

## OBITUARY

### Dr. Richard B. Rimler, 1944-2000



Dr. Richard B. Rimler, a microbiologist in the Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases of Poultry Project, Respiratory *Diseases* of Livestock Research Unit, at the USDA, ARS, National Animal Disease Center in Ames, IA, died on May 29, 2000.

Dr. Rimier was born February 1, 1944, in Athens, GA, the son of the late Benjamin J. Rimler and Mary Hughes Rimier. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in zoology in 1971, a master's degree in medical microbiology in 1976, and a doctorate degree in medical microbiology in 1978, all from the University of Georgia. In 1977, he joined the fowl cholera project at the National Animal *Disease* Center, becoming a lead scientist in 1991 and a research leader in 1995.

Dr. Rimier has been involved in poultry microbiology and infectious disease research, beginning as an undergraduate student and research technician, for 27 years. Among his many interests was the work to isolate and identify a cross-protection factor from infected poultry that provides cross-protection among the numerous field strains of *Pasteurella multocida*. He has authored or coauthored 127 publications, including 18 book chapters that are used worldwide for poultry and animal disease diagnosis. Dr. Rimier is recognized nationally and internationally as an expert on *Pasteurella multocida* and fowl cholera, infectious coryza of chickens, and turkey coryza.

He was a member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Society for Microbiology, American Association of Avian Pathologists, Conference for Research Workers in Animal Diseases, Poultry Science Association, and the World Veterinary Poultry Association. Dr. Rimler also served on the editorial boards of *Avian Diseases*, *Poultry Science*, and *Microbiology*.

In addition to his mother, Dr. Rimler is survived by his wife, Lucy, and his stepmother and sister. As a colleague and friend to many of us, Dr. Rimler will be greatly missed.