



Kingsley Stern (1927-2006) passed away a few days after completing final revisions for this 11th Edition of *Introductory Plant Biology*. Professor Stern spent over 40 years as a dedicated botanist and teacher, educating an estimated 15,000 students in his own classrooms and authoring this book, which has sold over 200,000 copies since the first edition was published in 1979. His enthusiasm for the botanical world captivated those around him for many decades. Kingsley Stern will long be remembered for his attention to detail and dedication to high standards, along with a refreshing sense of humor. It is Kingsley's aspiration that those who read *Introductory Plant Biology* will share his lifelong love of botany.

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