

THE CHICK PAPERS

Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network's Monthly Newsletter



"From the first day that I started working with the Federation, James was a steady friend and supporter of me personally and of the industry. I especially appreciated how he would patiently explain to me some complicated or technical aspect of the industry to a very green newcomer. James was generous with his friendship and support, and he will be missed greatly."

-Mike Giles

"When I started at the lab, I had a 3-month old child, and Mr. Scroggs was very accommodating with my schedule. He was always very kind and understanding. And he never failed to ask about my children: "How are those girls"? They affectionately called him Mr Frogs, and the name stuck for years!"

-Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala

IN MEMORY OF MR. JAMES SCROGGS

GPLN Executive Director 1996 to 2007

Mr. Scroggs passed away on June 1, 2020.

When James assumed the leadership of the lab from Dr. Tom Dickson, some of us on the veterinary side were concerned that a veterinarian was not selected as the new leader. Our fears were soon allayed, as James proved to be a most effective and highly competent leader. He was very skilled at advocating for the lab with the state, and the lab continued to progress and improve under his capable leadership. James listened to the needs of the producers and veterinarians and strove to address those needs in the most efficient way possible with the resources available, while all the time seeking to improve those resources. My memory of James was that he was always without exception courteous, professional, dignified, and calm and reassuring in times of crisis. He will be greatly missed, and we want to convey our condolences to his wife Barbara and his family.

-Dr. John A. Smith



"It was a privilege to know James Scroggs. He was a kind gentleman and an effective worker. He loved the poultry industry, the Poultry Lab, and those who worked there and used it. He was always willing to help us at Poultry Federation meetings and with Federation projects, whether it was noticeable to others or menial behind the scenes work."

-Abit Massey



"During James Scroggs' tenure, the Georgia Poultry Laboratory contributed mightily to the resolution of the major human health challenge of the egg associated outbreaks by planning, organizing and implementing the NPIP Salmonella isolation and identification workshops. In addition, many NPIP blue ribbon Salmonella meetings were held at the GPLN during James Scroggs' leadership."

-Andy Rhorer

"He was a kind man and a good boss to work for. He had a way with letting you know if you did something wrong but in such a kind and caring way. He was a family man and asked every day about my family and how I was doing. He was military also. He had a certain way of doing things, and it had to be correct. I loved that about him. He will really be missed, and I pray for his family."

-Dorene Seabolt

James Scroggs was a loyal friend. He is healed now.

Hopefully, we will all learn from his example of decency and faithfulness. God bless the Scroggs family.

- Gary Black

"Mr. Scroggs really helped me grow at the Georgia Poultry Lab. His confidence in me allowed me to move from being a Virology technician to the Department Director for the newly created Serology Department (2005). I will be forever be grateful for his words of encouragement, patience, and valuable advice given to me as one of his employees when he was Executive Director at GPLN. His energy and enthusiasm for the poultry industry was really something to behold, and it spilled over to many of his employees at the Georgia Poultry Laboratory. Much more than any of this, Mr. Scroggs was a true friend to me and I will miss him greatly."

-Len Chappell

"Mr. Scroggs was a good and gentle man. He was always supportive and encouraging to me with my work with Salmonella and the NPIP."

-Dr. Doug Waltman

"I will always remember Mr. Scroggs as a kind, generous, and very polite person. I thought the world of him!"

-Pat West

