



## William A. Sheppard

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William A. Sheppard, member of the Board of Editors since 1974 and Editor-in-Chief of Volume 58 of *Organic Syntheses*, died suddenly on November 2, 1978, in Wilmington, Delaware, at the age of 50.

Dr. Sheppard was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on July 22, 1928. He received his early education in Canadian schools, including his B.S. and M.S. degrees at McMaster University in 1950 and 1951, respectively. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1954. He was a research associate with the Hickrill Research Foundation in 1954, and an instructor and research associate at Yale University in 1955.

In 1956, he joined the staff of the Research Division of the Central Research and Development Department of the Du Pont Company. His industrial experiences were varied, but his deepest interests were in the area of organic fluorine chemistry. In 1963, he was appointed to the position of research supervisor to head an exploratory organic synthesis group. He became an adjunct professor in the College of Marine Studies at the University of Delaware in 1975.

Dr. Sheppard was the author or coauthor of some 64 papers, was granted 11 U.S. patents, and coauthored the text *Organic Fluorine Chemistry* with Dr. Clay M. Sharts. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, and Sigma Xi. He is survived by his wife, Doris M., a son, William R., and a daughter Elizabeth A. all of Wilmington; and two brothers, John A. and David H., both of Hamilton, Ontario.

This warm friend and advisor and contributor to *Organic Syntheses* will be greatly missed.

Richard E. Benson  
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