



Dr. James Doyle Carroll DVM

November 21, 1924 - November 24, 2013

James Doyle Carroll, D.V.M.

Passed away peacefully November 24, 2013 in Corsicana, Texas. Born at home in Barry, Texas, November 21, 1924 to James W. and Blanche E. Carroll.

Dr. J.D., as he was known to friends, colleagues and patrons of Carroll and Harper Animal Hospital, graduated from Blooming Grove High School in 1941 where he was captain of the football team and salutatorian of his graduating class. He enrolled at Texas A&M at age 16, but his education was interrupted by World War II. He entered the Army in 1943 and served as a corporal in France in the 79th Infantry Division. He was part of the D-Day invasion, landing on Utah Beach. In September 1944, he was captured by the German Army and imprisoned as a P.O.W. Upon his liberation, he resumed his education at Texas A&M and earned his degree in veterinary medicine in 1952 with honors. He was a member of Phi Zeta Veterinary Medical Honor Society. Veterinary school classmate Dr. John Harper and Dr. J.D. came to Corsicana in 1952 to work with Dr. M. Smotherman. When Dr. Smotherman died suddenly two years later, Carroll and Harper Animal Hospital was born. Dr. J.D.'s brother, Dr. Ray Dean Carroll, joined the pair in 1957. Dr. J.D. practiced large animal veterinary medicine in Navarro County and surrounding counties for fifty-six years before retiring in 2008. Dr. J.D. preferred working on horses, but he impacted the cattle industry worldwide with his recognition of neonatal isoerythrolysis, a severe type of anemic condition caused by different blood

types of the sire and dam. He was able to isolate the cause as a faulty anaplasmosis vaccine, saving the lives of innumerable cattle.

Dr. J.D. also served as an auction barn veterinarian for over fifty years and was the first veterinarian to initiate aging and pregnancy testing at the sale barn, a practice that swept through the cattle industry and revolutionized the cattle auction process forever. He was an early participant in C-section deliveries, cosmetic dehornings, and many other procedures that are commonplace today. Dr. J.D. made emergency calls to farms and ranches caring for entire herds of cattle that had died of poisoning to vaccinating elk. Dr. J.D. received the Outstanding Veterinary Student Award at Texas A&M, the Outstanding Blooming Grove Ex-Student Award and Farmer of the Year Award from the Navarro Co. Youth Expo. He served on many boards and in numerous civic capacities and held memberships in the American Veterinary Medical Society, American Veterinarian Theriogenology, Texas A&M Former Students Association, The 12th Man Association, and Navarro Co. Aggie Club. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church for sixty years where he served in numerous leadership positions.

On January 31, 1947, the second anniversary of his liberation from prison camp, he married the former Maxine Louise Sunkel in Tulare, California. They enjoyed 59 years of marriage before she predeceased him in 2007. Dr. J.D. is survived by his three daughters, "the three C's": Carla Carroll Thomas, Candace Carroll Grady and Courtney Corinne Carroll, his sons-in-law Dr. Robert Thomas and Douglas S. Grady, all of Dallas, his grandson Zachary W. Thomas and wife Dr. Sarah Y. Thomas of Houston, his sister Frances Holdeman of Kennedale, brothers Dr. Ray Dean and Rudy Carroll and sisters-in-law Lula Carroll and Billie Carroll, all of Corsicana, sister-in-law Carol S. Auslen of La Quinta, California and many nieces and nephews from Texas, California and Nevada.

His death in the comfort of his own home would not have been possible without the compassionate care and delicious cooking given him by his faithful companions, the Amazing Angels. Angela Kurney Steward, Joyce Irvin, Ricky

Steward, Joy Johnson, Robin Barbee, Jalessa Kurney, Quintin Irvin and Jasmine Kurney gave him their unconditional love. These women and men were more than care givers and nurses; to Dr. J.D., they were family and he loved them. His family is forever grateful for their presence in his life. The family would also like to thank Rev. William Kurney for his ministry to their father and Family First Hospice for the assistance provided to Dr. J.D. and the Amazing Angels in his final days.

