Craig Morris Merrihue (1933-1965), a talented and kind graduate student working with Professor John Reynolds at UC-Berkeley, trained Oliver on the high-sensitivity mass spectrometer and the use of high vacuum techniques in 1962. Professor Paul Kuroda arranged for Oliver and his family to live in Berkeley for three months, March-May, 1962. Two year later, Dr. Merrihue died in a mountain climbing accident on 14 March 1965.