

OBITUARY

Dr. Roy Luginbuhl **August 24, 1921–May 12, 2000**



Dr. Roy Luginbuhl, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Connecticut, passed away on May 12, 2000 while vacationing in Texas with his wife of 53 years, Helen.

Dr. Luginbuhl was born in Manchester, Connecticut, on August 24, 1921. He matriculated to the University of Connecticut in September 1939 and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1947, after having served in the United States Army in Hawaii, Japan, and the United States. He was awarded a Master of Science degree from the University of Connecticut in 1952 and the Ph.D. degree from Yale University in 1959 in Public Health and Virology. Dr. Luginbuhl was employed at the University of Connecticut for 30 years and retired as Professor in Pathobiology on January 1, 1975. He published over 100 scientific papers as author or coauthor. Dr. Luginbuhl initiated the idea of SPAFAS to provide chicken embryos from specific-pathogen-free flocks. He led SPAFAS in developing resistance inducing factor (RIF) testing in 1964, COFAL testing in 1967, Marek's disease testing in 1970, Gs antigen-negative flocks in 1973, Chf-negative flocks in 1974, testing for reoviruses in 1976, avian adenoviruses, reticuloendotheliosis, and EDS-76 testing in 1980. As an emeritus faculty member, Dr. Luginbuhl maintained an active role in avian virus research as President of SPAFAS until his retirement from SPAFAS in 1988. He was a member of the International Association for Comparative Research on Leukemia and Related Diseases; the American Association for the Advancement of Science; the New York Academy of Science; Sigma Xi; Gamma Sigma Delta; the American Association of Avian Pathologists, and the World Veterinary Poultry Association.

Dr. Luginbuhl traveled extensively, lecturing and conducting seminars in many countries. He was the recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation Travel Grant in 1963 when he traveled to India and East Africa and delivered lectures at several Indian universities.

We pay tribute to Dr. Luginbuhl for his many professional and personal accomplishments and we will miss him as a friend.