Michael A. Carson

Mike Carson was raised near Nottingham in England and graduated from Cambridge University with B.A. and Ph.D. degrees. In 1967 he came to McGill as an Assistant Professor in Geography and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1973 and Full Professor in 1981. His interests were in geomorphology and hydrology, with over 30 papers on topics ranging from hillslope development to bed load movement and meandering rivers. In addition, he published books on the Mechanics of Erosion (Pion 1971) and, with Mike Kirkby, the frequently cited Hillslope Form and Process (Cambridge University Press 1972). At McGill, he supervised 4 Ph.D. and 9 M.Sc. students.

He left McGill in August 1987 and moved to Victoria, B.C. where he worked as a consultant. Upon retirement, he pursued an active interest in birding and produced a number of monographs on bird populations for the Victoria Natural History Society. He also developed an active interest in snorkeling and maintained an online book on tropical fish species for a number of years. He passed away on July 12, 2018, 75 years old.

We offer our condolences to Elizabeth Carson and children Neil, Sarah and Brendan.