



Jerry Lee Butts

April 8, 1944 - July 15, 2012

Dr. Jerry Lee Butts passed away quickly on July 15th at his home in south Ft. Collins. Born April 8, 1944 as the first of two children to Harold and Kathryn Butts in Sault St. Marie, Michigan, but raised primarily in Bremen, Indiana. Jerry was an active young man and a talented athlete at Lakeville High School, class of 1962. He chose Purdue University for college where he was a member of the Crew team and the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He went on to earn a Bachelors degree in Forestry Management in 1966. Following college, he was selected for Officer School with the US Marine Corps where he earned his commission and eventually his pilot wings. Jerry achieved the rank of Captain and flew mostly helicopters, including a tour in Vietnam. After his service, he came west to see the mountains and work for the State Forest Service. While in Colorado he met his beautiful wife of 38 years, Margie Altergott of Windsor, CO. Shortly after their marriage in 1972, he decided to become a veterinarian and attended Colorado State University, earning his doctorate in 1980. He started a successful practice, Orchard Animal Hospital, in north Loveland, and operated it for 31 years until his death. Jerry and Margie had three children together, Jason, Lindsey, and Kevin. He was a tireless family man, friend, patriot, and an avid outdoorsman, passionate about hunting, fishing, racing dirt bikes and shooting. His role in the community as an "old fashioned" and caring veterinarian with a lovable sense of humor will be missed enormously. He is survived by his wife, Margie and their three children; mother, Kathryn Butts; his uncle, John Campbell Virginia;

sister, Rhonda Laidig Kurt; numerous nieces and nephews; and five grandchildren who greatly enriched his later years. A celebration of his life will be held at Timberline Church, 2908 S. Timberline Rd. in Ft. Collins including military honors, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, in the main auditorium. A closed casket visitation will take place at the church starting at 9:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that donations be made to The Wounded Warrior Project or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. How lucky we are to have had someone in our lives that makes saying goodbye so hard.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ We just want to express our sympathy and send prayers to the family of Dr. Jerry Butts. We were so blessed and thankful to have him as our veterinarian. He had a kind and generous helping heart. He was a real gift to us all. He was a one of a kind, very humble man. He will be greatly missed. God be with you all in your days ahead.

The Stoll family - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I am so sorry about Dt. Butts-he has been a wonderful vet for our family and our pets for the past 18 years...he will be missed by all of his families and pets. Sincere sympathies.

Mary Jo Koschel - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dr Butts was such a wonderful caring vet, as many have also experienced. I didn't know him personally, but was amazed that in our day-and-age, someone existed who genuinely cared about my pet and me, the pet owner. I was shocked to hear of his passing, and know a big void is left in the lives of many. God bless you Dr Butts, I hardly knew you, but feel a sadness and loss of not having you here anymore.

Donna Totten - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Having just found out about Dr. Butts death, I sit here with tears running down my face. He was a very special man to me. He was my animals vet for 29 years. During the years that my husband Terry was fighting brain cancer and the years after Terry's death, Dr. Butts gave my animals treatment at no charge or very reduced fee. It is something I will NEVER forget. A very kind and loving man with a heart of GOLD!! I remember the day he told me "in confidence" of his illness and we both shed tears together. He holds a special place in my heart with the love that he showed me and my animals whenever we walked through the doors of his building. I have recently moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and have found a female Vet for my pets but there will NEVER be another Vet that was like Dr. Butts. His small-town, loving demeanor will always be remembered! It is with heartfelt sympathy that I write this for his family. ❤️❤️❤️ Always loved you Dr. Butts ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ You will be deeply missed! ❤️❤️❤️

Donna Bescheinen - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr Butts' passing. What a great Dr he was to my animals. He will be so missed by all. God Bless his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Patti Allison

Patti Allison - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ This earth has lost a wonderful, special, and caring human being. Dr. Butts will be so very deeply missed by so many people & animals alike. Loving and thoughtful prayers go to his family.

Audrey & John Mehls - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss. May you find comfort in all the good memories of Jerry Butts.

Matt & Julie Payeur - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Margie and family, I was saddened by the news of your husband Jerry's passing. Please know that you are in our prayers. Blessings, Barbara Altergott Rocha

Barbara Rocha - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We will really miss him as he was the best vet in the world. Our dogs Clover, honey and brandy received excellent canine health from Doc. We will have a mass said for him and so sorry for your loss and pain. May God bless you all

bev and ed rios - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We know that Jerry will be greatly missed.

