

Obituary

Robert Stuart Tipson

The editors and publishers note with regret that Dr. Tipson, one of the founder editors of *Carbohydrate Research*, died in Rockville, MD on Saturday, July 13, 1991, after a brief illness, in his 85th year. Born in England, Dr. Tipson was educated at the University of Birmingham, and McGill University in Montreal, earning a PhD and later a DSc degree, specializing in Chemistry.

His distinguished career included research with P. A. Levene at the Rockefeller Institute in New York, subsequent work at the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, and later in collaboration with H. S. Isbell at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington. His research included pioneering work on nucleosides and nucleic acids, and on conformational analysis. He contributed more than a half century of leadership in the development of carbohydrate nomenclature. His editorial service with this journal and with the *Advances in Carbohydrate Chemistry and Biochemistry* continued for many years subsequent to his retirement in 1974 from the National Bureau of Standards.

Dr. Tipson's contributions to the carbohydrate field were recognized in 1971 with the conferring of the Claude S. Hudson Award, and in 1986 the Melville L. Wolfrom Award. The issue of *Carbohydrate Research* on November 15, 1987, was dedicated to him on the occasion of his retirement from active editorship of the journal.

He was married in 1932 to Constance Goodwin of Asbury Park, NJ who died in 1985. They had no children. He is survived by two sisters; Joyce Kenward of Leamington Spa, England; Jean McIlroy of Valencia, PA; six nephews and four nieces.