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A coeditor of *The Angle Orthodontist* from 1953 to 1956, and a most loyal member of the Angle Society, Morse Newcomb passed away on July twenty-fifth in Cleveland, Ohio at the age of seventy-nine.

He was graduated from Cleveland's University School and Yale University, and then went on to earn his D.D.S. degree in 1933 from Western Reserve University. He pursued further education in orthodontia immediately, spending the next year in association with Robert H. W. Strang in Connecticut. The rest of his professional life was spent in Cleveland, where he joined his father, the late Walter E. Newcomb, who was a 1907 graduate of the Angle School.

That relationship was terminated abruptly in early 1942, when he enlisted in the Army Dental Corps. His father died while Morse was serving in the Army, so he resumed practice alone on his return to Cleveland.

Morse belonged to the usual dental and orthodontic organizations, and he especially valued his membership in the Angle Society, where he served a term as President of the Midwestern Component. He was also a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists.

Early and long-term treatment with extraoral traction held a special interest for him, and he studied the effects, both good and bad, over many years of practice. In addition to an article published in 1958, he also presented reports on his findings at several meetings of the Angle Society.

In his younger days, Morse was a member of the 107th Cavalry Association, and he later became a long-time member of the Hermit Club.

He acquired the hobbies of hunting and gardening as a young boy, through the strong bond of companionship with his father, and he was active in both all of his life. Without a doubt, his favorite sport was bird shooting, mainly pheasants, ducks and geese. He continued his gardening even atop his apartment home, until he was forced to desist by Alzheimer's disease.

A most delightful traveling companion, he was always an enthusiastic person with many interests. People just enjoyed his presence, a positive individual who was not averse to expressing his thoughts when he felt qualified. In professional sessions, both scientific and business, he was a frequent discussor ready to come to the defense of the young and inexperienced.

Morse and his wife Ruth enjoyed an exceptional camaraderie. She survives him along with their son Walter and two grandchildren.

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