

**George Setterfield**  
**1929-2008**



George Setterfield was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia on August 29, 1929. He received his first-class honours at the University of British Columbia in 1951 and his Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Wisconsin in 1954. His dissertation was titled, "Quantitative cytological studies on the antimetabolic action of 2,6-diaminopurine in *Vicia faba* roots."

He began teaching as an instructor the same year at the University of British Columbia. In 1956 he became Assistant Research Officer in the Division of Applied Biology at the N.R.C. in Ottawa. He was promoted to Associate Research Officer in 1958 and an Associate Professor of Biology at Carleton University in 1962. He was promoted to Full Professor in 1964 and became chair of the department of Biology in 1963. He retired to Victoria, B.C. in 1985.

George was a member of the Canadian Society for Cell Biology, the Canadian Botanical Association, the Genetics Society and the American Society for Cell Biology. He served on a number of N.R. C. committees, including on the Advisory Committee for Academic Planning for the Council of Ontario Universities and the Science Policy Committee for the Federation of Biological Sciences. He was also elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1976.

He was associate editor of the *Canadian Journal of Biochemistry* and author of approximately fifty papers.

At Carleton University he helped design the Greenhouses which were constructed in the 1960s. He was also an avid photographer, whose work was exhibited across the country, winning many awards in juried shows.

He received the Steacie Prize in Science.

He died on March 15, 2008.