

REMEMBERING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF OCULARISTS

Clyde Walton Andrews

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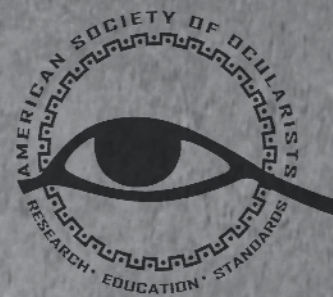
Clyde W. Andrews died May 10, 2013. He was eighty-three years old.

Clyde was a native of Richmond, Virginia, where he spent most of his career. In January 1948, at age 19, he took a job as an apprentice with Galeski Optical of Richmond. He worked with pioneering optometrist Joseph Galeski and, with the help of other technicians, produced “Galeski prostheses.” The Galeski prosthesis was an early compression-molded, all-plastic (no free monomer) ocular prosthesis that was granted numerous patents in the 1940s. It was an innovation in the transition from glass to plastic ocular prostheses during the 1950s and 60s.

Clyde was an early member of the American Society of Ocularists. He joined in 1960, shortly after it was formed, and maintained his membership for 53 years. In 1981, he also became a board certified ocularist; he worked briefly for LeGrand Associates from 1979-1983. Clyde’s 2005 article reflecting on his career as an ocularist is one of the more thoughtful essays published in the *Journal of Ophthalmic Prosthetics*.

Clyde was a meticulous practitioner of the ocularist’s art. Joe LeGrand, Jr., BCO, remembers, “Occasionally, I have had the opportunity to see one of Clyde’s patients for a check-up. Every prosthesis looked great, and every patient seemed to love this man. Most would remark on how Clyde fretted over every detail of the prosthesis, often asking them to return for small refinements long after they themselves were satisfied with the work.”

Clyde was sometimes described as “old school” and a Southern gentleman, but “compassionate,” also sums up the career and personality of this accomplished eye maker. His family and friends, patients and colleagues will miss him.



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