



R.C. "Doc" Poppy

April 25, 1932 - September 19, 2021

R.C. "Doc" Poppy, 89, of Huntington, passed away at 3:43 am Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

R.C. was born on April 25, 1932 in Rockford, IL, the son of Charles Poppy and Mona (Peacock) Poppy. He graduated from New Diggings High School earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University. He married Margaret J. Shultz on May 25, 1967 in Clintwood, VA. R.C. was the owner of Hillside Veterinary Clinic retiring in 2004 after 50 years of service. He was a member of the American Veterinary Association and the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association.

Survivors include his sisters, Susan (Jack) McCoy of Madison, WI; Ruth (Chet) Melcher of Racine, WI; Lois (Tim) Martinson of DeWitt, MI; Connie (Don) Eckelbarger of Loves Park, IL; Brother, Allen (MaryAnn) Poppy of Shullsburg, WI; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mag of 50 years, parents, Charles and Mona Poppy, sister, Ann Scott, brother, Jerry Poppy and a special thank you to Rex, Susan, Allison, and Heather.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Monday, October 11, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN followed by Funeral Services at 3:00 pm Monday, October 11, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35

West Park Drive, Huntington, IN.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of R.C. to the Huntington Humane Society, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of R.C. "Doc" Poppy.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
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Memorial Service

OCT 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of R.C. Doc Poppy.*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - September 30, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *I absolutely admired Dr. Poppy's amazing dedication to his 4 legged clients and their families. I started going their in the late 70's and continued to use him even after he sold his business and worked for another clinic in Huntington. He was the best vet and such a genuine and humorous man. RIP Doc and give all my fur kids hugs when you see them in heaven.*

Alison Mendenhall - October 11, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ *My family has a always had pets and they always went to Doc Poppy. He was a great Vet but an even greater person. We've searched for another Vet like him and know there will never be another. But to have seen his caring and compassion for my pets will forever be with me, thanks Doc.*

Steve Crawford - October 08, 2021 at 01:58 PM

RB

“ My deepest sympathy on your loss of Poppy. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. "Doc"Poppy will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him as he was a wonderful man & vet. He cared so much for any animal that was brought to him showing them so much love. R.I.P. Poppy. God Bless.



Rebecca S Burris - October 07, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of R.C. "Doc" Poppy.



October 04, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of R.C. "Doc" Poppy.



October 04, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *What a great man! When I moved to Huntington several years ago our dog had a history of not getting along with the vet. He said bring him on in and when we call you back just put him on the table, but do not say anything. He gave the shots and did the exam without any issues. Once the dog was on the floor, then we talked. He just had the knack!*

It did not matter what type of animal you brought him--he always had compassion for both the animal and their owners. I have never met a veterinarian like him since and probably never will.

Rest in peace.

Karen McClintock

Karen McClintock - September 27, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *What a terrific person he was. He and my dad would give each other such grief over our family dog. Doc would let her roam the office during her stays. When we would go to pick her up she would be at the door waiting on us. He took it really hard when he had to put her to sleep. Oh the stories he would tell would have you in stitches. He talked terrible about Meg, lol, all in fun of course. He wanted you to think he didn't like Chester the cat living at the house, but you could tell he loved every minute of it. God Bless You Doc.*

Cathy Anderson - September 25, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *I remember Doc Poppy coming to our farm when I was a kid. Sympathy to the Families.*

Barbara Straley - September 24, 2021 at 02:00 PM

TK

“ *May the memories of Doc be cherished. He is at peace in Heaven with Our Heavenly Father.*

Deepest Sympathy to family and friends.

Terry & Pat Kelsey - September 24, 2021 at 08:06 AM

DC

“ *I had the pleasure of working for Doc at both he the Veterinary office and the farm all through High School way back when. A lot of clients never saw just how funny and entertaining he could be, especially when it came to taking "orders" from his real Boss (Maggie). Rest in peace my friend!*

Darrin Colbart - September 24, 2021 at 05:54 AM

SO

“ *Doc Poppy was one of God's angels sent to Huntington to care for our pets. I'm sure there are many amazing stories of his kindness. For one...I accompanied my friend Diane when she took her dog in for heartworm cure. Doc told her how much it would be and Diane sadly hung her head. Doc paused and asked "how much can you pay?" She replied a small amount and Doc said "That'll do" with a warm smile. I know of times that he accepted homemade pies as payment from some of his senior clients. He knew how much they loved and needed their animal companions. God has called Doc home now, I'm sure declaring "well done."*

Stephanie Ort - September 23, 2021 at 08:05 PM

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Stephanie Ort - September 23, 2021 at 07:36 PM

SK

“ He was a good man & the best veterinarian I ever met. He is probably surrounded by all the animals he ever treated. May he rest in peace.



Shirley Kiefer - September 23, 2021 at 06:32 PM

MW

“ Doc was a great friend of ours. We made many windshield farming trip over the years. He and I made many fishing trip to lakes in northern Indiana and had a great time! We did not harm the fish population much though. But had a lot of enjoyment. God rest his soul.

Max and Jackie Warner

Max Warner - September 23, 2021 at 02:16 PM

MH

“ *My father, Rex Hammel, thought the world of Doc Poppy. I'd like to think dad was there to greet him when he arrived in Heaven, and the two sat reminiscing about old times.*

Michelle Hammel - September 23, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *Robin Jones lit a candle in memory of R.C. "Doc" Poppy*



Robin Jones - September 23, 2021 at 12:04 PM

MG

“ *To the Family of Dr. Poppy,
So sorry for your loss. All of the family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Dr. Poppy was my vet for many years.*

Marianne Goshorn - September 23, 2021 at 11:14 AM

DK

“ My favorite vet ever!! I remember 36 years ago taking my dog to him .. always had a hotdog for a treat and always treated him like a human .. when he retired I really didn't know what to do !! He was the best ! I no longer live in Huntington but every time I drive back and see his office .. and remember the tombstones in the pet cemetery.. it always reminds me of what an amazing animal doctor he was(let's face it ... he treated more the animals .. he treated everyone like family !! And I remember he had a office cat !! That completely ruled that place !!! Such a loss !! I hope he knew how many lives he touched ! Again .. he was the best of the best !! DOC POPPY .

deb kaufman - September 22, 2021 at 09:10 PM

LB

“ This is so sad to hear. Dr Poppy saved more than one of our animals over the years. I remember when I took my old beagle to him to be put to sleep because of arthritis. He was so upset because she didn't go peacefully. Afterward he carried her out to the car for me, and his eyes were full of tears. I will always remember how much he cared about the animals and the owners. Rest In Heaven, Dr Poppy.

Linda Bogner - September 22, 2021 at 07:37 PM

CR

“ My condolences to Doc's Family! I am so sorry to hear of this dear man's passing! I used to work for Doc and Maggie back in early 70's in the little white building by the Railroad tracks. Mag showed me how to trim dogs of all styles, and Doc had me help with appointments and surgeries and such. I always thought very highly of Mag and Doc ! Love and hugs !



Charleen Ruble - September 22, 2021 at 04:02 PM