Randy and Jan Wick - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Margie & family, so sorry to learn of the passing of Jerry. I will be praying for comfort and healing for you all in the coming months. Margie you are so dear to my heart, take good care of yourself! Debb Brown jeff & all the little browns too!

debb brown - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My Terrier, Loompi, was ill on Friday, and Dr. Butts was kind enough to see him late that afternoon. Doctor determined that Loompi needed a shot. Dr. Butts filled the syringe, pulled up the nape of Loompi's neck to give it. Loompi, always the drama king, and keen on eliciting sympathy when possible, let out a yelp. Dr. Butts said, "but I haven't done anything yet." We shared a little giggle as Loompi accepted his shot with nary a peep. Dr. Butts was our Veterinarian since the 80's; a true gentleman, kind and compassionate man. He is sorely missed. Our condolences to the family. Joanne, Ryan and Brent Guinn

Joanne Guinn - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To the Butts family, Jerry was a fun inspiration to us all. You were fortunate to have such a husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed. The Bibbeys

Jeff Bibbey - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Dr. Dr. B. We will miss you so much. Last December you put our brother Clover the basset hound to sleep, please hug him for us at the rainbow bridge. I Honey the Golden retriever will especially miss your kindness and one day will meet you at the bridge as I am 10 now. Brandi the Bichon will also miss your gentle caring touch. We offer condolences to your family and know you are with JESUS. we offer the family our prayers filled with love, hugs and may the Lord grant you his peace. love, Brandi and Honey

honey and brandi rios - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I lived in Colorado from 1980-2001 and Dr. Butts was a wonderful vet to our pets: he always managed to take care of their "humans" in a gentle way, as well. I am glad I had the pleasure to know such a fine man.

Sandra Miller - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dr Butts took such good care of my cats. He was a great vet and a fine, caring person. My condolences to the family. He will be missed.

Jo Schmidt - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Dr. Butts was a wonderful man, I thanked my lucky stars every time I would walk into his office with my pup. His kind, calm presence was so priceless - and unlike so many vets - he never made me feel afraid or that I needed to spend my life savings to test for every possible problem. Simple, sound advice combined with such obvious love... this is a huge loss for critters and their owners everywhere. My deepest condolences to his family, may the wonderful memories fill your heart and soften your grief.

Nicolle Tryon - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ I am so sorry to learn of Dr. Butts passing. We just had one of our dogs in to see him and he was, as always, very kind and sweet to see myself and daughters. The world has lost a wonderful man, a caring vet and a humanitarian. You will be missed Dr. Butts.

Nancy Hampson - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ In 1983 we were a young couple with our first black lab puppy and lucky enough to find Dr Butts. Such a great man and wonderful, common sense vet. When our daughter had to put her old cat down a couple of years ago Eric was very touched by Dr. Butts compassion towards our daughter as well as the cat. We are sorry for the huge loss for the family. We will never forget his #1 rule that always made us laugh: 'Sit!, Stay!, the doctor will be right with you.' Thank you Dr Butts! Eric, Pat, Jamye, Drew, and Joni

The Dayhuff Family - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I was a youngster when our family moved to Colorado in 1974. Orchard Animal Hospital was very close to our house and we became clients. Once I had my own family and household Jerry became my family vet. I have nothing but admiration for Jerry and his willingness to help people help their animals. I am very saddened by the news of his passing, I wish his family peace and comfort. Rest in Peace, The Stotts Family

marlis - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dr. Butts was our vet for many, many years, we know our pets will be greeting him in Heaven, and we will miss him. He is a great man!
Darrell & Crystal Pribble

Darrell & Crystal Pribble - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Our entire family has heavy hearts because of the passing of Dr. Butts. He was one of a kind, and we honestly cannot imagine not having him to call for our pets. He has seen us through so many dogs and cats, always with such tremendous caring and kindness. Thank you to his family for sharing him with this community. He was a treasure and will always have a place in the hearts of so many. We pray that the Lord wraps His arms around each of you. I know that the day he passed away, there was a rush of animals running to meet him at heaven's gate.

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BS

“ We want to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Butts, to his patients and to his patient's owners. We are going to sorely miss him. I took my lab in for his checkup just July 11th. We chatted at length about all sorts of stuff. We were both born in 1944 so we talked about our military service, handball, our Jaguar cars, etc. Our dogs always loved to go to the doctor. Jerry was always gentle, always pleasant, and always humorous. We will miss him.

