

Ernest Glenn Drager, Jr.

April 8, 2022

Dr. Ernest Glenn Drager, Jr.

Age 73, of Bloomington, MN passed away peacefully at home on April 8, 2022. Dr. Ernest Drager served 4 years in the United States Navy. Ernie was very proud to have the honor of serving his country. After serving our country, he graduated from the University of Minnesota Veterinary College in 1983. He opened Bush Lake Pet Hospital in 1984 and France Avenue Pet Hospital in 2004 and retired February 15, 2022.

Ernie met Lola Lukens in 1986 and was married on May 25, 2013. Ernie was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Over the years, Ernie practiced enjoying life whether it be traveling with his wife, golfing with his classmates or the neighbor boy and friends, gardening, and fishing with his best friend or grandson. Ernie was a truly unique character and loved by all. He will be forever missed but never forgotten.

Ernie is survived by spouse Lola Drager, daughters Brenda Mann, Melissa Knutson Duncan (Gary), brother Mike Drager (Sandy), sister Patricia Sadler, brother-in-law Larry Lukens (Cathy), nieces and nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Katherine (Neutz) Drager, father, Ernest Drager, Sr.

Ernie's memorial service is to take place on Monday, April 18th at Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel located at 2300W. Old Shakopee Rd.,

Bloomington, MN 55431.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ College of Vet Med, Class of 1983 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernest Glenn Drager, Jr..



College of Vet Med, Class of 1983 - April 14, 2022 at 10:30 PM

ME

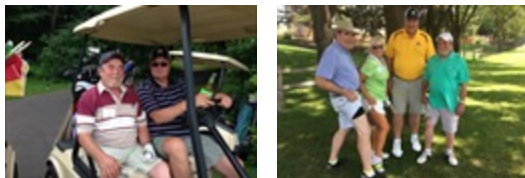
“ I love you dad! Forever. I don't know what to say... I'm crushed, we're all crushed. I'll keep my promise, don't worry. Just catch a nice trout for Buckley and I. I love you to the moon! Your "Puppy" ~ Missy



Melissa - April 14, 2022 at 01:04 PM

PD

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Paul Draheim - April 13, 2022 at 05:49 PM

PD

“ I will miss you my friend. From surgery partners in vet school to golfing, you always had a smile, a joke, and a quip. The gardens will have less vibrance this year, and the fish will grow bigger without you. The veterinary community is less. Go with peace!
Paul Draheim DVM

Paul Draheim DVM - April 13, 2022 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ Oh I'm so sad to hear this. He took such good care of my little Paisley. Wonderful man and will be missed by many. Prayers to the entire family 🙏

Jennifer McCollow - April 12, 2022 at 10:00 PM

BR

“ Took me a few days to figure out what to say. Truly one of a kind. My mind is flooded with memories as I hold them all close. Between bringing in the funny's to read, sharing his garden veggies, strawberries and his tricks and secrets to great radishes to stealing a pickle or two from his jar on the counter. Thanks for sharing. When I plant my radishes in the garden I will think of you. I will think of you when I go fishing, A true gentle, wise soul we were so lucky to have known. 🦋 Becky



Becky Rummenie - April 12, 2022 at 07:25 PM

KP

“ I am so sad to hear Dr Drager passed. He took such amazing care of my dog for almost 21 years and cared for my younger two as well. He was honest and laid back and I'll miss seeing him around Fongs as well with his infectious smile. He will be missed.

kathleen Prohaski - April 12, 2022 at 04:15 PM

KR

“ We are so very sorry for your loss of this special man. He was a Friend to so many. He took care of all of our dogs over 28 years, and we enjoyed his humor and sensible approach to their care. He even taught me how to give our Sunny girl sub-q fluids in her last months without me even asking how to do it. I am so sorry that he didn't get a long retirement and more time with all of you. With deepest sympathies, Karen and Scott Reynolds, and Malibu, Halo, Sunny and Sugar.

karen Reynolds - April 11, 2022 at 08:59 PM

KS

We are saddened to hear about Dr Drager death. We hope he had some good days of retirement. We will miss him..he guided us through our ups and downs with our pets. Maybe he will recognize all those that have crossed the rainbow 🌈 Bridge. Our deepest sympathies. Rueben and Karol Schmidt. Sunny, Shadow and Josie

Karol Schmidt - April 12, 2022 at 03:54 PM

SR

We are both shocked and saddened to hear about the death of Dr. Drager. He became our vet from the very beginning of his practice there at Bush Lake Pet Hospital. He took such good care of all of our many Golden Retrievers, cats and other pets up until his retirement. In 1984 our Golden Retriever was so sick that he stayed there with her over night to make sure she didn't pull out her IV's. We will never forget that. He was the best, and we really miss him. Our deepest sympathies to all of you. Sharon and Keith Ranning

Sharon and Keith Ranning - April 12, 2022 at 05:00 PM

AT

My husband Art and I have been taking our dogs to Ernie for almost 20 years we had many ups and downs and close calls with our Dobermans and he saw them through each and every stage until their very last day we recently lost our three dachshunds and he and his staff treated each one with tenderness and kindness and love and through many late night emergency calls ,Saturday, Sunday at all hours. He was remarkable He always greeted us with warm and welcoming smiles, our pets loved him. He was an amazing person, devoted husband and always spoke with love about his wife Lola., The heavens have a new bright shining star lighting up the sky blessing us all. Shine on dear friend ✨ ✨ ✨

Ann and Art Thelemann - April 12, 2022 at 06:26 PM

ME

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Melissa - April 14, 2022 at 01:02 PM

GV

Dr. Drager cared for both my dog and my cat for many years with tender care, always concerned, and went out of his way to help my cat at a bad time in her life. About 22 years ago, Dr. Drager took in a cat from a woman who could no longer care for the cat as she was moving where she couldn't bring the cat along. Dr. Drager took in the cat, gave it an exam only to learn that the woman's cat was pregnant. So, he kept the cat until it gave birth at which time he cared for the kittens until they were old enough to be adopted. We received the runt of that litter, and loved that cat for 19 years before she passed. Dr. Drager was so caring. I will miss him, and I know that my pets are in good hands again.

GV - April 14, 2022 at 11:38 PM

BR

“ *Becky Rummenie lit a candle in memory of Ernest Glenn Drager, Jr.*



Becky Rummenie - April 10, 2022 at 06:51 PM