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About the cover

DR. CRAIGMYLE RIDDELL (1933–2018)

Craig was born on October 19, 1933, in Banchory, Scotland. He received his BSc degree in 1954 from St. Andrews University and was interested in traveling as well as pursuing a career in agriculture. Traveling was more important, and he accepted an offer to work for Canadian Pacific, which sponsored him and guaranteed him a farm job on an Ontario dairy farm. However, an accident terminated that option and he became an instructor in geology at Queen's College. This led to a five-year term as a geologist with Mobil Oil in Alberta. This did not really satisfy Craig and he decided to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine. In 1964, he received his DVM degree from the Ontario Veterinary College, and in 1967, his MSc degree from the University of Connecticut. After a short stint at a poultry farm, Craig joined the Department of Veterinary Pathology in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan in 1969. He completed his PhD in Veterinary Pathology in 1975 and was promoted to Full Professor in 1977. He remained at the University until his retirement in 1999. Craig established an international reputation for his research on a wide range of diseases in chickens and turkeys. He authored a handbook on avian histopathology and published over 80 papers in peer-reviewed journals. Craig received the P.P. Levine Award for two publications in *Avian Diseases* (1976 and 1984). He served as President of the AAAP in 1985–1986 and received the Special Service Award in 1997. Craig had a love of the outdoors and hiked the Continental Divide, from Banff to Jasper, in six stages, and over the course of four trips, walked the length of the British Isles. Even after a Western Poultry Disease conference he preferred to go cross-country skiing over visiting San Francisco. The author of this short review has great memories of going cross-country skiing with Craig on one of these occasions. *Avian Diseases* wants to acknowledge Morag Riddell and her mother Patricia Parker for their assistance in providing the cover photo and some of the information.