Bill and Meg Schreiber - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Margie, Jason, Lindsey, Kevin, and family members, I am so sorry. Dr. Butts was my animals' veterinarian since I moved to Colorado many years ago in 1991. I am sorry I couldn't attend the service today. Dr. Butts was wonderful to all us humans and to all our animals. He will be greatly missed.

Sally Hain - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dr. Butts has been our Veterinary Doctor for the past 27 years. Any chance that we could we would tell people about his practice because you knew how much he cared for animals and he would not charge you and arm or leg for the work done. When we lost our dog Bear to cancer, he asked us if he could do an autopsy on Bear for his own research. He did not charge us for it and we were able to know exactly the cause of death! We had a Japanese's exchange student stay with us who was studying Veterinary work and Dr. Butts allowed her to spend the day with him and even showed her a procedure that she was not taught in Japan. As you all know, he is one special man who has made a difference in the lives of many fellow Loveland residence. Our hats go off to this man that touched the lives of so many of us! Thank you Doctor Butts for your contribution to Loveland, CO!! We admire you and want to send our condolences to your family!

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Doughty - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dr. Butts was an amazing man, I simply cannot believe this has come to pass. I am sincerely sorry for your loss, I too lost my father six weeks ago so this pain is very fresh. Dr. Butts was very sympathetic and supportive when I told him my father had cancer. I will be forever grateful to Jerry for what he did for me, allowing me to learn under him all about what it means to care for animals. It was one of the best jobs I ever had and probably will have. He was always so friendly, patient, and up for teaching me all he could. I appreciated his approach to the practice and all his patients. kindness, friendliness, as if you were visiting a favorite uncle. I will miss his sense of humor and always the friendly smile when I came to work. I simply cannot believe another great person has been taken from this world. He will be missed by many and all who knew him. once again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Sara Lange - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ We were greatly saddened to hear of Dr. Butts' passing. He cared for several of our family pets through the years with compassion and pragmatic care. It was always a pleasure to visit with him a bit and let him help our pets. Our sincerest condolences to his family.
Kent & Page Robinson

Kent & Page Robinson - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ We were so sad to read of the loss of Dr. Butts, he was the vet for all 3 of our dogs and will be missed. Our sympathy to his family from all of us: Ty and Kathy Daniel, Dogs: Nicole, Sambo, and Scrapper

Ty & Kathy Daniel - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dr. Butts was a truly wonderful man, combining compassion and practicality in a unique manner that made his care superior. I have many memories of him gently helping my sick pets, lightening the mood with his wit and humor. His death has left this world a sadder place.

Greg Hebert - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ To me, Jerry was always there when I needed him. He helped me through so much pain of my precious pets dying. He was a light in my deepest darkness. There will never be another like him. He will be missed more than I can tell you.

Carol Jenkins - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Alan & Shay Black - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was sad to hear about my longtime friend Jerry. We were both 1966 Purdue forestry graduates. Later after Military commitments we both earned doctorates at CSU - he in Vet Med & myself in Forestry. During visits to his clinic we'd reminisce about good times at Purdue - and there were many. Once he joked with the office staff that neither of us had to worry about someone copying our homework - it was that bad! Jerry was a bright, multi-faceted guy. He was a big, strong talented athlete - but humble in that regard. He was a man's man who persevered in tough times yet always maintained that great sense of humor & wit. I will always remember his Cheshire cat like grin. He was the kind of person you really enjoyed being with. After almost 50 years, I can only relate for me, Jerry, was one of those special people you meet during your lifetime - he will not be forgotten.

David Betters - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dr. Butts had been my family vet for 20 yrs. I can't possibly quantify our appreciation & respect for what he has done for me & my little furry ones. He was able to help even when there was no hope. I truly feel there is a void in the world now that he has passed. I am a better person for knowing him & his kindness . God bless him & his family.

Sarah Davisson - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Deeply saddened by this. Dr. Butts was an amazing vet and man. Will be deeply missed by all in this area. You have our deepest condolences on your loss.

Connie Schwindt - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Condolences go out to the family of Dr. Butts and the staff at Orchards Animal Hospital. We have all lost a great and caring person. I can see a bunch of pets waiting at the Rainbow Bridge to greet and welcome Jerry like he always did when we all went in to see him. We have never met a vet like him and I don't think we ever will again. He will truly be missed. You are all in thought and prayer during this difficult time. Rod, Dee, Muncie and Stormy

Dee Lindstrom - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My prayers to the family of Dr. Butts. He was such a love of a vet to all of us here in Loveland! You have to know that he "always" found the time to care for our pets! What a special person! We all were blessed to have him as a vet here in Loveland! Thank you for his life and his big heart!!

