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## **Class of 1983**

**Aitchison, Charlotte S.**

\* May 8, 1994

**Anderson, Steven D.**

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**Beiermann, Robert L.**

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**Besthorn, Elaine J.**

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**Binkley, Frances M.**

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**Boyum, Thann R.**

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**Bratton, Willard L.**

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**Brod, Daniel L.**

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**Bush, Stephanie L. (Streitz)**

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**Castro, Gabriel B.**

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**Cavanaugh, Michael T.**

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**Chester, William G.**

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**Chmelka, Kenneth C.**

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**Coles, Tad B.**

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**Cook, E. Kathryn**

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**Cook, Richard L.**

\*November 5, 2010

**Dawson, Timothy G.**

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**DeBey, Bradley M.**

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**DeShazer, Donald L.**

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**Dickens, Loren E.**

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**Dickens, Marilyn K.**

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**Diehl, Deborah A. (Nelson)**

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**Drake, David M.**

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**Durbian-Ramirez, Jeanne L.**

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**Engelland, Glenn A.**

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**Fager, Donald J.**

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**Fahrenholz, Christina**

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**Fansher, Brad D.**

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**Frazee, Linda S. (Kauffman)**

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**Frazee, William E.**

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**Gaeth, Valerie J.**

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**Gaines, Loree B.**

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**Graham, Lynn J. (Shively)**

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**Hall, James B.**

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**Hawks, Timothy W.**

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**Hessman, Bill J.**

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**Hinde, Jennifer L.**

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**Hinde, Randall W.**

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**Holenbeck, Thomas K.**

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**Howard, William J.**

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**Howell, Victoria L. (Sylvester)**

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**Humphrey, James M.**

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**Janisch, Nancy A.**

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**Jayo, Manuel J.**

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**Johnson, Kendal D.**

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**Johnson, Stuart G.**

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**Jones, Mike A.**

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**Kassebaum, Linda J. (Johnson)**

\*December 6, 2020

**Kendall, Joe D.**

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**Krogh, Julie**

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**Kruckenber, Lyman L.**

\* April 3, 2001

**Class of 1983 continued**

**LaRosh, Michael D.**

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**Layh, Dean C.**

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**Lewis, Donald S.**

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**Lyon, Carol S. (Brune)**

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**MacCabe, Stephen D.**

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**MacDonald, Jane M.**

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**Mason-Wiatt, Belinda J.**

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**May, Roland W.**

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**Mears, Mark A.**

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**Meek, Dallas W.**

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**Miller, Gary R.**

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**Moore, Scott M.**

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**Nielsen, Danny L.**

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**Nilson-Bassette, Rebecca K.**

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**Nutsch, Robert S.**

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**Oestmann, Daniel J.**

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**Olson, Lee C.**

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**Olson, Richard W.**

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**Osterman, Eric D.**

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**Otto, Daniel L.**

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**Pajl, James M.**

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**Peterson, Becky L.**

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**Pillen, James D.**

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**Rawson, Larry C.**

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**Rawson, Leilani Sim (Godbehere)**

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**Ray, David E.**

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**Robinson, David J.**

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**Robinson, Sara L. (Mark)**

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**Ryan, Robert G.**

\* July 31, 2001

**Scott, Louis E.**

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**Showalter, John C., III**

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**Sloan, Herbert W., Jr.**

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**Slyter, Paul W.**

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**Sofield, William L.**

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**Solomon, Clell J.**

\*August 26, 2017

**Sones, Dennis L.**

\*November 15, 2006

**Stauffer, Kent D.**

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**Stucky, Lynn D.**

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**Svec, Ronald S.**

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**Swanson, James R.**

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**TerHune, Terry N.**

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**Torres, Juan S.**

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**Tryon, William D.**

\*August 8, 2016

**VanPetten, Jeffrey F.**

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**Vogt, Michael E.**

\*January 24, 2019

**Weigandt, John T.**

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**Weiss, Tamra H. (Walthall)**

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**Wiatt, William I.**

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**Willard, Neil E.**

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**Winter, Janet L.**

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**Winter, Larry A.**

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**Ylander, David M.**

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# Steven DeWayne Anderson

**Company:** Apple Valley Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Maridella Lawrence (Lawrence) Anderson

**Children:** Elizabeth Najdowski 09/03/1988

**Career News:** Christina Anderson 10/05/1990

Janell Rounds. 04/14/1996

Elliot Anderson. 12/26/1999

Cathleen Anderson. 01/15/2003

Since 1991, I have been an associate veterinarian for the Apple Valley Veterinary Clinic in Gays Mills WI. The owner of the clinic is a Nebraska native that was graduated from KSU in 1972.

What was a mostly large animal practice is now mostly small animal. The only changes in the last 5 years are that he is working less, and I am working more. Also, in 2018 the Kickapoo River flooded, and as a result Dr. Dudgeon replaced his film and chemical x-ray machine with digital.

## **Professional Memberships:**

WIVMA, AVMA

## **Family News:**

Elizabeth and her family are in the middle east. They have 4 girls and a boy.

Christina and Elliot were graduated from college a year ago. Christina is teaching in the twin cities, and Elliot is working on a farm in Virginia.

Janell was married in December of 2022, they are expecting in September. Cathleen is living with us.

## **Advice to Students:**

Don't be surprised when you end up doing something that you said you would never do.

# Robert L Beiermann

**Company:** Western Veterinary Service

**Spouse:** Janet Beiermann

**Children:** Clint Beiermann (01/05/1990)  
Jenny Beiermann (07/09/1993)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, Jackson Hole Vet Clinic, Jackson, WY, 1983-1986; Veterinarian, A&M Vet Clinic, Columbus, NE, 1986-1988; Veterinarian, Trail Animal Clinic, Bridgeport, NE, 1988-1990; Owner and solo practitioner, Western Veterinary Service, Big Piney, WY, 1990-present, the practice has been growing steadily since it began.

## **Career News:**

Mixed practitioner on endangered species.

## **Education:**

AS, Platte Junior College, Columbus, Nebraska, 1975  
AS, University of Nebraska, Curtis, Nebraska, 1977  
BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

WYVMA, AVMA, AAEP

## **Offices Held:**

Past President, Wyoming VMA, 1999-2000; Delegate, Wyoming, AVMA.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Green River Valley Cattleman's 2003 Friend of Agriculture, Friend of 4-H; Town Council.

## **Family News:**

Son- Clint is 23. Daughter- Jenny is 20.

## **Advice to Students:**

Strive to be helpful, happy, healthy and humble.

## **Class Comments:**

Thinking of you all.

# **Elaine Jo Besthorn**

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I changed careers in 2003 and recieved my diploma, Art of Spiritual Direction, San Francisco Theological Seminary. I am called to interim ministry and currently in Amarillo, TX.

## **Career News:**

Since our reunion, I have been in graduate school and finished my Masters of Divinity in May of 2007 at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Living on the west coast was a great experience, even with 6.2 million people. Thankfully, I did not experience an earthquake while I was there. Part of our education is also a one year internship which I completed in Paw Paw, MI, which is in the southwest part of the state. It is a gorgeous area with lots of trees, lakes, and orchards. Currently I am in Nebraska, while waiting a call to a church.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

Masters of Divinity, San Francisco Theological Seminary, May 2007

Diploma, Art of Spiritual Direction, San Francisco Theological Seminary, January 2008

## **Advice to Students:**

Veterinary medicine gave me a great foundation for working with all kinds of people in many different, and many time difficult, situations. Always be honest with your clients. They will appreciate it in both the good situations as well as the difficult times.

## **Class Comments:**

As much as I enjoyed veterinary medicine, I have not missed it. I thought I might miss doing surgery every morning, but I do not. Having a medical background is beneficial when making hospital calls. I am able to explain some of the medical jargon, but it also means that I can tell when the people are not hearing the seriousness of what a diagnosis and/or prognosis may be.

I have found in my interviews with churches thus far, many people are fascinated at my switching careers from veterinary medicine to ministry. In reality, they are both caring professions. I spent just as much time helping owners understand as I do now...just on a slightly different subject.

# Frances Miava Binkley

## Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983



# Thann Rebecca Boyum

**Company:** Thann R Boyum DVM Mobile Equine Health Care

**Career News:**

I am still the owner of an integrated equine practice which serves primarily English sport horses. I also do some small animal acupuncture.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Class Comments:**

I hope everyone will learn a little about acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine...another dimension of medicine that we can offer our patients.

# Willard Landers Bratton

**Company:** Bratton Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Barbara Bratton

**Children:** Sophie (05/23/1990)

**Education:**

BS, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1972

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, NWAVMA

# Daniel Louis Brod

**Company:** Deer Creek Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Val Brod

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian Partner, Deer Creek Animal Hospital, Littleton, CO, 1983-present.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1977 MS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Carol Sue Brune

**Company:** Retired

**Spouse:** J.W. Brune

**Career News:**

I retired from Hill's Pet Nutrition in February, 2011, by participating in a Voluntary Early Retirement Program. Currently, helping my husband with our cattle operation.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# Gabriel B Castro

**Company:** Condado Veterinary Hospital

**Children:** Gabriel (01/05/1984)  
Giancarlo (02/05/1986)  
Alana (07/30/1995)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Instructor, Kansas State University, 1983-1985; Veterinarian, Gerson Animal Hospital, 1985; Veterinarian, Caribe Vet Hospital, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1985-1987; Owner/Veterinarian, Condado Veterinary Hospital, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1987-present.

