

# Death of Dr. Jack Carlson

## Email Announcement

Sad news, Jack Carlson, a longtime member of the SSR died on September 26, 2004.

Condolences mailed or emailed to SSR member Mary Buhr will be passed along to Jack's family.

Mary M Buhr, PhD  
Professor and Associate Dean (Academic)  
Ontario Agricultural College  
University of Guelph  
Guelph, Ontario Canada N1G 2W1

## Memorial

JACK CARLSON (1939 - 2004) After a courageous battle with cancer, Jack died on September 26, 2004. Jack grew up in New England, and completed his BSc, MSc and PhD (1969) at the University of Massachusetts. He did post-doctoral studies at Cornell University, followed by two years at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology. He then joined the Department of Biology at the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Canada, where he worked until his death. He became a Full Professor in 1991, and took on the additional role of Assistant Dean of Science Admissions in 2002. Jack's heart was always in his science, and he was a respected teacher of all levels of undergraduates and graduates. Jack was a long-time member of SSR, and made numerous notable contributions to reproductive biology, particularly in the field of luteal regression. His work in luteolytic mechanisms linked membrane and functional changes, involving prostaglandins, phospholipases and lipid peroxidation. This led him to investigate mechanisms of cellular aging, where he also made innovative discoveries that stimulated other researchers. But as much as he revelled in his science, Jack's deepest love and commitment was to his family. His joy in his wife Roma, his daughters Britt, Leah, Emilie and Beth, and latterly their husbands and children, was evident to all who knew him. And everyone who knew Jack even peripherally instantly recognised that here was a good person. He was patient, kind and caring, a decent human being whose humility, self-effacing humour, and wonderful smile coupled with the twinkle in his eyes, made him a delight to be around. Esteemed and revered by his students, colleagues and many friends, Jack Carlson's quiet brilliance and goodness will be sadly missed. He was taken from us too soon, and those of us who knew him well will always remember him. The world is a poorer place for his passing, but a better place for his having been here. Go with God, Jack.

—*Written in tribute to Dr. Carlson by Dr. Mary Buhr*

## Obituaries—Sep. 27, 2004

DR. JOHN CARLSON 1939 - 2004 After a courageous battle with cancer, Jack was called to be with the Lord, on Sunday, September 26, 2004, at age 65. Beloved husband of Roma; loved and admired by his daughters and their husbands, Britt and Dan, Leah and Ash, Emilie and Robert, and Beth and Peter. Adored by his grandchildren, Tom, Stefan, Rachel, Jordan, and Ben. Dear son of Clifford and the late Mae Carlson and brother of June Colman and Paul Carlson. Jack had a distinguished career as a professor of biology at the University of Waterloo since 1973 and was esteemed by his students and colleagues. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Friends are invited to share their memories of Jack with his family at the Edward R. Good Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., Waterloo on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service to celebrate Jack's life and faith will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Rd. E., Kitchener on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Mark Gedcke officiating. A reception will be held at the church following the service. Private family interment in Parkview Cemetery. In Jack's memory, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Mennonite Central Committee, or Presbyterian World Service and Development and can be arranged through the funeral home at 745-8445 or [www.edwardrgood.com](http://www.edwardrgood.com).