

## REMEMBERING DR. PAUL SCHNEIBLE, DVM

By Gene Preston, President

Our tractor club was once again rocked the moment member Terry Page called me with word of Paul's passing. Chapter 35 has one fewer charter member, and is a bit less represented now. I and other chapter presidents across the country have often talked about accepting the nature of our clubs made up of seniors, many rounding third base and heading for home plate - followed by memorial services.

Our membership developed a love for our practicing veterinarian from the early days of our chapter forming in the early 2000's, thus charter member #112. His well written obituary summed him up by saying, *"He was many things to many people, and most especially, animals - his best friends. He was a healer, listener, prankster and guide."*

I have several stories about Paul, the most recent April 2023 when our chapter meeting and lunch was hosted by member Steve Sondericker at his Attica, NY "Friendly Acres Farm." While touring the robotic milking operation Dr. Paul was in his glory explaining all about cows, their likes and dislikes, habits and how they liked to be milked. The photo below is of some of us, and of Paul (4<sup>th</sup> from the right) and wife Terry partially hidden. Everyone was in awe of our resident veterinarian as we walked from barn to barn listening to him lecture among happy mooing cows all about.



My dad used to tell us kids that a veterinarian had to be more on-the-ball than people doctors, because you cannot ask a cow where it hurts or what is bothering it. Doc was our chapter director/secretary starting back in 2014 until 2019. Believe me, a director since 2005, I can attest to his tremendous energy and humor, and board of director meetings are never as much fun without him.

And so we say a final good-bye to one of our more colorful and famous members, Dr. Paul G. Schneible DVM, charter member #112. Our prayers go out to his beloved Terry of 53 years, and family at this very difficult time. Let us not mourn his passing, but rejoice for the time that we had him among us. Rest easy Doc.