Arden Jacklin, one of the original founders of Jacklin Seed Company, passed away recently in Spokane, Washington. Jacklin was 82.

Arden Jacklin, along with his father, brothers and a cousin started Jacklin Seed Company in 1935. From 1941 to 1985, Jacklin served as president of the company, and under his direction Jacklin Seed Company became the world’s largest producer of Kentucky bluegrass. “He was the driving force, the leader of the company’s growth,” said Don Jacklin, who along with his brothers, Doyle and Duane, now operates the Jacklin Seed Company.

After stepping aside as president and general manager, Jacklin devoted his time to research. He became director emeritus of Jacklin’s research program and continued to oversee research, visiting the office regularly, depending on his health.

Born in Waupaca, WI, Jacklin graduated from Bonners Ferry High in 1929 and earned a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from Washington State College, graduating with honors in 1933.

Prior to joining the family business in Post Falls, Idaho, Jacklin was an agronomist with the Soil Conservation Service from 1934 to 1941. He participated in a grant to research the first grass seed yield trials in the Northwest and planted the first field for commercial production in 1947.

Jacklin was well-respected in agriculture and other endeavors. He was the 1982 Honorary Member of the American Seed Trade Association as well as past Lawn Seed Division Chairman and director of the Association. Jacklin also served on advisory boards for the USDA and Washington State University.

Jacklin is survived by his wife Stella, sons, Don, Doyle and Duane Jacklin, daughter, Ardith Bryan, 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

If you would like to offer a nomination for the STMA 1994 Awards, now is the time.

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- STMA Football Field of the Year Award
- STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award
- STMA Excellence in Research Award

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