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Class of 1968

Agresta, William M.

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Alpert, Dean J.

* October 14, 1986

Bader, Dean R.

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Barta, Richard A.

*January 12, 2021

Bertholf, C. Dean

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Bieberly, Frank G.

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Bisbee, David N.

* January 1977

Bock, Evelyn A.

*February 3, 2023

Branson, Richard L.

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Brogan, Lewis H.

*December 20, 2021

Bryant, William M.

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Burkey, Jerry B.

*June 8, 2015

Cannon, Robert W.

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Carpenter, Arthur L.

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Childs, Edward N.

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Clothier, Eugene R.

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Cooper, Laurence L.

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Cox, Judy A.

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Cunningham, Gordon R.

*November 27, 2018

Darrigrand, Andre A.

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Emery, John J.

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Erichsen, Deborah F.

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Eubank, Keith H.

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Fankhauser, Dean P.

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Farhy, John C.

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Farr, Marvin J.

*December 1, 2020

Finocchio, Ernest J.

*October 26, 2020

Fix, Roger S.

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Frack, Steve R.

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Gangel, Michael A.

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Hacker, Max L.

*Feb 22, 2019

Henry, Jack D.

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Hodgson, David S.

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Hutton, G. Mark (Gary)

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Israel, Jefferson E.

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Kingsley, M. Keith

* July 19, 2007

Kirk, Tony L.

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Knewton, Richard D.

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Kniffen, Edward L.

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Kraft, Wallace E.

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Long, Donald M.

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MacArthur, Robert A.

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McInteer, Patrick L.

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McDowell, Jerold E.

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McKee, Joan E. (Warner)

*November 14, 2019

McKim, Larry K. (L.K.)

*April 13, 2016

Class of 1968 continued

Meisegeier, Larry R.

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Mitchell, Robert L.

* October 17, 2001

Moore, Michael K.

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Myers, James H.

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Nagely, Arnold G.

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Nelson, James P.

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Onyia, Kenneth

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Peterson, Garth L.

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Risley, Randy D.

* March 4, 1999

Rohan, Dennis A.

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Rohrbaugh, Robert G.

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Schneider, Norman R.

*July 5, 2010

Shay, Robert J.

* September 10, 1998

Sibley, Veryl B.

* November 30, 2008

Sidwell, Walter L.

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Skalka, Dennis R.

*

Steinfort, Harry A.

*

Svarvari, Sherwood

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Swanson, Sherman J.

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Tucker, Loren G.

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Turner, Marvin E.

*May 07, 2018

Vincent, Thomas D.

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Voelker, Gary E.

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Weil, Jerry D.

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Wiley, George. Lester

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Williams, Larry L.

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Witter, Wendell R.

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William M Agresta

Company: Huntington Animal Hospital Inc.

Spouse: Sandra Agresta

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Dean Ralph Bader

Company: Shingle Springs Vet Clinic

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Practicing integrated medicine for the last ten years using conventional veterinary medicine, in house lab equipment, and a digital x-ray. I also use holistic practices, acupuncture, homeopathy, western herbs, energy medicine (harmonic translation system), skenar, chiropractic. I am also the veterinarian at County Fair.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

AHVMA

Family News:

My brother and his family live in Palmer, NE, large cattle operation (feedlot and cow calf operation). My mom celebrated her 93rd birthday December 20, 2007, and lives in St. Paul, NE. Tamara Randolph and I have been together for the last ten years +, her son Ryan is in college at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale in graphic arts 3D modeling, video games production.

Class Comments:

Hope to see all of you there.

Dean Bertholf

Company: Retired
Spouse: Patricia (Trotter) Bertholf
Children: David (08/08/1967)
Dan (02/18/1969)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

USAF, Captain, 1968-1970; Attica Animal Clinic, Attica, KS, 1970-1973; Anthony Veterinary Clinic, Owner, Anthony, KS, 1973 until retirement in September 2007.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

USAF, Captain, 1970.

Frank G Bieberly

Spouse: Susan Jane (Alderman) Bieberly

Children: Esme (1971)
Hanna (1973)
Anne (1978)
Ben (1982)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

1968 and 1969 - Peace Corps. 1970 -1975 - Large Animal practice in South Dakota. 1975-1982 med School and IM residency. 1982-2006 Int. Med. practice in small South Dakota town.

Career News:

2006-2011 Practiced medicine in a remote area of Navajo reservation. 2012-2016 practiced in "bush" village in Alaska. Retired last week on 73rd birthday.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968
BS, MD, University of South Dakota.

Board Certifications:

ABIM

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Fellow of American College of Physicians

Family News:

Four children moved to Seattle, Boston, North Carolina, and South Dakota. Handfull of grandchildren.

Class Comments:

I would enjoy hearing from any of my classmates.

Evelyn Ann Bock

Company: Southwick Veterinary Hospital

Spouse: Robert Bruce Arrowood

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

After graduation, I moved to St. Louis and practiced at the Humane Society of Missouri for 6 1/2 years. I started my practice (Southwick Veterinary Clinic) in March of 1975 in a shopping center. We moved to a free standing hospital in November of 1992. My husband Robert has been retired from the US Department of Labor for about seven years. We both enjoy bicycling and usually spend a week or so biking while on vacation. We have also raised money for the MS Society by participating in the Gateway MS 150 (miles) bike ride in September out of Columbia, MO.

Career News:

The last five years of practice have been challenging and exciting. The explosion of veterinary diagnostic testing both in hospital and outside labs has been such a help. We continue to try to add and update as possible. Also, the ability to do radiology rounds with a group of area veterinarians has been very helpful.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

MOVMA, AVMA, AAHA, Greater St. Louis VMA

Offices Held:

Secretary, Greater St. Louis VMA, 1973

Class Comments:

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to our class reunion this year.

Richard Lee Branson

Company: Retired
Spouse: Barbara Ann (Lieser) Branson
Children: Jeff (02/09/1971)
Michael (07/23/1976)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

US Air Force, Base Veterinarian, Dayton, OH, 1968-1970; Cherokee Animal Clinic, Veterinarian, Overland Park, KS, 1970-2004; Sold practice in 2004 and am doing relief work occasionally.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AAHA, KC VMA

Offices Held:

Vice President, KC VMA, 1985

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Air Force, Captain, Wright Patterson AFB, 1968-1970; President, Optimist Club, Overland Park, KS.

Family News:

Our two sons have attended KSU where Jeff has graduated with a degree in Milling Science and a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics, and Mike graduated in Milling Science and Agriculture Business and received his MBA from Rockhurst University. Jeff and his wife, Amy, have two sons Rick and David. Rick will be attending Kansas State in Fall 2018. Michael and his wife Sandy have four sons: Derek, Logan, Nathan, and Kyle.

Class Comments:

Enjoy life and your families.

William Mack Bryant

Company: Retired
Spouse: Mary Carol (Gracie) Bryant
Children: Theresa Lee Bryant - 1965
Jennifer Suzanne Bryant - 1967
Katherine Jeanne Bryant - 1971
Rebecca Jill Bryant - 1979
William Scott Bryant - 1982

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Moved to Washington after graduation to become the third man in a very active and physical mixed practice and enjoyed every minute of it. Sold out and left private practice in 1984 to rest up. Enjoyed small farming operation including cattle, Christmas trees, and a pine tree nursery. With my wife Gracie's help (along with her income from teaching) was able to enjoy 12 years of unemployment. also served in the Kansas House of Representatives during those 12 years. Left the House after that to seek more gainful employment. Couple of years as Staff Veterinarian for Lambriar Kennels, then employed for a couple more with Kansas Meat and Poultry Inspection Department as a Disposition Veterinarian. Finished working for others in 2012 after spending 12 years working as an Area State Veterinarian with the Kansas Animal Health Dept.

Last year was our first year to be out of the Christmas tree business, and am looking forward to closing out the nursery sales this spring. Will then assume complete retirement status except for a few old cows.

Career News:

I am still active in Rotary among other things and Gracie and I went to India last year to help out in their National Immunization week where we were able to help vaccinate small children in a remote village or several days as a part of Rotary's endeavor to eradicate Polio worldwide. We remain active in community and church affairs, and I have really enjoyed being involved with the Gideons International Association the last few years. Retirement has allowed us to do a little more traveling, and we seem to put on a lot of miles just keeping up with the kids.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Family News:

Family all grown, settled, and expanding as the number of grandchildren continues to grow. currently number 12 grandchildren and 4 great grands. Daughter Rebecca is continuing her veterinary involvement in the family. She and her (former vet school classmate and husband) Corbin have just moved into a new veterinary clinic in the Kansas City area where they own and operate a five doctor practice.

Advice to Students:

See what you look at.....and don't forget to care.

Class Comments:

I hope the kids that are in school now are having as much fun as we did. If any of you ever get up this way, we'd love to have you stop in.

Robert W Cannon

Company: Small Animal Hospital
Spouse: Kathy Kay (Klein) Cannon
Children: Rob (07/24/1973)
Chad (11/07/1974)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Small Animal Hospital, Inc.

Education:

BS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1964
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, KCVMA

Family News:

Son, Rob, graduated from KU; son Chad graduated from Duke, is now at KU in medicine.

Arthur L Carpenter

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Edward Neal Childs

Company: Retired - Montana Relief Veterinary Services

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Associate veterinarian, Washita Veterinary Hospital, Chickasha, OK, 1968; Captain, United States Air Force, Base veterinarian in Mississippi and Southeast Asia, 1968-1970; Associate veterinarian, Loveland Veterinary Hospital, Loveland, CO, 1970-1972; Associate veterinarian, Arapahoe Veterinary Service, Littleton, CO, 1972-1976; Owner/Founder, Highland Animal Hospital, Highlands Ranch, CO, 1985-1988; Owner/Founder, Alpine Animal Hospital Southwest, P.C., Littleton, CO, 1976-1997; Independent contractor relief veterinarian/practice consultant, September 1997-present.

Career News:

Staff Veterinarian- Park County Animal Shelter - Retired

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

MTVMA, AVMA, AAEP, CVMA Fellow in Academy of Feline Practitioners.

Offices Held:

President, Denver Area Veterinary Medicine Society (DAVMS), 1 year; Treasurer 1 year, Denver Area Veterinary Medicine Society; Vice-President, Colorado Humane Society, 2 years.

Family News:

Relocated to Prescott, AZ.

Advice to Students:

Be honest with yourself, family and clients. Develop a balance between family and business. Find work that you look forward to doing each day, if not, find something else to enjoy. Life is short.

Class Comments:

I'm still above the green grass. Enjoy our Twilight years!

Eugene Russell Clothier

Company: Great Value Pet Clinic

Spouse: Mona Clothier

Children: Christopher J. Clothier (04/25/1978)
Benjamin T. Clothier (01/01/1983)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Companion Animal Practice; Veterinary Corps, United States Air Force, Agana, Guam, 1968-1970; Veterinary Corps, USAF, Korat, Thailand, 1970-1971; Veterinary Corps, USAF, Syracuse, NY, 1971-1973; Associate Veterinarian, McLean Veterinary Hospital, McLean, VA, 1973-1975; Owner, Community Animal Hospital, Wendell, NC, 1975-1979; Owner, Marianas Veterinary Hospital, Tamung, Guam, 1979-1989; Chief Animal Health Service, Department of Natural Resources, Rota, MP., 1989-1992; Owner, American Veterinary Hospital and Housecall Practice, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992-1993; Saipan Veterinary Hospital, Saipan, CN MI, 1933-2000; Broadmoor Veterinary Hospital, Colorado Springs, CO, 2000-2009; Relief Veterinarian in Colorado Springs, CO, 2009-2010; Great Value Pet Clinic, Colorado Springs, CO, 2010-present.

Career News:

Practicing in Colorado Springs, CO in my clinic, Great Value Pet Clinic, LLC.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

COVMA, AVMA, CSVMA, DVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

United States Air Force Captain, 1968-1973; United States Air Force, Commendation Medal, Korat, Thailand, 1971; Who's Who in Veterinary Medicine and Science, 1991-1992; Author.

Family News:

Mona spent from 2009-2010 in Guam helping family. Ben went to Guam in 2010 on a Christian Mission. I started Great Value Pet Clinic in 2010. We moved from near Pikes Peak to the Black Forest area. Ben married in June of 2015. Ben and Chris work in my clinic. Currently in the process of building our dream hom and semi-retiring.

Advice to Students:

Keep your values, mind and soul. Beaware of the world.

Class Comments:

I hope to see you on the other side.

Laurence L Cooper

Company: Shawnee Animal Clinic
Spouse: Dana Carol (Fankhauser) Cooper
Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Judy Anne Cox

Company: Retired

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Andre A. Darrigrand

Company: Retired
Spouse: Lillian B. (Bane) Darrigrand
Children: William (10/05/1971)
Career News: Samuel (03/09/1974)
Naomi (09/18/1976)
Roger (02/13/1982)

I retired in 2005. Prior to that, I was a consultant to drug companies and universities that used laboratory animals for medical research and drug/device development.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968
MS, Laboratory Animal Medicine, The Pennsylvania University, 1982

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Board Certifications:

ACLAM

John Emery

Spouse: Christine L (Jones) Emery

Career News:

Sold my practice in 2005, worked for the new owner for one year, then retired.

Professional Memberships:

XXVMA, OTHER, XX

Family News:

Wife Jean passed away in 2005.

Class Comments:

I hope you are all well and enjoying life.

Deborah Finette Erichsen

Company: Retired

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Product Development, Phoenix Scientific, Inc., St. Joseph, MO, 1996-2005; Product Development, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health, St. Joseph, MO 1984-1996; Assistant Professor, Kansas University, Lawrence, KS, 1982-1984; PhD graduate student, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1976-1982; Instructor, Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, KS, 1968-1976.

Career News:

I retired from Phoenix Scientific, Inc. aka IVX Animal Health aka Teva Animal Health June, 2005. Man, am I glad I'm out of that mess! (IVAX bought PSI spring of 2005) The 2 1/2 years of retirement have been wonderful--highly recommend it!

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968
MS, Surgery & Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1977
PhD graduate student, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 1982

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AAEP, AAEP, Veterinary Comparative Respiratory Society

Honors/Civic Involvement:

President's Award, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, 1986; Who's Who in Veterinary Science & Medicine, 1987-1988; Who's Who in Veterinary Science & Medicine, 1991-1992; Author of numerous scientific publications.

Keith Harold Eubank

Company: Retired
Spouse: Judy Eubank
Children: Pam (07/1959)
Teri (03/1961)
Mike (02/1969)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Started in General Practice out of school in Indianola, Iowa, and have remained here since. Just retired.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

IAVMA, AVMA

Dean Paul Fankhauser

Company: Affordable Pet Care PC
Spouse: Robyn L (Granger) Fankhauser
Children: Jason B. (08/14/1969)
Derek I. (05/06/1973)
Aaron J. (09/02/1977)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

US Army, 4 years; S.A. practice, Salinas, CA, 8 years; S.A. practice, Salina, KS, 2 years; S.A. practice, San Antonio, TX, 1983-present

Career News:

Own and operate S.A. practice in San Antonio, TX. I will try to retire at the end of 2013.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

TXVMA, AVMA, BCVMA

Advice to Students:

Enjoy your profession and treat all clients with respect and be of service to those financially less fortunate.

Class Comments:

Each one of you hold a special place in my memory bank. Thank you for being great classmates.

John Clifford Farhy

Company: Springfield Animal Hospital

Spouse: Judy Farhy

Children: Jeffrey (04/1969)
Sean (07/1974)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Army Captain, 1968-1970; Owner, Springfield Animal Hospital, Springfield, PA, 1973-2004; Relief Veterinarian, 2004-present.

Career News:

I sold my small animal practice in 2004. I wanted to continue practicing, so I have been doing part-time relief work.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

PAVMA, AVMA

Offices Held:

President and vice-president of Suburban VMA

Family News:

I have two fine sons and two wonderful daughters-in-law, and four beautiful grandchildren.

Advice to Students:

Enjoy practicing your profession. Practice with honesty and dignity.

Class Comments:

I am thankful to be a veterinarian and I thank Kansas State for accepting me into veterinary school. I have a historical farm (hobby farm) on the eastern shore of Maryland located on an estuary of the Chesapeake Bay. I keep a few cattle, some chickens, and alternate between corn, winter wheat, soybeans, and alfalfa. I fish the Chesapeake for Stripers and I fly fish far and wide for trout. I am thankful to be healthy and still able to ride a horse. Any classmate that wants to fly fish--give me a call! I welcome a visit or call from any classmate for any reason!

Roger Silvin Fix

Company: Diamond F Ranch

Spouse: Joyce Fix

Children: Tamara (04/25/1965)
Troy (04/16/1966)
Travis (03/30/1968)
Theresa (10/27/1970)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

United States Air Force, Captain, NC, 1970-1972; Owned, private practice, 1971-1989, Renton, WA; Ranching, Private Franchising, present.

Career News:

Currently internet marketing.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

MTVMA, AVMA

Offices Held:

Montana VMA; King County VMA, Treasurer, 1974; President, Veterinary Explorer Scouts, 1973-1977; Board of Granite Headwaters Committee, 2005-present; Commander of American Legion in Drummond, MT, 2005-present

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Captain, United States Air Force, NC, 1970-1972; Rotary, Renton, WA; Chamber of Commerce, Renton, WA; American Legion, Drummond, MT; Flint Creek Valley Irrigators.

Stephen Ray Frack

Company: Love of Paws

Spouse: Toni Frack

Children: Tod
Bridgette

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Member, SCVMA, AVMA, Rotary Club, 1971-current; Worked in Ducks Unlimited, California Waterfall, and Corvettes of Southern California; Bailey Vet Clinic; Saving Grace Animal Shelter.

Career News:

Saving Grace Animal Shelter, Love of Paws 501c3 business

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

CAVMA, AVMA, Southern CA VMA

Michael A. Gangel

Company: Retired - Humane Society Shelter House

Spouse: Barbara K. (Havens) Gangel

Children: Todd A. Gangel (05/24/1974)
Megan G. Pearce (08/05/1977) Zachary
J. Saban (10/16/1978)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinary Medical Officer, US Army, El Paso, TX/ Korea, 1968-1970; Veterinary Medical Officer, Veterinary Medical Officer, USDA, APHIS, Greeley, CO, 1970-1972; Veterinary Medical Officer, USDA, FSIS, Hutchinson, KS, 1972-1986; Veterinary Medical Officer, USDA, FSIS, Wellington, KS, 1986-1998; Veterinary Medical Officer, USDA, FSIS, McPherson, KS, 1998-1999. Canon City Humane Society, 2001-2014.

Career News:

Retired from USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service, on 10/01/1999. Retired from Humane Society June 2014.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, NAFV

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Sacred Heart Men's Club, Treasurer, Halstead, KS, 1983-1984; Halstead 4-H Advisory Committee, 1985-1989; Author; Photographer/Presenter; Unsung Hero Award, USDA, 1988; Certificate of Merit, USDA/FSIS, Hutchinson/Wellington, KS, 1979/1983/1984/1985/1987; Sustained Superior Performance, USDA, FSIS, Hutchinson/Wellington, KS, 1983/1986/1989/1989/1991; Photograph gross pathology lesions: these slides are used for USDA training and for other continuing presentations. Military service in US Army, Captain, El Paso, TX/Korea, 1968-1970.

Family News:

Todd has moved to Kansas City, MO and works for a law firm there.

Megan is a dentist in Goodland, KS. She lives in Wallace, KS with her husband Matthew Pearce and their children Madeline and Evan.

Barbara is a real estate agent working out of our home.

I now do home inspections, some veterinary relief and volunteer work locally.

Barbara and I enjoy playing golf, gardening and spending time in Lake City, CO.

Jack D Henry

Company: Jack Henry Surgical Associates

Spouse: Lori (Scratchfield) Henry
Children: Jack Downing Henry III (08/08/1969) Jill
Underwood Henry Cohen (10/10/1972)
Career News: Alec Rush Henry (05/04/1979)

Owned Veterinary Surgical Referral Practice, established 1980, Woodland Hills, CA. Sold March 1, 2007; est. March 1, 2000. Resigned seller's employ, July 18, 2008. Joined CARE (Calif. Animal Referral and Emergency Hospital), Santa Barbara, CA, resigned November 2008 and joined Pet Emergency Clinic, Thousand Oaks, CA, resigned March 2009 and established Jack Henry Surgical Associates, a mobile in-hospital specialty referral practice.

Education:

BA, Philosophy, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1960
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968
MS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1971
Surgical Residency, Diplomate, ACVS, KSU and University of Illinois, 1975

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AAHA, ACVS

Board Certifications:

ACVS

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Emeritus (not retired) Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons

Family News:

Jack - single - computer security - Santa Clara, CA
Jill - married - 1 daughter, NY Resident, Chapter (NY) - Intern Associates of Advertisers
Alec - single - manager

Advice to Students:

Apply basic science to the art of clinical diagnosis, study disease conditions enthusiastically, and examine many, many patients (even off-service), and follow them to end-point of their condition.

Class Comments:

Would like to have maintained contact throughout the years - all great student colleagues.

David S Hodgson

Company: Kansas State University

Children: Abbie (1981)
Andrew (1986)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

US Air Force, serving in Vietnam and California, 1968-1970; Mixed practice, Lyons, KS, 1970-1976; Director and Instructor, teaching and training veterinary technicians, Colby, (Kan.) Community College, 1976-1978; I returned to K-State to pursue graduate studies in physiology, 1979-1981; Residency, veterinary anesthesia, University of California-Davis, 1981-1984; Associate Professor, Texas A&M University, Large Animal Anesthesia department, 1984-1985; Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Sciences, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Colorado State University, 1995-1989; Faculty, Kansas State University, Anesthesiologist, Department of Clinical Sciences, Veterinary Health Center, 1989-present. Author and co-authored various book chapters and articles, sat on many national and international committees, presented at various continuing education meetings and others as guest speaker. Research interests include cardiopulmonary effects of various anesthesia manipulation in horses and other species and design and fabrication of novel anesthetic delivery devices.

Career News:

Dr. Hodgson has traveled to Afghanistan 6 times from 2007-2012 for periods ranging from 2-6 months each year. His first 6 trips were mainly centered at Kabul University and the Kabul University Veterinary Clinic teaching students and faculty staff clinical techniques and diagnostic capability. He gave multiple lectures to students and faculty in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and consulted with various Non-Governmental Organizations to enhance veterinary education and disease recognition and prevention. During the spring of 2012 he traveled to Nangarhar Veterinary School and Herat Veterinary School to evaluate their programs and to provide guidance and support for their future development. Veterinary Education and the training of veterinarians is at a rudimentary level in Afghanistan but each trip has resulted in significant changes and is a reflection of the engagement of Dr. Hodgson and Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine in providing support to third world, disadvantaged people and the needs for veterinary medical education and development.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968
Residency, University of California, Davis, California, 1981-1984

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Offices Held:

President of American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists, 1996-1997.

Board Certifications:

ACVA, DACVAA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Served in the US Air Force from 1968 to 1970; Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, AVisting Professor, Department of Anesthesia, 1999; E R Frank Award, College of Veterinary Medicine, KSU, 2009; Certificate of Recognition, Kansas State University, Dedication to International Education, November, 2009; Distinguished Service Award, College of Veterinary Medicine, KSU, 2013.

Gary Mark Hutton

Company: Hutton Veterinary

Spouse Katherine Hutton

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Jefferson E Israel

Spouse: Elizabeth G (Sheiman) Israel

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Tony Lee Kirk

Company: Retired

Children: Troy Lynn Kirk (08/13/1969)
Thad Aaron Kirk (10/5/1971)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Small animal practice in Southern California.

Career News:

Retired and moved to Coffeerville, KS. I'm now manufacturing pump jacks and 24-401 grain trailers.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AAHA, California VMA, So. California VMA

Offices Held:

President, Southern California VMA, 1979-1980; Chairman, Board of Delegates, California VMA, 1977-1978;
Executive Director, Animal Birth Control Research Foundation.

Richard D Knewtson

Company: Iola Animal Clinic
Spouse: Janice (Long) Knewtson
Children: Michelle Foster (05/12/1965)
Stacey Merando (06/24/1970)
Trent Knewtson (08/11/1971)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Staff Veterinarian, Van Der Loo Animal Hospital, Dubuque, IA, 1968-1971; Owner, Iola Animal Clinic, Iola, KS, 1971-1976; Partner, Iola Animal Clinic, Iola, KS, 1976-1986; Owner, Iola Animal Clinic, Iola, KS, 1986 to present.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Offices Held:

SE KVMA, District Trustee, 1991-1999; Ethics Committee, Member and Dean's Liaison Committee, 1991-1993; KVMA, Chairman, Trustee-At-Large, Vice President, President-Elect, President, 2003; Finance Committee, 2007; State Fair Committee, Chairman, 2006-present.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

KVMA Veterinarian of the Year, 2007; KSU VMAA Alumni Recognition, CVC, 2011.

