

Obituary for Carroll Easter Henry, Ph.D.

Carroll Easter Henry, Ph.D. passed away peacefully in her home at Airdrie, Kingston 8, just before sunrise on Monday 20 June 2022. Born Carroll Easter Rose on 28 March 1937, Dr. Henry was a trailblazing scholar, dedicated teacher and mentor, devoted wife, loving mother, and friend to children from all walks of life. After graduating from St. Hugh's High School with her Senior Cambridge and Higher School Certificates in 1956, Dr. Henry went on to earn a Bachelor of Science, First Class Honors, in Botany, Chemistry, and Zoology from the University College of London of the West Indies in 1962. In March 1966, Dr. Henry received her Ph.D. in Biological Sciences-Microbial Genetics from the University of Chicago, where she was a National Science Foundation Fellow, Charles L and Frances K Hutchinson Fellow, Dr. Wallace C. and Clara Abbott Research Fellow, and wrote a thesis entitled "The Extracellular Esterases and Cellulolytic Enzymes of the Physiological Races of *Colletotrichum lagenarium*." The holder of numerous prestigious posts and fellowships throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Henry was Research Plant Pathologist, Orange River Research Station, Jamaica Ministry of Agriculture from 1968 to 1977. After emigrating to the US, Dr. Henry rose from Lecturer at Mundelein College in Chicago (1977-1978) to being appointed a member of the faculty of Chicago State University in 1979, where she ascended from being an Assistant and Associate Professor to the rank of Full, Tenured Professor and Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, a position she held until her retirement in 1999, whereupon she was named Professor *Emeritus* for her outstanding contributions to the institution. The author of many scientific publications, including "Plant Pathology in Jamaica", *Mycological Institute of Plant Pathology* 56: 659-668, 1977, Dr. Henry was also: Member of the Vestry of St. Augustine's Church in Wilmette, Illinois USA (1982-1985), Member of the Board of Directors and Governing Board, Chicago Horticultural Society, and a generous philanthropist, funding the education of many Jamaican students of all ages. Dr. Henry is survived by her sister, Pauline Buck, daughter Heather, sons Robert, Peter, and Andrew, and her nine grandchildren. A service for Dr. Henry will be held on 5 July at 11:00 am at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Pedro Plains, St. Elizabeth. Repast to follow immediately after in the church reception hall.

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