



William Harold Meyer DVM

July 27, 1947 - April 9, 2020

Dr. William Harold Meyer, age 72, passed away on April 9, 2020. He was born in Atchison, Kansas, to Milton Albert Meyer and Clara Margaret Meyer. Growing up in Basehor, Kansas, he was the middle child of three having two sisters, Barbara Upton and Nancy Reese. Depending on how you knew him, he was best known as Hal, Doc, Dr. Meyer, Harold, Dad, and Grandpa/Papa Hal.

Hal spent most of his younger days working on the farm and having good ol' boy fun through the Kansas countryside. Hal always had a love and passion for animals. As a child, he made sure to pack his pockets full of dog treats to give to his dogs, or any other dogs he encountered, as soon as he would get off the school bus. He always knew he wanted to help animals and found his calling as a veterinarian. Hal was accepted into the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University and graduated in 1971. While attending K-State, he met the love of his life, Diane. They were married in January 1969. After graduating Vet school, Hal and Diane set off to start their journey together. Eventually, they landed in Kingsburg, CA where they decided to put down their roots and established the Kingsburg Veterinary Clinic in 1973. Hal's passion for veterinary medicine was unmatched. The care and compassion he had for animals always made his work seem more like a hobby. Throughout his career, Hal worked and cared for both large and small animals all throughout the valley until he retired in 2013.

If anyone knew how to work hard and still find a way to smile and laugh while doing so, it was Hal. Although a hard-worker, his fun-loving spirit still found time to run his bird dogs, ride horses, travel, fish, garden, attend concerts, give back to the community and spend time with his family. Hal made sure to live life to the fullest and never take anything for granted.

In 2006, looking for a different kind of adventure, Hal accepted the invitation to go to Mongolia with some of the Kingsburg Young Life leaders. A trip that changed his life in a way he never expected. Over the 3 weeks there, he heard of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accepted Him as his Lord and Savior.

Hal and Diane were blessed with two sons Gerrit and Trevor Meyer who they raised teaching them to always live by the golden rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". This foundation they have provided will live on within generations of the Meyer family, as well as the community of Kingsburg and for all who were blessed to have known Hal.

Hal is survived by his loving wife, Diane, of 51 years; son Gerrit Meyer and his wife, Kara; son Trevor Meyer and his wife, Vanessa; as well as 6 grandchildren. Hal will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A special thank you goes out from the Meyer family to Cedarbrook Memory Care, Right At Home, and Hinds Hospice for their role in Hal's life.

The family requests remembrances be sent to: Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Dr., Clarksburg, MD 20871; Young Life, 1948 18th Ave., Kingsburg, CA 93631; or Hinds Hospice, 2490 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93711.

Plans for a Celebration of Life have been canceled due to the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic.

A virtual memorial will be posted on our website soon.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto <http://www.salseranddillard.com>.

Comments



“ Sharlotte Woods lit a candle in memory of William Harold Meyer DVM



sharlotte woods - October 13, 2020 at 08:56 AM



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sharlotte woods - October 13, 2020 at 07:14 AM



“ Dr. Meyer was like a second father to me. I worked for him and Diane at KVC for many years. He had a huge heart and would help anyone in need. Over the years I witnessed him giving discounts or not even charging clients if they couldn't afford their pets medical bill. He was a very hard worker but had fun while he was working. Both Dr. Meyer and Diane have made a huge impact on my life and I cherish the time I had with him. My condolences to his wonderful family.

christina farris - September 01, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ Wow, what can I say. I think Bob n I were some of there first customers . The young lady who said she witnessed them not charging people for their services is so true...from day 1 I never paid a dime. They also shared that kindness to my mom. Diane, u two had hearts of gold. Bob n I never had more fun then when we'd go out to dinner or to each other's homes for visits. I'm so sorry we lost Hal so early in life. Diane a great loss for you, your boys and your grandkids & Hals dogs ...our loss but Heaven's gain. I miss him and love you sooo much and always will. roni

Veronica Crouch - September 28, 2020 at 03:54 AM



“ Best vet in the valley very special great man god take care of him. Godspeed

sharlotte woods - October 12, 2020 at 11:27 PM



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Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel - August 31, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ Such beautiful memories of Dr. Meyer! He's missed by our family. We all have wonderful memories of him. Diane, your family will always have a special place in our hearts.

