



# The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.

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In Memorium The SPA family has lost one of our own, **Edmund Dlutowski** passed away March 26, 2024.

Ed spent most of his adult life enjoying his passion for history, archaeology and scholarship. He was a presence in the SPA a very, very long time. His interest never waned even as years passed. He was our faithful auctioneer at Annual Meeting bringing excitement, lots of costumes and identifies and much needed funding for the Society. He served as SPA president from 1987 to 1988. He received the Archey Award in 1980 and he and Ginger were recognized with a resolution for their dedication to the SPA. He was a Life Member of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, past president of Allegheny Chapter No. 1; charter member, past president and Life Member of the Ohio Valley Chapter No. 22.

In addition, he recorded numerous archaeological sites in Western Pennsylvania. He worked on the Meadowcroft Rock Shelter with Dr. James Adavasio of University of Pittsburgh, Bonnie Brook Site 36BT43, a project in the Pocono Mountains to excavate the Newton Mammoth, on the Meade Island Site on the Upper Allegheny and the Penelec Site with Dr. Stan Lantz. He worked many sites and projects including with Dr. Verna Cowan on the Murphy's Bottom Site on the Allegheny River and the PPG Building Site in downtown Pittsburgh. And many more sites local and far away, and internationally with a Carnegie Museum archaeological project in Peru in the Casma Valley.

A large part of Ed's impact on Pennsylvania archaeology was as a mentor to young people. He worked with Slippery Rock University students on the Sugar Shack site, instructing them in excavation techniques, assisted Dr. S.B. Mani with the Archaeology Club at SRU, presenting several lectures after receiving appointment as Adjunct Professor in Anthropology at SRU.

He laid out several sites on Camp Lutherlyn property in Prospect PA and instructed Camp Lutherlyn staff and summer camp students in excavating techniques,

He started a program for the Butler County Historical Society excavating the Little Red School House in Butler; Excavating at the Shaw House. Organizing a group of local high school students who were interested in archaeology. The group was called the "Dirt Dragons."

The Dirt Dragons excavated a bottle-manufacturing site from the 1870's in Butler and a rock shelter at Camp Lutherlyn.

The contributions to Pennsylvania archaeology are extensive. There is no telling how many lives he touched over a lifetime but his presence was felt for miles and miles. We will miss him and especially miss the fun! He was unique unto himself. Thanks for all the good times!