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Alber, Michael J.

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Anderson, Amy K.

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Anderson, Debra A.

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Anderson, Gary A.

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Anderson, John G.

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Baar, Stephen L.

*September 12, 2017

Barber, Deborah (Axthelm)

*August 28, 2005

Beaty, James R., Jr.

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Beeley, Ronald L.

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Berkowitz, Jerome P.

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Birtell, Virginia L.

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Bosomworth, Alan G.

*August 2, 2021

Brownback, Alan L.

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Buller, Patricia L. (Shank)

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Campbell, Terry W.

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Casselberry, Thomas E.

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Channel, Stephen R.

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Clayton, Thomas G.

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Clement, Roger J.

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Crofoot, Steven F.

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Cullor, James S.

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Dana, Joshua Duke

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Davenport, William L.

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Davila, Gaspar M.

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Dietrich, Susan M.

*March 18, 2008

Dockter, Timothy A.

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Eckstein, Jon M.

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Eilert, Mary C. (DeBey)

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Elsom, David M.

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Erickson, Russell W.

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Finnegan, Niall B.

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Gammill, William Terry

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Gemar, Steven L.

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Gianforte, Thomas J.

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Goosen, Jerry L.

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Graney, Eugene E.

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Gray, David C.

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Griffiths, Jack B.

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Harrison, C. Reed

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Haver, David P.

*November 3, 2014

Henderson, Marcia A. (Hillard)

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Herman, Kenneth M.

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Hightower, Curtis E.

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Hodes, Steven B.

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Huebert, Michael A.

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Hutchinson, Donald A.

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Jacquot, David C.

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Jernigan, Thomas M.

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Johnson, David E.

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Johnson, Gary W.

*September 11, 2008

Johnson, John M.

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Joss, Judy M. (Sirridge)

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Kobuszewski, Michael C.

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Korb, Rebecca J. (Pfannenstiel)

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Koster, Gerald F.

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Kraft, James N.

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Leishman, Leon D.

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Lewis, Timothy R.

* July 25, 1984

Longabach, Jay O.

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Magerkurth, John H.

*December 2, 1996

Malone, Michael J.

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Marsteller, Thomas A.

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Mason, William H., Jr.

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Massengill, Charles E.

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McClendon, Jeanette B.

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McCune, Myron W.

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Moore, Patricia (McCreight)

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Nietfield, Jerome C.

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Nottingham, David L.

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Orchard, Michael J.

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Palmer, Keith A.

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Patterson, Brian L.

*October 14, 2017

Pattison, Martin L.

*September 23, 2023

Read, Arden E.

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Risch, James M.

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Ritter, Larry A.

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Rocheleau, Wayne F.

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Rokusek, James D.

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Schaad, Duane A.

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Shaw, Zane A.

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Sourk, Charles W.

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Splichal, Richard B.

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Stanley, Mark A.

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Stewart, Roy E.

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Stiefel, Steven M.

*February 25, 2021

Streeter, David J.

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Summers, Mary Sue

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Szczawinski, Thomas A.

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Thouvenelle, G. John

*April 29, 2018

Tucker, Teresa D.

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VanMeter, Thomas A.

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Valle, Jose A. V.

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Walker, Robert D.

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Warren, Rodger C.

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Webb, Harold L.

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Whalen, William M.
* June 25, 2002
Winchester, William R.

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Wolf, Gregory A.
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Michael J Alber

Company: College Garden Animal Hospital

Spouse: Dianne R. (Murphy) Alber

Children: Anthony M. (09/12/1972)
Jessica S. (10/23/1978)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Mixed animal practice, Roswell, NM, 30 years. The practice is changing from large food animal to more small animal medicine. Equine has stayed about the same. We are very lucky and don't have a slow time of year.

Career News:

We sold our practice to NVA in January 2012. My partner and I contracted to work full time for 2 years. I then worked 20 hours a week and am about ready to retire.

Education:

BS, Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, 1969
MSW, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1972
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

NMVMA, AVMA, AAEP, CCVMA

Offices Held:

Board Member, New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine, 1995-2002; Board Member, New Mexico VMA, 1991-1994; President, New Mexico VMA, 1994; President, Chaves County VMA, 1983, 1987, 1990, 1994, 2010-2017. SWVS 2004-2011.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

N.M. Veterinarian of the Year, RISD School Board member and president, Roswell Library Board member and president, Roswell Rotary Paul Honoree Fellow.

Family News:

Tony is a veterinarian in Mesa, Arizona. Married with 2 boys. Jessie is pharmacist in Albuquerque, N.M.. married with 2 boys

Advice to Students:

Be flexible as our profession is changing rapidly.

Class Comments:

I hope your lives have been as blessed and good as ours have been. It has been a great ride.

Amy Kimbrough Anderson

Company: Yalesville Veterinary Hospital

Career News:

After 35 years practicing emergency surgery medicine, last 5 years in day practice as relief.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

CVMA

Debra K Anderson

Company: Westport Animal Clinic

Spouse: Bill Lloyd Anderson

Children: Jessica (08/09/1980)

Career News: Travis (02/03/1983)
Mike (02/19/1985)
Scott (08/22/1990)
Tyler (05/04/1992)
the two youngest sons we adopted from Russia in 1995.

Established Westport Animal Clinic in 1981 in Topeka, Kansas - 30 years private practice. Jennifer Howe is my associate, with Ginger Bistell doing relief work for me.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, Topeka VMA

Offices Held:

Served two years on Board of Veterinary Examiners, 2 years; Member of KVMA Legislature Committee, four years. Helping Hands Humane Society Board, 3 years; Dean search committee, Community Band advisory Board, 3 years.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Member, Bell Choir at Christ the King Church; Member, Kaw Valley Bicycle Club. Bill and I have established 2 K-State Scholarships, one for pre-medical students in honor of an infant nephew who passed away and the second is in honor of a very close friend who died tragically, and that one is for those in the education field.

Family News:

Our oldest son practices in Minneapolis, MN. Our second son received his MBA in April 2009. Bill and I have been lucky enough to travel to Italy, France, Germany (twice), Australia (twice), New Zealand, Holland, Russia, the Baltic States, and Bonaire, St. Croix, Cayman Island. We have 6 grandchildren, 3 live in Topeka and 3 live in Texas. Bill and I love to snorkel, swim, bike, garden, and kayak

Advice to Students:

I have a poster that reads 90% of your happiness depends on who you choose to marry. I think that 90% of your happiness in your professional life depends on who you choose to practice with and the staff you choose. I have been very fortunate on both choices.

Class Comments:

Some days I feel like it took me the first 20 years of practice to get proficient at it, so I hate to retire completely as I am now getting the hang of it.

Gary Allan Anderson

Company: Kansas State University

Spouse: Millie Anderson

Children: Andy - August 30, 1979
Kyle - March 17, 1982

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska, 1983-1988; Associate Professor, University of Nebraska, 1988; Director, R & D Regulatory Affairs, Sanofi Animal Health, Inc., Lenexa, KS, 1988-1993; Vice President, Sanofi Animal Health Inc., Lenexa, KS, 1993-1995; President/Owner, IMMTECH Biologics, LLC, Bucyrus, KS, 1995-2002; Vice President and Site Manager, Novartis Animal Health, Inc, 2002-2005; Professor and Director, Kansas State University Diagnostic Laboratory and Dept. of Diagnostic Medicine, 2005-2018; Director and Professor Animal Health and Food Safety Institute, KSU - Olathe 2018-present.

Education:

AA, Central College, McPherson, Kansas, 1972
BS, South Dakota State University, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
MS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
PhD, University of California, 1983

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AABP, ASM, KVMA, AVC, AAVLD, USAHA, NIAA

Offices Held:

Vice-President (2008), Pre-Elect (2009), President (2010) American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostic

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Kansas City Christian Schools, 1995-2001; Vice-Chair (2005-2009) and Chair (2009-present) Central Christian College Board of Trustees, 2005-2009.

Advice to Students:

Veterinary medicine provides many wonderful career options, do not limit yourself.

John Gerard Anderson

Company: West Michigan Veterinary Service

Spouse: Denise R. (Schumaker) Anderson

Children: Michael (09/26/1981)
Jacklyn (07/30/1984)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinarian, West Michigan Veterinary Service, Coopersville, MI, 1979-present. Partner in ten-person mixed veterinary practice with satellite clinic. Personally have been doing more dairy work.

Career News:

Still doing mainly dairy work at retirement. Had turned over many of the larger herds to younger veterinarians. Was able to step away from night calls the last 3 years. Still loved to practice, but retired 1-1-2019.

Education:

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

Professional Memberships:

MIVMA, AVMA, AABP

Offices Held:

President WMVMA (West Michigan) 1991; On the board of Georgetown Harmony Homes where our son lives. Adult foster care/assisted living. Financial secretary Knight of Columbus St. Michael council #9909.

Family News:

'Daughter married Ben Glerum. He graduated Facilities Management from Ferris State University and is in the foreign service. They worked for two years in Angola (Africa) and now in Chegdu, China at the consulate. Two beautiful grandchildren Sophia (5) and Toby (2).

