



**IN MEMORIAM**

**ROSLYN ALFIN-SLATER**

Roslyn Alfin-Slater, long time professor of nutrition at UCLA and chairperson of the Nutritional Research Committee of the California Avocado Advisory Board and of the California Avocado Commission, died August 9th in Los Angeles. She was 86.

Dr. Alfin-Slater received the California Avocado Society's Award of Honor in 1980 for her work with the Nutritional Research Committee. Established in 1969, this committee was formed to respond to the avocado industry's need to debunk erroneous, misleading, and economically damaging publicity regarding the nutritional value of avocados. The committee was an informal gathering of nationally and internationally recognized experts in nutrition and food science who met more or less annually to discuss research relevant to avocados and the place of avocados in a modern diet. The findings and research of this committee have been of enormous benefit to avocado growers and to the value of their fruit.

Dr. Alfin-Slater was born in Brooklyn, New York. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Brooklyn College. She received her master's and doctorate degrees in biochemistry from Columbia University in 1949. Following academic appointments in the east, she came to California to join the faculty of the University of Southern California. She soon went across town (1959) to join the School of Public Health at UCLA where she helped to found its program in public health nutrition. She authored "Nutrition Today" and the four-volume series "Human Nutrition, A comprehensive Treatise" among other works. She is survived by her co-researcher and husband of 54 years, Grant Slater.

The Avocado Society is grateful for her work and saddened by her passing.