

## OBITUARIES

### Noel T. Keen, 61

Noel T. Keen, 61, internationally renowned UCR Distinguished Professor of Plant Pathology passed away at home on April 18, 2002 from leukemia.

He graduated from State Center High School in 1958 and received his B.S. and M.S. from Iowa State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1968.

Dr. Keen has been a Riverside, CA, resident since 1968, when he arrived to begin his career as a Plant Pathologist at the University of California, Riverside. His research area was plant pathogen interactions. He was the current President of the American Phytopathological Society and was a member of the 2002 UCR Chancellor Search Committee. He was elected a member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in 1997. He was awarded the William and Sue Johnson Endowed Chair in Molecular Plant Pathology in 1997. He was Chair of the UCR Plant Pathology Department from 1983-1989, was Chair of Genetics Graduate Program from 1994-1997, and was the Acting Directory of the UCR Bio/Technology Center from 1997-2000. He was a Visiting Scholar for the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science in 1998. He was the UCR Faculty Research Lecturer for 1995-96, was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Phytopathological Society, and the American Academy of Microbiology. He is also a member of the International Society of Plant Molecular Biology, the American Society of Microbiology, and the American

Society of Plant Physiologists.

He was on the Editorial and Advisory Boards of numerous scientific journals and was co-editor of the Plant-Microbe Interactions book series. He was a member of several national Advisory Boards and National Research Council Committees as well as the international US-Israel Bi-national Agricultural Research and Development Technical Advisory Board. He has been an invited speaker at countless national and international universities, conferences, and seminars. He has received numerous awards for his research, among which are the American Phytopathological Society's Ruth Allen Award and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary's Honor Award and the USDA Superior Service Award. He is the author of over 250 scientific publications.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Ill Keen, of Riverside; by his sister Judy Carr of Bettendorf, Iowa, and her daughters Jeanne Nichol Allison and Susan Nichol Rupp of Davenport, Iowa; by his aunts, Frances Parsons of State Center, and Lora Smaha, of Marshalltown; by his aunts and uncles, Beryl and Esther Keen and Dale and Gertrude Keen of Marshalltown; by his brother- and sister-in-law, Fred & Colleen Ill and their daughter and son, Kelsey and Jordan of Florida. His parents, Walter and Evelyn Keen, predecease him.

No service is planned. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Noel T. Keen Memorial Fund, care of the UCR Foundation, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521.