## **Career News:**

Condado Veterinary Hospital is AAHA accredited (2000). Owner of Isla Verde Veterinary Hospital and Iturrequi Veterinary Hospital.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AAHA, Puerto Rico VMA

## **Offices Held:**

Puerto Rico VMA, Secretary, 1991-1992;

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Merck Manual Award, Merck, Manhattan, KS, 1983; Coach, Fraigcoma Soccer League, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1990-1993, Board of Directors, Culebra Beach Villas; Board of Directors, Las Casota, at El Conquistador Golf and Casino Resort; Owner, Culebra Vacations and more.

## **Class Comments:**

Come and visit in Puerto Rico.

# Michael Thomas Cavanaugh

**Company:** American Animal Hospital Association

**Spouse:** Beth Ann (Cavanaugh) Cavanaugh

**Children:** Caitlyn Cavanaugh (12/30/1984)  
Kevin Cavanaugh (10/21/1989)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Mixed Practice Veterinarian, Dwight Veterinary Clinic, Dwight, IL, 1983-1984; Small Animal Practice Veterinarian, Homestead Animal Hospital, Englewood, CO, 1984-1985; Emergency Veterinarian, Animal Hospital Emergency Service, Englewood, CO, 1984-1985; Small Animal Practice Veterinarian, Belcaro Animal Hospital, Denver, CO; 1985-1988; President, Animal Disposal Company, CAV, Inc., Topeka, KS, 1990-2005; Owner/President, West Ridge Animal Hospital, P.A., Topeka, KS, 1988-1996; Consultant, Pet Nutrition, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., Consultant, Topeka, KS, 1993-1996; Technical Services Director, HESKA Corporation, Fort Collins, CO, 1996-2000; Pfizer Animal Health, Area Veterinarian, Senior Area Veterinarian, Manager Area Veterinarian, 2000-2003, Director, Veterinary Specialty Team, Director, Combined Veterinary Specialty Team, 2003-2008, Director, Veterinary Hospital Services, 2008-2010, ;CEO, American Animal Hospital Association, Lakewood, CO, 2010-present.

Served on the Executive Board for the KSU Veterinary Medical Alumni Association's Central Committee, Executive Board for the Pet Trust Committee and Dean's Liaison Committee for the KVMA at Kansas State University.

## **Career News:**

I was director of Veterinary Hospital Services with Pfizer Animal Health until January 2010. In January 2010, I became CEO of the American Animal Hospital Association. I continue in that role.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983  
Certificate in Veterinary Practice Administration, Veterinary Management Institute  
Diplomat of American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (Canine/feline), 1996  
2007 - Recertified with ABVP through 2016

## **Professional Memberships:**

COVMA, AVMA, AAHA, KVMA, DAVMS

## **Offices Held:**

Leadership Identification Committee, American Animal Hospital Association, 2007-2009; Awards Committee, American Animal Hospital Association, 2005 to 2007; Leadership Council, American Animal Hospital Association, 1996 to present; Member Representative for Kansas, American Animal Hospital Association, 1995 to 1996; Management Committee, American Animal Hospital Association, 1993 to 1995; Member at-Large, Central Committee for KSU Veterinary Alumni Association, 1994 to 1998; Member, KSU Pet Trust Committee, 1994 to 1996; Dean's Liaison Committee, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, 1990 to 1996; President, Topeka Veterinary Medical Association, 1990 to 1991; Secretary, Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society, 1987 to 1988.

## **Board Certifications:**

ABVP

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

2002 Alumni Recognition Reward, Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Western Veterinary Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

2009 Industry Partner of the Year, Colorado Veterinary Medical Association

Served on the AAHA Council of 100, Management Committee and as Member Representative to the Midwest Region

Served on the Executive Board for the KSU Veterinary Medical Alumni Association's Central Committee, Executive Board for the Pet Trust Committee and Dean's Liaison Committee for the KVMA at Kansas State University.

February 2011, Pioneer Professional Award, Vet Partners

June 2012, Distinguished Alumnus Award, VMAA at Kansas State University

2002 - KSU VMAA Alumni Recognition Award, WVC

Named a 2017 Changemaker by MeetingsNet

**Family News:**

Caitlyn just finished her Masters in Library Science and works for Denver Public schools in a high school library. She is engaged and will be getting married on October 25th.

Kevin is almost finished with a degree in International Business from Metro State University in Denver. He is a bartender at several live music venues and is making a name for himself in the world of electronic music.

Beth is the Lower School Director at the International School of Denver. She has a pretty good commute from conifer each day but loves the school and the kids.

**Advice to Students:**

Be accountable for your own education and stay humble. Anyone who is truly at the top of their game will never exude an aura of arrogance...they don't need to.

**Class Comments:**

Let's retire!!

# William Graham Chester

**Company:** Sacandaga Vet Clinic

**Spouse:** Lynn Marie Chester

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983



# **Kenneth Charles Chmelka**

**Company:** Aspen View Vet Hospital

**Spouse:** Janyce Chmelka

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Tad B Coles

**Company:** Tad B. Coles, DVM

**Spouse:** Cynthia (Cooley) Coles

**Children:** Sarah Cassidy "Cassie" (05/1984)  
Jacob Robert (02/1988)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I'm working as a freelance medical writer after five years of duty as a technical service veterinarian in the pharmaceutical industry; Heart of America Professional Network, Facilitator, 1995-present; Kansas University Medical Center Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, voting member; Certified completion of the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) Pharmaceutical Specialty Core Curriculum Program in 2004; Mid-America AMWA Chapter, past membership chair; Mid-America AMWA Chapter, current newsletter chair; AVMA Ethics Task Force, current member.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, KCVMA, American Medical Writers Association

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Kansas City VMA Executive Board (KCVMA), Past President and current member.

# E Kathryn Cook

**Spouse:** Neil Ahle

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Timothy Gress Dawson

**Company:** Bi State Large Vet Hospital

**Spouse:** Laura (Fowler) Dawson

**Children:** Millikin Georgi Dawson (04/16/1999)

**Education:** Milton Gress Fowler Dawson (02/08/2001)

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

WYVMA, AVMA

**Advice to Students:**

Seek out expanded business knowledge; a good CPA is the cheapest hired man around. Have confidence in your training; don't trust any potential employer under five feet tall.

**Class Comments:**

Hi folks- what happened to the time?

# **Bradley M DeBey**

**Company:** Retired - Kansas State University

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Donald Lee DeShazer

**Company:** Spanish Trail Pet Clinic

**Spouse:** Lynda R (Nicholson) DeShazer

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Small Animal Veterinarian, Mesa Veterinary Hospital, Mesa, AZ, 1983-1984; Small Animal Veterinarian, Sunrise Pet Clinic, Tucson, AZ, 1985-1995; Started solo small animal practice, Spanish Trail Pet Clinic, August 1995 - currently a two DVM practice.

**Career News:**

Solo practice owner of Spanish Trail Pet Clinic established 8/1995. CO2 Lasers are a blast!

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Arizona VMA, Southern Arizona VMA

# **Marilyn Kay Dickens**

**Spouse:** Ricky Lee Dickens

**Children:** Jessica (10/09/1990)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, Chisholm Trail Animal Health Care Center, Wichita, KS, 1983-1992; Veterinarian, Animal Medical Center of Reno, Reno, NV, 1992-1995; currently a Veterinarian/Owner of Superstition Animal Hospital, Mesa, AZ.

## **Career News:**

After 16 years of practice ownership I sold my practice May 2016 and am now doing relief work in the Phoenix area.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

AZVMA, AVMA

## **Offices Held:**

President, Wichita VMA, 1990.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Wichita Cat Fancy, Secretary, Wichita, KS, 1991-1992.

Three-day Walk for Breast Cancer, 2006

## **Family News:**

Rick is retired due to back problems.

Jessica is an assistant manager at a dog day care in Gilbert, AZ.

## **Advice to Students:**

Be willing to learn from experienced practitioners as well as teach us older veterinarians a new trick or two!

## **Class Comments:**

I look forward to seeing you at the 5 yr. reunions and how the heck did we get this old. I can't believe it's been 35 years since we graduated.

# Loren Estel Dickens Jr

**Company:** Neodesha Animal Care Clinic

**Spouse:** Cindy Denise (Klingenberg) Dickens

**Children:** L.J. (09/13/1982)  
Erin (02/26/1985)  
LeAnn (05/03/1987)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Originally went to Oklahoma City and was staff veterinarian for Oklahoma City. We purchased a practice in Cherryvale, KS, in 1984 and sold the practice in 1994. We moved to Neodesha, KS, and started the Animal Care Clinic.

## **Career News:**

I am still practicing small animal medicine at Neodesha Animal Care Clinic.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1978 DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

President and Vice-President, Board of Directors, Radiant Electric Cooperative; Member, Grace Baptist Church in Neodesha.

## **Family News:**

L.J. has a civil engineering degree and is finishing his masters degree at K-State in may of 2008. Has taken a position at HNTB in Kansas City. Erin graduated from K-State and is currently teaching first grade in Ottawa, KS. LeAnn will be a senior at K-State and will have a dual degree in social services and family planning. After graduation she plans on going to law school.

## **Advice to Students:**

Don't neglect your family for the purpose of making a living. We can always make money but can never get back the times we have missed with our loved ones.

## **Class Comments:**

I still enjoy my occupation but as I get older it is becoming more difficult to tolerate humans!!



