



Victor Edwin Oswald Valli

December 20, 1931 - August 9, 2019

V.E.O (Ted) Valli, DVM PhD, Obituary

Dec. 20, 1931  Aug 9, 2019

Ted Valli died on August 9, 2019 in Visalia, California with his loving wife Carroll by his side. Predeceased by father Mario Angelo Valli and Lois (nee Pinder), sister Angela Valli of Brooks, Alberta, and his first wife Edith (nee Doran) of Guelph, Ontario.

Ted will be deeply missed by his devoted wife Carroll (nee Beny), sister Gilda Valli (Edmonton, Alberta), children Robert Valli (Elin Gwyn), Lois Valli (John Longfield) and Spencer Valli (Ontario) and step-children Jodi Fortney (Phil), Jerri Matson (Mike), and John Jopling (Cheree) (California); and grandchildren: Perrin (Keira Hodkinson), Alexandre, Madeleine, Shea, and Olivia and step-grandchildren: Jason, Shaye, Reilly, and Ethan.' along with great grandson Cedric and extended family members. Ted will also be missed by generations of colleagues and former students at the Universities of Guelph and Illinois, and across the globe.

Dr. Ted Valli was a distinguished veterinary pathologist; well known as a researcher (220 publications, 12 books/chapters), mentor (>30 graduate/doctoral students) and leader. Ted was the dean of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (1989-2001). Ted spent the first part of his career at the University of Guelph where he received a DVM degree (conferred by the University of Toronto in 1962) and PhD degree 1969 from the Ontario Veterinary College. At the University of Guelph he chaired the

Department of Pathology and served as Associate Dean of Research. Ted received many professional recognitions. Most recently (2017) the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) bestowed upon him its highest honor, Distinguished Member. Previously, Ted's contributions to the field were recognized by the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (2011), and the Theilen Tribute Award from the Veterinary Cancer Society (2015).

Ted will be remembered in many ways, his Red MGB sports car, his sense of humour, his keen intellect, ability to memorize poetry (The Cremation of Sam Magee), love of science and community, unrelenting work ethic, and driving ambition to succeed. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren and his western Canadian roots.

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, August 30, 2019 at 10:00am at Visalia District Cemetery. Condolences can be made to www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Graveside

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Valli Family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Ted was an incredible man who touched so many lives. His legacy in veterinary pathology and his dedication to education will never be forgotten. I remember his great stories, especially how he could recite 'The Cremation of Sam McGee' from memory. He had a rare mix of brilliance and kindness. My deepest sympathies to you all during this difficult time. May his spirit live on through the many he mentored and loved.

With heartfelt condolences, and thanks to <https://obituariesbylastname.com/illinois/> for guiding me to this tribute.

*Sincerely,
Mark Hamilton*

Mark Hamilton - June 03, 2024 at 01:52 AM



“ *Sincere condolences Carol. Thank you for all that you and Dean Valli did for the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dean Valli was truly influential in my career and a joy to have as a dean. My deepest condolences for your loss.*

*Sincerely,
Sarah Probst Miller
Class of 2001*

Sarah Miller - September 18, 2019 at 04:04 PM

DH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dick Hull - September 11, 2019 at 08:55 PM

JL

“ Peace to Dr. Valli's family, especially his 'lovely Carroll'. We have many fond memories of working along side him in Illinois.

Jodi Stack Liggett - August 29, 2019 at 10:08 AM

JM

“ I served as a secretary at the College of Veterinary Medicine in the Veterinary Continuing Education office. Dr. Valli held no barrier of class between his position and my position as a secretary; he treated me with respect and always with a smile and a twinkle in his eye. He was a friend to me. I appreciated and respected him so as the dean of the college and the man he was. I am glad to have known him, and feel so sorry for his passing. My deepest sympathy to his dear wife and family..

Judy Mewes - August 27, 2019 at 11:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Victor Edwin Oswald Valli.



August 27, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dean Valli was an inspirational leader of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine during my time there as a student (IL '97). He was a consummate professional and yet approachable to those of us in the most junior positions at the College. Dr. Valli graciously supported our student activities and took time to show us that he valued each one as a member of the veterinary profession. He and Carroll welcomed us into his home and their generosity was so humbling. Dr. Valli was truly instrumental in so many lives and his legacy lives on with us who remember him. I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers, and am so grateful that you shared him with us.*

*Julia Whittington, DVM
Veterinary Teaching Hospital Director
University of Illinois*

Julie Whittington - August 27, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ *Sincere condolences Carroll and family. I have fond memories of Ted at work in his office, in his red MGB on campus, and at the parties at your house in Champaign. RIP Ted.*

Louis-Philippe de Lorimier - August 26, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Carroll. He was the best dean, professor, veterinarian to so many but he was also a husband, father, grandfather, and more. So many great memories from being a student at Illinois in the 90s, especially serving as "assistant" to you as Hostess when you guys had dinner parties at your house. Thinking of you, Lydia (Miller) Gray, Elburn, IL*

Lydia Gray - August 18, 2019 at 05:54 PM

BE

“ With our sympathy for Carroll and family we are sorry to know of Ted's passing. We have fond memories of shared good times during the early 1990's. Barney and Char Easterday

Bernard Easterday - August 17, 2019 at 04:52 PM

RR

“ My wife Karen and I wish to convey to Carroll and all of Dr. Valli' loving family and friends that we mourn his demise. We enjoyed many times at jazz fests along with Ted and Carroll, as stated in the commentary by Sharon and Daryl Buss. We had been looking forward to additional jazz appreciation opportunities with Carroll and Ted. His unique humor, his depth of knowledge on many issues and his zest for life were an inspiration to all who came into contact with him. He actually offered me a job at the University of Illinois at one time. I would have had another benefit had that materialized, that would be having the joy of working for him. Visits to Carroll and Ted when they were at Davis and in Visalia a few years back serve to remind us now of how Ted Valli helped to enrich our lives. Karen and Dick Ross, Ames, Iowa.

Richard Ross - August 15, 2019 at 11:23 PM

DB

“ We shared so many good times with Ted & Carroll, over so many years, that it difficult for any one event to stand out. However, our attendance at jazz festivals with Ted & Carroll and with Dick & Karen Ross, were great opportunities for Ted's love of jazz, good wine, storytelling, and great wit to come to the fore! Our sympathies go to Carroll and to their family, for a truly memorable person and friend who we will greatly miss. Sharon & Daryl Buss

Daryl Buss - August 15, 2019 at 02:05 PM