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About the cover

Dr. Reed Rumsey, DVM (1928–1980)

Reed Rumsey was born in Larned, Kansas on December 18, 1928. After high school he matriculated at Southwestern College in Winfield, but after one year Reed transferred to Kansas State University where he enrolled in the ROTC program. After receiving his DVM degree in 1954, he was stationed in Fort Lawson off the coast of Puget Sound in Seattle, where he was in charge of food inspection. In 1956 he was hired by Dr. Salsbury Laboratories in Charles City, Iowa, where he worked until 1962 as a poultry pathologist. In 1962 Reed joined the poultry division of DeKalb AgResearch in DeKalb, IL as a staff veterinarian. In 1969 he became head the Department of Veterinary Services and was instrumental in organizing the Biologics Division. He was also very much involved in introducing the Marek's disease HVT vaccine in DeKalb's poultry operations. Reed was involved with the AAAP since the first meeting of the Association in Cleveland on August 20, 1957. He served on the Board of Directors representing the Central District from 1976 to 1978, when he was elected as Vice-President followed by becoming President of the AAAP. Unfortunately, he had to resign in January 1980 when he was diagnosed with cancer. Reed was highly respected by his peers in the industry and academia, he also had great faith in young people and the future of the poultry industry. Shortly before his death on September 1, 1980, Reed announced that he would bequeath \$25,000 to the AAAP for the establishment of a student award program for the advancement of avian medicine. The Reed Rumsey Award was presented for the first time in 1983 and many of the winners have become leaders in the field of avian medicine and the AAAP showing that Reed's faith in young people and the future of the poultry industry was fully justified. The establishment of the Reed Rumsey Award provided also the impetus for the establishment of the charitable AAAP Foundation, which is in charge of the AAAP Awards and Scholarship Program. Reed is survived by his three sons, Brad, Brent and Blake, and his daughter Jill Rumsey Jones. *Avian Diseases* wants to express gratitude to Jill and her mom Mary Rumsey for their assistance in providing the cover photo and some of the information.