I had left knee replacement 3 years ago, left shoulder superior capsular reconstruction 2 years ago and my right shoulder rotator cuff the middle of December 2018. Left carpal tunnel and hernias repaired in 2017.

Advice to Students:

Always do your best. Learn all you can. Try to always care. Clients can tell if you don't care. If you love what you do, you won't work a day of your life.

Class Comments:

Hope you all had a great time this past 40 years! I know I sure did.

James Robert Beaty

Spouse: Anna Catarina (Bacic) Beaty

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Vet., Lakeview Vet. Clinic, Mitchell, SD, 1979-present.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1977

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AAEP

Ronald Lynn Beeley

Spouse: Judith Beeley

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Jerome Philip Berkowitz

Company: Dr. Jerome Philip Berkowitz

Spouse: Nancy Jo Briggs

Children: Alayna Beth (10/29/1984)
Briggs Raaney (12/22/1995)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinarian/Director, A & R Veterinary Hospital, Ridgefield, NJ, 1979-2003.

Career News:

Semi retired relief veterinarian in Kansas and Missouri.

Education:

BA, George Washington University, Washington, DC, 1970

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Exchange Club, Ridgefield, NJ; Manufacturers Association.

Family News:

Alayna was married and just gave birth to my first grandchild--Kai Isreal--a boy on 8/24/18. We are travelling about 4-5 months a year.

Advice to Students:

Do the math! Make sure you know what you are getting involved in (vocational and financial!)

Class Comments:

Peace!!

Virginia Birtell

Spouse: John Birtell

Children: Joshua P.
Andrew W.
Jana

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinarian, Indian Hills Animal Clinic, Wichita, KS, 1984-1987; Relief Veterinarian, South Central Kansas, 1983-1984; Veterinarian, Applelane Animal Hospital, Hutchinson, KS, 1979-1983; Veterinarian, Burlingame Animal Hospital, Topeka, KS, 1988-1989; Part-time Veterinarian, Westport Animal Clinic, Topeka, KS, 1988-1989; Associate Veterinarian with Dr. Debbie Anderson at Westport Animal Clinic, 1989-present.

Career News:

Retired from Westport Animal Clinic, Topeka, KS in 2010. Since retirement, I have been doing veterinary relief in the Topeka area. I also work as a Para educator (sub) for elementary aged students.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Den Leader, Cub Scouts of America, Auburn, KS, 1988-1989; member of Auburn Christian Church where I teach Sunday School and am an AWANA leader. I also volunteer at Crisis Pregnancy Outreach of Topeka. I also try to be the best wife, "Mom", and Grandma possible!

Family News:

Our health has generally been good and our family has grown with the addition of grandchildren.

Advice to Students:

Temper your confidence with humility. Be confident of what you do know and aware of what you do not know.

Class Comments:

Appreciate each day.

Alan L Brownback

Company: Lyndon Vet Clinic

Spouse: Nancy Brownback

Children: Kyle (12/30/1979)

Education: Darcie (11/07/1981)
Grant (12/13/1983)
Lindy (08/08/1986)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Family News:

All of our children have received a BS from K-State. Kyle has a MD from KU, and he has completed a residency at Brown University Medical School. He is now on staff at Brown and lives in Providence, RI with his wife, Cher. Darcie joined the Peace Core and served in Moldova, afterward received a MSW from Washington University in St. Louis. She is now employed in the St. Louis school district. Grant is a Construction Engineer in Las Vegas. Lindy is in Law School at St. Louis University.

Terry Wayne Campbell

Company: Colorado State University

Spouse: Laura Campbell

Children: Brian Campbell (08/21/1990)
Aiden Campbell (10/14/1993)
Ian Campbell (01/29/1997)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Associate veterinarian, Bethel Animal Hospital, Kansas City, KS, 1979-1980; Veterinarian, Sunset Zoological Park, Manhattan, KS, 1981-1989; Veterinarian, Prairie Raptor Project, Culver, KS, 1981-1989; Director of Teaching Aviary and Wildlife Rehabilitation Program, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 1980-1989; Instructor, Department of Laboratory Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 1980-1986; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery and Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 1986-1989; Staff Veterinarian, Sea World of Florida, Orlando, FL, 1989-1995; Associate Professor of Zoological Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 1996-present; Chief Veterinarian, Colorado's Ocean Journey Aquarium, Denver, CO, 1997-2003; Chief Veterinarian, Landry's Downtown Aquarium, Denver, CO, 2003-present; Chief of Zoological Medicine, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 1997-present.

Education:

BS, Biology, Kansas State College of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, Kansas, 1972
MS, Animal Science, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
PhD, Clinical Pathology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987

Professional Memberships:

COVMA, AVMA, American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, Association of Avian Veterinarians, International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Director, Wildlife Rehabilitation, Manhattan, KS, 1982-1989; Director, Teaching Aviary, KSU, 1983-1989; Author, 4 books, Campbell, TW: Avian Hematology and Cytology, Ames, IA, Iowa State University Press, 1988 and 1995, Thrall M, Baker DC, Campbell TW, DeNicola D, Fettman MJ, Lassen ED, Rebar A, Weisser G [eds]: Veterinary Hematology and Clinical Chemistry, Baltimore, MD, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, 2004, Campbell, TW and Ellis, CK: Avian and Exotic Animal Hematology and Cytology. Ames, IA. Blackwell Publishing, 2007; 45 Book Chapters, 1986-2008; 49 Reviewed Publications, 1976-2008; 73 Proceedings and Limited Circulation, 1984-2008; 125 Lecturer, Continuing Education Programs [9 International], 1982-2008; Member, Audubon Society; Member, Nature Conservatory; Member, World Wildlife Fund; Research Grant, Association of Avian Veterinarians, 1986; Chairman, Avian Section, Eastern States Veterinary Conference, Orlando, FL, 1986-1989; Member Board of Directors, Association of Avian Veterinarians [AAV], 1985-1989; Scientific Editor, Journal of the Association of Avian Veterinarians, 1987; Chairman, Research Committee, AAV, 1987-1989.

Thomas E Casselberry

Company: Thomas E Casselberry DVM

Spouse: Claudia (Batchelor) Casselberry

Education:

BS, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California, 1969
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AAEP, Kansas VMA, California VMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Napa Valley Horseman's Association, Director, 1985, 1987; Director, NAPA, Solano Cattlemen's Association, 1992 and 1993, treasurer 1994-2006.
Military service as Spc 5, US Army, 1970-1972.

Stephen Ray Channel

Spouse: Carol (Coombs) Channel (deceased, July 07)

Children: Constance Ann and Heather Jean (twins)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Toxicologist, Research, USAF, University of Washington, 1988-1990; Chief, Environmental Health, USAF Hospital, 1986-1988; Clinical Practice, Linton, IN, 1979-1985.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1977

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

MS, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1990

Professional Memberships:

SOT; ISAC; Indiana VMA, 1979-1985

Offices Held:

Secretary, Indiana, 7th District VMA, 1984-1985.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Rotary International; Member, Society of Toxicology, 1990-present; Member, Government-at-Large Representative, Ohio Senior Academy of Science, 1993-present; Retired Lt Col, USAF.

Thomas G Clayton

Spouse: Barbara Clayton

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Roger Joseph Clement

Company: Lake Area Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Wanda Mae Clement

Children: Matthew (02/15/1977)
Kevin (10/23/1978)
Jeffrey (11/17/1981)
Rebecca (08/03/1984)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Part owner in five veterinarian mixed practice. Working mainly with dairy, beef, and swine.

Education:

BA, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 1970
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

SDVMA, AVMA, AABP

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Board Member, PVPL, 1990-1994; Parish Council, Immaculate Church, Watertown, SD, 1988-1989; School Board, Immaculate School, Watertown, 1986-1989; President, Swim Club, Watertown, 1990-1991; Military Service 1Lt. Army, 1970-1972; Member, South Dakota Reserve Veterinary Medical Officer Corps.

Steven Forrest Crofoot

Spouse: Genevieve Crofoot

Children: Shawn F. (07/27/1976)
Jamie L. (03/09/1978)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Staff, Starch Pet Hospital, Des Moines, IA, 1979-1980; Staff, Bloomington Veterinary Hospital, Bloomington, MN, 1980-1981; Staff, St. Paul Veterinarians, St. Paul, MN, 1981-1982; Staff & Management, Olin Animal Hospital, St. Paul, MN, 1982; Owner, Cottonwood Animal Hospital (formerly Bogue Animal Hospital East).

Education:

BA, Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1974
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AAHA, Wichita VMA; University of Minnesota Relations, Minnesota VMA, 1987-1988.

Offices Held:

Program Chair/Vice President, Wichita VMA, 1998; President, Wichita VMA, 1999.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Secretary, Precinct SV-4 (1R), Shoreview, 1982-1984; Delegate, District 53A (1R), Shoreview, 1982-1984; Secretary, Precinct SV-4, Shoreview 1984-1986; Delegate, District 53A (1R), Shoreview, 1984-1986; E-6, USN, 1966-1972.