# David M Drake

**Company:** Rainbow Valley Vet Clinic

**Spouse:** Krista (Brown) Drake

**Children:** Todd (05/1990)  
Ty (03/1992)  
Taylor (04/1994)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, Dean Veterinary Clinic, Wills Point, TX, 1983-1985; Associate Veterinarian, Lakeside Veterinarian Clinic, Rockwell, TX, 1985-1988; Started Rainbow Valley Veterinary Clinic in 1990. Building practice and raising a family.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Wichita VMA.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

President of Derby Chamber of Commerce in 1999. In 1994 and 1995 served as president of the Derby Rotary Club.

# Jeanne Louise Durbian-Ramirez

**Company:** All Creatures Small Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Vincent Ramirez

**Children:** Frank  
Deanna  
Mikaela  
Lindsay

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Staff Veterinarian, Animal Emergency Clinic, Independence, MO, 1983-1986; Associate Veterinarian, Blue Valley Animal Hospital, Stanley, KS, 1983-1986; Associate Veterinarian, Noah's Ark, Kansas City, MO, 1987-1988; Manager/Veterinarian, Animal Emergency Clinic, North Kansas City, MO, 1988-1990; Owner/Veterinarian, All Creatures Small Animal Hospital, Overland Park, KS, 1990-present.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Offices Held:**

Hospital and DVM Member, AAAH, 1990; AVMA, 1983; KCVMA, 1983; KVMA, 1983.

## **Family News:**

I raise Belgian Tervuren and train and own nationally ranked obedience dogs. We also participate in agility, tracking and some herding events along with conformation shows. My husband Vince is associated with FEMA and Search and Rescue groups as well as being an AKC Tracking Dog Judge. I currently am an AKC obedience, rally, and tracking judge also while continuing to compete in all venues, including agility with our home bred champion Belgian Tervuren

# Glenn Allen Engelland

**Company:** Sun Valley Embryo Transfer P.A.

**Spouse:** B Kay (Beineke) Engelland

**Children:** Erin (08/31/1983)  
Alex (03/23/1989)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Have been active in the American Embryo Transfer Association (AETA), currently chairman the Certification Committee which oversees the certification of practitioners to collect and process embryos for export to many countries including Europe, Japan, China, Australia. Have been on Kansas State University's Extension Board in Salina and Ottawa counties for over 25 years, helping form a district from two county boards.

## **Career News:**

Continue to practice embryo transfer. It remains challenging and exciting as the field of reproductive technology advances.

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AABP, Saline County VMA, AETA (American Embryo Transfer Association)

## **Offices Held:**

American Embryo Transfer Association board of directors 8 years KSU Central Kansas district Extension board member 1992-2020

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

President, American Embryo Transfer Association 2012

## **Family News:**

I have become Poppy to daughter Erin's 3 little people, aged 5 to 9 who live just an hour away. They love to come to the farm, and we enjoy going to many events, from ballgames to stage productions . Son Alex is a Pharmacist and has moved back to Salina to practice.

# Donald Jim Fager

**Company:** All Pets Animal Clinic

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Christina H Fahrenholz

**Company:** Pleasant Hill Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Charles Hollett Fahrenholz

**Children:** Adam (04/11/1984)

**Career News:** Keith (07/30/1989)

Small animal/ mixed animal prakingdomtice, suburban Kansas city.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

NRHA,AQHA,AHA,4H, local equestrian orgs.

**Family News:**

2018, semiretirement.

**Advice to Students:**

It had better be fun.

**Class Comments:**

What crazy times. I'm not really that old, am I?

# **Brad Decker Fansher**

**Company:** Fansher Angus Ranch F-7

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# **William Earl Frazee**

**Company:** Frazee Veterinary

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Valerie Jean Gaeth

**Company:** Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Gary John Gaeth

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983



# Loree Gaines

**Company:** Cameron Univ, Dept of Biological Sciences

**Spouse:** Ronald L. Gaines

**Children:** Matthew A. Gaines (05/30/1984)  
Mark B. Gaines (05/10/1989)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Served as an Army Veterinarian for 20 years. Was stationed in Delaware, Germany, South Carolina, Kansas, South Korea, and Oklahoma. After retiring from the Army I was employed by Cameron University.

## **Career News:**

For the last 5 years I have been teaching Physiology at Cameron University, primarily to pre-nursing students.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

MPH, University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, 1996

## **Professional Memberships:**

OKVMA, AVMA, KVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

I am currently a member of Lions Club International.

## **Family News:**

In the last 5 years both my sons have graduated from college. Matthew has a Masters degree in Computer Science from the University of Oklahoma and works for a defense contractor in Norman, OK. Mark graduated from Idaho State University with a BS in Nuclear Engineering and is currently in the US Navy.

## **Advice to Students:**

Study hard but take time to enjoy yourself. You have chosen a great career, and all the sacrifice and hard work now WILL be worth it!

## **Class Comments:**

Hope to see as many of you as possible in June.

# James Brian Hall

**Company:** Bayer Animal Health

**Spouse:** Sandy (Donaldson) Hall

**Children:** Matthew (10/1983)  
Brandon (11/1985)  
Michelle (03/1991)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, Hays Veterinary Hospital, Hays, KS, 1983-1986; Veterinarian, Belcaro Animal Hospital, Denver, CO, 1986-1989; Veterinarian, Hays Veterinary Hospital, Hays, KS, 1989-1994; Manager of Professional Services, Fort Dodge Animal Health, 1994-2001; Associate Director, Professional Services, Fort Dodge Animal Health, 2002-2003; Director, Professional Services, Fort Dodge Animal Health, 2004-2005; Senior Director, Professional Services, Fort Dodge Animal Health, 2006-2009; Senior Associate Director, Veterinary Technical Services, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health, Oct. 2009- Oct. 2012; Manager Veterinary Product Support, Bayer Animal Health, Oct. 2012-Aug 2020; Senior Director Operations, Product and Veterinary Support. Elanco Animal Health Aug 2020- Dec 2021.

## **Career News:**

Most recently I was the Senior Director Operations, Product and Veterinary Support with Elanco Animal Health. On August 1, 2020 Bayer Animal Health was acquired by Elanco Animal Health. Since the acquisition I have been involved with Leading the Integration of the legacy Bayer 'Veterinary and Product Support Center' and legacy Elanco 'Product and Veterinary Support' Centers into a single 'Elanco' Product and Veterinary Support team. The completed full integration process of the two large teams of veterinary professionals was successfully completed as of August 1st, 2021. The integration process involved a great deal of collaboration between the two legacy teams to align on aspects including department Policies and Procedures, Product Cross-Training, Pharmacovigilance database harmonization, Phone System merger and Customer Experience management. In addition to the intra-departmental integration task, significant collaboration has taken place with numerous other Elanco departments in order to maintain compliance with the various regulatory agencies involved in the Animal Health industry. My employment with Elanco has ended as of December 31, 2021.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1978  
MS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AABP, KCVMA, AVC, AAIV

## **Offices Held:**

President, KSU VMAA for one year.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Author, Scientific Paper, Journal of Animal Science, 1982; Author/Researcher, Scientific Paper, Journal of Animal Science, 1987; Phi Kappa Phi, 1978; Gamma Sigma Delta, 1977; Outstanding Young Men of America, 1982; Member and past president, KSU CVM VMAA; Member, KSU CVM Pet Trust Board, 1992-2005; KSU VMAA Alumni Recognition Award, CVC, 2006.

## **Family News:**

All 3 of our children are KSU graduates. They are the 4th generation to graduate from KSU. We are lucky to have 8 grandchildren with whom we Love spending as much time as possible.



# Timothy W Hawks

**Company:** Mobile Veterinary Services

**Spouse:** Jacqueline A Hawks

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# **Bill John Hessman**

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Jennifer L Reed Hinde

**Company:** All Creatures Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Randall W Hinde

**Children:** Daughter, Bryce Lauren Hinde (11/12/1993)

**Career News:**

Proprietor and solo small animal practitioner, All Creatures Animal Hospital, Fort Scott, KS. Established 1990.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Family News:**

Our daughter, Bryce finished her freshman year of college at University of Kansas where she is a member of the women's Jayhawk swim team. Our home is in rural Fulton, KS.

# Randall W Hinde

**Company:** Linn County Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Jennifer L Reed Hinde

**Children:** Daughter, Bryce Lauren Hinde (11/12/1993)

**Career News:**

Associate Veterinarian at Linn County Vet Clinic since 1989, mixed practice.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

**Family News:**

My daughter, Bryce, graduated from KU. She is currently attending graduate school at West Liberty University, West Virginia in the Physicians Assistant program.

# Thomas Kenyon Holenbeck

## Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983



# William J Howard

**Company:** Howard Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Donna J (Deters) Howard

**Children:** Alexandra Howard (04/30/1985)  
Gabrielle Howard (05/16/1988)  
Colten Howard (10/28/1993)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Have been active in a mixed animal practice, small, large, exotics. Equine medicine has been the most challenging and rewarding over the last ten years. We have added an equine surgical room which has enabled us to do more abdominal surgeries in the equine practice.

## **Career News:**

I have been active in the humane society board giving discounts for new adoption of pets- Reducing prices of spays and neuters so that all animals adopted can not reproduce.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

SDVMA, AVMA, Humane Society, Zoological Society, Equine Board State

## **Advice to Students:**

Get involved in the type of veterinary medicine you would most likely excel in. It may be small, large, zoo, exotic, or a government type of career, but which ever you choose always keep an open mind to other choices that you may want to pursue as you get older.

## **Class Comments:**

I hope that all the practicing veterinarians can keep a positive attitude despite all the government controls that are placed on the actively practicing veterinarian.

# Victoria Lynn Howell-Sylvester

**Company:** Victoria L Howell DVM

**Spouse:** Scott Sylvester

**Children:** Sam (08/13/1986)  
Gaelan (08/04/1989)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I started my small animal practice in 1990 and purchased the building/land in August 1996.

