

## NECROLOGY

## EUGENE M. WRIGHT, JR., D.V.M.

Dr. Eugene M. Wright, Jr., 50, professor and vice-chairman of the Department of Comparative Medicine at the University of Virginia, died suddenly on August 15, 1989.

Dr. Wright was a native of Bowling Green, Virginia and a graduate of Caroline County High School. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1961 with a B.S. in Animal Husbandry, enlisted in the Air Force in 1962, and served as a laboratory animal technician in the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. His primary duties there were to care for and train the NASA primates that were used in the initial space flight programs.

After serving his tour of duty in the Air Force, Dr. Wright entered Texas A & M University and graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1970. He continued at Texas A & M through 1972 serving as a research associate and veterinarian-in-charge of Vivarium III while studying for his M.S. in Laboratory Animal Medicine, which he completed in 1973. He then accepted the position of research associate and clinical veterinarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In 1974, he was offered and accepted a faculty position as assistant professor of Surgery and assistant director of the Vivarium at the University of Virginia, and later attained the rank of professor and vice-chairman of the Department of Comparative Medicine.

Dr. Wright's accomplishments at the University of Virginia were many, a few of which included refinement of the animal care and use program, development of the research protocol system, establishment of the department's clinical laboratory, development of a continuing education program, and the creation of a new course entitled, The Introduction to Research Surgery 901.

Dr. Wright was an active contributor to many research projects as well as conducting independent research. He was advisor, teacher, technical contributor, veterinary expert, and co-worker on most of the research involving animals at the University of Virginia. The highlight of his accomplishments may well have come in 1985 with the publication of *Animal Pain: Evaluation and Control*, Co-authored with K.L. Marcella and J.F. Woodson, which gained international attention. He made presentations on this subject to the American Veterinary Medical Association, American and Canadian Associations of Laboratory Animal Science, and numerous other scientific groups.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor (Sue), daughter, Tracy and son, Shane. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and worked with him.

A memorial fund has been created in Dr. Wright's memory; please send your gift to the Eugene M. Wright, Jr. Memorial Fund, c/o Health Sciences Development Office, Box 435, Charlottesville, VA 22908.