James Sterling Cullor

Company: Retired - University of California at Davis

Spouse: Mary Cullor

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

William L Davenport

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Gaspar Manuel Davila

Company: Guaynabo Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Magaly Davila

Children: No children

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1978

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AABP, CMVPR

Advice to Students:

KSU has always been one of the best schools for veterinary medicine. Try to learn the most and always carry your alma mater in your heart

Class Comments:

Hello to all my classmates and if you come to this area of the world do not hesitate to give me a call.

Mary Catherine DeBey

Company: Hill's Pet Nutrition

Children: John (11/24/1987)
Julia (01/28/1992)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Relief veterinarian, mixed practice Cheney, KS, Summer 1979; Small animal practice, Kansas City, KS, 1979-1980; Temporary Instructor, Kansas State University, 1980-1983; Mixed animal practice, Gainesville, MO, 1983-1985; Adjunct Instructor, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, 1985-1992; Microbiologist, National Animal Disease Center 1992-1993; Dxtic Microbiologist, Tulare Lab, University of California-Davis, 1994-1995 part-time; Instructor, Kansas State University, 1996-1998.

Career News:

Currently employed at Hill's Pet Nutrition in the Hill's Veterinary Consultation Services from 1998-present.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
MS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1986
PhD, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1992

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, ASM, ISHAM

Offices Held:

Vice President ACVM 2009-2010

Board Certifications:

ACVM, Diplomate American College of Microbiology

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Member of the Friends of Sunset Zoo and musician for the puppet ministry for children at our church.

Advice to Students:

Study to learn, not just for grades. Learn about the art of veterinary medicine, as well as the science.

Timothy Arnold Dockter

Company: Docs Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Bev Dockter

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Jon Michael Eckstein

Spouse: Sandra (Childs) Eckstein

Children: Melissa

Education: Christopher

BA, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1966

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

MDV, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, 1993

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Military Service: Major, US Army, 1966-1992.

David M Elsom

Company: Spearfish Animal Hospital

Spouse: Marla (Striplin) Elsom

Children: J.D. (02/02/1976)
Megan (07/04/1978)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinarian, Modesto Veterinary Clinic, Modesto, CA, 1979-1980; Veterinarian, Shoshone Veterinary Clinic, Shoshone, ID, 1980-1982; Veterinarian, Fall River Veterinary Clinic, Hot Springs, SD, 1982-1987; Veterinarian/Owner, Oahe Veterinary Clinic, Mobridge, SD, 1987-1999; Sold mixed animal practice on January 15, 1999. Small animal practice Spearfish Animal Hospital-Present.

Education:

BS, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

SDVMA, AVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Lions Club.

Russell William Erickson

Company: Mission Animal Clinic PA
Retired (practice sold in Dec. 2017 to Heartland Veterinary Partners)

Spouse: Julie (Burnett) Erickson
Children: Richard William Erickson- 12/29/1983

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Associate, Bonner Springs Veterinary Clinic, 1979-1985; Partner, Mission Animal Clinic, Mission, KS, 1985-2017.

Career News:

I had to slow down, then leave the practice in November 2016, due to worsening pulmonary fibrosis. My partner and I sold the practice in December 2017. Though doubtful I will ever be able to practice again, I'm still participating in continuing education so I can keep my license to practice current.

Education:

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

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, KC VMA

Offices Held:

Chairman, Companion Animal Committee (KVMA), 1994; Member, Ad Hoc Committee (KVMA), 1991-1994;
Vice-Chairman, Companion Animal Committee (KVMA), 1992-1993.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Rotary Club, Bonner Springs, KS, 1982-1985; Administrative Board, United Methodist Church, Bonner Springs, KS, 1983-1984; Financial Secretary and Administrative Board, United Methodist Church, Lenexa, KS, 1988; Mission Chamber of Commerce, Mission, KS, 1987-2017; Youth Activities Board, United Methodist Church, Bonner Springs, KS, 1981-1984; Coach & Sponsor, Little League Baseball, Bonner Springs, KS, 1982-1984; Shawnee Mission Rotary Club, 1991-present; Staff/Parish Relations Board, Shawnee United Methodist Church, 2001-2004; Foundation Chairman, Rotary Club of Shawnee Mission, 2006-present; President, Rotary Club of Shawnee Mission, 2009.

Family News:

Health problems have limited my activities, unfortunately. Our son, Richard, received his Doctorate in Physical Therapy degree in May 2015. He married Rebekah Watzig in 2018. My wife, Julie, and I moved to Olathe, Kansas ("downsized" to an easier to maintain home) in 2015. Julie left Mission Animal Clinic practice at the end of 2018 after over 20 years there as an office/practice manager.

Advice to Students:

Be flexible - providing high quality veterinary care to your patients, while meeting the needs of clientele can be a challenge!

Class Comments:

Hope you all are doing well. Retire, while you can still enjoy it!

Niall Bruce Finnegan

Company: Retired

Spouse: Deborah Finnegan

Children: Brendan B. Finnegan (11/19/1979)
Molly B. Finnegan (04/15/1982)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Private Practice, 1979-1980; AVMA/AAAS Congressional Science Fellow on Senator Kennedy's Staff, 1992-1993; US Army Veterinary Corps (retired Col.), 1980-1998; Retired, 2002-present.

Career News:

Commander Great Plains Regional Veterinary Command (Panama to the Canadian border), 1996-1998; Lobbied US Congress on behalf of veterinarians and veterinary medicine for AVMA, 1998-2002.

Education:

BA, English, Long Island University, Brookville, New York, 1969

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

MPH, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1984

Masters in National Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, DC, 1994

Offices Held:

Director, Governmental Relations Division, AVMA, 1998-2002; Member, Public Affairs Committee, AVMA, 1995-1998; Director, Governmental Relations Division, AVMA, 1998-2002; Chairman, Internal Affairs Committee, ACVPM, 1993-1994; President, ACVPM, 2000-2002.

Board Certifications:

ACVPM

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Presidents Award from the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce 2004. The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States 2001 James A. McCallam Award.

Family News:

Our son Brendan turns 40 this year and works as an air traffic planner for Rockwell Collins, routing private aircraft all over the world. He is married and has given us two beautiful grandchildren.

Our daughter Molly turns 37 this year, is married and has finished her degree in psychology. She's raising two beautiful children making four grandchildren which is a wonderful blessing.

Deb and I continue to work on our small acreage; me creating a pollinators habit, repairing the dock and preparing the boats for the summer and Deb, taking care of me, (a full time job), and knitting up a storm for the grandchildren. We travel when we can and have no plans to move anytime soon.

Advice to Students:

Appreciate the tremendous education you are getting at K-State. I have taken the path less traveled in veterinary medicine and I can tell you your veterinary education will be a big plus in whatever you do. I draw on its teachings and experiences everyday no matter what I am doing. Appreciate that...Treasure that.

William Terry Gammill

Education:

BS Mathematics Arizona State University 1969

Professional Memberships:

AZVMA, AVMA

Steven Lee Gemar

Company: Sutton Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Nicole Sue (Overturf) Gemar

Children: Sydnee Dawn (05/04/1999)

Education: Austin Lee (02/01/2001)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA

Thomas Joseph Gianforte

Company: Retired

Spouse: Kathleen Gianforte

Children: Matthew (11/10/1979)
Jeffrey (05/10/1982)
Peter (11/06/1984)
Jennifer (11/07/1987)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Owner/Veterinarian, Chippewa Valley Veterinary Clinic, Durand, WI, 1979-present.

Career News:

mixed animal practice full time

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1975

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

WIVMA, AVMA, AABP, IETS; President, Lions Club, 1980.

Family News:

8 grandchildren

Jerry Lee Goosen

Spouse: Misty Goosen

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

David Christopher Gray

Company: Southside Pet Hospital

Spouse: Kate (Daniels) Gray

Children: Emily Margo

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Small Animal Veterinarian, Southside Animal Hospital Inc., Olathe, KS, 1979-present.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1976

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Jack B Griffiths

Spouse: Lenora M. Griffiths

Children: Doug Abfalter (05/09/1977)
Lisa Griffiths (03/18/1980)
Brian Abfalter (07/01/ 1981)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Small town Mixed practice, I have done mostly large animal. I still enjoy practice.

Career News:

I retired January 2017 (still work on occasion doing relief work and some large animal).

Education:

BS, Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1975

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

CAVMA, AVMA, Northern CA Equine Association, North CA VMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Usual FFA, 4H, County Fair etc.

Family News:

More than 5 years but have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Advice to Students:

Be prepared for hard work and long days but try to keep some balance between work and family.

Class Comments:

Best wishes to all. Enjoy life while you can and treasure every day.

C Reed Harrison

Company: Rose Hill Vet Clinic

Spouse: Peggy Harrison

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Kenneth Mark Herman

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Curtis Errol Hightower

Spouse: Monica Hightower

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Transitional Internship, Mercy Hospital, Toledo, OH, 1984-1985; Research Fellow, Tulane University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA, 1985-1986; Clinical Anesthesia Resident, Tulane University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA, 1986-1988; Clinical Anesthesiology Fellow, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 1988-1989; Contract Committte Member, Physician hospital Organization, Battle Creek, MI, 1996-1999; Secretary Treasure, Westbrook Hospital, Battle Creek, MI, 1996-1998; Pharmacy and Therapuetics Committee Chair, Battle Creek, MI, 1995-1999; Clinical Anesthesiologist, Battle Creek Anesthesia PLLC, Battle Creek Animal Health System, Battle Creek, MI, 1994-1999; President, Battle Creek Anesthesia PLLC, Battle Creek, MI, 1994-1999; Vice Chairman, Department of Anesthesia, Battle Creek Health System, Battle Creek, MI, 1994-1999; Credential Committee Member, Westbrook Hospital, Battle Creek, MI, 1994-1998; Vice Chief of Staff, Westbrook Hospital, Battle Creek, MI, 1994-1996; Clinical Anesthesiologist, Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, ME, 1993-1994.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

MD, Case Western Reserve University, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 1984

Marcia A Hillard

Company: Retired
NE Arkansas Equine Center

Spouse: Mel Everett Towell

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Established and operated the Northeast Arkansas Equine Center from 1979 to 2014 at which time I retired to become my mother's caregiver.

Career News:

The glut of unwanted horses and subsequent market depression made it easy to retire from broodmare practice and assume family responsibilities.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

ARVMA, AVMA, AAEP

Family News:

My mother passed away in 2015. Since then, Mel and I spend most of our time working on Dad's old farm and sorting through mom's "stuff." We are active in our Local Cowboy Church. Mel is in bad health so we don't do much else.

Advice to Students:

You are attending the best school in the country to equip you for life in the real world. Love Life, Love Your Profession, Love God, and You will live well.

Class Comments:

I would love to see you, but Mel does not travel well. If you travel I-40 through Arkansas, take exit 37 and call me! We will be happy to see you!

Steven Bruce Hodes

Company: Hodes Veterinary Group

Spouse: Colleen Marie (Quinn) Hodes
Children: Brian J. Hodes (07/29/1982)
Timothy R. Hodes (09/09/1984)
Alexa M. Hodes (05/01/1988)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

K-State Athletics National Leadership Circle.

KSU Foundation Board of Trustees.

Established small animal internal medicine Hodes Professorship held by Dr. Ken Harkin

Career News:

April 2017 sold my veterinary practice to an associate of 22 years--Dr. Kristine Conway. I directed the 8 doctor practice 38 years--I still work there when in NJ.

Education:

BS, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1973

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

NJVMA, AVMA, Kansas VMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Associate Member, Rockaway Environmental Commission, NJ, 1992-1993; President, Booster Club, Rockaway, 1992-present; SVC Director, Morris County Sheriff's K-9 Unit, 1983-present; Member, local Board of Education, 1996-2003; Veterinarian Recognition, The Seeing Eye, Morristown New Jersey, September 27, 2004; Alumni Recognition Award, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University, 2005; Commendation for 25 years of service for Morris County New Jersey Sheriffs K-9 Unit, December 27, 2007.

Family News:

Brian and Jessica Hodes established Ross Hill Veterinary Health Center in 2017. Tim and Kati Hodes have 2 sons (Hudson and Houston). Matt and Alexa Hewitt have 1 son (Alexander).

Advice to Students:

Wrok hard--serve your community well. Be sure you're taking great care of your family.

Michael Arlin Huebert

Home Address: Lost

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Don A Hutchinson

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

David Clark Jacquot

Spouse: Rose Jacquot

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Thomas Malcolm Jernigan

Company: Rocking KM Veterinary Services

Spouse: Diane Rose (Fritchen) Jernigan

Children: Jenni Herrera - 12/16/76
Julie Horton - 4/6/79
Jay Jernigan - 8/23/80

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Employee, 1979-1984; Partner, Jernigan Veterinary Clinic, Council Grove, KS, 1984-1989; Owner, Jernigan Veterinary Clinic, Council Grove, KS, 1990-present; Incorporated (P.A.), 2006.

Career News:

Until April of this year (2018) it has been business as before in my practice. I had 2 associates and myself and lost 1 associate in January. I sold the practice in April and am now semi-retired, working 2 days a week

Education:

BS, Natural Resource Management, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1972
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AABP, OTHER, Society for Theriogenologists

Offices Held:

5 offices in the KVMA - President-20

Honors/Civic Involvement:

President, USD#417 Board of Education, Council Grove, KS, 1981-1993; National Guard, 1972-1978; President, Rotary, 1989-1990, Vice President, 1988-1989; 4-H Alumni Award, Morris County 4-H, 1992; Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Ag Committee, 1983; Board Member, KS Board Veterinary Examiners, 1993-2005; Board Member, KSU Alumni Advisory Board, 1993; Board Member Chairman, Morris County Hospital, Council Grove, 1994-present; Distinguished Service Award, KVMA, 2006; Morris Co Extension Council, 2007-present; KVMA, Legislative Comm, present. I went through all the steps of executive board and finally president of KVMA. Very humbled by being veterinarian of the year by KVMA.

Family News:

We have 8 Granddaughters - ranging in ages 13yrs- 5yrs

My wife retired from teaching after Almost 30 years

I have sold my practice and semiretired.

We have lost my Father, one of my brothers and my sister.

We still live in Council Grove and are enjoying a less hectic life. Going to KSU football games without worrying about the practice for the first time!

Advice to Students:

For me, my greatest satisfaction in practice has come from caring just as much about my clients as I do their animals.

Class Comments:

40 years ago, I thought 20 years doing anything was a good career. Now, some of my clients have made me wonder if 40 years is long enough.

David Eugene Johnson

Company: Blair Small Animal Clinic

Spouse: Lori (Lucke) Johnson

Children: Mike (05/17/1979)
Tim (04/26/1982)
Sandra (step-daughter 03/12/1983)
Josh (step-son 02/09/1985)
Emily (03/23/1986)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Ninety-five percent small animal and exotic practice; Have become very involved with canine fertility-including AI and fertility work-ups.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Omaha Academy of Veterinary Science, Lions Club, Elected official of the Blair Airport Authority.

Advice to Students:

Yes it really is worth it!

John M Johnson

Children: Three children.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Judith Margot Joss

Children: Kimberly (02/01/1983)
Charlie (09/25/1984)
Leigh (07/12/1986)
Andy (06/05/1988)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Small Animal DVM, Alexandria Animal Hospital, Alexandria, VA, 1979-1980; Small Animal DVM, Leawood Animal Hospital, Kansas City, MO, 1980-1982; Small Animal DVM, Various Relief Positions, Kansas and Kansas City, MO, 1982-1985; Retired; Full-time homemaker.

Career News:

I have been out of practice since 1987, but I am preparing to jump back into the profession.

Education:

BS, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, 1971
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Family News:

Three kids have finished college, the last is a sophomore at KU. The two oldest kids are working and the third is in India studying Buddhism. I am empty nesting, divorced, and preparing to go back to work.

Michael Charles Kobuszewski

Company: Indian Creek Veterinary Hospital P.A.

Spouse: Carol (Duitsman) Kobuszewski

Children: Jonathan (12/22/1976)
Joshua (07/03/1978)
Annie Jane (01/24/1984)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

I worked for 15 years in a mixed animal practice and the last 15 years in an exclusive small animal practice.

Career News:

For the past 13 years, my two sons, Jonathan and Joshua, have been my associates. It is wonderful working together every day. Our small animal practice continues to grow every year.

Education:

BS, Marymount College, Salina, Kansas, 1974
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AASV, AVMA, AAHA, AABP

Offices Held:

Board Member, Emergency Animal Clinic of Topeka, 1999-present; Chair Member, KVMA Strategic Planning, 1994; Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners 2011-2019.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

KVMA Distinguished Service Award 2002; Chair Member of Strategic Planning, KVMA, 1994; President, Rotary in Oskaloosa, KS, 1985-1986; Vice-President, Rotary in Oskaloosa, 1983-1984; Rotary; Topeka Optimist Club; President, Seaman Athletic Booster Club.

Family News:

Our 3 children and their spouses and children all live in Topeka within 5 minutes from us. We are blessed with 12 grandchildren. Our two sons, Johnathan and Joshua are veterinarians with me in my practice. My wife, Carol, is the office manager. Our daughter AnnieJane is a home-school teacher.

Advice to Students:

Work hard, worry will not add one moment to your life, but worry will take time away. Don't ever worry about money, work hard and the money will come.

Class Comments:

I am proud to have known every one of you. All of you are hardworking veterinarians. You have great pride and are a part of a very honorable profession. I consider it a gift that I have had the opportunity to spend my life doing what I do.

