



Dale A Graber

June 23, 2007

Dale Andrew Graber D.V.M. age 85, passed away Saturday June 23, 2007 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He was born July 17, 1921 to Clyde and Cora (Scherer) Graber in Canton, Ohio. He was a member of the 1939 class of Canton Township High School, where he played on the first football team in the school's history. Dale honorably served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Squadron B-1 2123rd Army Air Force. He was part of the 487th bombardment group, where he served with distinction, completing 33 successful bombing missions over Germany. Dale attended the Ohio State University for 3 years, before being accepted into the O.S.U College of Veterinary Medicine, where he graduated from in 1951. He received the Omega Tau Sigma award in 1950 and 1951 and was a member of Alpha Psi and Phi Zeta veterinary fraternities. He met and married Iva Lou Lansdale in Columbus, Ohio November 24, 1951. Dale began his career in veterinary medicine practicing large animal care in Lubbock, Texas from 1951 to 1952 before moving to Toledo. He practiced with Dr. Custer D.V.M downtown on Adams St. for one year before opening Graber Animal Hospital's first location at 2019 Sylvania Ave. He helped mentor many veterinarians and retired after 45 years. Dale twice served as the President of the Toledo Veterinary Medical Association and was a longtime board member. He served as the Veterinarian for the Toledo Humane Society for several years. Dale was also a proud fundraiser for the O.S.U College of Veterinary Medicine during their President's Club Fund Drive. Dale was a certified, Master Gardener from

B.G.S.U.? He? volunteered his time,? gardening skills and expertise at the Toledo Zoo for many years.? He loved gardening, fishing with his buddies, bird watching, all OSU sports and spending time doting on his beloved grandchildren. ??? Dale is survived by his sons, James (Keith) Graber, Steven (Sharon) Graber D.V.M; daughters, Cathy Graber D.V.M, Rebecca (Robert) Tuckerman; brothers, Nelson Graber, Lester Graber; sisters, Viola Newell, LaDeane Lofgren; and grandchildren, Jason, Angela, Samantha, Emily, Eric and Kevin.? He was preceded in death by his wife, Lou; sister, Arlene Minnick and brother, Clarence Graber. ?? A memorial service will be held 2:00pm July? 29, 2007 at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3077 Valleyview Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43615.? Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Epworth United Methodist Church or Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Arrangements entrusted to Ansberg-West Funeral Directors. ??? Dale's family would like to thank the staff at Toledo Hospital (4th, 8th, 9th floors) and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their love and support.???

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your father and grandfather. He was such a wonderful doctor and such a kind man. I have great memories of bringing our family dog in for check ups as a kid, and volunteering over school breaks. I was interested in being a vet and he let me come in to observe and find out what goes on in the "day in the life a verterinarian". I guess you don't realize, until you're an adult, how lucky you were to meet people like him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sincerely, Sue Coghlin

Sue Coghlin - suecoghlin@yahoo.com suecoghlin@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I was saddened to read of the passing of Dr. Graber. While I was pastor at Faith Church, Dr. Graber was seen so often planting and tending the flowers around the church, which he said he did in memory of his wife. He always chided me for calling him "Dr. Graber" instead of "Dale," which I simply could not bring myself to do out of respect for him. Dr. Graber was a true humanitarian and gentleman in every sense of the word. He left the world a better place for his having been with us.

Judy Shumaker - judyshumaker@earthlink.net judyshumaker@earthlink.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dale was my first boss, my mentor and friend. I'll miss our contacts that we've had of late in Andersons, reaturaunts etc. My condolences to the Graber family.

Jim Boehm - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Your dad and grandpa was truly a kind caring nice man. A true Gentlemen. He will be missed.

Vickie Naylor, Pat Clark - grammasmagic@yahoo.com
grammasmagic@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dr. Graber was our vet for many years. He had a gentleness in him that was seen and felt by the pet owners but I think the animals sensed it too. He was a good person. He has passed his gift on to his son and daughter. He will be greatly missed. I am sure he is proud of the wonderful job his children do for animals.

diane thompson - dthompson@buckeye-express.com **dthompson@buckeye-express.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Steve, Cathy and family, I was saddened to hear about your dad. It is hard to believe it has been 18 years since I have worked with all of you at the clinic. Your dad was a great man who I greatly respected. I enjoyed working for him and listening to the fishing stories. God Bless all of you and your family. The next time I am in Toledo I will stop in and say hello. With Sympathy, Karen 7305 Water Thrush Court Hanahan, SC 29410

Karen Sue Morton(Sifleet) - Karenhottubgal@aol.com
Karenhottubgal@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Just wanted Dr. Cathy to know that we are thinking of her at this sad time. Perhaps Dr. Dale will be able to visit with "Zander" in heaven. Take Care.

Joyce & Tom Caster plus Maggie & Missy - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Steve, Cathy and all of Dr Dale's family, We are so sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. Dale is so loved. You are all in our hearts, thoughts and prayers today and in the coming months and years. Dale was an incredible example of a loving and serving man. None of us can do better than that. He leaves us having shown us the best example of the kind of person and vet a person could be. He will be missed. In loving sympathy, Dr. Kittsen McCumber Dr. Barb Buford Dr. Jody Ehrmin Dr. Amy Phillips Dr. Adrienne Barchard and the staff at AECCC

Animal Emergency and Critical Care - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Steve, Cathy ,Lester My prayers are with you and your families during this most difficult time. I have wonderful memories of working with all of you at the hospital. May God bless you with his Love, Compassion , and healing at this time of grief

David Dresser - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dr. Graber was a very caring man who was devoted to helping animals and their owners. I really appreciated all he did for my pets. God Bless him always.

Mrs. Margaret Schumacher - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Steve and Family We were sorry to read about your Dad. You and yours are in our prayers. Memories may help heal the heart. Jeff, Linda and boys

The J Kahn Family - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to Steve, Cathy & the rest of your family. I had a great deal of respect for your Dad. During my employment at the animal hospital, his professionalism, work ethic, and subtle humor helped shape my life. Once, as I assisted in a particularly messy surgery (after hours) he looked up at me over his glasses and said "It isn't all glamour Mike." He certainly was right about that, but I hope he knew what an honorable reputation he had in the community. Your father was a good man. You are in our prayers, Mike, Cindy, Elizabeth, Hannah & Rachel Tippett

Mike Tippett & family - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing, and send our sincere sympathy to you and all of your family. We remember him with fondness--as a great and compassionate doctor, and also as a good friend.

Doris and Gerald Stark - djs119@aol.com djs119@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Dr. Dale was the best vet i've ever had . he took great care of my boxer Casey as well as Cathy Graber did .. You and your family will be in my prayers.. God Bless you , May you rest in peace ..Florence Edwards

Florence Edwards - fje87@msn.com fje87@msn.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dale was a kind, gentle, and truly caring veterinarian. He was a respected friend to all who knew him. We went fishing many times over the years, and those are some of my most pleasant memories. We'll all miss you Dale. Godspeed on your journey.

Dan Tucker - CaptainDan@bex.net CaptainDan@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Dear Becky, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing and my sympathy is with you and your family. Your dad was a truly great man and a lover of animals. My Hanna, who just passed away in January after ten years, had her ears cropped by your dad. It is very difficult to find a vet to do that procedure anymore. My dad passed away in Hospice about 2 years ago after 1 and 12 weeks of having cancer. So I knew what a lose it is to have your father gone. Hope everything is well with your family and say hi to Bob. Love and condolences, Nancy

Nancy Juergens Maison - labgrl6701@aol.com labgrl6701@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM