

SANFORD FARKAS

On May 18, Sanford Farkas died in Newark, Delaware at the age of 75. He was a long-time pillar of the Georgist movement, especially in Boston, Mass.

"Sandy", as he was known, learned his Georgism in the 1930's from the newly founded Henry George School. He read and taught all of George's works several times and was especially fond of The Science of Political Economy.

"In the early 1940's," writes M. S. Lurio, "Sandy worked in the Quincy shipyards. He began to talk George to his associates and several became convinced that he was sound. Among them was John D. Hewitt who is now a top-flight assessor and real estate consultant in the Boston area."

In the late 1940's, Sandy and his colleagues built up the Boston Henry George School and at annual conferences he was eagerly consulted by other extension directors as to his methods.

In the 1960's the Farkas's moved to California where Sandy became active with the San Francisco Henry George School. In 1977 he attended the annual Georgist conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where he enthusiastically promoted his new ideas on offering the Henry George courses. Unfortunately, soon after, he suffered a stroke from which he never completely recovered.

Sanford Farkas is survived by his wife Lillian and his sons Richard and Daniel. Lillian Farkas writes; "From numerous letters I have received, Sandy seemed to enhance the lives of any one he worked with or was associated with in the George movement."