

Class of 2014

10th Year as Alumni 2024



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Class of 2014

Stephanie Bailey Rochelle Barker Tera Barnhardt **Rosemary Bayless** Margot Boucher Jessica Bowden Megan Boyd Amanda Brady Alexandra Brooks-Schrauth Ty Brunswig Allison Bryan Arthur Charles Royaldeep Chhokar Tinie Chung Kayla Conroy Nathaniel Cordel Elizabeth Covington Allison Crow * Charley Cull Rachel DeSotel Jenna Dockweiler Crystal Drakes Kellie Eilerts-Lewis Jennifer Engel

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Melanie Vignal * Melissa Watts * Hannah Weimer * Kristina Wert * Jayme Wilkens * Matthew Wimer * Lindsey Wittmeyer

Stephanie Donna Bailey

Company: Heartland Veterinary Service of Oberlin

Spouse:Denton BaileyChildren:Scarlett Elizabeth- 3/10/15Education:Adelyn Marie- 6/26/17

Rochelle Elizabeth Barker

Company: Fairview Veterinary Hospital

Education:

Tera Barnhardt

Company: Animal Welfare Consulting and Research, LLC

Spouse:Sheldon Lee BarnhardtChildren:Archie Collins Barnhardt 6/26/2016Jolee Rene Barnhardt 7/20/2018Chase Martin Barnhardt 6/10/2022

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Active member of the Stanton County community, serve on the Prairie Pines Golf Course Board, Johnson City Council, Stanton County Chamber of Commerce, and our family attends the Fields Memorial Wesleyan Church.

Career News:

I worked in mixed animal practice for a few years, took a full time position at a large cattle feeding operation, and now I own and operate my own bovine consulting and research company where I serve both beef and dairy clients in Southwest Kansas.

Education:

Executive Veterinary Program in Beef from the University of Illinois DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014 Masters, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 2015

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AABP, AVC and Animal Ag Alliance

Offices Held:

CV: available upon request.

Honors/Civic Involvement:

AABP James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders - 2022 DQC Veterinarian of the Year - 2021

Family News:

We have three wonderful kids and the past five years has gone lightning fast! I can't imagine what it's going to look like in the next five years. We've had many trips back to Manhattan to cheer on the Cats and are enjoying raising up the next generation of Wildcats!

Advice to Students:

Push yourself to the point that you are uncomfortable every single day. I am constantly feeling unprepared for my work and personal life, which tells me I am pushing my limits and will constantly be growing into a better veterinarian and mom. If you have meaningful pursuits in life, I truly believe you will live in an uncomfortable state most of the time because what's on the other side of this is the really good stuff.

Class Comments:

I miss you all. We spent so much time together in school, it seems odd to have spread out across the country. I am excited for all of you and proud of what you've already accomplished.

Rosemary Leslie Bayless

Company: North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Lectures at professional meetings

2018

Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome: Equine Squamous Gastric Disease and Equine Glandular Gastric Disease. Colorado State University Annual Conference for Veterinarians. 1 hour.

2017

Equine Endocrinology: Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction & Equine Metabolic Syndrome. Colorado Veterinary Medical Association Convention. 2 hours.

Equine Endocrinology: Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction & Equine Metabolic Syndrome. Colorado State University Annual Conference for Veterinarians. 1 hour.

Oral abstract presentations

2018

Bayless, R., Byer, B., Moore, A.R., Landolt, G., Hassel, D., Nout-Lomas, Y. Urinary N-acetyl-β-D-glucosaminidase: potential novel biomarker for renal injury in horses. American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum. June 14-16, Seattle, WA.

Bayless, R., Hassel, D., Ryan, E., Weir, T. Impact of dietary rice bran on the equine fecal microbiome and on peripheral cytokine gene expression following antimicrobial administration. College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Research Day, Colorado State University.