Family News:

Jan is serving as organist at the First Presbyterian Church where she also directs the children's choir. I serve as an Elder. Jan has served numerous offices in the KVMA and AVMA Auxiliaries including presidency of both organizations. She currently serves as Treasurer of the AVMA Auxiliary and runs the day to day operation of that organization from its office in Iola, including management of the Student Loan Fund.

Our oldest grandchild, Amanda Foster, has been accepted at KSU and will be entering as a freshman in the fall of 2008 majoring in elementary education.

Our two daughters, Michelle and Stacey, are both married and live and work in the Kansas City area. Our son, Trent, is married and lives in Paola, Kansas where he is a family physician.

Jan owns property on our city square where she has in addition to her other activities, operated a home decorating store for a "number" of years, rents space to a beauty shop, insurance office, the AVMA auxiliary office, and eight apartments upstairs. We live on forty acres outside of town overlooking the airport on one side and the city on the other. Richard runs a "small" cow/calf herd strictly as a hobby.

Edward L Kniffen

Company: Retired

Spouse: Constance (Wempe) Kniffen

Children: Christine (09/1969)
Gregory (02/1972)
Julie (09/1977)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinarian, Tyndall Veterinarian Clinic, Tyndall, SD, 1968-1998.

Other Involvement and Honors: Chamber of Commerce, President, 1992; Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight, 1976; AGRI Businessman of the Year, South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, 1988.

Career News:

I retired in 1998.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

SDVMA, AVMA

Family News:

Christine is an optometrist in Albuquerque, NM and has one son. Gregory is a pharmacist and lives in Ft. Collins, CO. Julie is a nurse practitioner and lives in Windsor, CO with husband Jeff, a pediatric pharmacist and their two children. We currently own and operate a small commercial embroidery and sewing business in Tyndall, SD.

Wallace Eugene Kraft, II

Company: Animal Health Center

Spouse: Jeanne Marie (Jack) Kraft

Children: Eric 9/28/68, Melanie 10/6/1972, Wallace III-"Trey" 03/21/1993, Jack 03/07/1996 Both Trey and Jack are OSU DVMs

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Chamber of Commerce-Chm Lamar Co Ag Committee. Junior Livestock Sale chm. BOD Civic center, BOD-Lone Star Ag Credit, BOD 1st Federal Bank, VP Sulphur River Basin Authority

Career News:

Still practicing 5 days a week

Education:

KSU--BS 1966, DVM 1968

Professional Memberships:

TXVMA, AVMA, AAEP, AABP

Offices Held:

Chm Board of Directors-1990, Pres TVMA-1995-96 TVMA V Pac chair 1988-1990, TVMA Legislative Council 1996-present. AVMA V Pac Board 1996-2002, Tx Delegate to AVMA 2014-2022. Chm Lamar Co Board of Health 1992-2018, AVMA COE 1990-1996

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Chm Board of Trustees 1st Meth church. Founded PAT Foundation Scholarship Trust, Boss of Year-Lamar Co. FFA-Lone Star Farmer. Tx GP of the year-1998

Family News:

2 youngest sons graduated from OSU Vet School and returned home to practice

Advice to Students:

It well worth the effort to become a DVM.. New experience every day

Class Comments:

I have had a great career

Donald Max Long

Company: Animal Medical Center of Reno

Spouse: Nancy Long

Children: Amy (38)

Education: Christopher (36)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

NVVMA, AVMA, AAHA, AAFP

Robert Alan MacArthur

Company: Retired
Spouse: Peggy Ann (Brown) MacArthur
Children: Shawn Alan MacArthur (09/22/1970)
Anna Michelle Jumpponen (10/17/1973)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

After graduation I went into the Air Force, I was stationed at Sangley Point Naval Station, Republic of the Philippines. After the service I worked for a large animal practitioner for 1 1/2 years in the Willamette Valley of western Oregon. I purchased our first small animal practice in Salem, OR, in 1972. We built a central hospital and added outpatient clinics in 1977, 1981, and 1984. We sold or merged all our practices in 1996.

Career News:

In 1996 I merged one of our practices into the the Banfield Pet Hospital Group. I worked for the Banfield Practice until 2000, working in multiple clinics in western Oregon and Washington as the senior practicing partner, mentoring new doctors especially in orthopedics and avian medicine. I retired from general practice in 2000 and currently work only with the Oregon Primate Rescue handling javas from all over the states.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Offices Held:

North American Veterinary Conference (TNAVC), President 1997-1998; TNAVC, Board of Directors, 1990 - 1999; TNAVC, Past Presidents Committee, 1999-2008; President, Willamette Valley Veterinary Association; President, Marion-Polk Veterinary Association.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Founder Bank of Salem; Active and past club president, Optimist Club, Salem, KS.
Past District Distinguished Lieutenant Governor.

Family News:

Our son is married and living in North Carolina, he is an independent consultant training technicians in the utilization of Microsoft operating systems. Microsoft sent him to India, England and Germany last year to train technicians in those countries. This last year our daughter married a mycology professor in the Botany Dept at Kansas State, she will be graduating from KSU this spring. Although we had always traveled, Peg and I took off after I retired, but this time we traveled without a rigid time schedule, it was a really different experience, I would recommend it. So far we have traveled to Europe, Mexico, Central and South America, Canada, the Caribbean, southeast Asia, Japan and Australia.

The last few years I have been able to loosen the reigns on our real estate management company and also our construction and termite businesses. We have good partners and I now can let them do the majority of daily work, but I still keep my hand in the management. We have holdings on the east and west coast so I still travel extensively on business. I don't fly private planes personally any more, but we have taken up sailing which I really love up in the sound.

Advice to Students:

Do whatever you do with passion! Maintain balance in your life.

Class Comments:

Let us know if you are traveling in Oregon, if we are home, we would love to have you stop by.

Jerold E McDowell

Company: Retired

Spouse: Gaylene McDowell

Children: Two

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Patrick Leslie McInteer

Company: Retired
Spouse: Margaret (Meagher) McInteer
Children: Sherry
Eric
Molly
Patrick
Joseph

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

General Practitioner, Falls City, NE, Burton Veterinary Practice, 1968-1974; General Practitioner, Falls City Veterinary Clinic, 1974-1989; General Practitioner, Animal Health Center, 1989-present; President, Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America (bird dog organization).

Career News:

Small animal and surgery three days a week. Two long-time partners: Dr. Steve Severin and Dr. Beth Hill.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Family News:

All self supporting.

Advice to Students:

Do not work cheap. Use common sense. Provide low cost service when appropriate.

Class Comments:

My best accomplishment in veterinary medicine has been mentoring numerous young people who have entered the veterinary profession. Presently, Daniel Cromer is attending KSU from Falls City. Others include Ron Roland, Josan Mez, Rory Meyer, Patrick McInteer (my son), Randy Schawang and David Lee.

Larry R Meisegeier

Company: Retired

Spouse: Elizabeth A (Taylor) Meisegeier

Children: Andrew L. Meisegeier (07/24/1974)
Matthew L. Meisegeier (07/24/1974)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

President, Thiensville-Mequon Small Animal Clinic.

Career News:

Retired from practice June 30, 2000.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

WIVMA

Michael Kelly Moore

Company: Elanco Animal Health - Retired
Spouse: Judy Jo (Trussell) Moore
Children: Eric (10/1968) Director of Technical services Norbrook Animal Health, Topeka, KS
Jon (02/1970) Surgeon Northwest Regional Medical Center, Pensacola, FL
Katina (09/1973) Executive Director Academic Internship Council, Boston, MA

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinarian, Animal Hospital, Superior, NE, 1968; Captain, US Army, Omaha, NE, 1969-1970; Private veterinary practice, Superior, NE, 1971-1998; Territory Manager, Grand Labs, 1999 to 2002; Territory manager/consultant custom vaccines Novartis Animal Health 2002-2014; New salesperson training Elanco Animal Health 2014-2016.

Career News:

Novartis Animal Health was purchased by Elanco. We were moved to Indianapolis. I retired in October 2016 and we moved to Surprise, AZ.