Anna & Steve Farris - September 01, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Very beautiful and moving tribute to Hal!

Michelle Nicholas - September 01, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to a great man who loved life and was respected by many. Our love to Diane and family.

Mary andDon King - September 01, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ What a wonderful life, and a wonderful person! You are missed Dr Meyer!

Jorja Davison - September 01, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ A wonderful, loving tribute to a gentleman of the same description, wonderful and loving. We will continue to miss Hal but will continue to honor the happy memories he created for us in our lives. May the Lord bless Diane, Gerritt and his family, and Trevor and his family. With love, Brenda & Eddie

Brenda - September 02, 2020 at 05:04 AM



“ We have many fond memories of Hal, Diane, and sons as we spent many hours together traveling to soccer tournaments and more. Our prayers are with Diane and her sons.

Pamela Elzarian - September 02, 2020 at 06:16 AM



“ Good by Hal we will see you on the other side. Nard Bailey

Nard Bailey - September 02, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ I am glad to have known you Hal Meyer. You made my life bigger and better. What a beautiful tribute to a giant of a man.

Joanne - September 05, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to our amazing friend!! We will forever have our memories to make us smile when thinking of "doc". Thank you for sharing your memories with us

SHERI FOGLIO - September 24, 2020 at 01:06 AM



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Brenda Alves - July 12, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ We are both with heavy hearts at your loss of husband and father. We are so grateful to have been able to share in a small part of Hal's life and best of all to share with his love of family, friends, and the animals he doctored. The other saving grace is the wonderful memories of laughter and joy we will always remember him by. We know that God has welcomed him with open heart and open arms. God bless you Diane and your family, Gerritt and Trevor and thank you for always treating us like family. Brenda & Eddie (Fat toad #3)

Brenda & Eddie - July 10, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ Hal hired me in fall of 1982 as a brand new graduate veterinarian out of UC Davis. I was with him and all the gang at Kingsburg Vet until fall of 1989, when I joined the faculty at the Vet School in North Carolina.

Hal taught me to be a veterinarian, and always had advice for a 'newbie' (even after several years at KVC I think he still thought of me as a 'newbie'). I use some of that advice now, 30 years later as a vet school faculty teaching up and coming young veterinarians. Hal's influence is still strong, all the way across the country.

Hal was an outstanding surgeon, for both small and large animals. Blazingly fast, too. Sometimes he was frighteningly fast - when we was doing a large animal surgery on farm you didn't want to get too close, because the scalpel was moving faster than you could see. His most consistent advice to me was "Cut faster, Doctor, cut faster". He and I both were out on farms a great deal in the 1980s, and the California Highway Patrol recognized our vet trucks sometimes going "just a bit" over the speed limit. The Valley did not have cell phone coverage in those days, so we used a business FM radio for communication between the trucks and the clinic, so everyone in the clinic - staff and clients - could usually hear our conversations on the radio. I had a friend named Wayne serving in the Fresno Sheriff department, and he became a code we'd use to warn each other about speed traps. One of us would call the other, using our call numbers for the truck: "22 to 40 (I was truck 22, Hal was truck 40). Wayne is waiting for you at the corner of Elkhorn and 41." I know all the staff knew what we were talking about, but hopefully the clients didn't. And hopefully the CHP never heard us, either!

I have very fond memories of Hal and everyone at KVC. I am so sorry for the loss we've all faced with Hal's passing. I hope Diane and the boys can find some comfort in knowing that Hal's life career is still helping to build new veterinarians.