Career News:

Comparative Biomedical Sciences PhD program, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina 2018-present

Equine internal medicine residency, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 2015-2018 Hospital internship, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky 2014-2015

Education:

Master of Science in Clinical Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 2018 DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

AAEP

Advice to Students:

Be curious, find joy and excitement in learning, spend as much time as you can in the teaching hospital during first-third year, enjoy and appreciate your classmates, identify mentors.

Class Comments:

I had so much fun during vet school, partly because I had such awesome classmates--thank you!

Margot Marie Boucher

Company: United States Army Reserve

Education:

Jessica Lynne Bowden

Company: United States Army

Spouse: Travis (Klotzer) Boden

Career News:

US Army First Year Graduate Veterinary Education Program, Fort Bragg, NC: 2014-2015 Fort Knox Branch Chief, Fort Knox, KY: 2015-2018 218th Food and Lab Team OIC, JBLM, WA: 2018-Present

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Family News:

Moved to 4 different states, had 2 kids.

Megan Leigh Boyd

Education:

Amanda Marie Brady

Spouse: Chad Brady

Education:

Danielle Marin Brink

Education:

Alexandra Joan Brooks-Schrauth

Company: Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Hospital of Wichi

Education:

Ty Appl Brunswig

Company: Animal Medical Center

Spouse: Courtney Brunswig

Allison Jordan Bryan

Education: DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014 Professional Memberships: FLVMA, AVMA

Arthur James Charles

Company: Medomak Veterinary Services

Spouse: Bailey Gage

Royaldeep Chhokar

Education:

Tinie Chiu-Lai Chung

Company: United States Army

Education:

Kayla Marie Conroy

Company: Companion's Choice Animal Hospital

Spouse: Kyle Conroy

Nathaniel David Cordel

Spouse: Abigail Cordel

Elizabeth York Covington

Company: South Fork Veterinary Hospital

Education:

Allison Michelle Crow

Company: Animal Clinic of North Topeka

Spouse: Tyler Crow

Charley Abraham Cull

Spouse: Brook (Lechtenberg) Cull

Rachel Erin DeSotel

Company: Schlapkohl David DVM

Spouse: Justin DeSotel

Jenna Corinne Dockweiler

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014 **Professional Memberships:** AVMA, Colorado VMA, American College of theriogenologists

Crystal Candice Drakes

Company: Banfield

Education:

Jennifer Engel

Education:

Jennifer Ellen Engel

Company: Banfield Pet Hospital

Education:

MPH, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014 DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Gonzalo Martin Erdozain

Company: Kansas City Veterinary Care

Spouse: Kathryn Erdozain

Gabrielle Fadl

Company: VCA Fifth Ave Veterinary Specialists

Education:

Kelsey Renee Fiddes

Company: United States Army

Education:

Flyin 'Kailey Glenn Fitzmorris

Company: Flyin' 3 Veterinary Service

Spouse: Blayne Puckett

Career News:

After working at Droge Animal Health Center since graduation I purchased the practice in April 2017. We are currently renovating and updating the building.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AVC, KVMA

Offices Held:

District Trustee Southeast KS KVMA 2017-2019

Kelly Foster

Company: Emporia Veterinary Hospital

Spouse: Steven Foster

Kathryn Renee Francis

Company: PV Village Pet Clinic

Education:

Bailey Elisabeth Gage

Company: Medomak Veterinary Services

Spouse: Arthur Charles

Kristen Amber Godsey

Company: Country Hill Animal Clinic

Spouse: Brian Godsey

Education:

Amy Lynn Gonzales

Company: Animal Hospital of Lubbock

Education:

Megan Marie Haney

Company: University of Missouri

Education:

Nickolas Orval Hart

Company: Steele Veterinary Clinic

Education:

Sarah Kate Heath

Education:

Ruth Ilene Hester

Education:

Aubrey Lea Hirsch

Education:

Erik Douglas Holum

Company: Sweetgrass Veterinary Services, Prof. LLC

Spouse:Jessica Lea HolumChildren:Expecting first child due on 4-14-2019.

