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Nicholas L. Cuthbert, Educator and Conservationist, a professor emeritus in biology at Central Michigan University, died Wednesday, May 19, 1993 at The Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids at the age of 79. Cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Cuthbert was a faculty member in the Biology Department at CMU from 1947 until his retirement in 1976. During these 29 years, he taught several thousand undergraduates from Detroit to the Upper Peninsula and advised many graduate students in biology. His topic of research expertise was ornithology, and he made many notable contributions to this field, especially his book, "Birds of Isabella County" and his research on cowbird control in relation to recovery of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler. Throughout his life, Dr. Cuthbert was active in conservation at local, state and national levels. As a resident of Mt. Pleasant for almost 50 years, he was one of the founders of the local Audubon Club and was instrumental in the establishment of several parks and reserves in

Isabella County. At the state level, he was a Board Member of the Michigan Audubon Society and worked closely with the DNR on many conservation issues. He was Director of the National Audubon Society's Camp in Wisconsin and served as member of the federal recovery team for the Kirtland's Warbler. Dr. Cuthbert's hobbies and professional interests were inseparable. He read about, photographed and observed animals and plants in the wild in Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America. He presented many public programs in Michigan on his experiences around the world. Dr. Cuthbert was born in Haddonfield, NJ and was a graduate from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He received a Ph.D. in genetics and zoology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mabel Jaques Cuthbert of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter, Francesca Cuthbert and 2 grandsons of St. Paul, MN. The body has been cremated and a memorial service is planned for this fall. The family suggests memorials be sent to Central Michigan University, The Nicholas Cuthbert Scholarship in Biology, The Alumni House, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859.