Jody Adams - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Margie, Jason, Lindsey, Kevin and family, our heartfelt condolences go to you with prayers that you find strength, comfort and support with love and peace as you move forward with this sudden loss. With heavy heart we remember and are thankful for having known a truly great human being, Dr. Jerry. Rest in peace. With love from the Maling family.

geoff maling - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Dr. Butts death when I stopped at the office Thursday. A friend shared the obituary with me. I as soooo sorry you have lost someone so very special.

Dianne Hathaway - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We were very saddened to hear of the passing of our 2 Chihuahua's beloved Dr. Butts. Our deepest sympathies to the family, and to the many, many people and animals alike that will forever feel this huge loss of such a dear Vet & friend. With our deepest sympathy, Sheila, Mearl, "Bentley & Pearl"

Mearl, Sheila, Bentley & Pearl - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dr. Wiltz, along with everyone at Big Thompson Animal Hospital are very sorry to hear of the loss of Jerry. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Mickey Wiltz - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Each of us has the privilege of a few special people in our lives. Dr. Butts was one of mine -- his boundless compassion and intellect flavored with humor and wit. I got to see Dr. Butts fairly often because of all my dogs, cats and rabbits. I will always appreciate and admire his talent and treatment of my animals and his patience and friendship with me. I hope his family and friends will find solace and hope in the legacy of his strength and character.

Susan House - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Jerry Butts was a great guy all of his life...the whole package. Our deepest sympathy goes to his immediate family, his mother, Kathryn, his sister, Rhonda, and his uncle, John Campbell. Sadly, Laura Gerber, Lynne Gerber Knutson, Nelson Gerber, Jr., and Monica Gerber Joseph.

Laura Gerber - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My deepest sympathy to Dr. Butts family. What a great man who will be missed dearly. I visited his Veterinary practice for my animals and he was always kind, reasonable and never made me feel like a bad animal parent. May your grief be brief and your fond memories of him preserve through life.

Amy Gregg - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Jerry. He was a wonderful man, good friend and took loving care of our pets over the years. He will be greatly missed by all of us. Please call on us if we can ever be of help. Fondly, Bruce and Jan

Bruce & Jan Kirk - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ My heart was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. Butts. Dr. Butts was not only a good man with a caring heart, he was a wonderful, friendly person and a fantastic vet to our furry family members Hailey & Pudge. I know our pets will miss their visits to see him, as will my daughters and I. Dr Butts was soon to meet our most challenging pet yet, our cat Wheelie. When we told him we were nervous to bring him in as he has a bit of a temper, he assured us that If we could get him there, that he could handle him. He was surely the best vet our pets could have had. I am grateful that I had the pleasure to have known him. He will be truly missed. With our deepest sympathy, Karen, Alyssa, Briana, Pudge & Hailey McCarrick

Karen, Alyssa & Briana McCarrick - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I have known Jerry for only the last 3 years. We were first introduced while pheasant hunting in South Dakota 3 years ago. Jerry was a great hunter, a fine gentleman and a well respected vet. He will be missed dearly. My condolences to the family.

Tom Kula - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I would like to send my condolences to Jerry's family. In my estimation, no finer veterinarian ever existed. He was my vet for at least 25 years, and an excellent one at that. I ALWAYS recommended him to people who asked. One could tell that his motivation was the animals well-being, not the money. He never did any unnecessary testing or prescribing and his fee was always fair. I have no doubts that Jerry will rest in peace! My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of this wonderful man.

Sharon Aine - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dr. Butts was a great veterinarian as well as a great everyday person. Our family have taken our pets to Dr. Butts for a very long time. He definitely had the well being of animals in mind and not just in the field of animal medical for the money. He was very reasonably priced on his services as well as being very good. We will miss him greatly as well as our pet poodle "Buster". we are so sorry for his passing and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Clyde Turner and Betty - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Recently, I took my cat to see Dr. Butts for the first time. Upon meeting him, I felt that I had met a very special man and vet. He will be sorely missed in our community as a vet and as a good man. My condolences to his wife and children.