Career News:

Worked in a large mixed animal practice until July 2018. Decided to create a new livestock focused vet practice with a great core of people to help it get off the ground! Things are going great and growing each month.

Education:

B.A., Concorida College, Moorhead, MN, 2009 DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

SDVMA, AABP, AVC

Family News:

Eagerly awaiting birth of first child in April 2019. My wife, Jessica, started a new job just 3 blocks from our home end of last year. She had been commuting 1.5 hours everyday.

Advice to Students:

You will make mistakes along the way, but if you are honest, work hard, and build good relationships, clients will remain loyal through good times and hard times.

Rebecca Ann Hopkins

Company: Lynch Creek Animal Clinic

Education:

Brittany Marlene Hoyt

Spouse: Matt Hoyt

Kristen Elizabeth Humbach

Education:

Joseph Wiley Iliff

Company: Canton Veterinary Clinic LLC

Education:

Laura Marie Keller

Education:

Michele Leigh Kerns

Company: Camp Lejeune VTF

Career News:

Served as an Active Duty Veterinary Corps Officer in the U.S. Army. Duty stations include Fort Campbell, KY; South Korea; and Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, NC.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Board Certifications:

ACVPM

Jacob Matthew Kiefer

Company: Pine Bush Equine Services

Spouse: Erin Kathleen (Stahl) Stahl-Kiefer

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Education

Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, KS May 2014 Degree Earned: D.V.M.

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KSMay 2012Degree Earned: B.S., Animal ScienceMajor: Pre-VeterinarianCertificate: Equine StudiesKantan Science

Professional Experience

Associate Veterinarian

February 2015- Present

Pine Bush Equine, Pine Bush, NY

- ¿ Practice routine ambulatory and emergency medicine, including dental and preventative care
- ¿ Administer reproductive services for clients, including live cover, artificial insemination, and frozen semen management
- ¿ Supply clients with multiple aspects of sports horse medicine, particularly lameness evaluations and prepurchase exams
- ¿ Utilize imaging modalities such as ultrasonography, radiography and endoscopy
- ¿ Assist primary surgeon during surgeries
- i Manage the rotating on-call schedule for all doctors within the practice
- ¿ Mentor interns and externs, and provide practical experience

Chief Executive Officer

October 2016-Present

Kiefer Elite Bloodstock, LLC, Boonton Township, NJ

- ¿ Manage business operations and pedigree analysis
- ¿ Serve as staff veterinarian
- ¿ Assist with financial strategy and management

Intern

June 2014-February 2015

Pine Bush Equine, Pine Bush, NY

- ¿ Provide treatment to all in-house patients
- ¿ Practice emergency medicine, and respond to emergency calls
- \mathcal{L} Assist associate veterinarians with examinations and medical procedures
- ¿ Maintain client communication in a kind and timely manner

Intensive Care Unit Assistant

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

- i Perform hourly check-ins for all patients in the large animal hospital
- i Administer medication to patients as needed
- \mathcal{L} Supply water and feed to patients in the large animal hospital
- ¿ Assist nighttime veterinary technician

September 2010-May 2013

Veterinary Assistant

Pine Bush Equine, Pine Bush, NY

- Aid in the surgical preparation of patients i
- Restrain patients for doctors during medical examinations and procedures i
- Provide routine maintenance of the hospital i
- Assist in drawing blood of post-race winner at Goshen Historic Track i.

Veterinary Assistant May 2011-August 2011 Hodes Veterinary Group, Mine Hill, NJ

June 2005-August 2009

- Assist doctors during examinations and surgical procedures i
- Maintain healthy and sterile environment for all patients i
- Perform routine maintenance of the hospital i
- Manage front desk, including appointment scheduling and filing client information i,

Mentorships

Rosehill Veterinary Clinic, Andover, KS: Mixed animal medicine May 2012 Sun Valley Embryo Transfer, Salina, KS: Food animal medicine January 2012 Hodes Veterinary Group, Mine Hill, NJ: Small animal medicine August 2011 Pine Bush Equine, Pine Bush, NY: Equine medicine July 2011

Professional Affiliations & Licensures

American Association of Equine Practitioners Member American Association of Veterinary Medicine Member Registered New York Veterinary Medicine Licensure Registered Pennsylvania Veterinary Medicine Licensure Registered New Jersey Veterinary Medicine Licensure

Honors

Member of the National Collegiate Honors Society at Kansas State University Honors Scholarship Award winner at Kansas State University Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture member American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Achievement Award winner

Career News:

Associate Veterinarian at Pine Bush Equine Services in Pine Bush, NY. **Education:** DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014 **Professional Memberships:** AVMA. AAEP

Rebecca Dene Koehler

Company: Banfield Pet Hospital

Spouse: Andrew Koehler

Sara Elizabeth Ellis Ku

Company: Town & Country Equine

Education:

Jessica Kai-Yee Lau

Company: Pet Emergency & Specialty Center of Marin

Education:

Megan Rene Lawrence

Animal Emergency Care Centers

Education:

Kayla Marie Le

Company: Iowa State University

Education:

Lauren Le Febre

Education: DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014 Professional Memberships: CAVMA, AVMA

Karen Ledbetter

Company: Gentle Care Animal Hospital

Spouse: Stuart Ledbetter

Christopher Shay Leon

Company: Alpha Veterinary Care

Education:

Kellie Lynette Lewis

Company: TimberCreek Veterinary Hospital

Spouse:Landon Lee LewisChildren:Landry- 09/02/2015Career News:Greyson- 04/01/2018

I started the Monday after graduation at Companion Animal Hospital in Wichita, KS serving small animals and exotics. I gained a lot of surgical experience during my first year there. Once pregnant, I knew I would be moving back to Manhattan where my husband was working. I began working Saturdays at Westside Animal Clinic in Manhattan to get my foot in the door. After maternity leave with my first son, Landry, I moved back to the Manhattan area and worked three days a week at Westside and two days a week at Flint Hills Veterinary Hospital in Junction City. Once Westside sold to new owners, I went full time in Junction City. In March 2017, I made the switch to a brand new start up clinic called TimberCreek Veterinary Hospital. The small animal and equine practice was my career dream and I have been there since, helping to grow the practice from the ground up. We have recently completed renovations to quadruple the space of our original building and are enjoying much greater efficiency with our space for our three doctors.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

AAEP

Family News:

In the Fall of 2015 we bought our first home and signed the papers while we were in the hospital having our first son, Landry. After leaving the hospital we moved into our home the next day. Following that we began making our small hobby farm ours. We breed show quality chickens, brought my old horse home, and boarded a friend's horse. We were enjoying the early family life years. On Easter morning 2018, we welcomed our second son, Greyson into the family. Life with two small children keeps us busy and tired and our hearts full.

Advice to Students:

Don't fall into believing your only purpose in life is to be a veterinarian. You will be much more than that some day and life holds way more than an occupation. Try your best to balance work and life and set limits so that you can still take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Class Comments:

You are family! I so enjoy following your journeys on where this wonderful career takes you all. More importantly, I am intrigued by all that you are outside of Vet Med. You are a strong, motivated, and determined group of people who do great things for family, community, and our profession. Keep being amazing!

Su Li

Education:

Abbey Rae Lindholm

Company: Vets 2 Pets Mobile Veterinary Service LLC

Education:

Lu Lu

Education:

Brady Spencer Luke

Company: Solomon Valley Veterinary Hospital

Education:

Alison Mary Maksimak

Company: Friendship Hospital for Animals

Education:

Gregory Kirk Mantz

Company: Cattle Call Veterinary Service

Career News:

After a brief stint in Eastern Montana and doing relief work in Southwest, Kansas, I returned to Bazine, KS and operate a mobile large animal veterinary service and manage a small cow herd.

Education:

MS, Range Science, Utah State University, 1993 PhD, Range Science, Utah State University, 2008 DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Advice to Students:

Find a good private practice and spend as much time there as possible. You will gain more practical knowledge in 6 weeks in a good private practice than in 6 months in a veterinary teaching hospital.

Class Comments:

Miss you all.

Izabela Ragan Martinez

Company: Colorado State University

Spouse: Mario Roman Martinez

Career News:

2014-2018 Phd program at Kansas State University CVM. Diagnotstic Medicine/Pathobiology Department, 2018-present. Post-doctoral fellow at Colorado State University as a veterinary researcher.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

AAAS, AALVD, AASRP, ASTMH

Advice to Students:

Be passionate about your work. Follor your dreams and do what you love!

Class Comments:

Never stop learning. There is so much to discover and explore.

Robert Elias Martinez

Spouse: Ashley Martinez

Education:

Maria Fernanda Martinez de Zeiders

Company: Lov-N-Care Animal Hospital

Spouse: Justin Zieders

Andrew Mason

Company: Mason Family Pet Hospital

Education:

Erika Faye Mastalerz

Education:

Mary Ellen Matthews

Education:

Julie Ellen McCoy

Company: Ninnescah Vet Services

Spouse:Mike McCoyChildren:Lucas Michael 07-09-2016Education:Ellen (Ella) Paige 08-11-2018

Wichita State University, Bachelors of Bilogy, 2010 DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Anastasia Meissner McHaney

Spouse: Mark McHaney

Education:

Jamila Kibibi McKenzie-Long

Spouse: Kiam Long

Education:

Kayleen McLain

Education:

Laura Ann McPhee

Company: Nestle Purina

Spouse: Kyle McPhee

Mark Meier

Company: Hays Veterinary Hospital

Education:

Molly Melling

Company: Johnson Country Animal Clinic

Education:

Jason Graham Miles

Company: Oklahoma City Equine Clinic

Spouse:Dana GudeEducation:DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014Professional Memberships:AVMA, AAEP

Tanner Jordan Miller

Company: Drexel Veterinary Clinic

Spouse:Krystal (Kidder) MillerChildren:Easton Jordan Miller -06/30/2016

Career News:

Started at Drexel Vet Clinic out of school practicing mixed animal medicine and have stayed there ever since. Practice has grown to 3 clinic. I've taken a particular interest in cow/calf herd health and small animal medicine and surgery.

Education:

BS, Animal Science, Kansas State University, 2008 MS, Biomedical Science, Kansas State University, 2013 DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AVC

Family News:

I got married the weekend after graduating vet school. Krystal and I had Easton a couple years later. Recently bought a home on 5 acres. We have had many trips to the lake with family and friends.

Advice to Students:

Get a wide variety of experiences. Different industries, different practices, so you know what you want and what it'll look like when you graduate. Find a financial advisor. Don't complain about something and do nothing about it.

Class Comments:

Hope all is well with everyone and their families. Wish it was easier to stay in touch.

Kristen Elizabeth Mull

Company: Larned Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: John Mull

Samantha Myers

Education:

Allison Lesta Nelson

Company: East Lake Veterinary Hospital

Spouse: Code Williams

Children: Hadley Williams 06/20/18

Education:

Vanderbilt, BS, Nashville, TX 2009 DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2014

Professional Memberships:

TXVMA, DCVMA

Offices Held: Public Health Committee TVMA

Shawn Quan Nguyen

Education:

Daniela Sue Ostahowski

Company: Willow Creek Pet Center

Spouse: Daniel Ostahowski

Jeffrey Leland Pearson

Atlantic Veterinary Hospital

Education:

Anna Marie Pees

Education:

Melanie Ashton Ray

Company: Dog & Cat Clinic

Education:

Erin McClain Riggin

Spouse: Andrew Riggin

Clinton John Roof

Company: Bovine Veterinary Services

Education:

Daniel Alexander Rueb

Company: Southside Pet Hospital

Education:

Stacy Lynn Rugan

Spouse: Jason Rugan

Education:

Kelsey Colleen Schroeder

Education:

Aleece Cristine Scott

Company: Dog & Cat Clinic

Spouse: Aaron Scott

Kelly Knight Simonian

Spouse: Jon Simonian

Shannon Laurel Smith

Education:

Taylor Jonathan Smith

Company: Moorpark Veterinary Hospital

Education:

Michael Keil Solomon

Education:

Mathew Alexander Stewart

Education:

Kenneth Lee Strawn

Company: United States Army Veterinary Corps

Spouse: Kenneth Strawn

Mikaela Brianne Sundgren

Company: Western Veterinary Clinic LLC

Education:

Marcus Richard Taylor

Company: Glen Ellyn Animal Hospital

Spouse: Kristina Taylor

Education:

Miles Eugene Theurer

Education:

Claire Tungseth

Spouse: Taylor Tungseth

Education:

Taylor James Tungseth

Spouse: Claire (Filkins) Tungseth

Education:

Melanie Dawn Vignal

Company: Nashville Veterinary Specialists

Spouse: Matt Vignal

Melissa Leigh Watts

Education:

Hannah Jane Lonnon Weimer

Company: Full Circle Equine Services

Education:

Kristina Marie Wert

Spouse: Zachaire Wert

Jayme Nicole Wilkens

Company: Missouri Valley Veterinary Clinic

Education:

Matthew Joel Wimer

Education:

Lindsey Ann Wittmeyer

Education:

In Memoriam

William Theus DVM

In loving memory of William Kennedy "Ken" Theus, devoted son, and proud graduate of the Kansas State School of Veterinary Medicine and Washington and Lee University, who passed away unexpectedly on October 14th. Ken's kindness touched the lives of many. A proud recipient of Kansas State's Gentle Doctor Award, Ken's compassion and kind-heartedness were unfailing. He coordinated efforts to rescue pets left behind after Katrina, saving hundreds. He quietly donated his time to offer free veterinary care to the pets of sheltered women in San Antonio. His passion for animals was matched only by his love for the outdoors. Ken's days were spent not only tending to the well-being of animals but also immersed in the tranquility of nature. A dedicated sheepherder and an avid fisherman, he found solace in his home in Boerne, Texas. In addition to his pursuits, Ken held a deep and abiding love for his sister, Ellen, cherishing the bond they shared throughout the years. His kindness, warmth, and unwavering support enriched the lives of those around him. His uncle, Andy, reflected on Ken's legacy, saying, "We can honor him by being better humans to others and by caring for all animals. That is his legacy." In these words, we find a lasting tribute to Ken's compassionate spirit and the values he held dear. As we bid farewell to Ken, we remember not only the vibrant life he led but also the profound impact he had on his family. He is preceded in death by his father, Edwin Kennedy Theus, Jr., his maternal grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Mintz, and his paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kennedy Theus. He is survived by his mother Mary Mintz Theus of Monroe, Louisiana, his sister Ellen Theus and her husband Jim Bierylo both of Los Angeles, California, and his treasured aunts, uncles, cousins, and life-long friends. May the memories of Ken's laughter, compassion, and love for family and nature bring comfort to those who mourn his passing. May he rest in eternal peace. The Theus family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ken's friends Diane, Rachel, Dalton, Denise, Chester, Nikki, Cindy, Connie, and Glenda who selflessly dedicated their time and energy to help organize his affairs and secure loving homes for his cherished animals. Rev. Jim Theus will officiate a service at Riverview Cemetery on November 4, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to American Cancer Society, Grace Episcopal Church, or a charity of your choosing in Ken's memory.