Dr. Aziz H. Hamdy died May 25, 1984, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Dr. Hamdy was born in Cairo, Egypt, and received his veterinary degree from the University of Cairo in 1953. He received his M.S. degree in veterinary preventive medicine/microbiology from Ohio State University in 1956 and a Ph.D. in 1958.

Dr. Hamdy joined the Upjohn Company in 1966 as a scientist in animal health research and development and was promoted to the position of senior scientist in 1972. Dr. Hamdy was a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists and was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, New York Academy of Science, the American Society of Microbiology, the American Association of Avian Pathologists, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Men and Women in Science. He was also a member of the Kalamazoo Rotary Club and Anchor Lodge #87 F & AM and other civic organizations.

Dr. Hamdy was instrumental in establishing the Upjohn Achievement Award presented annually to an individual making an outstanding research contribution in the area of avian diseases. Dr. Hamdy was an active participant in many AAAP committees, symposia, and scientific sessions. He will be missed by all as both a friend and a scientist.