

# THE CHICK PAPERS

*Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network's Monthly Newsletter*



## IN MEMORY OF MR. W.O. "JACK" REED

GPLN Employee 1961 - 2000

Beginning his career with GPLN in August of 1961, Jack couldn't have known he would stay here for 39 years. Dedicated, consistent, hardworking are all applicable adjectives to describe, Mr. Reed. While we wish he were still around to share stories of his time at the lab and reminisce about the good ole days, we have a peace knowing that at age 92, Jack lived out a beautiful life, and we were lucky to have him spend so much of it here with us at GPLN.

**He was always a friendly person and a good worker.**

Ms. Bobbie Pass

Jack Reed was a great part of our lab network. He was the man who originally hired me. He said he saw a lot of potential. He stayed after me for over a year to come and work at the lab. With that ever present cigar and his hi-top van, every month he would come to the hatchery and follow me around talking and joking. He was my best mentor, friend and confidant. I was told once by my father that if you can find but one good friend you can have the world by the tail. While at the lab, I had many. I was truly blessed. I believe our lives have many facets.

Each person we connect with is like a gear that makes us just a little better. I have gathered many gears in my heart like Jack's that will be with me hopefully for many years to come. God be with you, Jack. Because of you, maybe a piece of me will be carried in someone else. Rest in peace my friend; till we meet again.

Phillip Shockley

Jack was really helpful to this relatively young guy that knew little about the poultry industry and even less about the NPIP. Jack was primarily involved with air sampling the hatcheries, but he would also go out and bleed birds. He also assisted Eldon Brown in scheduling all the NPIP testing. I spent a lot of time with Jack trying to understand the NPIP. He was always patient and encouraging to me.

Dr. Doug Waltman



Jack was a regular attendee of the Annual Meetings even after retiring. Glenda and Jane enjoyed catching up with Jack in this photo (2015).



Dr. Waltman with Andrew Mason with Hygiena visited the lab this February.



We were honored to welcome and tour The Dutch Minister of Economic Development and Climate, Bart van Bolhuis, second from far right, and his colleagues from the Netherlands.



Dr. Anderson, Elisa Castaneda, and Len Chappell all traveled down to TJ Elder Middle School for their Ag Expo. A day of presentations and fun were had as they shared about the lab's role in the industry.

**Are your birds showing signs of a respiratory illness?**

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