

**DR. BURL ZACK
PFANDER, DVM**

Dr. Burl Zack Pfander, DVM answered his last call on Friday, August 15, 2003, at 3:30 p.m.



This is so in line with his character, as he would never retire at night before he knew every "ill" animal he was responsible for, was treated to the best of his ability. Burl arrived on this planet on May 22, 1926, the son of John L. and Grace Pfander, who then lived in Jasper, Missouri. The Pfander family moved to a dairy farm in Barton County in the summer of 1940.

Burl graduated from Liberal High School in 1944 and was immediately drafted into the U.S. Army. When Burl returned home from World War II, he enrolled at the University of Missouri-

Columbia in pre-veterinary medicine. Burl graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1952 with a Bachelor Degree in Agriculture and as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Burl opened his first practice at 1750 S. Campbell in Springfield, Missouri under the name of "Cottage Veterinary Hospital". Now, fifty-one years later the "Cottage Veterinary Hospital" is still an active practice under the ownership of Burl's son Dr. Michael B. Pfander.

On September 5, 1948 Burl was united in marriage to Reba M. Lanz who survives him. Burl was a lifetime member of both the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association. Burl was an associate member of the American Animal Hospital Association, the Southwest Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and

the American Legion. Burl also served on the Board and was an active volunteer in the Nixa Sucker Day celebration for many years. Burl was a member of James River Chapel Church of Christ. In December 2001, Burl was honored as an inductee into the MO Hereford Association "Hall of Fame".

"The Measure of a Man"

"What is the measure of a Man? The true worth of a man is his unselfishness, the way he lives his life among his fellow man; judged by the standards of loyalty, honesty and decency. Dr. Burl Pfander lived the simple life he loved, by practicing veterinary medicine in the "Ozark Hills" among the people that he loved. He led no armies to battle, but remained with his regiment on the front lines in World War II, in the European theatre under General Patton. He was no great captain of industry and he did not write his name across the stars. But, he left his "mark" in the hearts of his fellow man, both young and old, with his quiet Christian manner, and his common way of life in the "Ozark Hills". He preferred his life born, reared and educated in Missouri with his active mind and keen intellect. He believed strongly in education and established several scholarships for young people in Missouri. In the actualness of reality, these are the true qualities that measure a Man".

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Burl is survived by his wife of 55 years, Reba. One son, Dr. Michael B. Pfander and his wife Jeanne; one granddaughter, Meghan M. Pfander, "who was the treasure of his life"; and a special young lady that he loved as a daughter, Cindy B. (Gullett) Reed and her husband Steve. Burl leaves behind several nieces and nephews, who have been a constant joy to him, each of whom he loved dearly, along with four sisters-in-laws; Marie Banwart and her husband Floyd, Maurine Lanz and Jean Pfander, all of Lamar, Missouri, and Becky Pfander of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, as well as Michael's mother-in-law, Lynn Cooper and father-in-law Tom Cooper, both of Columbia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Reba's parents, Fred L. and Emma Lanz, and his two very special brother-in-laws, Wallace N. Lanz and Calvin A. Lanz. Dr. Pfander will be greatly missed by his family, his friends, clients and all the young people whose lives he touched.

A very special thanks to every-

one for the prayers, love and concern that was given to him through his journey these last few months during his gallant fight with cancer. To our neighbors, to our church, to all our clients and friends who have always been there for us. To Dr. Richard Cunningham and staff, to Dr. Gary Hoos and staff, to Dr. Gary Geir and staff, to Dr. Michael Albritton and staff. A special thank you to "Home Sweet Homecare" and their dedicated caregivers. It is because of their tender love and care, that it was possible for him to remain at home with his family.

A celebration of Dr. Pfander's life was held at Adams Funeral Home, Nixa, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, with Rev. William A. "Bill" Moore, Chaplain of the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine officiating. Burial followed at 1 p.m. in Missouri Veterans Cemetery with military honors.

Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

"With his eyes focused on his Shepherd, Dr. Pfander is just changing pastures". If desired, in lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Dr. Pfander's name to the Clever High School Band Booster Club, Clever, Missouri 65631; the MO Junior Hereford Association, c/o Jessica McConnell, 11524 W. FR 108, Republic, Missouri 65738, or to the Shrine Children's Hospital, 601 E. St. Louis Street, Springfield, Missouri 65806.

**"Rest In Peace My Beloved
Husband and Friend"**

**You were & always will be the
"Wind Beneath My Wings"**