Jill Chamberlain - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Gentle, kind, caring, compassionate for all the animals as well as "their" people. Our pets, Pretzel, Sammy The Cat, Pookie, Quincy, Buzzy, lots of Blackies, Kaia, and our present delightful Golden Retriever, "Autumn" . . . along with us, our children and grandchildren who all knew Dr. Butts . . . we dearly loved our Family Vet who was family to us. We have lived in Loveland since 1975. Dr. Butts has been our support and reason for wanting pets in our lives. We thank you, his family, for sharing him with us! We cried when we heard & late last night I petted Autumn and told her. She slept peacefully knowing as we all do that we will all be together again soon. We could write a book about Dr. Butts. Maybe we will! God's Loving Arms Hold You All, Jim & Jan Law

Dr. & Mrs. James Law - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Mrs. Butts and Family, I would like to express my sympathy to you and your family. I was Jerry's band director in grades 7-12 at Lakeville Schools. I was fortunate to meet your family while you were visiting here in Indiana. Jerry was a fine man and will be greatly missed.

Dale Whitehead - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Jerry has been our pet caregiver since he started his business. We were just in there a couple of weeks ago. He always asked about the one of us that was not at the appt. He was a very caring person and will sadly be missed. Lord Bless you and the family during this time and in the years to come

James & Pat Turner - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Our condolences go out to the family of Dr. Butts and the staff at Orchards Animal Hospital. He was the most caring veterinarian and our 5 labs were most lucky to have him over the past 25 years. He will be dearly missed.

Lori Ender - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dr Butts will truly be missed by many humans and animals. He has a pure kind heart. I can see him entering the gates of heaven and thousands of tails wagging to greet him. I will miss him so much he was a great person and vet.

Colleen Larrington - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Margie, Jason, Lindsey, and Kevin, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. I'm thankful for such wonderful childhood memories, and Applewood is a big part of them. Dr. Butts will be missed by so many people. May God hold you up, and surround you with His love, courage, and grace. Cali

Cali Stevens Atkinson - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We are so sad to hear of Jerry's passing. We will always remember him as one of our favorite customers, a friend and also the best Veteranarian we ever had. Our thoughts and prayers to Margie, Jason, Lindsey and Kevin.

Karla & Wally Graese - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Margie, Jason, Lindsey, and Kevin, William and I were so sad to hear about Jerry. We have a lot of good memories from our time in Applewood when the kids were growing up. Please accept our sympathy. I pray that God will help you and give you courage and strength and comfort.

Pat Stevens - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My own dogs plus all of the basset hounds I fostered were Dr. Butts' clients. Not only did we lose a very special person, but also lost a great caring vet. My thoughts and prayers will be with his family.

Michele Geiselhart - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Our heartfelt sympathy on Jerry's passing. He simply was a good man. His smile and spirit live on in his family. We were blessed to call him cousin and send our love to all. Mike, Joni and Brandon Ames

Joni Ames - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ We will so profoundly miss Dr. Butts. He has been our faithful vet for all of our pets since we moved to Loveland in 1978. We will miss his kindness and heart for his animal friends and their families. He has sheltered us through the loss of many of our dear family pets and I know he will probably be loving on the cats and dogs in heaven too.

Mary lacy - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Thank you for taking care of my beloved Scuz and Popcorn.

Shelby Moore - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Gayle and I have known Jerry both as Vet and friend for many many years. How sad we are to hear of his passing. Such a *WONDERFUL* man. May our prayers be with you and family at this sad time for all. May God bless.

David/Gayle Koppes - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Dr. Butts was one of a kind. He was available for our pets at any time, busy or not, for over 20 years. He answered any question no matter how trivial. His sense of humor was so enjoyable. He charged so very little for his services and sometimes charged nothing at all, we often wondered how he kept that little office going. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. Butts' family and his staff. He will be hugely missed. God bless you, Dr. Butts.

Sharon Nealeigh - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ To the family of Dr. Butts...My family extends our deepest sympathy to you. We lift you up in prayer to God knowing Dr. Butts is at peace with our Lord. May God grant you comfort now. I will truly miss him as he was my veterinarian for almost 30 years as he took excellent care of my schnauzers. He was like my dad because my dad was also a vet in Indiana where I grew up in Montpelier, IN and I know the "small town" vet that he was like my dad will be no more. An honorable human being and sadly missed!!

Robert Jackson - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dr. Butts was a caring person; we will miss him and we send our condolences and prayers to the family.

