

Bruce McLeod (1926-2005)

We first met Bruce when he joined the Winnipeg staff of the Forest Insect and Disease Laboratory, Agriculture Canada. He soon became a valued colleague and close friend, both on the job and in sharing accommodation, each other's cooking, and recreation, including parties, fishing, and the hunting of upland game and ducks. Bruce was a positive, supportive and upbeat individual, rarely critical of



others, a self-starter, with a ready smile and a great sense of humour. He was passionate about photography, combining an artistic bent with careful attention to detail.

Bruce was born and raised in rural west-central Manitoba near the Riding Mountain National Park, and had a permanent attachment to the countryside and its history. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) and served on the west coast, where, as he said, he contributed to the war effort by spewing his guts out over the rail. After his discharge in 1945, he came to Winnipeg and took a Commercial Arts Course, giving him the knowledge on which to develop his interest in photography. In 1950, he became a Ranger with the Forest Insect and Disease Survey, recording the incidence of forest insects and disease pests in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, assessing their impact on forest production, and collecting specimens. In 1970, he was transferred to Ottawa and then, three years later, to Sault Ste. Marie with C. H. Buckner, studying small mammal and avian predators, their impact on forest insects, and the effects of aerial spraying on nontarget species. He travelled widely in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes, particularly enjoying working with the summer crews of University students. Bruce had a questing mind resulting in many publications on forest insects and small mammals.

In 1986, he retired and moved back to Winnipeg, where he was able to devote his time to photography and gardening. He traveled about rural Manitoba, photographing barns, abandoned farmsteads, cemeteries, etc. In the home garden he took beautifully composed shots of flowers, insects, and birds. Some of his photos were published in the *Prairie Garden*. He believed in giving back to the community, and volunteered with Ducks Unlimited at Oak Hammock Marsh, and at the Birds Hill Provincial Park near Winnipeg.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Carol, two daughters, a son, three grandchildren, and many friends. We all miss him.

— Jim Drouin, Edmonton, Alberta
Bill Turnock, Winnipeg, Manitoba