Gerald Floyd Koster

Spouse: Lori Koster

Children: Scott Douglas (01/21/1976)

Education: Christine Gwen (01/17/1979)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

James Neyland Kraft

Company: Lawrence Veterinary Hospital

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Leon Dee Leishman

Company: Animal Care of Blair/Thone Animal Clinic

Spouse: Martha (Utech) Leishman

Children: Andrea (09/19/1978)
Nicholas (04/07/1980)
Erin (07/15/1982)
Timothy (08/18/1985)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Associate Veterinarian, Fremont County Veterinary Clinic, Sidney, IA, 1979-1980; Owner/Veterinarian, Herington Veterinary Clinic, Herington, KS, 1980-1995; Livestock market, Herington, KS, 1980-1996; Associate, Ralston Vet Clinic, Ralston, NE, 1996-1998; Animal Care of Blair, PC dba Thone Animal Clinic, 1999-present.

Education:

BS, Arts and Sciences, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1973
BS, Agriculture, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1977
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP, Kansas VMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Deacon, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Herington, KS, 1984-1989.

Jay Oldham Longabach

Company: Cuesta Park Animal Hospital

Spouse: Kate (Kossow) Longabach

Children: Nathan
Leslie

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Associate Veterinarian, Valley Veterinary Clinic, El Centro, CA, 1979-1984; Veterinarian/Owner, Cuesta Park Animal Hospital, San Luis Obispo, CA, 1984-present.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

CAVMA, AVMA, AAHA, Mid-Coast VMA

Michael J Malone

Company: Animal Care Hospital LLC

Spouse: Teresa P (Hessman) Malone
Children: Nathan B. (03/12/1979)
Tara N. (11/14/1980)
Robert M. (04/12/1983)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinarian, Countryside Veterinary Hospital, Great Bend, KS, 1979-1982; Veterinarian, Great Bend Veterinary Hospital, Great Bend, KS, 1983-1986; Veterinarian, Animal Medical Center, Great Bend, KS, 1986-1991; Veterinarian, Animal Care Hospital, Great Bend, KS, 1991-present, Veterinarian, Brit Spaugh Zoo, 1980-present; Wildlife Rehabilitation Veterinarian, 2005-present.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AAZV (Zoo), AAWV (Wildlife)

Offices Held:

Associate Trustee, South Central District and Treasurer, KVMA, 1989-1990; District Trustee, South Central District, KVMA, 1991-1994; Public Relations Committee, KVMA, 1999-2002; KVMA, Trustee at Large, 2008-2009, Vice President, 2009-2010, President Elect, 2010-2011, President, 2011-2012, Past President, 2012, 2013.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

District Membership Chairman, Boy Scouts of American, Great Bend, KS, 1989-1990; School Board Member, USD #428, Great Bend, KS, 1987-1995, President two terms, 1990-1991 and 1994-1995; Chamber of Commerce, Great Bend, KS, 1986-present; Vice President, PTA, Great Bend, KS, 1986-1988; President, Brit Spaugh Zoological Society, Great Bend, KS, 1984-1985, 1997-2010; Kiwanis, 1983-2010; President, Kiwanis, 1991-1992; Explorer Scout Leader, 1994-2002; President, Barton County Chapter of KSU Alumni, 1988; Member, Great Bend High School Booster Club, 1995-99; Barton County Health Advisory Board, 1999-present; Barton Co Bioterrorism Plan Veterinarian Surveillance site person; Barton Co Rabies Veterinary Consultant 2009-present.

Family News:

My son, Nathan Malone, graduated from KSU with an engineering degree in 2002. He is married and has two children. My daughter, Tara Pool, graduated from KSU in 2003, and then UMKC in 2009 for dentistry. She is married and has three children. My youngest son, Robert Malone, graduated from KSU with a degree in architecture in 2006. He is married with three children.

Thomas Alan Marsteller

Company: Kemin

Spouse: Joleen Kay (Kolling) Marsteller

Children: Douglas (01/26/1978)
Jackie (12/09/1980)
Anna (07/06/1982)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Kemin, KANA North America - Technical Services Manager Swine, Nov 2016 - current.

Elanco Animal Health, June 1992 - current (24 years) Director, US Swine Technical Consulting, Nov 2011 - Oct 2016.

Successfully launched products in Elanco's swine portfolio during the last 24 years. Launched three new products in the last 3 years. Aligned and organized research, marketing, sales and technical teams prior to product launch timeline.

Trained sales and technical teams after the integration of Novartis and Elanco. Coached team members, anticipated obstacles to ensure team is well equipped to accomplish team goals.

Aligned account assignments for the TC team to allow the team the best chance of success with key accounts.

Further alignment with account teams and input into account planning are two key areas of focus for the TC team in 2016. Facilitated advisory boards (veterinary and nutritional) that gave input to marketing and R&D for product need and value discussions. Helped the team break down internal and external barriers and best practices for the product studies resulting in high quality presentations at industry events.

Director, US Poultry Business Unit, Jul 2010 - Nov 2011.

Developed and directed technical team on post approval studies in poultry.

Trained sales team on mode of action of enzymes during launch timing.

Conducted post approval studies with an innovative fat product for broilers.

Global Marketing Innovation Advisor, Global Food Animal Marketing, Feb 2009 - Jul 2010.

Managed the large animal portfolio for global marketing.

Created new innovation for swine that was brought to the market within 5 years.

Trademark creation for innovative molecules prior to launch.

District Sales Manager, Swine Business Unit, Aug 2004 - Jan 2009 Developed excellent customer relationships resulting in year over year sales growth.

Managed, coached and recruited sales talent into the organization.

Manager, Swine Technical Team, Jun 2002 - Aug 2004.

Swine handling knowledge developed and team recognized as industry leader.

Sr. Technical Consultant, Jun 1998 - Jun 2002.

Designed, implemented and delivered written reports on research studies important for the swine industry and product value determination.

Launched Paylean successfully.

Promoted to Sr.TC as a field-based technical person.

Technical Consultant, Jun 1992-Jun 1998.

Developed a network of internal and external colleagues in the monogastric food animal business.

Published and presented data at scientific meetings.

Abilene Animal Hospital, Abilene Kansas, Jan 1981-Jun 1992 (11 years) Large animal veterinarian with focus in swine consultation services.

Courtland Veterinary Clinic, Courtland Kansas, Jun 1979- Jan 1981 (1.5 years) Large animal veterinarian serving food animal customers.

Career News:

Abilene Animal Hospital 1981-1992, Elanco Animal Health, 1992-2016; Kemin 2016 - current.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

IAVMA, AVMA, AAIV

Board Certifications:

ABVP, Swine Health Management

Family News:

Ten beautiful healthy grandchildren

Advice to Students:

Be sure to enjoy what you do, if not make a career change.

Class Comments:

Look forward to seeing you all after 40 years!

William Henry Mason

Company: Retired

Spouse: Lorna Mason

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Charles Eyman Massengill

Company: Self-Employed

Spouse: Rose Marie (Foster) Massengill

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

MOVMA, United States Animal Health Assn., National Cattlemen's Beef Assn., Missouri Cattlemen's Assn., Missouri Farm Bureau, Moniteau Cattlemen's Assn., American Assn Of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Missouri Cattleman Of The Year

Jeanette McClendon

Company: Orange Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Frank McClendon

Children: Collin Barney McClendon (05/16/1977)
Rory Devon McClendon (08/04/1984)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Owner, Orange Veterinary Clinic, Orange, VA.

Education:

BA, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1964
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Patricia McCreight

Spouse: Michael Acuna

Professional Memberships: NMVMA, AVMA

Myron William McCune

Company: Sutherland Vet Clinic

Spouse: Kathleen Marie (McCauley) McCune

Children: Jessica Marie (08/08/1983)
Josie Lea (11/18/1984)
Jennifer Alice (03/28/1990)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

DVM, Animal Clinic, North Platte, NE, 1979-1983; Owner-DVM, Sutherland Veterinary Clinic, Sutherland, NE, 1983-present.

Education:

Diploma, North Platte Junior College, North Platte, Nebraska, 1973
BS, Kansas State University, Animal Science, Manhattan, Kansas, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP, Society of Theriogenology

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Sutherland School Board 2001-present, Current President, Past Vice-President of Sutherland Chamber of Commerce, Sutherland Planning Commission Past Chairman.

Family News:

Jennifer is in her first year at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Jessica is in her third year of medical school at the University of Nebraska Med Center. Josie is in her third and final year in Physical Therapy school at the University of Nebraska Med Center.

Advice to Students:

Get a lot of hands on practical experience. Enjoy your time in and out of school, and enjoy your chosen career.

Class Comments:

Hope to see you at the 30th class reunion, those from far and near.

Jerome Clayton Nietfeld

Company: Retired

Spouse: Ingrid (Kircher) Nietfeld

Career News:

I retired in 2017. I was a Veterinary Pathologist for K-State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory before that.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Class Comments:

Hello, best wishes for the future.

