

Tribute to Charles E. Whiteman 1918–2009



Dr. Charles E. Whiteman died September 30, 2009 in Manhattan, Kansas. He was born in Eldred (Greene County), Illinois on September 30, 1918 and raised in Carrollton, Illinois. After completing his pre-veterinary studies at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, he earned his DVM at Kansas State in 1943. He served 3 years in the Army Air Corps and was discharged at the rank of Captain. He returned to his home town of Carrollton where he was in general veterinary practice for 11 years. Following his dream of a career in teaching, he pursued graduate training in veterinary pathology at Iowa State University, completing requirements for the Ph.D. degree in 1960. He served on the faculty at Michigan State University for 2 years before accepting a professorship at Colorado State University from which he retired in 1984. He is survived by his wife (of 66 years) Helen, 3 children (Linda, David, and Frederic), one grandchild and 3 great grandchildren.

Dr. Whiteman's research and teaching interests included veterinary pathology, avian diseases, swine diseases, ophthalmic pathology, placental pathology, respiratory diseases, and diseases of wildlife (including birds). He authored and co-authored a number of publications dealing with mucosal disease, Johne's disease and placental pathology in cattle as well as conditions in a variety of animal species including horses, dogs, sheep and poultry. He maintained long term membership in several veterinary organizations which included the Western Poultry Disease Conference, the American Association of Avian Pathologists, the American College

of Veterinary Pathologists, and the American Veterinary Medical Association as well as several honorary societies (Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Zeta, and Sigma Xi).

Dr. Whiteman was a dedicated teacher and taught avian/poultry diseases at Colorado State University for over 20 years. As the veterinary curriculum was revised he faced a progressive reduction in the number of contact hours devoted to the avian species and felt a strong need for a comprehensive, brief, and inexpensive reference source to augment his coverage in lectures. From 1963 to 1976 he met this need by providing students with his own brief, printed teaching manual. In 1976 he expanded and further revised this manual while on a sabbatical leave at the University of California, Davis where he enlisted the input of the avian diseases faculty. The final revised manual was donated to the AAAP in 1978 under the title *Avian Diseases Manual*. The first two editions of this manual were prepared (under the guidance of an AAAP Editorial Committee) and printed at Colorado State University. The first edition was marketed by the AAAP in 1980 and sales of this manual, now in its sixth edition, have numbered several thousand. It has been widely accepted and appreciated by veterinary and poultry science students and many others with an interest in avian diseases. This substantial contribution to the AAAP was acknowledged with a Special Recognition Award by the Western Poultry Disease Conference in 1992 and the Life Membership Award by the AAAP in 1993.