Services and entombment will be December 3, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Corsicana, Texas. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. John Harper, Dr. James Dodson, Dr. Ricky Rogers, Dr. Darryl Kennard, John Taylor, Billy Steele, Ronald Elmore and all the farmers and ranchers who were long-time patrons of his veterinary practice. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Dr. J. D. Carroll Youth Exposition Award at Community National Bank and Trust 321 North 15Th Street Corsicana, Texas 75110, Family First Hospice 109 S.W. Main Street Ennis, Texas 75119 or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Episcopal Church
101 North 14th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Family Reception

DEC 3. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. James Doyle Carroll DVM*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Our condolences to all of you. I have so many wonderful memories of my time at the vet clinic and learning Aggie traditions with the 3 C's! Your parents were an important part of my life. Loving thoughts and prayers for your families.*

cindy gillespie grant - December 17, 2013 at 11:17 AM



“ *my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.. Dr. JD was such a special man and will be greatly missed. i am so thankful for all he taught me, he was a brilliant vet and a great teacher as well.. i have so many great memories of time spent hanging out at the clinic.. again, thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

tammi cunningham - December 05, 2013 at 07:52 AM



“ *Courtney and family...with our sincerest sadness, you are in our thoughts and prayers, always.*



Jennifer Holloway & Vicki Easterwood - December 03, 2013 at 08:05 PM

MM

“ *Mary Myers lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Doyle Carroll DVM*



Mary Myers - December 03, 2013 at 01:47 PM

LC

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Dr. J.D.'s passing. He was a good friend of the family and a good man. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*
Les Cotten family

Les Cotten - December 03, 2013 at 10:24 AM

DW

“ *Dr. J.D. will be missed he was part of The Other Place Family, a regular and a great man. I was fortunate enough to get to know his wife, brother and many family members over the years. He was so proud of his family. He will be missed by many. The Lord has surely gained another angel. Deena Wadsworth*

Deena Wadsworth - December 02, 2013 at 11:54 PM

DO

“ *D. L. "Gooley" Orr and wife Virgie L. Orr of Kerens were very saddened by the passing of our dear friend Dr. J. D. Carroll. He was a friend and great Veterinarian and will be missed by many friends. We have lost a great man.*

D. L. "Gooley" Orr/ Virgie L. Orr - November 29, 2013 at 11:05 AM

RH

“ All I can say is that J.D. was a very descent man and I and many others will miss him.

Rick Hausman - November 27, 2013 at 08:08 PM

 Regina Gregory

“ To the family of Dr. Carroll:
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Carroll. Our prayers are with your family.
Jerline McDonald and family

Regina Gregory - November 27, 2013 at 11:55 AM

JH

“ Heaven certainly has gained an angel. Dr. J.D. was so special to me and there has not been a kinder person than him. My deepest sympathies to his family. Our community has lost a great American, Veterinarian, Aggie, and Friend! Joyce Hagens

Joyce Hagens - November 26, 2013 at 06:25 PM

IM

“ The family of Kimberly I. Matthews sends their condolences to the family. He was a wonderful Dr of dvm and a person. He will be greatly missed thanks for all the years of getting to know him. God Bless you all, see you on one the other side of the rainbow.

im matthews - November 26, 2013 at 11:18 AM

KD

“ I'm sorry to hear of Dr. JD's passing. He was one of the best.

Ken Douglas - November 26, 2013 at 08:50 AM

SR

“ So Sorry to hear that Dr. Carroll passed away. He always helped anyone he could. He will be missed.

Steven M. Ruiz - November 26, 2013 at 07:37 AM

JS

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of Dr. J.D. Y'all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jimmie & Cecil Ann Spencer - November 25, 2013 at 09:55 PM