Jim Burrill - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dr. Butts was our vet for about 30 years. He was always there to heal our pets as well as our emotions whenever we lost one. He was one of the kindest and most caring persons that we ever met. I don't believe words can describe how much we will miss this great man. Our world was certainly a better place thanks to Jerry. Our sincere condolences to his family.

Bud and Becky Miller - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dr. Butts was truly the best at being not only a great Vet but also a caring person. He will be missed so very much... He must have been greatly needed to tend to the pets of Heaven. Our prayers are with all of his family and we also pray that he is now enjoying true peace and dancing with the angels..

Stan & Barb Griep - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I am deeply sadden by the death of my High School friend. I will never forget the times we roamed the woods hunting and fishing. We had great times on the basketball court and other school activities. You will ge greatly missed and I am thankful we got to see each other this summer. We will meet again in that eternal woods to hunt again. Goodby my freind.

Dave Heckaman - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Margie, Jason, Lindey, Kevin. The world and our family has lost a wonderful person this week. Jerry had a zest for life, an ability to make people smile and a love of family that we were all blessed to know. He was so much like his dad. I trust a part of that "twinkle for life" will live on in each of you. I take comfort in knowing that while we grieve he and his father will be enjoying each and every moment in the afterlife waiting on us to someday join. Heaven will never be the same in a very very good way. Brent and Julie Harnish

Julie Harnish - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Such a kind and caring man. He will truly be missed by not only his human friends, but his 4 legged friends. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Lori - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ To The Butts Family: I was introduced to Dr Butts & Marjorie when I was looking for a puppy. They had my puppy. I was blessed to meet Dr Butts at that point in my life. My dog Niko has been the best dog and we have a truly remarkable bond. I am so thankful that the ad was in the paper. It was fate. Dr Butts has been Niko's vet ever since. I loved Gerry as a person and a vet. His traditional ways and outlook on life should be an example for all of us to follow. I'm so thankful that our paths crossed. My prayers go out to you in this difficult time. We will miss him dearly. Mary, Niko & Frankie

Mary Edwards - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ We will miss you! Buzz Minime, Chrissie, Holly and our owner Tim Kerns

tim kerns - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ For many years Dr. Butts was the kind, skilled, quietly humble, volunteer caretaker of the police dogs at the Loveland Police Department. On several occasions, I remember taking my Rottweiler patrol partner K-9 Tyson in for repairs and check-ups after a busy weekend night. Dr. Butts always found time to fit him in and patch him up, giving me great comfort. The Loveland Police Department attributes much of its early K-9 program success to Dr. Butts' advice, kindness and generosity. On behalf of a thankful community, many grateful police officers and their families, we celebrate Jerry's life with you and mourn the loss of a very, very good man. – Lieutenant Rick Arnold, Loveland Police Department

Lt. Rick Arnold - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ God Bless Dr. Butts and his family. He has been the only vet I would trust with my furry kids for almost 30 years. He was truly the best of the best. He cared about the animal and his compassion for the pets as well as the humans was unmatched. He will be missed. Know that we cherished him while he was with us and we will remember him with smiles and fond memories.

Laurel West - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ What a great Vet. Dr. Butts has been to us and our family pets. He helped us greatly as our dogs grew very old. Kind spirt and a genuine heart is how we will remember him. May God bless his family.

Tom Taylor & Sandy Sutton - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ A great man with a great big heart - Dr. Butts will be sorely missed by countless pet owners and their 4-legged friends. I am so sorry for your loss.

Lynn Kelly - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Marge, Jason, Lindsay and Kevin & Family, Our hearts are heavy here in Indiana at the loss of Jerry. What a wonderful man and a great role model for so many. He will be greatly missed and hold tight to your memories to help you get through these trying days ahead. I feel he has been hard at work already helping us back here with the much needed rain we needed, he has given us lots this morning. Love, John, Jill and Jaidan Stevens

Jill, John & Jaidan Stevens - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I am just so sadden to hear this news. My prayers go out to the family members. I know so many of us were grateful for Dr Butts services and reassurance when it came to our animals. Dr Butts was so practical and really cared for the animals it was more than just a business. I can't even tell you how much he will be missed words can't express the void. Much love, Marie, Osobella and Chiendoe.

