OBITUARY

Dr. Monte N. Frazier, 1924–2001

Dr. Monte N. Frazier, of Colebrook, CT, formerly of Old Lyme, CT, died on June 29, 2001. Dr. Frazier was born on July 2, 1924 in Flint, MI, the son of John H. and Thelma Grass Frazier. He was the widower of Phyllis Leet Frazier. They were married for 46 years.

Dr. Frazier attended schools in Birch Run, MI. He received his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Michigan State University in 1951 and a master's degree in epidemiology from Yale University School of Medicine in 1965. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a professor of animal and avian diseases at the University of Connecticut for 13 years, retiring in 1971. He then became director of poultry health at Arbor Acres (Aviagen), a poultry breeding company headquartered in Glastonbury, CT. He traveled extensively in that role, visiting 35 countries. After his retirement from Arbor Acres, he traveled to Poland as a representative of Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance, a group that helps to meet technical assistance requests from developing countries.

Dr. Frazier was instrumental in implementing mycoplasma eradication programs and biosecurity programs that have become standards in the poultry industry. In 1991, he was awarded the C. A. Bortoff Award by the American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP), a delegate group of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). He also served for a number of years as a cochairman of the program committee of the AAAP/AVMA annual meeting.

He was a member of the Old Lyme First Congregational Church for many years and served as a deacon. He is survived by four daughters, Mary Rogoz of Prospect, CT, Phyllis Brooks of Berwick, ME, Melanie Ham of Roanoke, VA, and Dr. Laura Leigh Frazier of Pelham, NY and Wilmington, VT; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. As a colleague and friend to many of us, Dr. Frazier will be greatly missed.