

**R**on Harris passed away peacefully at the Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday, 9 December 2014, at the age of 82. He was the beloved husband of the late Carol (Smith) Harris (2000). He will be greatly missed by his family including daughters Brenda (Andrew) of Calgary, Shelley of Toronto, grandchildren Isabel, Nadia, Olivia and Aidan, and many colleagues, students and friends from around the world.

Ron was born in the mining town of Chapman Camp, Kimberly, British Columbia. After an adventurous youth, he went on to receive his BSc (1954) and MSc (1956) from the University of British Columbia and PhD (1961) from the University of Wisconsin. He had a distinguished career with Agriculture Canada (Chatham [1956-1968] and London [1968-1990]) conducting and leading research in environmental toxicology and integrated pest management. Ron then went on to his second career with the University of Guelph as Chair of the Department of Environmental Biology (1990-1997), retiring in 1997. He enjoyed immensely his work at the University of Guelph, and with numerous organizations and scientific societies, including the Entomological Society of Canada (President 1974-1975). During his professional career Ron received many honors including: the Entomological Society of America's J. Everett Bussart Award for research excellence (1968), Fellow of the Entomological Society Canada (1977), Citation of Merit from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (1990), Member Emeritus of the Entomological Society of America (1997), Fellow of the Entomological Society of Ontario (2003), and Professor Emeritus of the University of Guelph (2000). But above all, Ron cherished the time he spent mentoring students – our future scientists.

He touched the lives of many and will be sadly missed. A touching and upbeat Celebration of Ron's Life was held on 24 January 2015 at the University of Guelph Arboretum which was attended by approximately 100 of Ron's family, friends and colleagues.

Cynthia Scott-Dupree  
University of Guelph



**Charles Ronald Harris  
(1932 – 2014)**