



Richard Irving Greyson

May 26, 1932 - July 23, 2011

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Dick Greyson, age 79, in Vancouver, after a brief struggle with esophageal cancer.

Dick was pre-deceased by his wife, Dorothy (Auterson), and is survived by his children Maureen, Peter, John, Philip and Cecilia, his eight grandchildren, his sister-in-law Maureen Davis and her family, and relations across British Columbia. In particular, we will miss his wry sense of humour, his great kindness and generosity, his quiet commitment to social justice, his love of camping with friends and family, and his fascination with the stars and planets.

Born in Nelson, BC, Dick studied botany at the University of British Columbia and the University of Oregon, and taught for three decades at the University of Western Ontario. In 1994, he was awarded the George Lawson Medal from the Canadian Botanical Association. In this same year, his well-regarded book 'The Development of Flowers' was published by Oxford University Press. A pioneering research scientist and the author of numerous research articles, he will be greatly missed by his many colleagues and students, who in 1989 presented him with a plaque inscribed to "...a teacher and a friend," a tribute to the profound personal connections he forged with many.

In common with many scientists, he had a great concern with the condition of the earth and a great love of all things in nature, particularly plants. Throughout his life, walking in wilderness areas in British Columbia and Ontario with friends and family was a source of great joy, both for Dick and those with him.

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