Barrett Slenning - July 10, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ I remember Harold as my brother, Joe Schwartz good friend, who shared his early boyhood thru graduating from K-State. He passion was all animals, he treated me as another younger sister. He was kind, gentle, and had great sense of humor. He was so happy when he married Diane. I stayed in their apartment at Manhattan, KS, when Joe graduated from K-State in 1969. Miss you, Harold. Deborah Schwartz Morgan

deborah morgan - June 17, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ When I moved to Kingsburg in 2007, I started taking my pets to Dr Meyer and Dr Nichols. I remember I was in Fresno somewhere and ran into Dr Meyer in a store... He greeted me with a smile, and acknowledged me. He valued his patients. I always felt confident with the care I received and the two dogs who arrived in Kingsburg with me lived to 12 and 18 years... I am sorry to hear of the loss to not only the family but the community of colleagues, friends and former patients. He was too young! May this bring you fond memories and know he will be missed by many.

Linda Crowell - June 11, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ I worked for Hal Meyer for 5 years while I attended college and never met a nicer, funnier, more hard working individual ever. I called him "Boss Hogg" and of course all it took was me to break a stool while cleaning a cage to get the name of "Jumbo Julie". I so appreciated his quick wit and sense of humor.

One of my favorite memories was a Saturday (we worked until noon on Saturdays) and a couple of people had called in sick that morning so we knew we would be short staffed. Dr. Slenning was working along with Nancy McCall so Hal called me and said, "Let's meet for breakfast at Denny's and you and I will call in sick." I proceeded to call Nancy and you could hear the stress in her voice as I faked my stomach flu. Hal proceeded to call Dr. Slenning and while on the phone Dr. Slenning heard the clinking of dishes in the background. Knowing our rascally past with practical jokes Dr. Slenning was immediately on to us and let's just say we heard a few choice words over the phone. Denny's was about 300 ft. from the hospital so we laughed all the way to work.

Hal loved his family to the moon and back and any time you mentioned Diane or the boys you would see a smile come across his face.

One of my last visits was a day I had breakfast with both Hal and Diane after his Mongolian trip. He had shared his experience and faith in Jesus that so inspired me. Well Hal I'm sure Leon had a practical joke waiting for you at the pearly gates. I hope you gave as good as you got.

Lots of Love-- Julie Childs

Julie Childs - May 15, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ Hey Doc RIP💔, It was a true Honor knowing you, You were...are an incredible man amazing animal lover and care taker, the funniest since of humor, enormously passionate for life and friends and family. It was some of the Best times of my life to have worked with known you and have you as my friend we will all miss you God Bless
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LC Mefford From Qualls Dairy - April 28, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ Hal was a great friend and a great vet to my Brittany’s for years. I have so many wonderful memories of him. He went out of his way to include me in many of his bird dog adventures. Several things come to mind...beer and hot fudge Sunday’s at chuksansi, pickled eggs, not so good whiskey, amazing stories, that old beat up horse trailer that had pretty much anything that you needed pack inside somewhere. Horse tack that had a piece of hay bale twine somewhere. Hal always had a story, a laugh and a smile, in fact in the 20 years I knew him I never recall him being in a bad mood. He was always willing to help, to give advice or cheer you up when you were having a bad day. I will miss my friend Hal ... he was definitely one of kind. He was a gear example of how one should treat others. I imagine he and his good friend Leon are up in heaven running his great dog skid row joe.. telling stories and enjoying some good libations.... god speed my friend... thank you for everything that you did for me but most of all thank you for being my friend!

Cary Crum - April 26, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ So sorry to get this news. Dr. Meyer had more of an impact on my life than he probably ever knew. Best Wishes to all of you. Dr. Wright

barbara - April 26, 2020 at 02:35 PM



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Dr Charlie Hjerpe, DVM - April 21, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ My wife, Kathy worked for Hal for 26 years. Brilliant, caring, compassionate, hard working man. Giving, wonderful friend. Had the honor of him sharing with me the story of his coming to faith in Christ. Here is a poem I think Hal would have liked.

The Little Black Dog by j anderson.....

THE LITTLE BLACK DOG

I wonder if Christ had a little black dog,
All curly and wooly like mine;
With two silky ears and a nose round and wet,
And two eyes, brown and tender, that shine.

I'm sure if He had, that little black dog
Knew right from the start He was God,
That he needed no proof that Christ was divine
But just worshiped the ground that He trod.

