



2015 Missouri Livestock Symposium Person of the Year Dr. Larry Wiggins Memphis, Missouri

Dr. Larry Wiggins was born seven miles south of New Cambria, MO on November 12, 1939. He attended a one-room school named Menefee. It was the last rural school in Chariton County. He was the top student in the 8th grade, as he was the only student in the 8th grade. He was one of 17 graduates from New Cambria High School in 1957.

Doc attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO and received his B.S. in Animal Husbandry in 1961. His first class at the University had 360 students. He was the first college graduate in his family. He was accepted at the University of Missouri Veterinary School as one of 30 students. He graduated June 9, 1965 and moved to Memphis, MO and started his veterinary practice on June 10, 1965. He continues to practice full time.

When Larry arrived in Memphis, he was married to Patricia Stewart Wiggins and had a six month old son, David. Beth, Mark and Sally were soon to follow. He now has nine grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and one due in November.

Dr. Wiggins is a lifetime member of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association and a longtime member of the American Veterinary Medical Association. He was one of the veterinarians honored in 2007 by the Missouri Livestock Symposium for being in practice for over 40 years.

Doc has donated his time and services to 4-H and FFA members for several years traveling from farm to farm to test swine and cattle as required for exhibition at local fairs. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Memphis FFA and also honored for the support of the Memphis FFA. He is a charter member and the first president of the FFA Alumni Association in Memphis. He has received the Friend of 4-H Award from the Scotland County 4-H program.

Most recently Dr. Wiggins received a civic award from the Scotland County Rotary Club. He served two terms on the Scotland County R-I School Board and received the Cattle Producers Award from the Scotland County Cattlemen's Association. He is a charter member of the Northeast Missouri Antique Tractor Pullers Association and the Fox Valley 2-Cylinder Club. He also serves on the Scotland County Antique Fair Association and Scotland County Historical Society.

Dr. Wiggins established the Wiggins Family Museum in Memphis. It contains collections of restored antique tractors, antique machinery, tools, etc., and items associated with the history of Memphis.

Dr. Wiggins and his family started raising Charolais cattle in the 1970's. They also raised sheep and swine on the family farm. Charolais bulls were sold to commercial herds in the area and as far as central Illinois and central Iowa. In the 1980's, Dr. Wiggins was one of several Missouri cattlemen who shipped breeding cattle to South Korea for a Missouri Department of Agriculture project to promote the export of breeding stock. A total of 440 head of 500 lb. Charolais heifers were shipped from what was then a newly-developed livestock export terminal in Kansas City, MO. South Korea only purchased Charolais cattle as they felt they adapted to their farming operations better than other breeds.

Dr. Wiggins wishes to thank his family and many friends for their support. Also, he wishes to thank the Missouri Livestock Symposium for this honor and recognition.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is proud to add Dr. Larry Wiggins to the Missouri Livestock Symposium's Hall of Fame and recognize him as the 2015 Missouri Livestock Person of the Year.