

Charles Benson, Penn Vet

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Charles E. (“Chuck”) Benson, retired professor at Penn’s School of Veterinary Medicine and chairman of New Bolton Center’s large animal hospital, died December 26, 2018. He was 81.

Dr. Benson began his career at Penn Vet in 1969 as a postdoc fellow in microbiology. In 1973 he joined the staff full time, working his way up to associate professor in microbiology and eventually a full professor in pathobiology in 1980. He held a secondary position as a lecturer in medical technology and later assistant professor in the College of General Studies, now LPS. He earned tenure in 1985.

Dr. Benson served as chairman of New Bolton Center’s large animal hospital from 1989 to 1997. During his time at Penn, he also served for several years on the University Council’s Committee on Committees. He retired in 2006.

Outside of Penn, he was honored by the Boy Scouts of America in 2001 for his volunteer work. Dr. Benson was presented the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given by the organization to adult volunteers.

Dr. Benson is survived by his children, Deborah Elizabeth Quigley (Thomas) and Charles N. (Karen Lee); grandchildren, Sean Quigley and Everett Benson; brother, Jon (Teddi); and numerous nieces and nephews.