inducted to the SPMC Hall-of-Fame in 2021. He was awarded an Award of Merit in 1982 and a literary award in 1994 for his book *Iowa Obsolete Notes and Scrip* one of the first books in the Wismer series of the SPMC Wismer Series that was published in 1982. He authored, with John Hickman, his long-time business partner *The Standard Catalog of National Bank Notes* in 1982 and the co-author of *The Standard Guide to Small-Size U.S. Paper Money 1928 to date*.

He began collecting coins in 1949. In 1962 he formed A & A Coins, Inc. with Ben Marlenee and Roger Schnittjer. By 1965 he had become sole owner and sold the store in Iowa City in 1978. He joined partner John Hickman in 1972 to conduct sales of currency under the name of Hickman-Oakes. They conducted 38 auction sales from 1976 through 1989. He was a founder of the Iowa City Coin Club. He has served as president of the Iowa Numismatic Association. He had one of the finest known collection of Iowa obsolete notes.

Lyn Knight had fond memories of Dean as well. I am deeply saddened to share that Dean Oakes, a giant in the numismatic community since 1952, has passed away. Dean was a dedicated collector, dealer, and student of currency. His collecting interests began in Iowa and expanded to U.S. National Bank Notes, Type Notes, and Small Size currency, and later included Philippine replacements, Panama, and Brazil. Generous with his time and expertise, Dean contributed to the Small Size Catalog, the National Banknote Project, The Iowa Obsolete Book, and served for many years with the Higgins Museum and the Iowa Car Museum. We will see his fingerprints on the world for generations to come.

Derek Higgins remembers Oakes as truly a legend and a giant in the hobby. I was fortunate enough to meet him and purchase many notes from him over the past few years and he was always a gentleman and fair in his dealings. I will miss seeing him at the big shows and having that rare opportunity to connect with someone who helped build the hobby into what it is today. Jessica and I are keeping his family in our thoughts and prayers.



Lawrence B. Falater



Larry was SPMC member #3641 and LM 35. He was the author of two articles on National Bank Notes that were published in *Paper Money*. A collector of Michigan nationals and obsoletes he was a fixture for many years at shows. See his obituary at <https://www.eaglefuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Lawrence-B-Falater?obId=46586294>

John A. Parker



John was always a visible dealer of just about everything numismatic at shows. He was SPMC member 3641 and LM 128. A very nice In Memoriam was published in the 1st quarter SCCS journal. See https://www.souvenircards.org/html/menu_journals.html