

D. K. R. STEWART

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Donald Keith Robert Stewart, a research scientist in pesticide residue chemistry at the Agriculture Canada Research Station in Kentville, died on July 6, 1977 of cancer following a lengthy illness. Keith was born on September 22, 1927 in St. John, New Brunswick, and grew up in Halifax. He obtained his BSc and MSc degrees in chemistry and B.A. in history from Dalhousie University. The University of New Brunswick awarded him a PhD in organic chemistry in 1955. Following post-doctoral work with the National Research Council, Keith joined the Kentville Research Station as a pesticide residue chemist in 1957.

Keith was an excellent scientist and early in his career became noted for his work on the fate and translocation of organo-mercury fungicides in plants. He later worked on a wide range of pesticides but specialized on the organochlorine insecticides. Keith contributed much to science and was the author of over 34 scientific publications. He took a great interest in the Nova Scotian Institute of Science. He was secretary of the Valley Chapter in 1967-68 and president in 1970-71. He seldom missed a meeting during his 20 years at Kentville.

Keith was a very unassuming person and in his own quiet way was most helpful to all associated with him. His advice and guidance on all problems in chemistry were freely given and much appreciated by all his associates. Keith had many interests apart from his research. He was a member of the Ken-Wo Country Club, the Glooscap Curling Club, held his private pilot's license in amateur flying, and was an avid camper.

Keith is survived by his widow, Helen Audrey, and three children.

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