In Memoriam:

L. Dwight Schwartz, 1925–2000

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L. Dwight Schwartz, age 74, died on March 17, 2000. He was born July 26, 1925, in Enid, OK, to Laura and Herbert Schwartz. He graduated from Perry, OK, High School. He then spent 30 months with the 2nd Marine Division during World War II. He graduated from Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1953. He had a mixed veterinary practice in Garber, OK, before becoming a ranch veterinarian in Colorado. In 1956 he was a Field Veterinarian/Area Livestock Inspector APHIS, USDA, in Garden City, KS. In 1959 he was Acting Poultry Inspector-in-Charge, FSIS, USDA, of a turkey plant in Faribault, MN. In 1961 he returned to college to learn better how to prevent birds from being condemned before they reached the slaughterhouse. He became a graduate student and faculty member at the University of Georgia, where he taught diseases of poultry and was a poultry clinical and diagnostic pathologist. He earned a master’s in microbiology in 1963. In 1964 Dr. Schwartz joined the faculty of Veterinary Science and was Extension Veterinarian at Pennsylvania State University. In 1984 he joined the faculty at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan and retired in 1993. He was an avian health consultant (Avicon, Inc.) until his death.

In the early part of his retirement, Dwight revised his Poultry Health Handbook into the 4th edition and wrote and published the Grower’s Reference on Gamebird Health. He wrote chapters in several books and numerous articles for bulletins and trade journals.

Dwight Schwartz received numerous honors and awards from professional and industry organizations. From AAAP he received the CAB Bottorff award and Life Membership. In 1986 he received the Extension Veterinarian of the Year award. He was honored with several state, regional, and national game bird recognitions. In 1991 Michigan Allied Poultry Industry awarded him the Poultry Industry Leader award. In 1996 he became an Honor Roll Member of the AVMA. He was also a member of several honorary societies.
Dwight is survived by his wife, Wilma, of almost 46 years, a daughter Vicki (Bill) McCoy, grandson Samuel; son, Roger (Lisa) Schwartz and granddaughter Bethany; sister, Monzell Pullman and brother Dale (Delores) Schwartz.

We will miss Dwight Schwartz as a colleague and friend. In memory of Dwight, contributions may be made to the L. Dwight Schwartz Memorial Fund of AAAP Foundation, 382 West Street Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348.