



Robert Dean Linnabary

Obituary

Dr. Robert Dean Linnabary, D.V.M., 81, of Knoxville, passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

Born October 10, 1934, Galena, Ohio, son of Ralph Phelps and Olive Bennett Linnabary. 1954 graduate of Old Columbus North High School, 1959 The Ohio State University B.S. in Agriculture, 1964 College of Veterinary Medicine D.V.M., 1977 Vanderbilt University M.S. of Pathology.

Had mixed veterinary practice on Chapman Hwy., Knoxville, until 1975, taught at The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine 25 years retiring as Associate Professor Emeritus in 2000. Staff Epidemiologist with TN Dept. of Agriculture, consulted with U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security.

Served Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, President of both East and Middle Tennessee Veterinary Medical Associations. 1982 and 2010 awarded Tennessee Governor's Award. Expertise postretirement was animal care and housing during emergencies and disasters. Wrote disaster animal care plans for Knox County, the State of TN. Collaborated in emergency planning and response with Dept. of Homeland Security. Authored numerous papers and book chapters. Served with 5th Division in Germany, life member of Society of the Fifth Division. Enjoyed golf. Loved God and all His creations, especially his cows.

Survived by his loving wife, Phoebe Deyo Cheffy; daughter, Mary Alice (Randy) Wagner; son, Robert Phelps (Christine Marie); grandsons, William Robert, Benjamin Phelps; granddaughters, Kirsten Mae, Anna Marie; brother, Nelson (Yvonne); sister, Linda Turner; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Preceded by brothers and sisters Lewis Vincent (Charlotte Hewlitt), Ivan Bennett (Irene Wagner), Marjorie Lauretta (Eugene) Davis, Ruth Naomi (Norman) Hessler, Ralph Phelps, Edson Burr.

Visitation 3:00-5:30 p.m. May 10, Grace Lutheran Church, 9076 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, with memorial service following. Interment at Otterbein Cemetery, Westerville, OH. In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials to Grace Lutheran Church, 9076 Middlebrook Pike, pelatonia.org/inmemoryofBobLinnabary (for cancer research), or the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, Large Animal Department, 2407 River Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996.