



Dr. Ray D. Carroll DVM

October 19, 1927 - June 30, 2018

Ray Dean Carroll, 90, of Corsicana passed away peacefully at Heritage Oaks Retirement Village on Saturday, June 30, 2018. He was born October 19, 1927 in Barry, Texas to James William and Blanche Estelle Carroll. He attended school in Blooming Grove, Texas until 1942 and graduated high school in Italy, Texas in 1945. At 17 years old, he coerced his father to go to Dallas to sign him up for the U.S. Navy. He and a friend joined the navy and were transported to the Naval Training Center in San Diego, California. He believed that whatever the task given, you always did your best. After many trainings and assignments with the Navy, he was discharged and joined the U.S. Naval reserve for six years. Once out of the Navy, he attended Hillsboro College in Hillsboro, Texas and played football. He graduated in 1948 from Hillsboro College and then went on to attend Texas A&M University from 1948-1950 graduating with a B.S. Degree in Animal Science. After graduation, the Korean War had started and he went back to active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserves. He was sent back to the Naval Station in San Diego, California and was recruited to play football for the Submarine Pacific Force football team. In 1952, he was released to inactive duty and returned to Texas A&M University. He took additional classes and applied to the Veterinary School and was accepted. He graduated Who's Who in American College and Universities in 1957 with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He met the love of his life, Lula and was married in June 1957. Shortly afterwards, they moved to Corsicana and he began working at Carroll and Harper Animal Clinic with his brother J.D.

Carroll and Dr. John Harper. He worked there from 1957 to 2005 before retiring. In addition to his job at the clinic, he was a football official and was a part-time rancher. He taught Animal Health, Animal Science, Reproduction of Farm Animals, and Horse Husbandry at Navarro College. Dr. Ray also served on the Board of Trustees at Navarro College. He loved Corsicana and was a philanthropist to many organizations that involved serving the youth. Over the years, he was very active in the community. He loved people and enjoyed helping kids with their animal projects. He was very involved in the Navarro County Youth Expo serving on various committees involving the Expo. Dr. Ray initiated the Youth Expo steak dinner and served many years as Chairman. He was one of the originators and chairman of the Navarro County A&M club fajita cook-off scholarship committee and was three time president of the Navarro County A&M club. Dr. Ray served on numerous other committees all over Texas. He served on the Texas Polled Hereford Association Board of Directors and was chairman for one year. Dr. Ray was also author of the Navarro County Beef Management Calendar that eventually was used in nearly all North Central Texas Counties. Dr. Ray presented many papers across Texas pertaining to disease-specific conditions in animals. He represented the profession of Veterinary Medicine at the local Chamber of Commerce Career Day for fifteen years. Other representation was instituting and holding cattle working workshops for farmers and ranchers for twelve years. Dr. Ray had a strong interest in politics and assisted with political campaigns for many. He advocated for farmers and ranchers and pushed to improve Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Labs and to increase the number of Texas Animal Commission area offices and labs.

Dr. Ray received many awards and recognition over the years both local and state wide. In 1998, he was the Honorary Veterinarian for the National Junior Polled Hereford Show in Ft. Worth, Texas. In 2005, he was awarded the Outstanding Alumnus Award in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. His local awards included the Texas Agriculture Extension

Service Exemplary Leadership Award, Navarro County Extension Hall of Fame Award, and Navarro County Senior Citizen Volunteer Award just to name a few.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, James Williams and Blanche Estelle; brothers, William Erwin and James Doyle; and his wife of 61 years Lula Pearl.

He is survived by his two sons, Jim and wife Emily and Ray and wife Gayla; grandsons, Christopher Carroll, Ray Carroll III, Matthew Carroll, Cullen Carroll and Clay Carroll. He is also survived by numerous great grandchildren and his siblings, Frances Holdeman and Rufus (Rudy) Carroll. Dr. Ray enjoyed time spent with his two local great grandchildren, Payton and Weston Carroll. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Corsicana. After becoming mostly homebound, he looked forward to watching the Northside Baptist Church service on TV.

Dr. Ray was a talkative, charismatic, and industrious man who served his community well. He had a larger-than-life personality and will be remembered by many for his jokes and storytelling. He was an encourager, mentor and friend.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Navarro County Youth Expo 321 North 12th St. Corsicana, Texas 75110.

Memorial Service will be Friday, July 6, 2018 at 2:00pm at Northside Baptist Church with Randall Whitt officiating. Visitation will be prior to service from 1:00 - 2:00 pm at Northside Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JUL 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
2800 North Beaton
Corsicana, TX 75110

Memorial Service

JUL 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Ray D. Carroll DVM



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 05, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ Dr. Ray D. Carroll DVM

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Dr Carroll was so much help to me raising calves in FFA. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed. Prayers of peace and comfort for his family. Rick and Sherrie Jamison

Rick Jamison - July 08, 2018 at 06:32 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Dr. Ray D. Carroll DVM.