David Lane Nottingham

Company: Baldwin Junction Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Jeanne Nottingham

Children: Braxton Lane (02/18/1988)
Conner Warren (05/10/1990)
Paris Marie (09/29/ 1993)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Associate Veterinarian, Baldwin Junction Veterinary Clinic, Baldwin, KS, 1979-1986; Veterinarian/Owner, Baldwin Junction Veterinary Clinic, Baldwin, KS, 1986-2008.

Career News:

KDOT took the clinic on December 31, 2008. I am now operating a mobile small animal/large animal service, as well as doing relief work.

Education:

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

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AAEP, AAHA

Offices Held:

Douglas Co. VMA, Vice President, 1981, President, 1982.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Chairman, Douglas Co. Extension Council, 1981-1989, Executive Board, 1996-1997; Member, Douglas County Extension Council, Lawrence, KS, 1994-1995; Members, First United Methodist Church; Douglas Co. 4-H.

Advice to Students:

Study hard.

Class Comments:

Glad we are still alive and prospering.

Michael James Orchard

Spouse: Susan Orchard

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Keith Allen Palmer

Spouse: Linda North (North) Palmer

Children: Derek (01/26/1983)
Kristen (05/20/1986)
Matt (03/22/1988)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Internship in large animal medicine and surgery at Colorado State University 1979-1980. Practiced in Johnson County, Kansas in a large animal practice primarily equine since 1980. Served two terms on Kansas Racing Commission.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AAEP

Rebecca Jo Pfannenstiel

Spouse: Duane Pfannenstiel

Children: Jes (07/31/1973)
Andy (06/09/1976)
Shelly (03/18/1980)
Betsy (11/30/1981)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Retired

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA

Arden Eugene Read

Company: Animal Medical & Surgical Hospital

Spouse: Rita Read

Children: Christopher

Education: Travis
Jennifer
Anna

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

TXVMA, AVMA, AVDS, Southeast Texas VMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Military Service as Sergeant in the USAF, 1969-1971.

James Michael Risch

Spouse: Mary (Warren) Risch
Children: Elizabeth (04/08/1980)
Education: Brian (05/04/1982)
Patrick (11/05/1985)
Camille (05/01/1987)
Olivia (06/08/1990)

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

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Muskogee City Council, Exchange Club, Arkansas Canoe Club, and the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Board.

Larry Alfred Ritter

Children: Jonathan (02/12/1972)
Matthew (09/20/1974)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Pharmacist, Osco Drug, Bowling Green, KY, 1970-1971; Pharmacy Officer/Captain, US Army, 1971-1975; Relief Pharmacist, Local Drugstores, Manhattan, KS, 1975-1979; Veterinarian, Lakeview Veterinary Clinic, Mitchell, SD, 1975-present; Owner, Lakeview Veterinary Clinic, 1981-1996; Manager of Genetic Improvement/Meat Quality, Farmland Industries, 1996-present.

Education:

BS, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 1970
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
MS, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1996

Professional Memberships:

AASP, AVMA

Wayne Francis Rocheleau

Company: Retired

Spouse: Nancy Rocheleau

Children: Audrey - 1/83

Education: John - 11/86

B.S., Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 1975

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

MAVMA, AVMA

Offices Held:

Vice President MAVMA, Regional Member Rep. AAHA

James Dale Rokusek

Company: Watertown Animal Clinic

Spouse: Jane Rokusek

Children: Anna Marie Olson (10/22/1977)
Daniel Joseph Rokusek (05/23/1979)
Katherine Elizabeth Rokusek (07/09/1985)
Allison Carol Rokusek (02/12/2987)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

25 years of Veterinary Service and Community Service to the Watertown and area communities.

Career News:

Ongoing change in the livestock and agricultural industry. Physically and mentally challenging.

Education:

BS, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

SDVMA, AVMA, AABP, Kansas VMA, AASRP

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Friend of 4-H
4-H Meritorious Service Award
World's Best Papa Award

Family News:

Continued blessings of good health, the addition of 4 more beautiful and healthy grand babies, 3 boys and 1 girl.

Advice to Students:

determination
don't stop learning
do no harm
patience

Class Comments:

We have come far!
Does it feel like far?

Duane August Schaad

Company: Broadway Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Karen (Brancel) Schaad

Children: Daren (01/23/1981)
Loanda (02/24/1983)
Dustin (04/18/1985)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Small animal practice, Mt. Scott Animal Clinic, Portland, OR, 1979-1981; Livestock Advisor, Experience Inc., USAID, Africa, 1981-1983; Relief work, Portland, OR, 1983-1984; Small animal practice, A-1 Veterinary Hospital, Portland, OR, 1984-1991; Owner, Broadway Veterinary Clinic, 1993-present. I opened my own practice in June of 1993, and we now have three full-time and two part-time veterinarians.

Career News:

Construction of our new clinic was completed in June 2005. We are currently in a 4500 sq ft building. Besides general practice my wife and I have been doing working vacations for the last 10 years, mostly in the South Pacific. We also have been traveling/volunteering in Africa on an every other year basis.

Education:

BS, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

ORVMA, AVMA, PVMA

Advice to Students:

Get involved in as many projects or programs as possible. Keep an open mind and travel as much as possible. Vet school is incredibly fun and exciting and it is even more so when you get out.

Class Comments:

Make those contributions 79'ers- we have a lot to be thankful for. Let's keep KSU in the forefront!

Patricia Lynn Shank

Company: Retired

Home Address: 3401 W Puzzi Ranch Rd
Douglas, AZ 85607-6067

Phone: (520) 805-1656

Spouse: Tom Shank

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Veterinarian, Montrose, CO, 1983-1989; Research Associate, Lawrence, KS, 1979-1983.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Published articles in areas of Cytogenetics and Recombinant DNA.

Zane Allen Shaw

Company: Emergency Mgmt Strategic Healthcare Group

Spouse: Linda Shaw

Children: Dustin Shaw
Chandra Shaw
Brian Oldfield

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Retired- US Air Force - (Staff Veterinarian, Environmental Health Officer and Public Health Officer); Federal Emergency Management Agency (Emergency Specialist); Veterans Affairs (Area Emergency Manager).

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1975
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979
MPA, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama, 1981

Advice to Students:

Keep an open mind to all possibilities, you'll never know where they may lead you.

Charles William Sourk

Company: Sourk Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Pamela Kay (Carr) Sourk

Children: Rebecca
Sarah
Christopher

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Owner, Sourk Veterinary Clinic

Education:

BS, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, 1969

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AVC

Offices Held:

Board of Directors, AVC, 1990-1991; Kansas Livestock Association, member since 1982; National Cattleman's Association, member since 1982.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce, Scott City, KS, 1983-1987; Board Member, Zoning Commission, Scott City, KS, 1988-1992; Project Leader, 4-H, Scott City, KS, since 1986; Board of Directors, Security State Bank, Scott City, KS, 1993-present; Chaired and Served on various committees, First United Methodist Church, Scott City, KS, 1979-1994.

Richard Benjamin Splichal

Spouse: Julie Splichal

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Mark Allen Stanley

Spouse: Cheryl Cayton

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Roy Edward Stewart

Company: Roy Stewart DVM, Veterinary Relief Practice

Spouse: Jill Aline (Tennyson) Stewart

Children: Emily Louise Stewart (12/26/1980)

Career News: Matthew William Stewart (06/17/1982)

I sold my small animal practice after 28 years in 2007. I am currently doing relief practice throughout New Mexico on a nearly full-time basis.

Education:

AS, Chaffey Junior College, California, 1971

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1977

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

NMVMA, AVMA

Offices Held:

President, Valencia County VMA, 1985-1986, Representative and Board of Directors, Albuquerque District, NMVMA 1988-1990, President NMVMA 1991-1992, Secretary Treasurer NMVMA 1995-2006, New Mexico Representative to SWVS Board of Managers, 2002-2008.

Family News:

Emily graduated with honors from Wayland Baptist University in 2002, completed a Masters in Biochemistry at Texas Tech in 2007. She is happily married and gave us two beautiful grandkids in 2004 and 2006.

Matthew continues in his service with the US Coast Guard since 2000. In 2008 he was promoted to Mechanic 1st and is currently serving at Camp Lejeune, NC

David Joe Streeter

Company: Retired

Spouse: Marcia Jo (Lancaster) Streeter

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Mary Sue Summers

Spouse: Lance Guy Logan

Children: Zachariah Summers Logan (01/11/1978)
Matthew Everett Logan (08/18/1982)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Private, small animal practitioner since graduation.

Career News:

I have been in small animal private practice since graduation.

Education:

BS, Zoology, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, 1973

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

OKVMA, AVMA, AAHA, OTHER, Central Oklahoma VMA

Family News:

Our older son is in the OU Med School class of 2010. He and his wife have a two year old boy and a six month old girl. Our younger son enlisted in the Army as a Ranger medic. He is still in training.

Advice to Students:

Learn all you can about the business aspects of practice.

Class Comments:

I hope to see you all at the reunion!

Thomas Alexander Szczawinski

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Small Animal Clinician, Medford Veterinary Clinic, Medford, MA, 1979-1981; Small Animal Clinician, Lager Animal Hospital, Salem, MA, 1981-1986; Small Animal Clinician, Hawthorne Animal Hospital, Salem, MA, 1986-1991; Clinician, North Shore Animal Hospital, Lynn, MA, 1992-present.

Career News:

Retired June 30, 2014

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Phi Zeta, 1979; American Legion Post.

Advice to Students:

Learn all you can about running a business.

Class Comments:

We sure had a great time together didn't we?

Teresa Diane Tucker

Company: Carbondale Vet Clinic

Children: Amanda

Career News: Dustin Feuerborn

Started a practice in my hometown in 1982. The practice is still growing, and I'm still enjoying practicing.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, Topeka VMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Project Leader, 4H, Carbondale, Kansas, 1992-2003; Community Club Leader, 4-H, 1992-2003.

Advice to Students:

Learn about all species, you never know what you will end up doing.

Class Comments:

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

Jose Angel Vientos Valle

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Thomas Alan VanMeter

Spouse: Marsha VanMeter

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

R Daniel Walker

Spouse: Cathy Walker

Children: Dustin Dylan
Jacob Dale

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Owner, Small Animal/Equine Practice, Willard, MO.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AAEP

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Willard School Board and Southwest Missouri Reining Association.

Rodger Carver Warren

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Harold Leland Webb

Company: New Lenox Animal Hospital

Spouse: Shirley Webb

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

William Robert Winchester

Company: Eureka Animal Clinic

Spouse: Cheryl Winchester

Children: Jenna

Education: Laura

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

FLVMA, AVMA, AAHA, South Florida VMA

Advice to Students:

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't reach your dreams.

Gregory Alan Wolf

Company: Wolf Surgical Assistant Services Inc

Spouse: Ivy Wolf

Children: Lee

Education: Rowan

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

In Memoriam

Stephen L. Barr DVM

Stephen Lee 'Steve' Baar, DVM, died Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at his home. He was born November 1, 1950, in Hutchinson, to Edward and Elinor (Bargdill) Baar. Steve graduated in 1968 from Hutchinson High School, 1975 from Fort Hays State University, and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1979 from Kansas State University. On February 14, 2003, he married Cherie Ginest in Canyon, Texas. Steve is survived by his bride, Cherie of Turon; stepdaughter, Chelsie Fowler (Gabe) of Andover; stepson, Troy Elbert (Chrissy) of St. Joseph, Missouri; nine grandchildren; an aunt; an uncle; and cousins. He was preceded in death by: his parents; brother, Doug Baar; stepson, Dustin Elbert; and a grandson. Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 18, 2017, at Turon Community Church, 411 Main Street, Turon, Kansas, with Pastor Steve Gill officiating. Memorials may be made to the church, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

Deborah Barber DVM

August 28, 2005

Alan G. Bosomworth DVM

Dr. Alan Bosomworth (Kansas State '79), 76, White City, Kansas, died Aug. 2, 2021. Following graduation, he spent a brief period in private practice before joining the Nevada Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry. During his tenure with the NDA, Dr. Bosomworth served as a supervisor of the state's animal disease laboratories and was state veterinarian from 1995-98. He retired in 2002. Dr. Bosomworth is survived by his wife, Debbie; a daughter, a son, and two stepchildren; and four grandchildren.

Susan M. Dietrich DVM

After a brave, seven-year battle with breast cancer, Susan Dietrich died on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. She passed away peacefully in her La Cañada home surrounded by family, friends and her beloved dog Annie. She was 54 years old. Susan was born on Dec. 8, 1953 in Oak Park, Ill. She moved to Kansas in 1957 and lived there until 1979, when she moved to California. Susan received her bachelor of science degree from Kansas State University where she also attended graduate school. She graduated cum laude with a doctor of veterinary medicine. Upon graduation, she moved to California. She was a partner at La Cañada Pet Clinic, where she practiced veterinary medicine for the past 28 years. Susan's charitable heart was immeasurable. She was given the Guiding Light Award from Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena where she had a great affinity. The bench in front of where Ronald McDonald sits was one of her many gifts to the house. She also gave donations to USC Norris Cancer Center, Huntington Hospital and Susan B. Komen Foundation. Her love and giving spirit did not stop there as she cherished her family, friends and animals most of all. Her kind heart and enthusiastic love of life will be missed by all who loved her. She is survived by her mother Nancy Dietrich, step-father Robert Selby, brother Robert (Claudia) Dietrich, niece Allison and her beloved dog, Annie. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena or Susan B. Komen Foundation. Service is pending at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills. Please call (323) 769-7306 for details

David P. Haver DVM

Dr. David P. Haver, 66, of Pin Oak Place, Lancaster, PA, passed away peacefully at Lancaster General Hospital on Monday, November 3, 2014. Born in Fremont, Ohio, he was the son of the late Dr. Pierre E. and Virginia Cary Younker Haver. He and his wife Lyndell Kreider Haver married on Friday, October 31, 2014, after a wonderful 10 year relationship. A graduate of Kansas State University, David was the owner of the Leola Veterinary Clinic. He was "born to be a vet" and worked tirelessly with all of his clients and animals. He will be remembered as a generous man, always putting others first before him, his sense of humor, and compassion. He was a member of the Silver Kings of Yesteryear Tractor Club, and also enjoyed boating, polo, horses, and his prized 1975 280Z automobile. He also loved his trips to Ireland with his family. Dr. Haver was voted Best Veterinarian in Lancaster County several

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years in a row. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Cary Haver and her husband, Adam Serri, Fairfax, VA; a step son, Christopher R. Peitsch, and his granddaughter, Veronica Pietsch, Ontario, Canada; a sister, Diane C., wife of Dr. George F. Hildebrandt, Houston, TX; three brothers, Peter C., husband of Jan Haver, Mansfield, OH, John A. Haver, Plymouth, OH, and Jay C., husband of Valerie Haver, Fredericksburg, OH. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Gathering of Friends to honor the life of Dr. David P. Haver on Friday, November 7, 2014, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at the Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Gift of Life Family House, 401 Callowhill St., Philadelphia, PA 19123 (www.GiftOfLifeFamilyHouse.org) or the Haver Scholarship Fund, c/o Viking Academic Booster Club, 400 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865. The fund will be used to fortify a scholarship to assist Plymouth High School graduates who pursue a medical or health degree.

Gary W. Johnson DVM

Dr. Gary Johnson, 55, a prominent Checotah Veterinarian died unexpectedly Thursday, September 11, 2008. He was born on Wednesday, December 17, 1952 on a small ranch in Wheatland, Wyoming to Pete and Mildred Cobb Johnson. Gary grew up in Wheatland where he received his education, graduating from Wheatland High School. After graduation, he attended the University of Wyoming, in Laramie where he received his B.S. in Animal Science. Dr. Johnson received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in 1979. While in Kansas, he met, fell in love and later married Gayle Davis on Saturday, August 12, 1978 in Jetmore, Kansas. After graduation, they moved to Checotah where Dr. Johnson established his Veterinary practice, where he faithfully served all of McIntosh County and surrounding areas until his death. Dr. Johnson was a wonderful husband, exceptional father, always putting his family first, a great friend, and he never met a stranger. He enjoyed his cows, playing tennis, golf, hunting and boating. Dr. Johnson was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Lion's Club and the Checotah Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge # 86 where he was a 32nd Degree Mason, Scottish Rite, Bedouin Shrine, OVMA-Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, AVMA-American Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the McIntosh County Cattleman's Assoc. and was recently appointed by Governor Brad Henry to the State Board of Veterinary Examiners. Dr. Johnson was a man of great integrity, always willing to help and will be truly missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his Father, Pete Johnson; Grandparents and his Mother-in-law, Lola Davis. Dr. Johnson is lovingly survived by his wife, Gayle of the home; their Children, Dr. Jeremy Johnson and his wife Crystal of Oklahoma City, OK, Justin Johnson and his Fiancée Ali Harter of Fayetteville, AR. Jace Johnson of Tahlequah, OK, and Jayme Johnson of Fayetteville, AR.; his Mother, Mildred Johnson, of Wheatland, WY; Sister, Linda Gilbertson and her husband Ed of Meriden, KS; Brother, Lee Johnson and his wife Evelyn of Wheatland, WY; Aunt, Maxine Suntych of Wheatland, WY; Father-In-Law, Jay Eldon Davis of Broken Arrow, OK; . Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, cousins, many, many clients and a host of friends. Memorials may be made in Dr. Johnson's memory to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund , P.O. Box 36 Checotah, Ok. 74426. The family will greet friends from 2 pm to 4 pm, Sunday, September 14, 2008 at Garrett Family Funeral Home. A Service of Celebration for the life of Dr. Johnson will be held 11:00 A.M. Monday, September 14, 2008 at First United Methodist Church with Reverend Wayne Loftin, officiating. Committal prayers and Interment will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery with Dr. Steve Hodes, Dr. Steve Baar, Dr. Brad Reddick, Dr. Thomas McCoy, Dr. Mike Dew and Mike Stidham serving as Casket Bearers. Tony Weber, Dr. George Farris, Dr. Ken Moore, Jack Zimmerman, Dave Ambrose, Jerry Jeffries Larry Jennings, Terry Van Zandt, Mike Lee, Joe Tarman and Mark DeWeese will serve as Honorary Casket Bearers. You may share online condolences with Dr. Johnson's family @www.garrettfamilyfuneralhome.com The family of Dr. Johnson entrusted his care and services to John & Kim Garrett of Garrett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service 311 S.W. 2nd Checotah, Ok. 74426 (918) 473-2244.

Timothy R. Lewis DVM

July 25, 1984

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John H. Magerkurth DVM

December 2, 1996

Brian L. Patterson DVM

On Saturday, October 14, 2017, Dr. Brian L. Patterson passed away at the age of 72. He was born in Antioch, California to Dr. Harold and Dr. Alice (Wallace) Patterson on April 9, 1945. Brian was raised in Larned, Kansas, graduating from high school in 1963. He was a gifted vocalist, played the trombone and was an all-state football player. Brian continued his education at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, graduating with a degree in engineering in 1968. Brian then decided to join the Air Force, serving six years and obtaining the rank of Captain. His continued need for knowledge led him to obtain an additional degree from Kansas State University. Brian graduated in 1979 becoming a veterinarian. He practiced at Carlsbad Animal Clinic for most of his career with Dr. Ernie Boothe. Brian decided to retire early and served several years on the board of the Carlsbad Shooting Range. He considered himself "owner" and also felt he had his own parking spot. Brian spent hours maintaining the grounds with the help of others "following his instructions". He was an avid shooter and gifted gunsmith. If you are lucky enough to have a gun he had fine-tuned, you are truly fortunate. After several years of retirement, Brian returned to practice with Dr. Robin Whitehead at the Animal Care Center. He had a new purpose in life where he could share his skills and knowledge. Brian was preceded in death by his parents. His family remaining are his brothers: Dr. Laird Patterson of Washington State, Dr. Mike Patterson and wife, Carolyn of Hutchison, Kansas, Dr. Bruce Patterson of Austin, Texas and Dr. Tom Patterson and wife, Sharon of Naples, Florida; numerous nieces, nephews, friends and associates. Brian was very close to Dr. John Rauch. He respected his knowledge and held him in high esteem. Dr. Rauch was a friend and associate. William McCauley was a close friend for over 37 years. They often shared a drink and a good cigar on the front porch. They discussed politics, guns and the problems of the world, often solving them all. People who truly knew Brian will remember how eclectic, eccentric and sometimes how overwhelming he could be. At times the word "exhausting" could be a more correct description. With that said, cremation has taken place and per his request, no services will be conducted. Condolences may be expressed at dentonwood.com So we say, "Good bye, Dr. Patterson."

Martin L. Pattison DVM

Dr. Martin Lee "Marty" Pattison passed away on September 23, 2023, after a lengthy illness. He was born October 20, 1943, in Garnet, Kansas, to Martin "Pat" and Ruby Pattison. He attended Warren Easton High School in New Orleans, graduating in 1961 and attended Kansas State University. He received his Ph.D. in endocrinology and reproductive physiology in 1974, and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1979. He began his career as a veterinarian at Sun Valley Animal Hospital when the family moved to Roswell in 1980. Marty is survived by his wife, Cheryle, his son, Dr. Chris Pattison and wife Shelly, daughter Dr. Monta Pattison, grandsons Brayden and Jarred Pattison, and twin sisters, Jean Divelbiss of Scottsdale, AZ, and Joan Oppermann of Houston, TX. Marty loved his job and the animals (and owners) he served. He was a member of the Chaves County Veterinary Medical Association and the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association, serving as president two separate times. He was an active supporter and member of the Roswell Rotary Club. He was on the board for the Salvation Army numerous years and served on the RISD School board for 4 years. Marty was an avid golfer and sportsman, participating in numerous golf tournaments and enjoyed supporting both Roswell High and Goddard High school sports. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, often serving as a greeter. Marty was born again and led a fulfilling Christian life. Marty donated his body to Texas Tech University School of Medicine Willard Body Program. Marty's celebration of life service will be at First Baptist Church, 500 N. Pennsylvania Ave, on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Second Chance Global Ministries (www.secondchanceglobal.org), P.O. Box 2316, Burlington, NC, 27216, or Focus on the Family (www.focusonthefamily.com), 8685 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO, 80920.

In Memoriam

Steven M. Stiefel DVM

Dr. Steven Stiefel (Kansas State '79), 74, Frederick, Maryland, died Feb. 25, 2021. Following graduation, he worked briefly with his father, Dr. Melvin Stiefel (Kansas State '45), at Colorado Avenue Veterinary Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dr. Stiefel subsequently practiced small animal medicine in Wichita, Kansas, before joining the Army Veterinary Corps.

During his military career, he worked at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado, also covering Frances E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah; attended the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C., and was assigned to the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute in Bethesda, Maryland; and served as a veterinary pathologist at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany. Dr. Stiefel culminated his service as chief of comparative pathology at AFRRI prior to retirement from the military.

In 1998, he joined Anmed Biosafe/Taconic Farms in Gaithersburg, Maryland, serving as a senior scientist of pathology until retirement in 2013. Dr. Stiefel is survived by his wife, Joyce; a son; his mother; and a sister and a brother.

John G. Thouvenelle DVM

Dr. Gerald John Thouvenelle, 67, long-time and well-respected veterinarian across central Kansas, and resident of Russell died in a fatal truck accident on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at the Russell Regional Hospital Emergency Room. He was born on February 14, 1951, in Fort Benning, GA, the son of Gerald Jack and Margaret Rose "Peggy" (Bibza) Thouvenelle. He grew up in a military family, traveling all over the world, graduating from Iolani High School in Honolulu, HI. While in high school he was an avid soccer player and surfer. After High School, he attended Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN, and continued his participation in soccer. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Carson Newman College in 1973. While attending undergraduate school as a student, he was employed as a Research Associate with the American Cancer Society. He then attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, earning a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Industry in 1977, and in 1979, matriculated with a doctoral degree in Veterinary Medicine. In 1984, John established Russell Veterinary Service and Reproduction Lab, LLC, which since that time had been a leading innovator and provider of reproductive health and care for large and small animals, including bovine, horses, sheep and exotic animals. He was one of the few local veterinarians who offered acupuncture, and for a number of years provided a weekend acupuncture clinic for clients in the Kansas City area. For 14 years he served as the regulatory veterinarian for the Russell Livestock Commission. He was always supportive of young students interested in working with animals, so he mentored elementary age students through their 4-H club experiences, and often encouraged young volunteers "working" at the clinic. Additionally his enthusiasm for working with animals prompted his appointment as an adjunct faculty member of Fort Hays University. John held veterinary licenses in Kansas and Colorado. He continued his professional development through active memberships in the following: American College of Theriogenology since 2007, American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Kansas Veterinary Medicine Association, since 1979 and Academy of Veterinary Consultants. Surviving family include his mother, Peggy recently of Charleston, SC, two sisters Suzanne Thouvenelle of Arlington, VA and Adrienne Ashby of Charleston, SC, a niece and a nephew also of Charleston. John's life and work touched many. Memorials are suggested to Canine Assistance Rehabilitation Education & Services, Inc. (CARES, Inc.) a group providing training for canine assistance to the elderly and those with disabilities. John was an active participant and avid promoter of their training and certifying animals suitable for this type of work. Memorials may be sent in care of the mortuary. A Celebration of John's Life will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the St. Mary, Queen of Angels Catholic Church of Russell. A private burial will take place at a later date. Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, with the family present to greet friends from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary of Russell, Kansas is in charge of these arrangements.

In Memoriam

William M. Whalen DVM

Dr. William Whalen, 56, Fargo, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, in a boating accident in Ontario. William Whalen, known as Tim, was born Sept. 6, 1945, in Grand Forks, N.D. He graduated from Fordville (N.D.) High School in 1963. He attended Mayville (N.D.) State University. In 1965, he joined the Marine Corps, where he worked as a ground radar technician. He was discharged in 1969. He married Dee Nyberg in 1971. He graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1972 with a degree in biology. He then taught science at Hoople (N.D.) Valley High School and was an assistant basketball coach. He attended North Dakota State University in 1974. They moved to Manhattan, Kan., in 1975. He attended Kansas State University, Manhattan, and graduated with a veterinary medicine degree. They returned to Fargo in 1979. He was in partnership with Michael Harvey and worked at West Fargo Animal Hospital for the past 16 years. He wrote "Pet Pointers" for the Midweek and did a radio show, "The Vet is In," on KFGO for 10 years. He is survived by his wife; a son, Tyler, Fargo; a daughter, Shaundra (Kevin) Brekke, Billings, Mont.; his mother, Martha, Grand Forks; a brother, Tom (Ann), Gaylord, Minn.; a sister, Donna (Norm) Trendera, Jamestown, N.D.; two grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.