

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the death on 13 November 1978 of

TED GEISSMAN

former Professor of Chemistry at the University of California, Los Angeles, who was a founder member of the editorial board of "*Phytochemistry*" and continued to serve in this capacity until his death. He will be chiefly remembered for his major contributions to the chemistry, biosynthesis and chemotaxonomy of flavonoids and sesquiterpene lactones, but he had many other wide ranging interests. He wrote or edited a series of text books, notably (with D. H. G. Crout) "*Organic Chemistry of Secondary Plant Metabolism*", a unique distillation of knowledge and a classic in the field of biosynthesis. Above all, he inspired a generation of students and co-workers with his keen enthusiasm for phytochemistry in all its forms and his influence will continue to be felt for many years to come. It is hoped to publish a fuller appreciation in a later issue.

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