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In Memoriam

Dr. Jay Lush, Distinguished Professor, Iowa State University, died May 2, 1982. He was named a Distinguished Fellow of the Iowa Academy of Science in 1975. He was born January 3, 1896 in Page County, Iowa. On December 20, 1923, he married Adaline Lincoln. He received a B.S. (1916) and M.S. (1918) from Kansas State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin (1922). He taught high school in Kansas, 1916-19, with time out for U.S. Army Air Service in 1918. He became a research animal husbandman at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1921, and joined Iowa

State University's faculty in 1930.

His research in the genetic and biometric approaches to animal breeding established a scientific basis for the improvement of livestock and earned him an international reputation. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1967, and in 1969 the National Medal of Science was awarded, the U.S. government's highest award for distinguished service in science, mathematics, and engineering. He received numerous other awards and honorary degrees.