Marie Annis - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ We loved Dr. Butts so much! We extend our deepest sympathy for the family! He will be sorely missed! With much love The Ostby's and the Ostby's Furry family also! ❤️ Josie the pussycat and Auzzie the Australian cattle dog. ❤️❤️❤️

Dave & Gwen Ostby - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ We are very saddened by Doctor Butts passing. He was good person and caring veterinarian. Maria and I and all of our pets over the years have thought of him as a friend. Please accept our condolences for your loss. Don and Maria Lizotte

Don & Maria Lizotte - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I had just started to go to Dr. Butts practice for a couple of years, but in that time I had grown to know and care for him as a good man and doctor. I am part of a rescue that he helped. He was always upbeat and willing to do whatever it took to help. He made me feel so much better even in the most dire of situations that come up in rescue groups. I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Butts will be sadly missed.

Lori Flitcroft - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WV

“ My deepest condolences to Kathryn, Marge, Jason, Lindsey, Kevin and the rest of the family. Although I hadn't seen Jerry for several years I'll always remember him as a generous man. I'll never forget 40 years ago he sat in my parents living room and invited me to come to Longmont CO where he and his pals had just opened opened a Suzuki dealership. I'm not sure if he or I was more surprised when I did just that. He opened up his apartment for an unemployed long haired, bearded nomad no questions asked. Rest in peace.

Wayne Vance - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ I am Dick and Patsy Butts middle daughter, Beth. Had not seen Jerry in years, but when I was ever around him, at Harold and Kathryns, when I was very young, he was always so much fun. He was also so cool to all us little ones. He always had time for all of us. Such a great laugh he had. My prayers go out to all of you and also Aunt Katherine. Love, Beth

Elizabeth - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WV

“ I remember Jerry as a friend from the old neighborhood. As he was six years older than I was I didn't hang around with him or anything. I just remember this big, strong guy who always had a smile on his face. My most vivid memories were watching him play basketball for Lakeville. My condolences to the family.

Warren Vance - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ZJ

“ *My Buster Pomerian and I will miss Dr. Butts very much. He was such a wonderful, caring person. He was dedicated to his position as our Vet. and always there to help, even when an emergency arose! Thank you to his family for allowing him to do "his thing" -- that he loved.... my prayers are you and condolences to you all.*
Zella

Zella Johnston - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to the family of Dr. Butts. He took care of my pets for the last 20 years with care and compassion. I will miss him and his friendly smile.*

Jim Brooks - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *I'm saddened to hear the news of Dr. Butts passing. I feel lucky to have found a Vet. who I could trust to take care of my dog. I'll always remember your kindness.*

Debbie Dietz - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *Dr. Butts was our vet for over 20 years. He was a kind, decent, and caring man. He had a special rapport with both animals and owners. There will never be another vet like him. He will be sorely missed by all.*

Vern, Sheryl, & Kyla Hinson - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *We our deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. Butts. We have appreciated him as a friend and veterinarian.*

Don and Kathy George - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ To the Butts family: Northern Colorado lost the best veterinarian, and I feel like I lost part of my family. Jerry has been taking care of our animals almost the whole time he was in practice. He most definitely was a no-nonsense vet who cared for our animals without fuss, but with trustworthy compassion. Although Jerry was very private about his own health issues, when my mother died, he opened up, and with tears in his eyes he said, "it was time, and she would have wanted to go quickly" when her quality of life was gone. I suppose that is what he wanted for himself in the end...We will all miss Jerry more than anyone can imagine. I am not ashamed to say I cried when I heard the news, and I wonder how I will find a new vet with the characteristics that embodied so much goodness! Jerry, you will be missed! All my sympathies to your family and also to your good friends and staff at Orchard Animal Clinic, especially Katie. Thanks for many years of service and friendship!

Debbie Alman - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I WNT TO SCHOOL WITH JERRY MY THOUGHT &PRAYERS FOR HIS FAMILY.

TOM WALLIS - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I am so sad to hear of Jerry's passing. He was such a gentle man and vet. Jerry had taken care of my schnauzers over the past 30 years. My thoughts and prayers are with Margie and family and the staff at Orchards Animal Hospital. Rest in peace Jerry - you were loved by many and will be sorely missed.

