## **Obituary**



Emeritus Professor Warren Ranjithan Breckenridge 1938 – 2009

It is with profound sadness that we record the demise of the former Professor of Zoology, University of Peradeniya, Professor Warren Ranjithan Breckenridge on 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2009. He was fondly known as 'Breck' among his colleagues and friends and as 'Dr. Breck' among the rest of the university community. Prof. Breckenridge was on the academic staff of the Department of Zoology from 1962 -1998 and served as the Head of the Department from 1982-1993. In 1998, Prof. Breckenridge was appointed as the Principal of Trinity College, a leading school in Kandy, where he had his primary and secondary education. Prof. Breckenridge obtained the B.Sc. degree from the University of Ceylon, Colombo and his Ph.D. in the field of Parasitology from the University of McGill, Canada. His early work in this field contributed much to the knowledge of Parasitology in Sri Lanka and towards training several generations of Zoologists who took to Parasitology. Prof. Breckenridge was closely associated with the Ceylon Journal of Science (Biological Sciences) over a period of 16 years, initially as a Sectional Editor and thereafter as the Chief Editor (1984-1998). The quality and popularity of the Journal issues during this period is a testimony to his dedication and interest in the journal. Prof. Breckenridge's interests went beyond science and nature into art, drama and music. He will be remembered for his gentle ways, tall stature, unmistakable mannerisms and his unassuming personality.