



Dr. Stuart Thrush

June 21, 1934 - December 30, 2013

Dr. Stuart Thrush, DVM of Eagle passed away December 30, 2013 at home surrounded by his family. He was born June 21, 1934 in Isabelle County, Michigan to the late Charles F. and Dora H. (Bacon) Thrush. He graduated from Shepherd High School class of 1952. Stuart attended Central Michigan University for two years and then transferred to Michigan State University in 1954. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education and continued into veterinary medicine. He married his late wife Kay Whitmore in 1955 and they had three sons, John, Mark and Greg. Stuart graduated from MSU in 1961 as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and became an associate at the Baker Animal Hospital in Midland for one year. He then moved his family to Lansing and opened the Waverly Animal Hospital in February of 1963 and had an enjoyable career in veterinary medicine. He is survived by two sons, Mark and Greg; grandchildren, Christopher, Kevin, Kaitlyn, Zachary, Courtney and Stephanie; sister, Carol Whitney. Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Kay; son, John, three brothers and one sister. The family will receive friends Friday, January 10, 2014, 11am until the time of the memorial service at 12pm at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. A private family inurnment will take place at the Wacousta Cemetery, Watertown Twp., Clinton Co., Michigan at a later time. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, 2140 University Park Drive, Suite 210, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ Dr. Thrush's death was also preceded at his practice by the death of two of our dear family members, Candy (Feb 1989) and Rosie (Nov 2013). During Candy's 10-year life, Dr. Thrush was the only veterinarian who cared for her. We were not even aware of the other staff doctors. On the other hand, Rosie was treated by all the other staff, except Dr Thrush, at one time or another, including two veterinarians who have left Waverly Animal for other destinations (Drs. Rodebaugh and Vincent). We are so grateful to Dr. Thrush for establishing such a fine practice, with such quality veterinarians, especially Jennifer. We look forward to returning to Waverly Animal with our next 4-legged family member, as long as Jennifer is still there. I am sending a special message to Candy and Rosie to nuzzle up to you as comfort in your post-earthly journey. Rest in peace and comfort.

The Sorrells

Ric Sorrell - January 13, 2014 at 09:18 PM

LS

“ Our sympathies go out to the Thrush family. Dr. Thrush was an iconic figure in the Lansing veterinary community and will be dearly missed by all of his many, many patients and their owners. It has been a gift to have such a friendly relationship with his veterinary family.

The staff of Miller Animal Clinic, Lansing Michigan

Lynn Sharples - January 12, 2014 at 08:04 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Dr. Thrush's passing.

When he first built his new clinic on Waverly Road my family was one of his first clients. Not long after, he hired me as a 14 year old kid to clean kennels. I scooped many a poop and washed a lot of dogs after school and on weekends. I went on to help with technician work and then became a groomer for many years working my way through college with the money earned and skills learned at his clinic. In his no nonsense manner he gave me a strong work ethic that has served me well over the years. My love of dogs has carried on into my own retirement. I still show, groom and breed with the foundation given to me by this man. I just learned of his passing and the service this morning and I really regret not being able to attend. I remember when each of his sons was born and I was hoping to come and thank them in person for what an influence their father was in my life. He will be missed.

Christine Lietzau - January 10, 2014 at 11:37 AM

TF

“ *Dr Thrush will be missed. I enjoyed his phone calls to the office we would talk and talk about nothing but he would make my day. The world is losing a amazing man and vet. I am so sorry for your loss Tammy and at Dr Lopez Optimum Health Clinic*

Tammy Fillmore - January 07, 2014 at 08:25 AM

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“ *Adam Reichmuth purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Stuart Thrush.*



Adam Reichmuth - January 06, 2014 at 02:03 PM