



Dr. Bob Carnett

May 8, 1938 - March 22, 2021

Dr. Bob R. Carnett died March 22, 2021 at his home in Salem, Mo. He was 82. Born May 8, 1938, in Kennett, Mo., Bob had recently celebrated his 50th year in practice as a family physician. The majority of that time was spent caring for Dent countians - sharing in the happiness of their births, the sadness of their losses and the day-to-day struggles and triumphs of the people who came to see him. As happens with any country doctor, many of his patients became good friends.

Fishing was his passion, but he also enjoyed reading, projects around the house, traveling and family time. He loved bird dogs and lap dogs. He loved to tell jokes, spin yarns and poke fun at people - including himself at times. He was a snazzy dresser and always wanted his lab coats starched and his shoes polished.

Bob was a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1970. He did a year of internship in Jefferson City and started practice in Salem in 1971. He was a board-certified family practitioner.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children, Randy, Sheila, Brad, Amy, Matt; grandchildren, Hailey, Taylor, Baylee, Noah, Alie, Zach, Jake, Josh and Ben; great grandchildren, Pierce, Mason, Laylah and Ivy, Blake, Carsyn and Avery and Blayke Nikohl; nephew Danny and special friends Spike and Charlie.

He had a good life and did pretty much everything he wanted to do. Over time, he seemed to grow his capacity to love, accept and encourage those around him - one of his most important accomplishments. He will be missed as a husband, a Papa, a friend, a colleague and a doctor. But most of all, he will be missed as a father.

Memorial Service will be Thursday April 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Salem Chapel. Visitation will begin at 3:00 P.M. until service time, with Pastor Russ Davidson officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Dent County Animal Wellness Society (DCAWS). Cards are available at any James & Gahr location.

Cemetery Details

North Lawn Cemetery

Hwy 19 North
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-3117
dcjames@fidnet.com
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Bob Carnett*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Dr. Bob Carnett*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Bob Carnett.*



April 01, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Bob Carnett.*



March 31, 2021 at 10:10 AM

CJ

“ Cheryl and John purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Bob Carnett.



Cheryl and John - March 30, 2021 at 06:40 PM

MJ

“ Bob Carnett was probably the best friend that I ever had and we traveled many miles together as we felt the same passion for fishing. We traveled to several states together chasing tournaments and that little green fish that they call a Large Mouth Bass. He is and will be missed by family and friends.

Brother In Law

John McVeigh

Mcveigh John - March 30, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Bob Carnett.



March 30, 2021 at 10:13 AM

BF

“ Bob and Becky Ferguson purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Dr. Bob Carnett.



Bob and Becky Ferguson - March 29, 2021 at 01:45 PM

JJ

“ *Bob was such a wonderful doctor, whom I've known since I was 18 years old. He was very caring!* ”

Joyce Jones - March 29, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Bob Carnett.* ”



March 29, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Bob Carnett.* ”



March 28, 2021 at 06:52 PM

RH

“ *Rena Swindell Hindman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Bob Carnett* ”



Rena Swindell Hindman - March 27, 2021 at 12:51 AM

SC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



sheila carnett - March 26, 2021 at 10:17 PM

KH

“ *Everyone in Dent county probably had seen Doc Carnett some time in their lives. He was a great doctor and friend. He loved to tease and cut up and was a real person. I loved that about him. I went to him with an earache once and he told me it was probably those big ole diamond ear rings I had on...which were fake lol Talked to him a couple years ago when he came back to Salem to practice part time. He just couldn't stop taking care of people. I pray that heaven holds a special place for him for he will be missed.*

Karen Swearengin Hogan

Karen Swearengin Hogan - March 26, 2021 at 08:57 PM

RR

“ *Dr Carnett was a good doctor, he was our family doctor for many years , not only he was a good doctor he was also a good person.*

Rose Richter - March 26, 2021 at 07:01 PM

NK

“ We were married in 1971 and he was out Dr until he sold the clinic , he was a real Dr . When you went to him you got a real exam no matter your complaint . You also got a real friend who asked about your life and your family . He took care of my mother and eddies parents too . He lived a good life and we are thankful too have had him in ours .

nancy knight - March 26, 2021 at 09:34 AM

MS

My first employer upon returning to Salem 50 yrs ago-- so many times physicians must put emotion aside to properly care for their patients,yet I will never forget two incidents when he shed tears over the life of one he could not save-- one a baby with no chance for survival, the other an older lady horribly injured in an auto accident. To me that was the real Dr. Carnett and I will never forget him.

Merideth Sapaugh - April 01, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Bob Carnett.



March 24, 2021 at 10:49 PM