



Dr. Russell Owen Burger, Jr.

April 21, 1943 - April 25, 2011

Anderson – Dr. Russell Owen Burger Jr. D.V.M., 68, Anderson, died April 25, 2011 at his residence after an extended illness. He was born April 21, 1943 in Indianapolis, and resided in Anderson for most of his life. He was a graduate of Purdue University, where he received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Burger was a veterinarian and owner of Westsdie Veterinary Clinic. Survivors include his daughters, Laura Burger and Lisa Burger Delaplane, both of Anderson; sisters, Cathy Privette and Margaret Burger; two grandchildren, Brenden Delaplane and Corbin Burger and one granddaughter on the way. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, whom he married June 18, 1966, Linda Bower Burger, on October 13, 2009, and his parents, Russell Burger Sr. and Mary Tegeler Burger. Visitation will be from 2-6 PM on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson, IN 46013. There will be a graveside service on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 11:30 AM, at Ft. Wayne Catholic Cemetery, Ft. Wayne, Indiana with burial to follow. www.LooseFuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

CB

“ To the family of Russell Burger, I want to send my deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. I met your father in 1970 when I took my first puppy to Dr. Lee's in Edgewood. I followed him throughout his career, and I can tell you he was a great vet, great human being, and a kind soul. We also shared a lot of conversations, sometimes Cindy would have to remind him he had other appointments waiting. We talked politics, religion, the economy, the future of tomorrow and our families. He loved his family as much as I did mine. He will truly be missed by all, and you were blessed to have such great parents. I know you miss them, but memories are what makes the healing a little bit easier. I am sorry I wasn't able to attend the visitation, so I will just remember the last time I saw his truck at the office, and I stopped to say hello. I want you to know that I will keep your family in my prayers. God Bless.
Cathy Brenner

Cathy Brenner - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dr. Russell Burger was the best, most caring Veterinarian Ozzy and Sylvia will miss him. Mark and Geneva Stephenson

Mark and Geneva Stephenson - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Doc will be sadly missed by our family. He doctored our furkids for over 25 yrs. He was a great vet and a grand man!

Teri Patterson - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My husband and I raised American Eskimo Spitz dogs. Dr. Burger was our vet for over 15 years. We truly appreciated his loving care of our animals. He helped us upon the death all of them natural thankfully of all 3 of our dogs when they were older. I always appreciated his compassion and his donation to the veterinary school at Purdue in honor of our beloved dogs.

Deborah Stapleton - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I worked with Russ for 39 years. Words can not express the loss I have for him, He was my best friend. I will miss all of our talks and time we shared together, He was the best and I love him for always being there for me. He will always be in my heart forever.

Cindy Austin - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ So sorry for you loss. Dr. Burger was a kind man and a great vet!

Beth Huntington - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Burger. He was so gentle and caring to our dogs, both good times and bad. He truly loved his animals. Everyday I pass the Clinic, he will be remembered, and he will be greatly missed.

Mark, Sue, Murphy & Hackett - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ To me, Russ is extended family. He is my gruff adopted uncle, a bear of a man with a rough kind of honest love. He is one of my mom's absolute best friends in all the world. He has always been part of my life, a solid fixture. I am grateful that we knew this day was coming, and I was able to tell him how much he means to me, that I love him, that I will carry him in my heart and memory always, and to give him my best hug. I know my past critters are all happy to see him again even the guinea pigs I made the poor man neuter when I was a tween. We weep, but the angels sing.

Laura Massey - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ I am very sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Dr. Burger has been my vet for 20 years. For all of his patients he will be very hard to replace. He truly loved all the animals that he cared for. I had a trust in him that I will never be able to find in another vet. He was a very good man and a GREAT Vet!!!!!! He will be missed by many including our pets. I know that he is in a much better place right now with no pain or loneliness. He has many of our pets up there to greet him!!! He will be missed by all.

Cindy - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IY

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Russell Burger. He took care of my pet cats for 20 yrs. you could tell that he loved animals. I loved his office cats, they were fortunate to have someone so caring. He will be missed!

Irene Yost - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So sorry to hear of Doc's passing. He was a wonderful, caring vet and my dogs absolutley loved him. Our condolences go out to his family.

Jon & Tina Conklin - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ My condolences to Russ's family and friends. I have not seen or talked to Russ in many years but I have many fond memories from our younger days. Rest in peace Russell

Stanley Austin - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF THIS KIND MAN, HE HAS TAKEN CARE OF OUR PET FOR 25 YEARS, AND HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. MY BLESSINGS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY AT THIS TIME

Helen & Ronnie Smith - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of this kind, gentle man. He was a blessing in the care of my pets over the last 30 years. My thoughts are with his family as they celebrate his life.

Joan Witham - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ You've all always had family that loved and cared about you. From your Burger cousins!

Jean Hayes Williams - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dr. Burger will be greatly missed in this community. His love & devotion to the animals he cared for, not to mention the owners will be missed. He fought a good fight, he finished his course, he has his reward...Heaven rejoiced while we wept softly... You will be missed, but never forgotten & we will see you again!!Many thanks for all you did for all of us... You are loved.--Psalms 23*

Julie & Sandy - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM