

Dr. A.L. "Ducky" Duckworth Jr., 83, of Grassy Valley Farm on Whitehouse Road, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday December 19, 2016.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy Doty Duckworth; one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Lee and Lori Duckworth of Greeneville; one daughter and son-in-law, Carla and David Bailey of Knoxville; five grandchildren: Ashley Duckworth, Andrew Duckworth, Alexandra Duckworth, Sara Katherine Bailey and Abigail Bailey; one nephew, Dr. John Doty, and his wife, Nicole; and one niece, Margaret Forni, and her husband, Kevin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Ancel and Sara Duckworth.

He was a member of First Baptist Church Greeneville, TN for 73 years. He was a retired Veterinarian, life-long avid Angus breeder, and a lover of the American Fox Hound. "Ducky," as he was affectionately known, was born in Gainesville, GA in 1933. His family moved to Greeneville in 1935 where his father established Duckworth Animal Hospital. He graduated from Greeneville High School in 1951, where he played both football and baseball. He played college football at Jones Junior College in Ellisville, MS. He then graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science degree and was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa.

In 1959, Ducky graduated from Auburn University as Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He was a member of Omicron Tau Sigma, a professional fraternity. He then returned to Greeneville, and joined his father at Duckworth Animal Hospital where he spent his 45-year professional career. Ducky was inducted into the Greeneville High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2009 for his accomplishments in football and baseball. That same year, he received the J.W. Massengill Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the Greene County Partnership. Ducky had a special affection for the people of agriculture in Greene County. He spent his life aiding in the care of their livestock and the advancement of scientific production practices. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, mentor, and friend.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Greeneville. The funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. James Mays and Dr. David Green officiating. A graveside service and interment will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at Graceland Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Andrew Duckworth, Phil Justis, Dwight King, Steve Miller, Sonny Marsh, Ben Stonecypher Jr., Homer Stout and Bobby Wells. Honorary pallbearers include: the members of his Sunday school class at First Baptist Church, Hugh Wells, and all close friends.

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the family at www.jeffersmortuary.com. Jeffers Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity or the Community Ministries Food Bank. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ancel Lee Duckworth please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).