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Nebraska Ornithologists' Union member, author and educator Roger Sharpe passed away on June 27, 2003. He is survived by his wife Beverly, three daughters and one son.

Dr. Sharpe was born on March 31, 1941. His Ph.D. was in Vertebrate Zoology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He was an instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha from 1968 until his retirement in 2000. He was a professor of ornithology, environmental biology and conservation biology, and he began and continued to coordinate the Environmental Studies Program there.

Dr. Sharpe also originated an exchange program with Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia, for both faculty and students. He was part of a team of scientists assembled to help combat pollution in Czechoslovakia.

His interests and talents outside of the world of zoology and ornithology were many. He was an accomplished cook and published a cookbook which included many recipes of Czech and Viennese origin. He played the piano, violin, accordion and banjo, and he loved art, antiques and travel.

He joined the NOU in 1961 was a Life Member. He served as NOU president from 1966 to 1968 and again from 1971 to 1972. He contributed much to the field of ornithology in Nebraska, most recently being a co-author of *Birds of Nebraska Their Distribution and Temporal Occurrence* with W. Ross Silcock and Joel Jorgensen.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Dr. Sharpe.