I'm afraid that He hadn't, because I have read
How He prayed in the garden alone;
For all of His friends and disciples had fled--
Even Peter, the one called a stone.

And oh, I am sure that little black dog
With a heart so tender and warm,
Would never have left Him to suffer alone,
But creeping right under his arm,

Would have licked those dear fingers, in agony clasped;
And counting all favors but loss,
When they took Him away would have trotted behind,
And followed Him quietly to the Cross.

Rod Milton

rod milton - April 21, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ You have captured his spirit Rod, beautiful words for a beautiful life.

Joanne McCallum, DVM, MPVM - April 25, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ You've made me cry. Both for your poem. Also because Dr. Meyers was loved by so many people. We are so appreciative of how he cared and loved our animals. May he rest in peace and God bless his family and his widow. May they find solace knowing how many loved him.

Dolores Kloster - April 28, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ Thank you Rod. He would have loved it.

Diane Meyer - April 29, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ Dr. Meyer gave me my first job as a veterinarian, 25 years ago. I was blessed to work for him for 4 years, though I always wished it had been longer. He took me in as a scared, still wet behind the ears rookie and turned me into a bold, confident caring animal doc. I gained more experience and talent in those 4 years than in all the years that followed. Yeh, we worked hard, but he showed us how to have fun doing it, and to really care about our clients as well as our patients. He was a brilliant and good man, a magical veterinarian. I always tried to be kind to the colleagues I've had after that, but in my heart nobody ever could hold a candle to him. Dr. Meyer was and is my hero, and I thank God he was the one who got me started. My condolences to Diane, Gerrit and Trevor and their families. Joanne Kalush McCallum DVM,MPVM



Joanne K. McCallum - April 18, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ Your words couldn't be more perfect. I sure do miss those days. Always will. Big hugs.

Nancy McCall - April 19, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ When The Lord got done making this man, He must have thrown away the mold. This selfless man, literally, lit up the lives of everyone he touched, and did it for 55 years (of field trialing)!

Dr. Charlie Hjerpe, DVM

Charles Hjerpe, DVM - April 21, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ Thank you “Dr. K,” for saying what so many of us feel deep in our hearts. Barbara Wright, DVM

barbara wright - April 26, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ Dr Wright, God bless you, you taught me about cats, and of course many other things, not least of all integrity. I would love to reconnect. They schedule me all the mean cats, and I want them. They aren't mean just scared or in pain or both. I'd like to think you'd be proud of me. (Mccallumvet@yahoo.com)

Joanne McCallum, DVM, MPVM - April 30, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ Doc Meyer was not only a friend, he was considered a part of our big Foglio family. He was a regular for breakfast at Noni's house where he was absolutely loved by all. So many years of great memories. He will be greatly missed. Prayers and blessings of peace to your hearts for this great loss.

Karen Foglio - April 16, 2020 at 12:33 AM



“ The stories around that breakfast table could go on forever. A lot of laughter and hollering going on at the same time, he would say. He absolutely loved All of you and yes, he felt like family. Did you know he scheduled calls around having breakfast with the Foglio's? Thank you for allowing him to be apart of your lives. Such wonderful memories for our family too.

Diane Meyer - April 19, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ With love, Karen and David purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Harold Meyer DVM.



With love, Karen and David - April 15, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ It was so obvious he loved his work.



Nancy McCall - April 14, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ I'll never forget some of the all night fishing Harold Tom Trail and my self did. We had many good times together.

charles box - April 12, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ Heaven recieved a very special angel this week. Im so sorry to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with you Diane. He will be greatly missed.



Michelle Walter - April 10, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ He will always be remembered as one of my favorite customers at Brooks Ranch..

Take care of your mom

Dina

Dins - April 11, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ In addition to being a fine man and vet; what an impact he and Diane had on the Kingsburg area. What a legacy! Think of all the animals and their owners (families) who have been helped and continue to be helped by the business they started. Remarkable really.

Phil Erickson - April 22, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ That's my Dad, Charlie Elrod, with "Ike" and Doc. What a great veterinarian and friend. May they find each other in heaven.

Marcia Sisson - July 13, 2020 at 01:24 PM