Education:

Diploma, Courtland Rural High School, Courtland, Kansas, 1962
BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP, KVMA, AVC

Offices Held:

NVMA: President 1989 various offices and committee assignments.; Professional Veterinary Products: Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board; Nebraska Board of Examiners for Veterinary Medicine; American Association of Veterinary Examining Boards Board of Directors; American Association of Industrial Veterinarians Board of Directors; AVMA Council on public relations Chairman; AVMA Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee; Accreditation team for Omaha College of Health Careers; President KSU Veterinary Medical Alumni Association; Superior NE District 11 Board of Education 12 ½ years; Superior NE City Council

Board Certifications:

AVC

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Army Commendation Medal 1970; NVMA Veterinarian of the Year 1990; Nebraska Ag Education Association Service to Agriculture Award 1991; Nuckolls Co. Nebraska Friend of 4-H award 1991; NVMA Commercial Rep of the year award' KVMA Commercial Rep of the year award; KSU College of Vet Med Alumni Recognition Award 2012; Novartis Legends Award 2010 and 2013

Family News:

Children have graduated from college: Eric is a veterinarian doing technology services at Schining-Plough; Jon graduated from KU Medical School, and married in 1994; Kate graduated from American University, and is now working in Boston, MA.

James Howard Myers

Company: Belle Fourche Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Mary (Howe) Myers

Children: Thomas H Myers (07/04/1969)

Career News: Martha M (Myers) Miles (09/02/1971)

Melanie M (Myers) Snell (08/31/1974)

Marcy M (Myers) Williamson (03/31/1977)

Four man practice: one partner, William Marlatt (NC 1988); one associate veterinarian, and Elizabeth Boos (Iowa 2007).

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

SDVMA, AVMA, AABP, Society of Theriogenology, AVC

Offices Held:

Serving on SD State licensing board

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Serving on SD State licensing Board

Family News:

Son, Tom orthopedic surgeon (Johns Hopkins Medical School/Havard) is presently in a single-man orthopedic practice living in Atlanta, GA. He married in 2000 and has two children. Daughter, Mary, married in 1994 is a special ed nurse, lives in Colman, SD and has three children. Daughter, Melanie, married in 2002, actress, lives in Van Nuys, CA and has four children. Daughter, Marcy, married in 2010 and is a basketball coach and teaches physical education in Sundance, WY. They have three children. All together we have twelve grandchildren.

Class Comments:

We continue to enjoy visits from classmates as they come visit the Black Hills of South Dakota. Mt. Rushmore is only an hour drive from us!

Arnold George Nagely

Company: Valley Vet Supply

Spouse: Judith Ann (Nichols) Nagely

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

James P Nelson

Spouse: Dixie (Angle) Nelson (deceased)
Children: Dr. Briana Goff (08/05/1969)
Jami Leahy (01/20/1977)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Base Veterinarian, USAF, Ogden, UT, 1969-1971; Small Animal/County Animal Hospital, St. Louis, MO, 1971-1976; Mixed practice, Fulton, MO, 1976-1978; Mixed practice, Horton, KS, 1978-1988; Brown County Animal Clinic, Hiawatha, KS, 1988-1996; Small animal practice, Lakewood, CO, 1996-2013.

Career News:

Retired

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Family News:

My wife Dixie passed away on October 9, 2009.

I have five grandchildren: four boys and one girl.

Kenneth Onyia

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Garth L Peterson

Company: Retired
Children: Scott (07/1970)
Education: Eric (10/1973)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

CAVMA, AVMA, AAHA, KVMA

Dennis Andrew Rohan

Company: Rohan & Harper PC

Spouse: Susan (Kramer) Rohan

Children: Janette (05/04/1971) Jennifer
(06/09/1973)
Jill (08/31/1975)
Jonathan (09/28/1981)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

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Career News:

I sold all of my hospitals to my partners veterinary in 2015. I am now semi-retired working a few hours when needed for the same group.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

NYVMA, AVMA, AAHA, WNYVMA

Family News:

My three daughters are married. Janette is married to a Veterinarian and she is a Pharmacist. They have three girls and one boy. Jennifer is married to a Postman and she is a school teacher. They have two boys and a girl. Jill is married to a Napa Auto Parts manager and she is an Occupational Therapists assistant. Jonathan is not married yet. I

Robert G Rohrbaugh

Company: McRae Animal Hospital

Spouse: Evelyn J (Lewis) Rohrbaugh

Children: Robert Todd (12/07/1971)
Brett Lewis (10/17/1984)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

United States Air Force, Hanscom Field, Boston, MA, 1968-1970; private practice, El Paso, TX, 1970-to present; farm in Gray County, KS, 1978-present.

Career News:

Practicing small animal medicine at McRae Animal Hospital.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

TXVMA, AVMA, El Paso VMA, KVMA

Offices Held:

President, El Paso VMA, 2 years; President, El Paso Animal Emergency Center, 7 years; District Director, Texas VMA, 6 years.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Special Recognition Award - El Paso VMA - May 1, 2010

Family News:

Wife, graduated from Kansas State University in 1967 with a degree in Modern Languages. The oldest son, Robert Todd Rohrbaugh, earned a Master's Degree from UTEP in Geology. Our second son, Brett Lewis Rohrbaugh, graduated magna cum laude San Francisco State University.

Advice to Students:

Study hard, learn to listen, don't get discouraged. Veterinary Medicine is a great profession!!!

Class Comments:

We had a great class!!!

Walter L Sidwell

Spouse: Diane Sidwell

Education:

BA, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, 1964

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Dennis Robert Skalka

Company: Retired

Spouse: Margaret Skalka

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

MPH, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1973

Harry A Steinfort

Company: Retired

Spouse: Kathleen Steinfort

Career News:

Retired.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Sherwood L Svarvari

Company: Retired - Sunny Brae Animal Clinic
Spouse: Patsy C (Meek) Svarvari
Children: Ward Svarvari, 08/26/1975
Education: Audrey Svarvari Merryman, 05/01/1977
Susannah Svarvari Snider, 04/13/1981

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

SDVMA

Offices Held:

California Board of Governors (6 years)

President; Director of Continuing Education of Humboldt/DelNorte VMA (several terms)

Sherman J Swanson

Company: Retired

Spouse: Donna Swanson

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Loren Gene Tucker

Company: Laurel Animal Hospital

Spouse: Kay Tucker

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Thomas Dean Vincent

Company: Vincent Farms

Spouse: Karen K. (Murray) Vincent

Children: Jerry
Jamie
Douglas

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Practitioner, Drs. Ripple, Liebl, and Vincent, Dodge City, KS, 1968-1988; Practitioner, Lakin, KS, 1988-1996; Retired.

Career News:

I am currently a dryland farmer in northern Kearny Company and thoroughly enjoying my role as a new grandfather.

Education:

AS, Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas, 1963

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, Christian Veterinary Missions

Offices Held:

Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, 1980-1994

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Many offices and jobs with the United Methodist Church, Masonic, Boy Scouts, Gideons, Optimists Organizations, and Shriners, 4-H, KSU Extension, FSA, USDA and local organizations; Silver Beaver, Boy Scouts of America; President, Santa Fe Trail Council; Scoutmaster of Woodbadge, North Central AOPA, CA Region, Boy Scouts of America, NC -167; Fellowship of Christian Farmers; Local Hospital Board.

Family News:

Dr. Jerry works with IRC in Chiang Mai, Thailand, wife, Di, and daughter Mali and son Douglas. Jamie works with Sheltered Living in Topeka, KS, husband, Juergen, and son Thomas and daughter Sarah. Douglas works with CHP in San Jose, CA, wife, Traci, and sons Johnathon and Nicholas.

Advice to Students:

Learn the basics and the principles then strive to see the BIG PICTURE and understand. Do what you do because you love to do it.

Class Comments:

No real changes in the last five years. Sorry we can't attend.

George Lester Wiley

Company: Alamogordo Animal Hospital

Spouse: Sandra Wiley

Children: George Wiley II (8-16-73)
Keith Wiley (2-13-75)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

US Air Force, 1968-1970; Private Practice, 1970-present.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

NMVMA, AVMA, Rotary Club of Alamogordo

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Alamogordo Board of Education, 1987-present; Alamogordo Rotary Club, 1981-present.

Class Comments:

Enjoy practice after all of these years.

Larry L Williams

Company: Retired
Spouse: Susan Diane Williams
Children: Julie (09/24/1964)
Susanne (04/03/1968)
Alyssa (09/03/1970)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Practiced veterinary medicine in hometown in north-central Nebraska in a food animal practice for 17 years before embarking on a career in regulatory veterinary medicine in 1985. Served two years as a field veterinarian in southwest Nebraska for USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, Veterinary Services; Appointed as the Nebraska State Veterinarian, Nebraska Department of Agriculture; Served on several national committees, including: National Animal Health Emergency Management System, Secretary of Agriculture's Committee of Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases, Quadrilateral Review Committee for USDA/APHIS, National Animal Health Monitoring System, Future of Veterinary Services Review Committee, Past President of North Central District of USAHA, Past President of United States Animal Health Association (USAHA), and USDA's Animal Health Safeguarding Review Committee.

Career News:

Retired. Enjoying the grandchildren, fishing, and woodworking.

Education:

BS, Animal Husbandry, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1961
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

NVMA, AVMA, USAHA

Offices Held:

President, USAHA, 1997

Wendell Ross Witter

Company: Retired

Spouse: Vicky Witter

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Jerry David Weil

Company: Retired

Children: Elizabeth Ann Weil (05/15/1964)
Jason Todd Weil (01/08/1969)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Captain, US Army, Ft. Detrick, MD, 1968-1970; Associate, Countryside Vet Hospital, Great Bend, KS, 1970-1971; Associate, Tucker Eastlake Vet Hospital, Danville, IL, 1971-1973; Graduate Student, Kansas State University, 1973-1974; Partner, Countryside Vet Hospital, Great Bend, KS, 1974-1985; Owner, Animal Medical Center, Great Bend, KS, 1985-2005. I sold my practice to Dr. Nels Lindberg (KSU 2001) in 2005 and stayed to help him get started until June 2006. We moved to Missouri in 2006 and did relief work for awhile but settled with relief work at Lee's Summit Animal Hospital for Dr. Bud Hertzog. Other Involvement: Board of Directors and Club President, Kansas Arabian Horse Club; Show manager, veterinarian, ring steward, and committee member, International Arabian Horse Association; National Board Member and President, North American Trail Ride Conference - judges committee member and chairman, ride manager, competitor, judge, regional board member, and vice-president; Leader, Barton County 4-H community - chairman, holding board member, show judge, and livestock sale chairman.

Career News:

I took the Arizona State Board Exam in 2013 and recieved my Arizona license. I now, being retired, just do minor horse practice.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1966
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1968

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Family News:

My daughter and granddaughter moved to Tucson.

Advice to Students:

Make an effort to be responsible to yourself and clients. Your clients depend on you in many ways and you owe them your respect.

Class Comments:

My door is always open come visit if you are in the area.

In Memoriam

Dean J Alpert DVM

Dean Alpert, Garnett, Kansas. Dr. Alpert was a general practitioner and a member of the AVMA.

David N Bisbee DVM

David N. Bisbee, Vaughn, Montana. Dr. Bisbee was an AVMA member and a general practitioner.

Ernest J Finocchio DVM

FINOCCHIO, ERNEST J. "DOC", 77, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2020 at Miriam Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Marie (LaRocca) Finocchio for 54 years and the proud father of Tim Finocchio and his wife Jane (Bowker). He is survived by his mother, Pauline (Manzi) Finocchio and was preceded in death by his father, Ernest J. Finocchio. In addition, he leaves his sister, Paula Pontarelli and her husband Frank, brother-in-law John LaRocca, and brother-in-law Ronald LaRocca and his wife Cathy. He is also survived by his uncle John Manzi and his wife Kathy, aunt Marie Santoro, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, as well as his beloved dog Molly.

Dr. Finocchio was a graduate of Cranston High School class of 1961. He then attended Texas A&M University for two years before transferring to Kansas State University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He earned a Bachelor of Science in 1966, followed by a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1968. He went on to serve the first ever internship in Equine Medicine and Surgery offered at Kansas State University where he instructed undergraduate veterinary students, concentrating in Equine surgery. He was involved in numerous research projects that led to over twenty professional publications.

In 1969, Dr. Finocchio established the New England Horse Care Center, the first ever Equine hospital in the state of Rhode Island. His practice quickly grew, adding other associates as they also served clients in nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts offering 24-hour emergency coverage.

Dr. Finocchio was a guest lecturer at numerous horse clubs, universities and the American Association of Equity Practitioners National Convention in 1973, 1985, and 1989. He continued to publish in lay journals including the Yankee Pedlar, Equus Magazine and the Blood Horse Magazine.

He was a member of the AVMA, AAEP and RIVMA serving as its president in 1977. Dr. Finocchio served on many advisory boards including Equus Magazine, Hooved Animals Humane Society Advisory Board to Tufts University referring Veterinaries and the R.I. Disaster Preparedness Committee.

In 1981 he received the FT Moses Humane Award for saving the life of a horse that fell into a well at personal risk to himself.

In addition to his veterinary practice Dr. Finocchio was involved in breeding thoroughbred horses and owned horses that raced in the New England area.

After serving for many years as a member of the RISPCA board of directors, Dr.

Finocchio became its 10th President/Director in 2002. He became a tireless and dedicated crusader for animal welfare. While at the RISPCA, he successfully advocated for significant enhancements to Rhode Island's animal welfare laws all while continuing to be directly connected with diverse constituencies served by the society.

He instituted many firsts at the RISPCA including fund raisers, a volunteer program and newsletter, "Happy Tails to All", almost free rabies clinic and numerous other programs. One of his proudest moments was in the fall of 2005 when he collected, delivered and distributed 70 tons of supplies collected by the RISPCA to aid the Northwest Louisiana Humane Society and Hopeful Haven Equine Rescue in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Dr. Finocchio will always be remembered for his passion to help animals and people in need. This was especially exhibited through the establishment of the Marvin Fund, named after his black Labrador retriever, Marvin, who was twice relinquished to the RISPCA. Together they became a team who raised funds to financially assist animals in need of medical assistance. Marvin and Dr. Finocchio became members of the Delta Society's Pet Partner Therapy Program delivering their message to never give up. Together they visited nursing homes, adult day care centers, schools, libraries, youth camps and many more groups. In 2009, Marvin became therapy dog of the year. Together they received numerous awards for their commitment to help others. The Marvin Fund remains in existence today having helped 4,000 animals in need of medical assistance.

Dr. Finocchio was inducted into the Cranston Hall of Fame in 2007. In recognition of his significant efforts, achievements and contributions to veterinary medicine, he was named Rhode Island's Veterinarian of the Year in 2019.

He was an avid tennis player and captain of the New England Mixed Doubles Championship team in 2007 and the captain of several New England Senior Men's Championship teams. Golf was also a favorite pastime and he often played with family and friends he had known for many years. He was a coach and sponsor of Burrillville youth soccer and basketball teams and member and past chairman of the Burrillville Zoning Board of Review.

Doc was a humble man never wanting awards or praise. His passion was the care and well-being of all creatures great and small. He took great pride in sharing his expertise with others. Those in need were not forgotten and benefited by his many food drives every Thanksgiving. He treasured the moments spent with his son traveling the country to support his ultra-marathons. Above all, he cherished and adored his angel, Marie.

Evelyn A Bock DVM

Bock, Dr. Evelyn A. Friday, February 3, 2023. Survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Arrowood, for 53 years and her brother, Paul Bock.

Dr. Bock was a graduate of Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine, started practicing in the South County area of St. Louis in 1968 until present.

Gordon R Cunningham DVM

April 17, 1938 - Nov. 27, 2018

Gordon R. Cunningham was born April 17, 1938, in Jewell County, Kan., the only child of Otie R. and Stella May (Wiley) Cunningham. He graduated from Montrose High School in

1956 and attended Kansas State University where he completed his DVM degree in 1968.

While in college, he married Sheila Nelson and they had two sons. They divorced in 1976.

Dr. Cunningham practiced in California until purchasing Salem Veterinary Hospital in 1970. He later owned Lancaster Pet Hospital and South Salem Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Cunningham was instrumental in establishing the first after-hours emergency veterinary clinic in Salem.

Dr. Cunningham is survived by his wife of 34 years, Joanne (Morrow) of Keizer; sons, Frank (Jodie) of Happy Valley and David (Bonnie) of Keizer; and grandson, Kyle. He is also survived by stepson and daughter-in-law, Mike and Nicole Morrow of Salem and their sons, Matthew and Nicholas. And he leaves behind his cherished cats, Yogi and Gracie.

Jerry B Burkey DVM

Dr. Burkey (Kansas State '68), 72, Milford, Nebraska, died June 8, 2015. He began his career as an assistant herd veterinarian with the Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Maryland. Dr. Burkey subsequently moved to Nebraska and established Clock Tower Animal Clinic in Lincoln, where he practiced small animal medicine for 42 years.

He also raised, bred, and showed American Quarter Horses for most of his life.

Dr. Burkey retired in 2013. He is survived by his wife, Susan; a daughter and two sons; and six grandchildren.

Joan E McKee Warner DVM

Joan Eileen (Warner) Hough, D.V.M., 76, lifelong Coffeyville resident and local Veterinarian passed away on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Eileen was born on August 22, 1943 in Coffeyville, Kansas to Wilburt Charley "Buck" Warner and Merze Elaine (Barber) Warner. She grew up and attended school in Coffeyville. She graduated from Field Kindley High School and Coffeyville Community College. She then furthered her education at Kansas State University where she received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine graduating in 1968. She was united in marriage to Ralph McKee, Jr. The couple later divorced. She later married George Hough and they later divorced. In 1979 Eileen opened her own vet clinic on South Walnut Street in Coffeyville known as the Animal Health Clinic. She loved animals and caring for them. She made so many good friends and acquaintances over the years while helping the community in dozens of organizations. In 2017 she retired with the Lifetime Achievement Award from Kansas State University. Eileen was a long-time member of the First Christian Church in Coffeyville where she served as an Elder, Deaconess and Trustee; she also sang in the choir. She had a passion for horses. She raised Quarter Horses on her farm in Labette County. Most of all she loved the time she spent surrounded by her family and friends. Surviving to cherish her memory are her children, Justin McKee and wife, Angela of Oswego, Kansas, Scarlett Venn and husband, Eddie of Pueblo, Colorado; nine grandchildren; sister, Jeanne Elaine DeMello and brother, Wilburt Charles "Chuck" Warner and wife, Debra all of Coffeyville, Kansas; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Buck and Merze Warner.

Following her wishes, cremation has taken place under the direction of David W. Barnes Funeral Home in Coffeyville.

Keith M Kingsley DVM

HAYS - Kingsley, Keith D.V.M. "Doc," 70, died July 19, 2007. Service 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, First Presbyterian Church. Survivors: wife, Mavis; sons, Chris and wife, Michele, Scott; daughter, Sandy Perkins and husband, Tom; sister, Cheryl Young and husband, Bob; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild. Cline's Mortuary.

Lewis H Brogan

LEWIS H. BROGAN Dr. Lewis H. Brogan, a long-term resident and business owner in Chico, CA, died peacefully in his sleep on December 20, 2021, at the age of 78, at his home, San Tan Valley, AZ. He is survived by his wife Kathryn (Kats) of 36 years, his son and daughter, Patrick and Kimberly, and three grandsons, Liam, Colin and Aiden. Lew was born June 20, 1943 in Emporia, KS and grew up in Great Bend. He attended Kansas State University, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and graduated in 1968, with a degree in veterinary medicine. Dr. Brogan's veterinary career began in Camden, NJ. Lew was an enlisted officer in the USAF and served two years as the base veterinarian at Beale AFB in Marysville, CA. He moved to Chico, partnered with Dr. Bob Allen at Erickson Veterinary Hospital for 11 years, purchased the hospital, retired in February 2021, and concluded a 50-year career. Lew was on the Board of Directors of the YMCA, '77-79. He was president of the Chico Rotary Club, '86-87 and the recipient of several Paul Harris Fellow awards. He helped organize and build Golden Valley Bank, Chico, 2006. He was certified as an Honorary Roll Member of the AVMA, 2014. Lew enjoyed a variety of sports including softball, racquetball, bocce ball, hunting with his labradors, golfing at Butte Creek Country Club, Chico, and collecting premium wines.

LK McKim DVM

McKim, L.K. "Doc"

73, of Crescent City, CA passed away on April 13, 2016 after a long illness. Born in 1942 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. McKim graduated from Glendale High School in 1960, then studied veterinary medicine at Kansas State University. He practiced in Glendale, Arizona from 1968 to 1986, then relocated to Yarnell, Arizona. After retiring from veterinary medicine in 1998, Doc began teaching life and physical science in Palm Springs. He taught in the Palo Verde Unified School District from August 2007 until April 2015. Dr. McKim is survived by his wife Carol, his son Jay, daughter Shannon, three grandchildren, Maddie, Abigail, and Joshua, his sister Linda Kenney, as well as his step-children, Susan, Rob, David, Jon, 11 step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Marvin E Turner DVM

MARVIN TURNER Marvin (Marv) Eugene Turner passed away on May 7th, 2018 after living well with Parkinson's disease for over 25 years. He was born on January 6th, The Twelfth Day of Christmas, 1940 in Twin Falls, Idaho to Lawrence and Mildred Turner. He went on to live in California in Wasco, Stockton, Berkeley and then Arcata from the 6th grade on. His dream since

he was eight years old was to become a veterinarian like his uncle and mentor in Twin Falls. His pathway to pursue this dream was through Humboldt State, University of California at Davis where he received his B.S., and then Kansas State University where he earned his D.V.M. He and Lynn,e Lemoge met at UC Davis and were married on The Fourth of July, 1963 in Burlingame. Daughter Allison was born two months before he graduated from veterinary school and they subsequently headed back West. In 1970, after spending two years in the Bay Area, they moved to Chico where son Seth was born and Marv joined Mangrove Veterinary Hospital where he practiced up until 1996. Lynn,e and Marv felt fortunate to have been able to travel most of our United States as well as some key foreign destinations. When not doing that they enjoyed a lifetime together skiing and spending time in Lake Tahoe and other spots in our Sierras. To those who came to know Marv he was a warm, sincerely caring and honorable person. But he was also a practical joker with that dry sense of humor and famous for his "Christmas cards." Multi-talented, he loved classical music, especially Handel's Messiah, was a gifted flutist and enjoyed singing in madrigal groups and choir. He was also a beautiful woodworker and a photographer and he did a splendid job restoring a Model T. In addition, he enjoyed tending his berry patch, tying flies and fishing for steelhead with friends in our northern rivers and of course, playing golf. He also enjoyed camping trips with his family throughout California and he rode the Wildflower Century Ride several times, once with his son Seth. Spiritual life was important to Marv and he served his church long and well. He served the community as president of the Community Concert Association and was a member of the Lions Club. He was president of the North Valley Veterinary Association, veterinarian for the Chico Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Chico Police Canine unit. He ran the Bidwell Marathon with friends sponsoring him in honor of loved ones who died from cancer. In addition to his wife Lynn,e, daughter Allison and son Seth (Miriam), Marv is survived by grandchildren Mikayla and Addison along with his older brother Vern and his children. We are so thankful for all of his outstanding doctors, the team at Enloe Hospital Emergency along with the warm, loving care he received at Country Village.

Marvin J Farr DVM

Dr. Marvin James Farr, 81, of Scott City, Kan., passed away Dec. 1, 2020, in isolation at Park Lane Nursing Home. He was preceded in death by more than 260,000 Americans infected with covid-19. He died in a room not his own, being cared for by people dressed in confusing and frightening ways. He died with covid-19, and his final days were harder, scarier and lonelier than necessary. He was not surrounded by friends and family.

Marvin was born May 23, 1939 to Jim and Dorothy Farr of Modoc, Kan. He was born into an America recovering from the Great Depression and about to face World War 2, times of loss and sacrifice difficult for most of us to imagine. Americans would be asked to ration essential supplies and send their children around the world to fight and die in wars of unfathomable destruction. He died in a world where many of his fellow Americans refuse to wear a piece of cloth on their face to protect one another.

Marvin was a farmer and a veterinarian. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1968. His careers filled his life with an understanding of the science of life: how to nurture it, how to

sustain it, and the myriad ways that life can go wrong. As a young man he debated between studying mortuary or veterinary science. He chose life over death. The science that guided his professional life has been disparaged and abandoned by so many of the same people who depended on his knowledge to care for their animals and to raise their food.

Marvin was a religious man. He was a lay reader at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He saw no conflict between the science of his professional life and the belief of his personal life, each enriched the other. From religion, he especially drew on lessons of forgiveness and care. Perhaps the most important comes from the Lord's Prayer: and forgive us our trespasses,

He would look after those who had harmed him the deepest, a sentiment echoed by the healthcare workers struggling to do their jobs as their own communities turn against them or make their jobs harder. He would also fail those who needed him the most at times, as he was still human, with his flaws and limits.

Marvin was a man of the community. His membership in the Anthem Masonic Lodge #284 and the Scott County Shrine Club mattered to him for both the camaraderie of his brothers and for the good works that they facilitated, the most visible of which is the Shriners Hospitals for Children network. Even in a social organization, he chose one that centered the health and medical care of others.

Marvin was a family man, both of blood and chosen family. He was preceded in death by his wife Lottie Farr; son Justin Farr; brothers Everett Farr and Howard Farr; and parents. He is survived by his children Courtney Farr and Tamra Wilkens of Eudora, Kan.; Tesa Fansler of Sanford, Fla.; and Scott and Tracy Burling of Scott, La.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family and loved ones.

Max L Hacker DVM

Dr. Max Hacker passed away on Friday February 22, 2019 after a fierce battle with cancer. He was born on June 19, 1942 to Mason & Mary Hacker (Wiedel) in Sterling, IL. He attended Kansas State University and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in June 1966, and his DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) in June 1968. He moved first to Auburn, NE to join a small practice with Drs. Peck and Mowry before settling in Crete, NE where he joined the Crete Veterinary Clinic and later continued in private practice.

Dr. Hacker was known for his work ethic, his dedication to his trade and what seemed like boundless energy. A man of great strength, he lived his life on his own terms and worked at his farm until his last day. Max enjoyed his work, his clients and each and every patient he ever helped. He will leave a void in the many lives he touched and will always be a one of a kind. Few will forget his entertaining sayings, his love of civil war history, fondness for his summer garden, and the many forays into political discussions. Those who knew him, loved him.

Max was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Hanabarger at the age of 99. He leaves behind a family that loved and embraced him in every way, they include; sister Lois (Shelby) Rowzee of Rock Falls, IL, brother Larry (Nelda) Hacker of Lincoln, AR, brother Richard Hacker of Sterling, IL, daughter Leah Hacker of Crete, NE, daughter Anastasia Knoblach of Clearwater,

FL, son Greg Hacker of Lincoln, NE, and daughter Jennifer Hacker of Omaha, NE. He also leaves behind five grandchildren.

Norman R Schneider DVM

Norman R. Schneider, 67, of rural Ceresco, died July 5. Schneider was a veterinary toxicologist in the department of veterinary and biomedical sciences at UNL.

Schneider was born March 28, 1943 in Ellsworth, Kan., to Henry and Irene Schneider. Growing up on a cattle ranch and wheat farm near Dorrance, Kan., Schneider was valedictorian of his high school class. He graduated from Kansas State College of Veterinary Medicine in 1968. For the next 11 years he served the United States Air Force, as a base veterinarian, Institute of Technology Fellow, veterinary scientist/toxicologist. His career with the USAF took him to many different locations including Labrador, Canada; Columbus, Ohio; Bethesda, Md.; and Dayton, Ohio. He retired from the USAF Reserves in 1995 as a lieutenant colonel with 30 years commissioned service, the last 16 with the Nebraska Air National Guard as chief of public health. While with the reserves he was deployed to Turkey twice, Iceland and Honduras.

In 1979, he accepted a position with UNL as a veterinary toxicologist in the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences. In 1982, he was also granted a courtesy faculty appointment to the Department of Pharmacodynamics and Toxicology/Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, at University of Nebraska Medical Center. He retired from full-time to emeritus status in December 2002.

While at UNL, Schneider developed two new approved majors in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources — veterinary science and veterinary technologist. He developed and taught general pharmacology and toxicology, one of the few such courses for undergraduates in the United States; developed and taught intro to animal health and recitations of intro to agriculture and natural resource systems. In addition to teaching, from 1990 until retirement, Schneider served as sole academic adviser for 250 undergraduate students or more per academic year. He also implemented, partially funded, and directed the preveterinary advising center in the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences. Schneider also coordinated and initiated the UNL Chapter of Veterinary Scholars Early Admission Program at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

He earned the UNL Student Foundation/Builders Award for Outstanding Academic Advising; Lawrence KS Crowe Outstanding Adviser; Faculty Adviser Award; and Recognition Award for Contribution to Students; UNL Student Adviser of the year; Brick Volunteer Spirit Award; UNL Society of Innocents Chancellor's Senior Honor Society Honorary Faculty; UNL Mortar Board Senior Honor Society "People Who Inspire" Award.

Schneider is survived by his wife of 42 years, Karen; son, Nelson; mother, Irene; sister, Sylvia Lilak both of Dorrance, Kan.; and mother-in-law, Audrey Nelson of Ceresco.

Randy D Risley DVM

Died March 4, 1999.

Richard A Barta DVM

Dr. Richard Arthur Barta, D.V.M. Independence, Ks passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021, from a farming accident at his home. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the Wesley Center, 111 East Maple, at 11:00am, internment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 20th, family will be greeting friends from 5:00-7:00pm at Webb & Rodrick Chapel. Memorials are suggested to AWOL, FORPAZ and the KSU Foundation "Dr. Richard A. Barta Memorial Fund". They can be left with the funeral home. The service will be live streamed with the First Methodist Church.

Richard Barta, aka Doc, was born on September 9th, 1944 in Hastings, Nebraska. He was the son of Robert and Shirley (Stewart) Barta. He was raised in Red Cloud, Nebraska and graduated high school in 1962. He went to Kansas State University, receiving his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1968.

On March 25, 1967 he married the love of his life, Joy Yung, in Guide Rock, Nebraska. After graduation from K-State they made their home in Independence, Kansas. He began his veterinarian career at Dr. Robert Hayes' clinic for four years before opening the Barta Animal Hospital in 1972. He added the Pet Shop in the late 1980's. He was accompanied at work with his favorite monkey Gizmo for 26 years. He passed in 2016.

Dr. Barta was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a life member of the American Veterinarian Medical Association, and Kansas Veterinarian Medical Association. He was appointed by the governor and served 6 years on the Kansas Companion Animal Advisory Board. He also served 8 years on the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners. He was honored by the KVMA receiving the President's Award in 2006 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2012. He was involved with the starting of AWOL in Independence and served on the Advisory Board for the ICC Veterinary Technology program.

He loved spending time with his family, camping, four wheeling in Colorado plus other travel and cruises. and in his spare time he raised cattle. He was an avid K-State football fan and he always had a joke to tell. He loved all animals, his passion began in the 8th grade....he knew he would someday become a veterinarian. Doc loved his chosen career and never considered it a job.

Preceding him in death were his parents and granddaughter Kacee McDade.

Those left to cherish his memory are wife Joy, sons: Darin (Cindy) Barta and Travis (Kimberly) Barta; grandchildren: Lucas Barta, Eric (Michelle) McDade, TeeJay (Chasidy) McDade, and five great-grandchildren: Damien, Rebecca, Hailey, Jonah and Tanner and sister Kiley (Rick) Harris. Plus several exchange students the Barta's hosted through the years. He will also be missed by many friends and the 4 legged friends he took care of for over 50 years.

Robert J Shay DVM

Died September 10, 1998.

Robert L Mitchell DVM

Died October 17, 2001.

Veyl B Sibley DVM

V.B. “Doc” Sibley, 64, of Yuma, Ariz., formerly of Pierre, passed away at his home in Yuma on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008.

“Doc” was born to Bruce and Zelma Sibley on June 28, 1944, in Great Bend, Kan. He grew up on a farm outside of Lewis, Kan. He graduated high school in Lewis and attended Kansas State University where he received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1968.

He married his college sweetheart, Gwen Garrett, on June 10, 1966. The young couple moved to Pierre in 1968, and Doc started the Oahe Vet Clinic with Bob Shay. He later opened the Small Animal Clinic. Several months after moving to Pierre, Stephanie Lynn was born Nov. 7, 1968.

Doc became very involved in the community. He served as president of the Pierre Economic Development Corp. and was instrumental in leading the charge to bring the RiverCentre Convention Center to Pierre and igniting the wave of “Pierre Pride.”

He was appointed by the governor to serve on the South Dakota State Highway Department of Transportation Commission. Doc served as a board member and chairperson of St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation. He helped instigate Crappie Days and donated his auctioneering talent. He worked hard on launching the foundation’s Endowment Campaign. He volunteered on many political campaigns. Doc was an avid golfer and a member of the Pierre Elks Lodge.

V.B. Sibley is survived by his daughter, Stephanie (Tom) Chapman and two grandchildren, of Denver, Colo.; sister, LaRue (Austin) Covalt, of Russell, Kan.; special friend, Carolee Isley, of Yuma, Ariz.; brothers-in-law, Gary (Linda) Garrett, of Colby, Kan., Wayne Garrett and friend, Ruth Evans of Gainesville, Texas, and Russell (Charlie) Hagan, of Arlington, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of good friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gwen, and parents, Bruce and Zelma.