## **Career News:**

Still solo. Not burned out anymore because we have an emergency clinic close by (operating 24/7).

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## **Family News:**

We lost our beloved son Sam, in the Kootenai River, Libby, MT, at 12:43 pm July 25, 2008. Our life changed forever at that moment.

Gaelan lives and works in Missoula, MT.

## **Class Comments:**

Hope you are all well. If I don't see you for the 25th, I will come back for the 30th.

# James M Humphrey

**Company:** Johnson County Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Debra Humphrey

**Children:** Jason Humphrey 12/29/85

**Education:** Jacob Humphrey 3/6/88

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Nancy Ann Janisch

**Company:** United Campus Christian Fellowship

**Children:** Mark Alexander Janisch Jones (12/30/1993)

**Education:** Samuel Anthony Janisch Jones (07/04/1996)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

Master of Divinity, Saint Paul School of Theology, 2005

**Professional Memberships:**

XXVMA, OTHER, there is no way to opt out of VMA membership, but I have none.

**Offices Held:**

Oakland County VMA, Vice President, 1992

# Manuel Jesus Jayo

**Company:** Tengion, Inc.

**Spouse:** Marcela Heinrich

**Children:** Alicia (01/1987)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Professor, Wake Forest University School of Medicine; Director of Pre- and Post-DVM Research Training, NIH-funded; Comparative Medicine Pathologist, teaching in Indonesia and Indonesian Veterinarians; Conducting research with non-human primates as animal models of human disease; Senior Director, Tengion, Inc., Devices industry, Toxicologic Pathology Regenerative Medicine.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, STP, ACVP, CMVPR (College of Veterinary Medicine at Puerto Rico).

## **Board Certifications:**

ACPV

# Kendal Dean Johnson

**Company:** Quad-County Veterinary Clinic

**Children:** Joshua Johnson (06/1979)  
Nick Johnson (05/1983)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Owner, Tri-County Veterinary Clinic, 1983-94; Left Pella, IA, and moved to Harlen, IA, 1994; presently, large animal associate in Shelby, IA.

## **Career News:**

Mixed animal practice in west central Missouri. Chasing kids and grandkids along with stepdaughters.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

MOVMA, AVMA, ACV, MO Cattlemen's

## **Offices Held:**

Southwest Iowa VMA, Member-staff, 1996-1998.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Jaycees, Director, Pella, IA.

## **Advice to Students:**

Enjoy school and strive to do your best. Don't forget where you come from as you progress professionally.

## **Class Comments:**

Hope everyone is as healthy as possible. I'd invite anyone to visit if in area of the Missouri Lakes.

# Stuart G Johnson

**Company:** Animal Surgery Center

**Spouse:** Lisa L Johnson

**Children:** Braden G. Johnson (07/13/1988)

**Career News:** Evan S. Johnson (10/09/1990)

Opened Animal Surgery Center of Houston, 2004

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

MS, Surgery, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

TXVMA, AVMA, ACVS, VOS

**Board Certifications:**

ACVS

**Class Comments:**

Hope to see you in June

# Mike A Jones

**Company:** Seneca Veterinary Clinic PA

**Spouse:** Tresa D (Vogelman) Jones

**Children:** Kelly (04/20/1983)

**Education:** Bret (09/02/1986)

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AASV, AVMA, AABP



# Linda Sue Kauffman

**Company:** Burnt Fork Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Stephen Kauffman

**Children:** Stephen Frazee (05/15/1989)  
Laura Frazee (03/05/1992)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Intern, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, 1983-1984; Relief Veterinarian, MT, 1984-1987; Partner, Frazee Veterinary Service, Coffeyville, KS, 1987-1993; Returned to Montana and began doing relief and part-time work in western Montana at several practices, 1993-1999; Purchased a mixed practice in Stevensville, MT, 1999, Burnt Fork Veterinary Clinic. Practiced in leased facility: including a new facility from 2003-2008. We anticipate moving into our own building summer of 2008 in a better more visible location.

## **Career News:**

Still a practice owner, practicing 4 plus days a week. Primarily small animal with few small ruminants, pigs and horses thrown in. As of 2008 now own the building and land the practice operates in. The 'new' place in 10 years old! Employ an associate veterinarian who works 4 days a week.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

MTVMA, AVMA, AAEP, Montana Vet Med Assoc.

## **Offices Held:**

Montana Board of Veterinary Medicine, all positions, 6 years, 2000-2006; Board of Western Montana Small Animal Emergency Clinic, at large member, 1 year; Emergency Clinic board, one of the owners.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Advisory board Stevensville School District, active as a youth leader and committee member in Stevensville United Methodist Church.

Survived the school of "Hard Knocks"

## **Family News:**

Son Stephen and wife, Kimberly have made us grandparents, Ella Jolyn born Sept. 9. 2016. Stephen is an engineer (civil and environmental) in Butte MT. Laura has her degree in secondary education, but has returned to Stevensville to be my office manager as of Sept. 2017.

## **Advice to Students:**

Seriously consider the debt you will incur going to veterinary school.

## **Class Comments:**

I hope to see as many as possible June 2018!

# Joe D. Kendall

**Company:** Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

**Spouse:** Donna J. (Bratle) Kendall

**Children:** Ethan P. Kendall (10/05/1996)

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Board Certifications:**

ABVT

**Class Comments:**

I would enjoy hearing from my classmates and catching up on the last 35 years.

# **Julie Denise Krogh**

**Company:** Banfield Pet Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Silver Lining Award for Volunteerism 2012

Hamilton Award for Volunteerism 1997

# Michael Dudley Larosh

**Company:** Dechra Veterinary Products

**Spouse:** Dee Larosh

**Children:** Matthew (03/01/1984)

**Education:** Jessica (09/01/1986)  
Taylor (06/27/1992)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA

**Class Comments:**

Great to see many of you at Veterinary meetings.

# Dean Charles Layh

**Company:** Denton Animal Hospital

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

AVMA member, AQHA and Texas AQHA Member.

**Career News:**

Owner of private practice, Denton Animal Hospital in Denton, TX.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# Donald Scott Lewis

**Company:** Randleigh Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Lisa Lewis

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Stephen Douglas MacCabe

**Company:** Job's Peak Veterinary Hospital

**Children:** Shawn

**Education:** Ericka

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Jane MacDonald

**Spouse:** Patrick MacDonald  
**Children:** Cara Camac 1984  
Jessica Rawson 1986  
Clinton MacDonald 1988

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Owned a clinic in Marysville, Ks for first 10 years after Pat graduated. Moved to Smolan when my parents started experiencing health issues and ran out own clinic and farmed.

## **Career News:**

We have retired from vet work, except for our own and our children's. Trying to keep up with grandchildren farm work and cattle is busy enough.



# Sara L Mark

**Company:** Southwest Veterinary Hospital

**Spouse:** Stuart Mark

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Southwest Veterinary Hospital, Owner, Littleton, CO, currently. Was published in Chicken Soup for the Pet Lovers Soul, June 1998

I volunteer at Children's Hospital Colorado, with the Prescription Pet Program for which I wrote and maintain the protocol. I also volunteer with a Social Skills class for young children on the autism spectrum.

In 2012 I was very fortunate (and amazed) to be selected as an Alumni Fellow for the College of Veterinary Medicine - an incredible honor! I subsequently served on the Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association Board of Directors for 7 years.

## **Career News:**

I'm still working. The practice is growing, I've managed to avoid a corporate buyout so far, and still love what I do every day. But I would like to retire!

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

COVMA, AVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Consulting Veterinarian Children's Hospital Colorado (2000 - present), Active Volunteer Children's Colorado (1985 - present), Volunteer of the Year, The Children's Hospital, 1991; Master Instructor, Pet Partners Program, National Standards Committee for Animal Assisted Activities and Therapy; Volunteer, The Children's Hospital of Denver Prescription Pet Program, 1985-1989; President, Prescription Pet Chapter, 1987-1989; Board of Directors of Association of Volunteers of Children's Hospital, 1989-1993; Vice President of Chapter Development Children's Hospital; Vice President of Education Children's Hospital; Veterinary Advisor to Prescription Pet Program, 1985-present; 2012 Alumni Fellow, KSU CVM; President, ADPi Denver Alumnae Association, 2013-2015. KSU Veterinary Medicine Alumni Fellow 2012.

## **Family News:**

Our pet count is up to 4. I recently was bequeathed a 5 year old Ragdoll by a client. We have 3 Norwich Terriers: Annie, Sweetie, and Token (they got their names from their breeder!)

## **Advice to Students:**

Learn something new everyday. When you find yourself exhausted, remember how much you know, how smart you are, and how many lives you impact everyday.

## **Class Comments:**

Put KSU in your estate plan and help the future!

# Belinda Joy Mason

## **Career News:**

After leaving a very successful practice with my ex-husband (also classmate) in 2000, I have been successfully consulting individuals in various businesses, veterinary and otherwise. I find that helping people do better in their businesses, makes them happier and so they can service their public to the best of their abilities and everyone wins.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AAVA, AHVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Los Encinos Kennel Club member; Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of Southern California member; Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America Member. Professional management consultant and active in my church and all of the aforementioned clubs.

## **Family News:**

I have gotten divorced and started a new business on my own.

## **Advice to Students:**

Do what you can to learn about the management of a veterinary hospital and definitely hone your skills in communication with the client. It is amazing how many veterinarians don't listen to the client and don't acknowledge that the client can know more about their pet in ways that the vet can't know.

## **Class Comments:**

Hi, I hope you are all happy in your practices and lives. Hasn't the scope of veterinary medicine changed since we graduated?

# **Roland W May**

**Company:** May Family Farms

**Spouse:** Pamela R (Jorns) May

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Mark Alan Mears

**Spouse:** Cindy Ann (Pflumm) Mears

**Children:** Cassidy Mears 7/28/87  
Madison Mears 3/17/93

# Dallas W Meek

**Company:** USDA APHIS VS

**Spouse:** Caroline J Meek

**Career News:**

USDA APHIS VS Veterinary Medical Officer

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# Gary Ray Miller

**Company:** USDA-FSIS

**Spouse:** Judy Earline (Beedles) Miller

**Children:** Halee Rae (11/17/1983)  
Tanner Dee (08/12/1992)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, Oakley, KS, 1983-1984; Associate Veterinarian, Crossroads Clinic, Phillipsburg, KS, 1984-1990; Veterinary Medical Officer, USDA-FSIS-IO, Dodge City, KS, 1990-present.

## **Career News:**

Worked for the United States Department of Agriculture. Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, KVMA, 1983-present; National Association of Federal Vets, 1990-present; AVMA, 1983-present.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Vice President, Phillipsburg Gun Club, Phillipsburg, KS, 1984-1990; Trustee, United Methodist Church, Phillipsburg, KS, 1990; Trustee, United Methodist Church, Dodge City, KS, 1992-1995 and 2002-present; Member, Dodge City Roundup, 1990-present, Roundup Board of Directors, 2001-present.

## **Class Comments:**

Please stay in touch.

# Scott Michael Moore

**Company:** Cody Veterinary Hospital

**Spouse:** Shelly Moore

**Children:** Justin Moore

**Education:** Stephanie Moore Shugart

BS, Animal Science, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, 1979  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

WYVMA, AVMA, AAEP, AABP, AETA

**Offices Held:**

President, Wyoming VMA, 1996

**Family News:**

Justin now has two children; Hayden age 4, and Madisyn age 1. Stephanie has a son, Jackson age 1.

# Deborah A Diehl Nelson

**Company:** Blue Hills Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Timothy Nelson

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983



# Dan Lynn Nielsen

**Company:** St Paul Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Mary Jo (Nekoliczak) Nielsen

**Children:** Justin (1982)  
Marcus (1985)  
Jessica (1986)  
Kelsey (1988)  
Jordan (1992)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, St. Paul Veterinary Clinic, St. Paul, NE, 1983-present. Became half owner of the St. Paul Veterinary Clinic in 1992. Softball/Baseball Coach, Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, several local foundations and organizations, Athletic Booster Club, Community Choir.

## **Career News:**

Practicing at St. Paul Veterinary Clinic

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Mayor, St. Paul, NE, 2002-present.

## **Family News:**

4 oldest kids all to college and beyond - only 1 left at home

# **Rebecca K Nilson-Bassette**

**Spouse:** William R Bassette  
**Children:** Emma (12/29/1993)  
**Career News:** Molly (03/10/1996)

Private practice, mixed animal.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Robert G Nutsch

**Spouse:** Barbara A Nutsch

**Children:** Jon Barr  
Jason Barr  
Laura Nutsch  
Benjamin Nutsch

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Private practice in Iowa from 1983-1997.

## **Career News:**

1997-1999 attended Iowa State University. 1999 to present clinical investigator for Pfizer.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

Executive Veterinary Medical Program University of Illinois 1991-1993

MS, Iowa State University, Swine Production Medicine, Ames, Iowa, 1999

MBA, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 1999

## **Professional Memberships:**

MIVMA, AVMA

# Daniel Joel Oestmann

**Spouse:** Susan Maria (Williams) Oestmann

**Children:** D.J. (12/03/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I have done so many things other than I thought I went to vet school for. Teaching, research, business.

## **Career News:**

Private practice for one year, relief work for the next. The last three years at Baylor College of Medicine as a clinical lab animal vet. Last three years have been interesting with three different directors, three different associate directors, several complete changes of staff, a quarantine of the facilities, and then the devastation of tropical storm Allison June 8, 2001. Four and a half feet of water in an 80,000 mouse vivarium is not good.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

PhD, Texas A&M University, Veterinary Microbiology, College Station, Texas, 1994

## **Professional Memberships:**

TBALAS, CL Davis, AALAS

## **Family News:**

Every one else's kids seem to be in high school or college. Mine just started kindergarten.

## **Advice to Students:**

I still haven't figured out what I want to do. So do not sweat it so much.

## **Class Comments:**

Same as before - Keep Peddling

# Lee Charles Olson

**Company:** Village Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Sarah Lucile (Brass) Olson

**Children:** Stephan (08/1987)  
Elizabeth (05/1989)  
Caroline (03/1991)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, Sand Springs Veterinary Clinic, Sand Springs, OK, 1983-1985; Associate Veterinarian, Wichita Emergency Vet Clinic, Wichita, KS, 1985-1989; Associate Veterinarian, East Central Vet Hospital, Wichita, KS, 1989-1993; Owner/Veterinarian, Village Animal Hospital, May 1993-present.

## **Education:**

BS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1979  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAFP

## **Offices Held:**

Chairman, KVMA Foundation, 1997-2000; District Trustee, KVMA, 1988-1992; Various Offices, Wichita VMA.

# Richard William Olson

**Company:** Buffalo Vet Clinic P.C.

**Spouse:** Cyndia (Widener) Olson

**Children:** Richard Lane Olson (04/21/1985)  
Katy Mae Olson (11/29/1986)  
Kallie Rene Olson (02/06/1997)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Equine practice, Monticello, IL, 1983-1984; Large Animal practice, Buffalo, OK, 1984-1990; Racetrack practice, Sallisaw, OK, 1990-1991; Large Animal Practice, Buffalo, OK, 1991-present; Buffalo School board, (15 years); Methodist Church trustee, present.

## **Career News:**

Still lucky to be able to do the work I like. I have a younger partner and younger associate who are good workers.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

OKVMA, AVMA, AAEP

## **Family News:**

We are grandparents of 3 under 3 years of age. Cyndia got a diagnosis of esophageal cancer 4 1/2 years ago. We went to M.D. Anderson and after radiation, chemo, and a brutal surgery all is well. We had great people praying. Lane is a M.D. in Lakin, KS, Katy is an R.N., and Kallie is a college Junior.

## **Advice to Students:**

Find a good mentor to work for after graduation.

## **Class Comments:**

Getting older ain't for sissies. If you get your back against the wall with a tough cancer situation, we were impressed and are eternally grateful to M.D. Anderson in Houston. I'm also convinced prayer worked.

# Eric David Osterman

**Company:** Vet Pets PC

**Spouse:** Carol Lynn (Brennan) Osterman

**Children:** Matthew George Osterman (06/14/1996)

**Career News:**

Built a free standing clinic.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

TXVMA, AVMA

# Daniel Louis Otto

**Spouse:** Melinda Joyce (Bates) Otto

**Children:** Megan (12/9/1981)  
Brian (08/10/1984)  
Jeffrey (03/05/1987)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, Lincoln Land Animal Clinic, Jacksonville, IL, 1983-1985; Veterinarian, McCook Animal Clinic, McCook, NE, 1985-1987; Owner/Veterinarian, Red Willow Animal Clinic, McCook, NE, 1987-1992; Pfizer Tech Service, Lee's Summit, MO, 1992-93; Merck Tech Service, 1993-2003; Professional Veterinary Products (Distributor), Omaha, NE, October 2003-May 2005; Associate Veterinarian, Stone House Animal Hospital, Topeka, KS, May 2005- December 2006; Associate Veterinarian, Greystone Animal Hospital, Manhattan, KS, December 2006-May 2007; Associate Veterinarian, John Young Pet Hospital, Kissimmee, FL, July 2007-December 2007; Owner/Veterinarian, Superior Veterinary Care, Lincoln, NE, March, 2008. In 2014 I started Cotner Pet Care in Lincoln and in April 2019 I sold both clinics to CareVet corporation.

## **Career News:**

I purchased Superior Veterinary Care in Lincoln, NE, 3/2008. In 2014 I started Cotner Pet Care in Lincoln and in April 2019 I sold both clinics to CareVet corporation. Melinda and I retired and moved back to Manhappiness in July of 2019.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, KVMA

## **Family News:**

Megan graduated from SMU in Seminary 2013  
Brian graduated from KSU 2009 and Ultrasound Cardiology  
Jeff graduated from KU 2008 in economics and finance

## **Advice to Students:**

If you want to practice you need to get out and pay attention to your employer and remember he is making a living doing this and your professors were teaching general technique.

## **Class Comments:**

I hope they have all had as much fun as I have had over the last 40 years.



# James Martin Pajl

**Company:** Veterinary Medical Clinic

**Spouse:** Martha Ann (Orpin) Pajl

**Children:** Elizabeth Ann Pajl (03/29/1983)  
Matthew James Pajl (05/20/1984)  
Joseph Benjamin Pajl (01/27/1988)  
Jacquelyn Marie Pajl (11/26/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, Animal Health Clinic, Redfield, SD, 1983-1984; Associate Veterinarian, Vet Supply & Service, Yankton, SD, 1984-1986; Co-Owner/Veterinarian, Yankton Vet Clinic, Yankton, SD, 1986-1988; Owner/Veterinarian, Veterinary Medical Clinic, Yankton, SD, 1989-present. Chairman of Yankton County Extension Board; 4-H Leader of Shooting Sports 4-H club; Yankton High School Booster Club Member.

