

Obituary



Isaiah Daniel (I.D.) Russell

Dr. I.D. Russell (MO, 1977), 57, Kansas City, MO, died December 17, 2008. ID was a 3rd generation veterinarian, who had been president of ID Russell Company Laboratories, a century-old business dedicated to improving the health and profitability of poultry and swine. Despite his well-known personal tussles with computers that “did not like” him, ID successfully steered his company through an increasingly complex labyrinth of regulations and requirements, and grew the company until its sale to the global pharmaceutical giant Alpharma, and his subsequent retirement.

ID was highly-respected by his colleagues for his professional service and demeanor, honesty, high ethical standards, ever-present sense of humor, and financial generosity to organizations and institutions in veterinary medicine, science, and agriculture. He was a strong supporter of organized veterinary medicine and professional, as well as post-professional education, particularly of the Masters of Avian Medicine program at the University of Georgia of which he was a graduate (1979).

Not one to let work interfere with the important things in life, ID devoted much of his time to experiencing and sharing the best that the great outdoors can offer with his son, life-long companions, and friends. Tales and photographs from days spent camping, canoeing, rafting, and shooting make precious memories of ID wielding either a rod or a gun, and—on some days—both. And at the end of the day there were fish or other game to cook before the final hour devoted to reading a good book.

ID is survived by his son Isaiah, his mother Mildred, a brother, and 2 sisters.

A family service was held on December 22. A memorial service is planned for late June 2009 in Colorado.