Dr. Russell A. "Russ" Frey

[Dr. Frey's obituary appeared in the November 1, 2003 issue of JAVMA, as an AVMA Honor Roll Member.]

Dr. Frey (KSU '52), 73, Manhattan, Kan., died Sept. 17, 2003.

He taught nutrition in the Department of Anatomy and Physiology at Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Frey was also a partner in a dairy farm near Wamego, Kan. Following graduation, he served as a base veterinarian with the Air Force Veterinary Corps in Germany. Dr. Frey then practiced in Webster, S.D., for six years. In 1963, he joined the faculty of KSU, serving as head of the Department of Anatomy and Physiology from 1975-1990. For more than 30 years, he was adviser to the KSU student chapter of the AVMA. Dr. Frey's research interests included nutritional physiology, metabolic diseases of animals, and clinical nutrition. He was the recipient of the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in 1966 and 1986, and the E.R. Frank Award from the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002.

A diplomate and past president of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition, he served on the college's board of governors and held offices. Dr. Frey was a member of the American Society of Veterinary Physiologists and Pharmacologists, American Association of Veterinary Nutritionists, American Association of Bovine Practitioners, American Association of Veterinary Clinicians, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, and Academy of Veterinary Consultants.

A member and past president of the Kansas VMA, he served as Kansas' delegate to the AVMA for several years. Dr. Frey received the KVMA President's Award twice, and was named Veterinarian of the Year in 1991. He served on the AVMA Long-Range Planning Committee from 1998-2001, representing the House of Delegates.

Active in civic life, Dr. Frey served as a Riley County (Kansas) commissioner for two terms, as past president of the Kansas Association of Counties, and as a member of the National Association of County Officers. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons; and three daughters. Dr. Frey's brothers, Drs. Martin Frey (KSU '56) and Merwin Frey (KSU '56), and his cousin, Dr. Bill Griffing (KSU '44), are veterinarians in Corpus Christi, Texas; Story City, Iowa; and Greenfield, Ind., respectively.

Memorials to the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University or the Blue Valley Memorial United Methodist Church may be made c/o the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poytnz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.