I did complete (initial & final) testing research in the development of the Pseudorabies Serum National Virus Neutralization Test with John McAdaragh. in 1976-77 at south Dakota State University and then final test system was sent to the National Animal Disease Lab in Ames, Iowa to be used nationally for testing of the virus in swine serum. It was then used as the official United States test for Pseudorabies. I discovered the second energy route in the Porcine Kidney Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Complex in 1978 while working with porcine kidneys at the PhD Biochemistry Lab at Kansas State University. In the summer of 1981 while doing Hessian Fly research with the USDA at Kansas State University, I developed a method for cleaning sap juices of sucking insects; and chemically, the method to open their jaws to allow studying the mouth parts and the method in which they feed.

## **Career News:**

My practice is over 95% small animals medicine, surgery and dentistry. We also offer boarding and grooming services. I work with 4-Hers and high school seniors wanting exposure to veterinary medicine. I raise a small herd of purebred Angus cattle that have their own names and are very tame.

## **Education:**

BS, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 1975  
MS, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 1978  
BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981 (Dairy Science)  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

SDVMA, AVMA, AABP, Society for Theriogenology, NVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Author, Local Newspaper Vet Column, 1984-2002. 1999 Honored Friend of 4-H; 1998-2007 4-H Leader of Shooting Sports 4-H Club; 1999-present Chairman of Yankton County Extension Board; 1998-present Yankton High School Booster Club Member; 2001-present; Yankton Chamber of Commerce Member 2001-present; Yankton Harvest Halloween Festival Community Dog Walk. 2014-present; 4-H judge, 1988-present.

## **Family News:**

Martha and I still work together operating our veterinary business with four full time employees. We celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary in 2015 with a trip to our state's beautiful Black Hills, riding on an 1880's train, hicking and site seeing. Our oldest daughter, Elizabet, is an Architect in San Antonio, Texas for HEB stores and designed

her new home that she and her husband, Walter who is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Texas-San Antonio, just moved into Christmas 2017. Our oldest son, Matthew, is a Civil Engineer for HR Green in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and his wife Rachel, a pharmacist for Sanford Hospital, have given us our two grandsons and two more children arriving in June 2018 (as the saying goes - buy one get one free). Our youngest son, Joseph, does research at Poet ethanol plant in Scotland, South Dakota and helps me with the cattle operation. Our youngest daughter, Jacquelyn, is a senior at South Dakota State University majoring in Animal Science with interest in Beef Genomics. She has worked with research animals at South Dakota State University. She also has been taking Pre-veterinarian curriculum. She is involved with the genetic choices and nutrition of our herd and helps me pick out which AI sire to use with each of our female cows.

**Advice to Students:**

Remember that God is in the miracle making business in those living animals he gives us stewardship over.

**Class Comments:**

Keep your eyes upon the Great Physician and you will see before your eyes, real healing miracles. I still enjoy working with my animal clients.

# **Becky Lynn Peterson**

**Company:**      Animal Clinic of Bayonne

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# James D Pillen

**Company:** PST Veterinary Services

**Spouse:** Suzanne (Schreve) Pillen

**Children:** Sarah S. Pillen (02/20/1981)  
Brock A. Pillen (03/03/1983)

**Career News:** Polly A. Pillen (11/01/1985)

The last 5 years of the pork industry have proved both successful and challenging. We have expanded our swine operations to include production units in Nebraska, South Dakota, and Minnesota. This expansion has allowed PST to remain competitive in the global market. PST currently has a breeding stock of 63,000 sows and owns over 600,000 market and nursery hogs. In addition, I was fortunate to purchase an interest in Danbred North America swine genetics company, which is tied to the Danish genetics program. Danbred NA's genetics produce 7,000 AI boars and 14,400 Landrace and Yorkshire gilts per year, and its gene center produces 2,110,000 semen doses annually, and has customers throughout the US and Canada.

## **Education:**

BS, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1979  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

AASV, National Pork Producers Council, Pork Action Group, Governor's Task Force

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Nebraska Distinguished Entrepreneur, Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship at UNL's College of Business Administration (2008); Hall of Fame Award, Voluntary Pork Checkoff (2007); Football Hall of Fame Inductee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2004); Business Excellence Achievement Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration (2003)

## **Family News:**

My wife, Suzanne and I have been blessed with 3 children. Sarah recently got married and is currently an attorney in Lincoln. Our son Brock will be married this upcoming summer, and he is in leadership with Danbred North America. Our youngest daughter, Polly, is attending the University of Missouri and will be traveling to Belize to work with the Jesuit Social Justice program. We have also welcomed a 4 year old boy into our home and have been legal guardians of Izic for the past 2 years.

## **Advice to Students:**

The sooner you understand that you have just begun learning and that you will continue to learn throughout the rest of your life, the better quality of life you will have.

## **Class Comments:**

I hope everyone loves what you are doing from the education you received.

# Larry Casper Rawson

**Company:** USDA/APHIS/VS

**Spouse:** Marcie Midori (Fukunaga) Rawson

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Advice to Students:**

Remember those FADs

**Class Comments:**

Aloha

# David E Ray

**Company:** Perry Creek Animal Hospital

**Children:** Audrey (01/04/1987)  
Kristen (06/19/1989)  
Allie (05/17/1993)  
Steph (03/27/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Owner/Operator, Perry Creek Animal Hospital, 1983-present.  
Owner/Operator, Morningside Animal Hospital, 2013-present.

## **Career News:**

Still working but only because I can't find doctors to work full time-The man power shortage is tough on us old guys!!

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, PVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Junior Achievement Volunteer of the Year, 2005.

## **Family News:**

Remarried in 2014 so now I have 4 daughters and 2 granddaughters. Still travel the USA in our 42 ft. motorhome. In 2015 we got a 45 cutaramua and plan sailing the world in 2021.

## **Advice to Students:**

Veterinary Medicine is a wonderful career-but learn to work hard and play hard so you have a great life balance.

## **Class Comments:**

Time to start winding it down and enjoying the next phase-Retirement!

# David Jeffery Robinson

**Company:** Evergreen Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Rebecca (Lippy) Robinson

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Mixed Animal Practice, Parker Animal Hospital, Parker, CO, 1983-1984; Small Animal Practice, Alameda East, Capitol Hill Animal Care, Metro Denver, CO, 1984-1986; Relief/ House call Veterinary Services, Metro Denver, CO, 1986-1988; Owner/Co-owner, Southwest Veterinary Hospital, Littleton, CO, 1988-1995; Veterinary Account Manager, Hills Pet Nutrition, Incorporation, 1995-1998; Medical Technical Consultant, Heska Corporation, 1998-2001; Medical Consultant, Intervet Incorporation, 2001-2005; Veterinarian for LuLu Mobile, Denver Dumb Friends League; Volunteer Surgeon, Divine Feline, 2005-present.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

COVMA, AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Volunteer Veterinarian, The Children's Hospital Prescription Pet Program, Denver, CO, 1985-1995; Visiting Volunteer, The Children's Hospital Prescription Pet Program, Denver, CO, 1985-1989; Wildlife 2000, surgical sterilization and chemical controls for beaver populations, Metro Denver/ Reno, NV; Volunteer, Service Dog Associations (Freedom Service Dogs, Mountain Harmony Service Dogs, Mountain Harmony Rescue); Surgical volunteer and Associate Board member, Devine Feline Spay/Neuter Feral Program, Denver, CO.

# Lou Elliott Scott

**Company:** Jetmore Veterinary Service

**Spouse:** Janice Scott

**Children:** Janelle Scott (08/1986)

**Education:** Shane Scott (07/1989)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

VMA, AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Active in Local Lions Club



# Lynn Shively

**Company:** Retired - Westside Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Mark Shively

**Children:** Kristen (12/04/1989)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Have been owner of Westside Vet Clinic since 1985.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

MOVMA, AVMA

**Family News:**

My husband Mark was killed in an auto accident in year 2000. Kristen and I have moved to town. Life goes on.

**Advice to Students:**

Study!

**Class Comments:**

Call if you are in the Jefferson City area!

# **John C Showalter**

**Spouse:** Tammy Showalter

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Leilani Wysee Sim-Godbehere

**Spouse:** Brent Godbehere  
**Children:** Charles Sim Rawson, MD (06/30/1985)  
Montana Jade Sim Godbehere (02/04/2000)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

My daughter and I are great supporters and volunteers of our local Kauai Humane Society. I am very involved with our local multi-use trail advocacy group.

## **Career News:**

Relief work and part-time small animal practice.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

HIVMA, AVMA

## **Offices Held:**

Oahu Representative, Hawaii VMA, November 1990-October 1993; President, Hawaii VMA, November 1993-October 1994; Kauai Representative, Hawaii VMA, present.

## **Family News:**

Daughter Montana will graduate from High School this Spring 2018. Son Charles is now finally working as a neuro radiologist for The Veteran's Admin with Honolulu.

## **Advice to Students:**

Always keep yourself with eyes wide open and a willingness and desire to keep learning.

## **Class Comments:**

I hope you and your families are all healthy, happy and prosperous. Keep in touch by email: [lsimgod@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lsimgod@hawaii.rr.com)

# Herbert Wayne Sloan

**Company:** Equine Medicine

**Spouse:** Meredith Cox Sloan

**Children:** Jake Sloan (1980)

**Education:** Sarah Sloan Burton (1982)  
Rebecca Sloan (1985)  
Austin Sloan (1989)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AAEP

# Paul Wayne Slyter

**Company:** Bonner Springs Animal Care Center

**Spouse:** Lola (Farr) Slyter

**Children:** Cody  
Shane

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Moved to Paola, KS, in 1993 and bought one-half of the practice there.

**Career News:**

Sold one-half ownership of practice in Paola, KS, in January of 2002. Became sole owner of new practice, Bonner Springs Animal Care Center, Bonner Springs, KS, January 2003.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# William Leroy Sofield

**Company:** Bedford Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Barbara J (Johnson) Sofield

**Children:** Heather (05/31/1977)

**Education:** Kristin (03/05/1981)  
Caitlin (12/08/1985)

BA, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, 1972

MS, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, 1975

PhD, Kansas State University, Pathology, Manhattan, Kansas, 1978

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

NHVMA, AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Elder at Bedford Presbyterian Church.

# **Kent D Stauffer**

**Company:**      Animal Emergency Relief Center

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# Stephanie L Streitz

**Company:** Shorewood Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Dan Streitz

**Children:** Daniel Jr (12/10/1985)

**Career News:** David (10/24/1987)

Sarah (11/03/1989)

I continue to enjoy being a small animal general practitioner. I recently joined a new hospital that will allow more travel time. As the career winds down it's good to take time for yourself.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, Kanawha Valley VMA, Chicago VMA

## **Family News:**

Daniel Jr. is now practicing dentistry with his father. David will be graduating from dental school in 2014 and Sarah is a teacher and is currently working on her Master's degree.

## **Class Comments:**

Where did the time go? Hope everyone is happy and healthy.



# Lynn Dale Stucky

**Company:** Animal Hospital on Milam Road

**Spouse:** Lori Ann (Evans) Stucky

**Children:** Evan Dale Stucky (03/21/1990)  
Lyndi Ruth Stucky (05/04/1992)  
Malori Mae Stucky (11/09/1993)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, Westgate Vet Hospital, Denton, TX, 1983-1985; Owner/Partner, Westgate Vet Hospital, Denton, TX, 1985-1997; Owner/Partner, Sanger Animal Hospital, Sanger, TX, 1985-1997; Owner, Animal Hospital on Milam Road, P.C., Sanger, TX, 1997-2013.

## **Career News:**

Owner of Animal Hospital on Milam Road and also Texas District 64 Representative.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

TXVMA, AVMA, KS VMA, CO VMA, Denton County Veterinary Medical Association; Texas House of Representatives; Denton and Sanger Chamber of Commerce; Kanakuk Institute Board of Directors

## **Offices Held:**

Board member and President of Sanger Independent school district, Executive member Sanger Chamber of Commerce; Advisory Board of Denton Animal Shelter; International Animal Advisory Board- Bayer Animal Health.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Board Member, Sanger Chamber of Commerce, Sanger, TX, 1987, 1988, 1989; Board Member, Denton Young Life, Denton, TX, 1986-1996; Denton County Livestock Association, Denton, TX; Blue Ribbon Club, Denton, TX; Sanger ISD board member 1997-2012; Denton county development district 8, vice president. Citizen of the year 2003 and 2007; Veterinarian of the Year 2016- Vital Pet

## **Family News:**

Our son got married, all kids graduated from college and have jobs; I won election for TX State Rep.

## **Advice to Students:**

Stay focused; hard work pays off; when you get a job - be involved in the community.

## **Class Comments:**

Come see us in Texas!

# Ronald Stephen Svec

**Company:** VT-NH Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Priscilla (Blodgett) Svec

**Children:** Hannah Lindsey Svec (06/04/1992)  
Victoria Grace Svec (08/15/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Partner in 4-doctor mixed practice (practice that I've stayed with since KSU graduation.) Presently focusing on small animal and exotic medicine and surgery.

## **Career News:**

The practice is now limited to small animal/exotics/equine. We are now a five doctor practice with a large, excellent support staff. I participate as a trail veterinarian for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, serve as Secretary to the Board of the ISDVMA, the state Liaison for the AAV and enjoy my position on the State Veterinary Medical Board. I am especially proud of the practice that my partners, staff and I have built since I started 25 years ago. I work with great people.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1978  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

VTVMA, AVMA, AAHA, ISDVMA, AAV

## **Offices Held:**

State Liaison for Association of Avian Veterinarians  
Currently serving on State of Vermont's Veterinary Medical Board

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Coach middle school girls soccer team, as well as baseball and basketball; active member of Vermont Soccer Officials Association (high school and college). I received an award from Defenders of Wildlife for wildlife rehabilitation work.

## **Family News:**

Hannah is now 15, enjoys and excels in soccer; she is a talented student, has her driving permit and works at my clinic as a part time receptionist. Victoria (Tori) is in 5th grade, loves to play sports- baseball/softball, soccer and especially basketball. Enjoys and does very well in school and playing the violin. Priscilla, my wonderful wife of 20 years, has a well respected physical therapy practice nearby. She stays active physically with running and skiing. She is active in community and church activities and is an awesome mom!

## **Advice to Students:**

Take advantage of learning opportunities in all of your interests. Work hard to be the best you can be, learn and develop the art and skill of effective communication and always put your heart into your work. Let your clients and patients, know that you truly care for them. Keep your family and friends at the center of who you are and what you do in life. Maintain a sense of humor. Laughter really is good medicine for the soul. Enjoy and be proud of your chosen profession.

## **Class Comments:**

We really did have a GREAT class! I think we made the most of our 4 years together both academically and socially. It has been great to see some of you through the years. If you are in New England come visit us in Vermont!



# James Richard Swanson

**Company:** Welborn Pet Hospital W

**Spouse:** Lisa (Hellwig) Swanson

**Children:** Alan (01/18/1981)

**Career News:** Brad (06/20/1983)  
Kyle (06/23/1986)

Opened a dog park and dog daycare as a second family owned business.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAV

**Family News:**

Alan and Brad both married. Alan/Alisha and Brad/Amber both expecting March 2008. In 2006, opened "Swanson's Dog Park and Daycare" in Shawnee. Wife, Lisa, and sons Brad and Kyle are running this business.

# Terry N Terhune

**Company:** Retired

**Spouse:** Karen Terhune

**Children:** Dustin  
Sarah  
Rebeccah

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, Franklin Park Animal Hospital, Franklin Park, IL, 1983; Veterinarian, Valley Veterinary Hospital, South Windsor, CT, 1983-1985; Instructor of Pharmacology, Department of Anatomy and Physiology, KSU, Manhattan, KS, 1985-1988; Research Scientist, Developmental Research, US Animal Health Division, Pfizer, Inc, Lee's Summit, MO, 1988-1990; Product Development Associate, Animal Health Group, Pfizer, Inc, NY, 1990-1991; Vice President of Research, Health Management Services, Inc, Tulare, CA, 1991-1997. President of HMS Veterinary Development, Inc, Tulare, CA, 1997-2018.

## **Career News:**

Retired and sold my pharmaceutical development business and moved to Sublimity, OR in 2018.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

XXVMA, AVMA

# Juan Sigfredo Torres

**Company:** Hos De Animales De Caguas

**Spouse:** Mayra Jimenez

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, CMVPR, AAV

# Jeffrey Franklin Van Petten

**Company:** Meriden Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Jackie Marie (Baker) Van Petten

**Children:** Jolie Ann Van Petten (09/15/1988)  
Jarek Allen Van Petten (09/17/1993)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, Meriden Animal Hospital, 1984-present;

**Career News:**

Enjoy practice of alternative medicine and the rewards of its success.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State Univeristy, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983  
IVAS certification 1988

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAEP, IVAS, AAVA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

USD 340 School Board- Currently Board Vice-President, Past President; Meriden Chamber of Commerce; Wrangler Division National Director for the National High School Rodeo Associaton, State adult president wrangler division, member of USD 340 school board

**Family News:**

Our energy has been focused on hauling our children to high school and wrangler division rodeos. Jolie is a freshman at K-State this fall and is college rodeoing. Jarek continues to rodeo and enjoys playing football and basketball.

**Advice to Students:**

Read Dave Ramsey's books

# Tamra Hellen Walthall

**Company:** La Vega Vet Clinic  
**Spouse:** Roy Walthall  
**Children:** Telly Rae Walthall (01/21/1988)  
Rydell Walthall (07/22/1991)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, La Vega Veterinary Clinic, Waco, TX, 1986-present; Part-time veterinarian, Humane Society of Central Texas, Waco, TX, 2010-present.

## **Education:**

BS, Biology, New Mexico Tech, Socorro, New Mexico, 1979  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

TXVMA, TAVP

## **Offices Held:**

Board of Director, Texas VMA, 1992-2005, 2006-2017  
School Board Trustee, La Vega ISD, May 1992-2010  
Vice President, TAVP, 1993-present  
President, TAVP, 2015-2016  
TVMA executive board, council chair, present (on track to becoming President in 2023)

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

1st President of the Timbercrest Neighborhood Association, 1987  
City of Waco Animal Control Board, 2003-2011  
City of Waco Animal Welfare Board, 2011-2015

## **Family News:**

Went on a around the world in 80 days with Husband. Visited Japan, China, Russia, Scandonavia, Europe, Mediterranean, Morraco.

## **Advice to Students:**

Get involved in your state association. They are there to protect your profession.

## **Class Comments:**

Howdy!!!



# John Thomas Weigandt

**Company:** Riverbend Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Jacklyn K (Eye) Weigandt

**Children:** Katherine  
Anna

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, River Bend Animal Clinic, Moline, IL, 1983-present.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

**Professional Memberships:**

ILVMA, KVMA, Quad City VMA, AAHA/Midwest Small Animal Association, Local Arrangements Chair, 1985-present.

