

American Association of Avian Pathologists
Tribute to Caswell S. Eidson
(1938-1983)



Dr. Caswell S. Eidson, Alumni Foundation Distinguished Professor of Avian Medicine at the University of Georgia, died following a second liver transplant operation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 21, 1983. He was 45 years old.

Dr. Eidson received his bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees from the University of Georgia. He joined the Poultry Disease Research Center in 1961 as a Research Assistant. He was named Alumni Foundation Distinguished Professor in March 1983.

Dr. Eidson's research was reported in more than 135 scientific papers and through more than 180 presentations and seminars and professional meetings throughout the United States and in foreign countries. His field trials using turkey herpesvirus for control of Marek's disease in chickens were significant contributions toward establishing the value of vaccination for control of this disease.

Dr. Eidson was the first recipient of the Upjohn Outstanding Research Award presented by the American Association of Avian

Pathologists in 1978. In 1981, Dr. Eidson was presented the Creative Research Medal by the University of Georgia Research Foundation.

Dr. Eidson was an active member of the AAAP and was serving as Chairman of the Leukosis Committee during 1982–83. He was on the Editorial Board of Poultry Science and on the Advisory Board of the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Broiler Committee, and he was a former President of the Southern Conference on Avian Diseases.

Outside of his profession, Dr. Eidson had a long and active involvement in Little League Baseball, in which he served as a coach and as President of the Athens International Little League.

Dr. Eidson's dedication to his work, his friendliness, and his cooperative nature endeared him to those of us who worked with him. He continued to make significant contributions during the past seven years that he had chronic liver disease. This was perhaps his most significant accomplishment, and it is a tribute to Dr. Eidson's spirit of determination.