



EPHRAT, EFRAIM

Efraim Ephrat was born in Israel in 1941. His father, Dr. Yaacov Ephrat was a senior researcher in field crops in the ARO.

Efraim received agricultural high school education at 'Mikve Israel' (where his father taught) in the years 1955-1959. After his military service in the IDF, he worked temporarily at the Bet Dagan Experiment Station, and during the years 1965-1971 received his higher education at the Faculty of Agriculture, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Rehovot. His thesis under the guidance of Prof. Marani, "The expression of quantitative characteristics in first generation cotton hybrids", granted him his MSc. Degree.

Efraim Ephrat joined the Flowers and Ornamental Plants Department of the ARO in 1971.

His main work was in breeding of carnations, where he excelled. Among others, he bred two carnation varieties which gained great success in the international export markets ('Roni' and 'Lior'), and brought in considerable royalties to ARO and to his department.

Efraim regrettably succumbed young to cancer and passed away in 1981 when only 40 years
of age.