Mary Coon - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Dr Butts was a beautiful man with a huge heart...I will miss him dearly and always love not only his values, but his smile as well. Thank you Dr Butts for all you stood for. God Bless to Margie and your children- may the great memories they have help them find a brighter tomorrow. I know I'm always going to smile when I hear your name.*

Kris Weakland - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Our family sends out prayers and love to Dr. Butts and his family. He was our vet for over 30 years and we already miss him and his amazing veterinarian skills. I truly considered him "family" because anytime I called he treated us just like that! Always ready to help and so sweet and generous! We feel so honored to have had him in our lives and will never forget him as he can never be replaced. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel! Love you Dr. Butts The Price family*

lori price - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *I am so deeply saddened by the loss of Dr. Butts. I've gone to him for many years and he was always so kind and helpful with my dogs, through the good and the bad. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Thank you for all you did for me, Dr. Butts. I will miss you dearly and will never forget your sense of humor and your smile.*

Jan Pettit - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ My deepest condolences to Dr. Jerrys family. He was a terrific individual and an outstanding veterinarian. My dog Einstein and I will truly miss you. Thank you for everything

Ed Schwab - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of Dr. Butts. I started going to him in January 1983 with our first Cocker Spaniel and am now on my seventh. He was so caring and generous with his time and services. I will miss him greatly, and hope he will see Buttons, Paycheck, Missy, Winston and Ginger and give them a hug for me. Linda

Linda Stalvey - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ My family has always greatly loved Dr. Butts. He shared many good and bad times with our pets, and the times we had to let them go were made immeasurably better by his presence. Never once were my pets afraid of him and not once did he give them a shot without apologizing. I can't count the times I heard him say 'no charge' to me or someone else in the office. We will miss him terribly but are so very grateful we knew him. He was a compassionate and knowledgeable man and I will always remember his smile. I can only imagine how many happy animals greeted him in heaven, he will be surrounded, I know.

Kathy Disney - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dr Butts was "our vet" for almost 3 decades of pets! He was funny & caring & we will always remember how he came to our home and sat on the floor with us as he put our pet to sleep. All 3 of us were crying! He will be greatly missed in Loveland!

The Walkers - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We had Dr Butts for 20 years to take care of our furry children. He was a TRUE animal lover and not about getting wealthy in the process and making it impossible for us to get the care our animals need. He never did a test or procedure that wasn't necessary . Very seldom were we charged with an office call he charged a tenth of the cost of other vets in the area. We had moved out of Loveland to Red Feather and I remember him saying that I must pass many vets on my way to bring my pets to him and I told him it was the trust I had in him it was worth the trip. He will be sadly missed!

Janice Doughty - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I will miss Doctor Butts so much. He has been my pets's doctor for about 30 years. He has seen us through the good times and the bad. All of his care was with great compassion. For my pets and myself. My deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Priscilla - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I am terribly sorry to hear of Jerry's death. He was my vet for over 30 years plus a fellow Marine. My condolences to the family. Semper Fidelis! Bill

Bill Wooldridge - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Margie, Jason, Lindsey, Kevin and family, I was so sorry to hear of Jerry's death. I shall remember him as a caring, fun-loving gentleman, whose smile and personality could light up a room. He never met a stranger and the twinkle in his eyes told you he was always "in touch" with his "kid-side." Hold on to those special memories and his love will always be with you. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless you at this sad time.

Kathy Soukup Brown - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Our family.....three sons and their pets, and my self and my two babies will miss Dr. Butts and his kindnessLoveland will miss Dr. Butts. May God Bless him and his family.....Dr. Butts will surely have many jewels in his crown in heaven for all the good he was known for in his little office. A man with a big heart. Very Sincerely,
Sharen Dietz and family

Sharen Dietz - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. Dr. Butts was a wonderful Veterinarian. In 1984 he saved my Doberman, Gulliver, who was hit by a small truck and the only Vet that would even help us on a Sunday Was Dr. Butts. He will truly be missed. May the good memories bring you smiles.

Janet French - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ To Margie, Jason, Lindsey and Kevin, Your husband and father was a great roommate and squadron mate while we were in the Marine Corps in Viet Nam and North Carolina. I am touched by the expressions of gratitude and praise for him and his skills as a veterinarian, the longest leg of his life's journey. I will cherish the memory of our experiences which were intensified by combat and camaraderie that the few, the proud, the Marines get to feel. God bless you all.

Douglas Hartman - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am so sorry for the loss of a true veterinarian and a very kind man. He helped so many families with their pets. He will always be missed. Many prayers to his family!

Linda Hagaman - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dr. Butts was our vet for many years. He was always so knowledgeable, caring, and took wonderful care of our animals. We always felt like he was fair with us, and never charged us for things we didn't need. When we had to put down our 18-year-old Sheltie he handled it with so much compassion. We will surely miss him!

Chrisanne Lage - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ What a nice and caring man. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family. The wonderful memories of him will always be with you. Dad's are so very SPECIAL. Love T

Teresa Turan - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM