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*About the cover*

**DR. ARTHUR ALTON BICKFORD (1936–2023)**

Art was born and raised on a family farm in Northern Vermont (Coventry and Newport) and attended the University of Vermont (1954–1956). He then attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received his VMD in 1960. He pursued graduate study in Veterinary Pathology at Purdue University where he received MS and PhD degrees in 1964 and 1966 respectively. He earned Diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in 1965 and was a Founding Diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

Art served in faculty positions at Purdue University and was professor and Chairman of Veterinary Pathology at the University of Missouri, Columbia (1979–1984). At the University of California, Davis he served as Poultry Extension Veterinarian (1974–1979) and returned in 1984 as Professor of Clinical Diagnostic Avian Pathology in the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory System.

He served as Branch Chief of the Turlock Laboratory (1984–1997), Interim Branch Chief of the Fresno Laboratory (1987–1989) and Associate Director of the Laboratory System (1992–2001).

Even though he retired in 2001, Art continued, until his passing, to be at the Turlock lab almost every day where he helped students, residents and other faculty improve their knowledge of Avian Histopathology. Art was well known by all for his rapid tours through histo slides on the multi head microscope. Many of those individuals remember fondly the nausea caused by Art's rapid movement of slides across the microscope stage.

Throughout his career he focused his research efforts on characterization of new and unusual avian diseases (Transient Paralysis, Adenoviral infections, Clostridial infections, etc.) especially diagnostic and pathogenetic considerations.

He served on the Editorial Boards of *Avian Diseases*, *Poultry Science*, and the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*. He was active in several professional organizations including the Western Poultry Disease Conference (President 1979), the American Association of Avian Pathologists (President 1983–1984) and the Western Veterinary Conference (President 2000) and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (Secretary/Treasurer 1997–2001).

Art received the CA Bottorff Award from the AAAP in 1995 and the E. P. Pope Award from the AAVLD in 2001. He has been recognized by the AAAP by his election as a life member in 2003 and the induction in the inaugural class of the Hall of Honor in 2016.

Art is greatly missed. He is remembered by all those who interacted with him for his kindness, his dedication to students and the scientific community.

Art and his wife Peggy were married for 56 years. They had three daughters (Carolyn, Patricia and Andrea) four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Submitted by Dr Gregg J. Cutler