

Christine E. Bewley 1944–2006

It is with sadness and sympathy that we acknowledge the passing of Christine E. Bewley, loving spouse and companion to J. Derek Bewley. Chris was associated with seed science for many years, from the time as a young wife to graduate student Derek in London, through his early career in Calgary, Canada, and culminating at the University of Guelph. Throughout, she gave unwavering support to Derek. Many scientists had the great pleasure of getting to know Chris as she accompanied Derek on sabbaticals and to attend meetings, and she soon was appreciated in her own right as a leading stalwart of the wives' group at the international seed workshops and other conferences, where she will be greatly missed. A gifted artist, designer, and contributor to her local arts community, her spontaneous creativity also extended to the kitchen, to the delight of many. She was an ardent hiker, gardener and traveller, and exhibited a joy for life in all that she did. Chris succumbed to cancer on 3 March 2006, after a prolonged battle that drew awe and admiration for her unwavering positive outlook. She was a true, selfless and helping friend, and we express our joy in knowing her and our sympathy with Derek and his family for their loss.

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