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Author, River Bend Clinic Computer Software; Veterinary Reference Source on Pets Form CompuServe Information Service; Music Ministry, Christ the King Catholic Church, Moline, IL, 1983-present.

# William I. Wiatt

**Company:** Pet Hospital Veterinary Corp.

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Internship, West Los Angeles Veterinary Medical Group, 1983-1984; Owner, Animal Health Clinic, Taos, NM, 1984-1993; Owner of Pet Hospital Veterinary Corp., 1993-2017.

## **Career News:**

I sold my hospital on Aug 17th 2017. I am working one day a week and on call for surgeries (the ones no one else wants to do) plus ultrasound exams. In July 2016 I purchased a house in Taos, N.M. and will end up there permanently around springtime 2019. All classmates are invited to visit me and have fun! (Must have outrageous vet stories to tell!)

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1980  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

CAVMA, AVMA, AAHA, Southern CA VMA

## **Family News:**

I am still a single workaholic, still tolerated by girlfriend.

## **Advice to Students:**

Always look up words you don't understand, stop the lecturer to define words in class- you are helping a lot of other people too, when you do this. (The ones who give you grief didn't know the word either.)

## **Class Comments:**

I think our class is the best group of 103 people I've ever been associated with!

# Neil Eugene Willard

**Company:** Mesa Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Rebecca (Ralph) Willard

**Children:** Dustin (12/1985)  
Cashion (06/1987)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Opened my own clinic in November of 1992.

## **Career News:**

Still trying to find a capable associate.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Family News:**

Try to attend the kid's activities, football, volleyball, track, golf, etc. Also try to attend several K-State football games.

# Janet Lynne Winter

**Company:** Winter's Countryside Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Larry A Winter

**Children:** Jonathan Winter (11/02/1984)  
Shane Winter (10/04/1987)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Besides our clinic, we operate an Equine Reproduction Center at our home place.

## **Career News:**

I am still practicing full time (Small animal medicine and Laser surgery). We will be celebrating our clinics 40th Anniversary this summer, since we built it in 1983.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1981  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Member and officer in Beta Sigma Phi, leader of 4-H dog club.

## **Family News:**

Our oldest son Jonathan joined our practice. It truly is a family business. We are proud grandparents of four beautiful granddaughters and one grandson.

## **Advice to Students:**

Soak up all the information you can while in school, because its after graduation you start learning. The day you quit learning is the day they bury you.

## **Class Comments:**

Everyday is a blessing! Reconnect to family and friends!

# Larry A Winter

**Company:** Winters Countryside Vet Clinic PC

**Spouse:** Janet Lynne (Wallman) Winter

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

# David Mark Ylander

**Company:** Alliance Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Kathy Ann (Snyder) Ylander

**Children:** Kevin Andrew Ylander (08/13/1983)

**Career News:** Rebecca Ann Ylander (03/24/1987)

Bryce Allen Ylander (11/14/1990)

Brandon Darin Ylander (12/17/1991)

I joined Alliance Animal Clinic in August of 1999 and became a full partner in Alliance Animal Clinic in January of 2001. My practice emphasis is 90% companion and exotic animals involving medical cases such as diabetes, hypothyroidism, pancreatitis and Cushing's disease. It also involves surgery. I especially like stifle surgery (corrective surgery for damaged anterior cruciate ligaments) and orthopedics. I earned a certification in Veterinary Acupuncture and regularly treat a variety of patients, large and small.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1983

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAEP, AVDS, Nebraska Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

## **Offices Held:**

Currently serving as President Elect for NVMA, (will serve as President of NVMA in 2004)

Secretary-Treasurer of NVMA, 2002; Chairman, NVMA Continuing Education Committee; Currently serving as vice-chairman, Nebraska Board of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery (term on board, 2000 - 2005); Past President, Nebraska Academy of Veterinary Medicine.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Past Rotary Club President, Past Rotary Assistant District Governor; Rotary Paul Harris Fellow; Vice-chairman, Box Butte County Chapter, American Red Cross; Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 175, Geneva, NE, 1983-1999; Committee Chairman, Boy Scout Troop 344, Alliance, NE, 2000 - 2002; Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 216 Alliance, NE, 2003-present; President, St. Johns Lutheran Church Council, Alliance, NE, 2003-2005; KSU VMAA Alumni Recognition Award, NVMA, 2010.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Charlotte S Aitchison DVM**

Died May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1994.

### **Clell J Solomon DVM**

Solomon, Clell Jeffrey, Sr. Clell, a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend, passed away August 26, 2017. The funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2017, at University Congregational Church, 9209 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, KS 67226. He is survived by his loving wife, Melody Lau-Solomon; three loving sons, Clell (Emilia) J. Solomon Jr., Philip (Emily) C. Solomon, and Peter J. Lau; loving daughter, Tiffany M. Lau; and three joyful grandchildren, Alexandra, Samantha, and Christopher. Additionally, he is survived by his parents, Frank and Jaquelyn Sue Solomon; his sister, Pamela (Gary) Shaffer; and brother Paul (Kim) Solomon. As well as many other family members and friends.

### **Dennis L Sones DVM**

Dr. Sones (KSU '83), 56, Sycamore, Ill., died Nov. 15, 2006. He owned Sycamore Animal Hospital for the past three years. Dr. Sones also owned a mobile veterinary laser practice. Early in his career, he worked as a sales representative for Hill's Pet Nutrition and VPI Pet Insurance.

### **Linda J Kassebaum DVM**

Linda Josephine Kassebaum Johnson, daughter of John Philip Kassebaum and former Kansas Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum, died early on December 6, 2020 from the effects of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy at her home in Buena Vista, Colorado. She was born in Wichita, Kansas in 1958 and grew up in Maize. She was a graduate of Kansas State University (B.S., D.V.M., M.Sc.), and the Johns Hopkins University (postdoc and M.P.H.).

She was always a mother first, but that was closely followed by her life-long passion for veterinary science. After earning her D.V.M., Linda joined the Peace Corps as a veterinarian, and was placed in Togo, West Africa where she met her former husband, Maurice Johnson. Her career spanned the globe, with positions at the Anschutz Medical Campus, University of Colorado; James Cook University in Queensland, Australia; Tri-Institution's Laboratory of Comparative Pathology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering; the Yale University College of Medicine; the Veterinary Laboratories Agency of the UK government in Weybridge, England; Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C.; and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, N.Y. She was a member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, American Veterinary Medical Association, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, and the CL Davis/SW Thompson DVM Foundation. Linda also co-authored over 50 peer-reviewed scientific articles, served on the editorial board for several journals, and received the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Recognition.

Linda loved spending time with her family, having a host of animals nearby (she was a volunteer at the Denver zoo), rooting for Arsenal F.C., bird watching, travelling, and seeking adventure—

like tracking tree kangaroos in the Daintree. She is survived by her three children, Elsa, Margot, and Kristian, her mother, two brothers, John and Bill, and their families, as well as many relatives and friends. We will miss her.

### **Lyman L Kruckenberg DVM**

Dr. Kruckenberg (KSU '83), 50, Topeka, Kan, died April 4, 2001. Until his death, he was program manager for the Kansas Department of Agriculture in Topeka. Dr. Kruckenberg practiced in Ellis, Kan, from 1984-1997. He then joined the USDA, working as a meat inspector for a year before moving to the Kansas agriculture department.

Survivors include his wife, Ginger.

### **Michael E Vogt DVM**

Dr. Michael (Mike) Vogt was born January 3, 1953 in Sentinel, OK. He passed away in Springtown, TX on January 24, 2019. Mike graduated Dodge City, KS High School in 1971 and attended Kansas State University graduating with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1982.

He is survived by his daughter Megan Schultejans (Greg), Corning, KS, father Elmer Vogt, San Angelo, TX, brother Wes Vogt, Wickenburg AZ, and sister Barbara Owens, Topeka, KS his 4 grandchildren, Cooper, Dylan, Lilly and Mason and man's best friend Pita. He was preceded in death by his daughter Lacy Deters and his mother, Bobbie Vogt.

He established Vogt Equine and throughout his career practiced in Kansas, Colorado, and Texas. His passion for providing quality care to equine was second to none.

Mike will be greatly missed by his family, friends, clients and colleagues.

### **Richard L Cook DVM**

Richard Leon Cook, DVM, 53, of Foxfire Village, died Friday, November 5, 2010, in Goldsboro, NC.

Richard was born September 10, 1957, in Ness City, Kansas, a son of the late Omer and Elsie Griffith Cook. He was an active member of First Assembly of God in Rockingham and a graduate of Kansas State University, Class of 1983, where he obtained his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He was employed with the USDA/FSIS as a Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer. His brother, George Cook, preceded him in death.

Surviving is his wife, Devonne Pudge Cook; sons, Zane Cook, Joel, Seth, Caleb and Joshua Cook; daughters, Victoria and Elizabeth Cook; granddaughter, Allija Cook and a sister, Katherine Thomas.

### **Robert G Ryan DVM**

Dr. Ryan (KSU '83), 47, Springboro, Ohio, died July 31, 2001. He practiced in Springboro. Prior to that, Dr. Ryan practiced in Troy, Ohio. He was a Navy veteran.



Dr. Ryan is survived by his wife, Victoria. His brother, Dr. George F. Ryan (KSU '76), and sister-in-law, Dr. Ann L. Baker (OSU '77).

**William David Tryon DVM**

William was born on November 11, 1954 and passed away on Monday, August 8, 2016. William was a resident of Phoenix, Arizona.