July 06, 2018 at 08:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dr. Ray D. Carroll DVM.



July 06, 2018 at 01:13 AM



“ *36 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 05, 2018 at 12:53 PM

RC

My dad, David Castles, spent many hours at the vet. clinic visiting with Dr. Ray, Dr. J.D., Dr. Harper, Rudy, and other people who happened to stop by. (If you wanted to know what was going on in town you could find out there.) They were good friends.

I remember one night, when I was In elementary school, we had a mare collicing. I think it was pretty soon after Dr. Ray had graduated from vet. school. He & Lula came to the house, treated the mare and stayed for hours visiting, making sure she was ok.

As the years passed I didn't get back to Corsicana as often. I would occasionally call to visit with Dr. Ray. We'd talk about mutual friends, working 2C cattle, world affairs, and his family. He was so proud of his family. He would also share interesting anecdotes of his navy years, playing football, as well, as some interesting experiences he incurred in practicing veterinarian medicine.

When I asked how he was he would say something to the effect of "If I was any better I couldn't stand it".

He was definitely an asset to the veterinarian community, and Navarro County.

Ronda Kay Castles Cooper - July 06, 2018 at 07:43 AM

BW

“*Jim, Ray and Christopher we send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your families. There will never be another Dr. Ray. He was so very special to our family the many years he took care of our cattle. You never saw him that he didn't greet you with " Ain't it a wonderful day". His unique ability to diagnose the animal problem immediately was remarkable. His memory was unbelievable when he talked about the history of Hereford cattle. We pray that the precious memories of Dr Ray will sustain you through your grief.*

Richard & Becky Walters

Tyler, Tx

Becky Walters - July 03, 2018 at 09:00 PM

LP

“ Dr Ray Dean and Dr J D were so helpful in the care of our Corsicana Mounted Police horses and provided vet service at no charge to us. I learned so much about horses from them. GOOD Man and good friend.

Lewis Palos - July 03, 2018 at 04:29 PM

JS

“ Dr Ray and I shared a family history together and was always there for me when I needed information about the Carroll and Sewell families. Our great uncle Roger Carroll is buried next to my mother and father at Rose Hill but his grave is crooked in the plot. I asked Dr. Ray why and he said "well he just lived that way". Dr. Ray was the kindest, generous and funniest man I have ever known. I know his family will miss him terribly. I know I will,
Jay H. Sewell

jay hoover sewell - July 03, 2018 at 01:36 PM

KG

“ I first met Dr. Carroll at veterinarian clinic. He was always jolly and never met a stranger. One of the best ole school veterinarian clinic for large animals.

Karla Golden - July 02, 2018 at 10:12 PM

TC

“ Doc was a wonderful friend, and neighbor for almost 20 years. I loved hearing his stories. He will be greatly missed by my girls and I.
Tammy Carter

Tammy Carter - July 02, 2018 at 09:52 PM

LP

Dr Ray Dean and Dr JD were our official Vets for our Corsicana Mounted Police horses. They helped keep them healthy and looking good and never accepted payment. I learned so much about horses from them. I know he is in God's presence and Kingdom. Good man and good friend.

Lewis Palos - July 03, 2018 at 04:20 PM

TS

“*Dr ray was such a great man.. I spent so many hours just hanging out and learning.. he was so patient with some of my critters I drug in to the clinic..one of the funniest things was an injured squirrel I took in and Dr JD said "Dr ray will help you!" I took him into the front room and laid him on the table.. Dr Ray walks over to check him and it seems he was just an unconscious squirrel...and then he woke up!!*

We tried to catch him, he was in the blinds, off the counters, hitting the windows.. through the customers in the front, it was chaos.. we finally got him out the front door with a huge mess on our hands.. he just patted me on the shoulder and just laughed and laughed... such a blessing to so many.. he will be truly missed... thoughts and prayers are with you all

tammi smith - July 02, 2018 at 09:31 PM

MH

“*Dr. Ray was a very important role model to my son, Lance Mayhugh. As a single parent, I appreciated Dr. Ray spending time with Lance and teaching him how to be a "good" man. Lance loved Dr. Ray and would often go to see him when he was in town to catch him up on not only Lance's life but his sons as well. Derek, Lance's oldest son, will be going to A&M this fall. Dr. Ray, your legacy lives on. You are certainly loved by this family. Marquette Hester*

Marquette Hester - July 01, 2018 at 01:50 PM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in each other and in God's presence. 🌹

Jane Farmer - July 01, 2018 at 07:39 AM

JF

“ Jane Farmer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ray D. Carroll DVM



Jane Farmer - July 01, 2018 at 07:34 AM

BT

“ I never met Dr. Carroll but knowing his two sons and the good men they are tells me Dr. Carroll was a good man himself.
Ray and Jim our prayers for strength, peace and God's comfort during this difficult time.
Becky and Robert Thurston

Becky Thurston - June 30, 2018 at 09:38 PM