



Robert "Doc" VanDyke

May 17, 1924 - March 15, 2007

Robert "Doc" Critten VanDyke, 82, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, March 15, 2007 at Core Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born on May 17, 1924 on a farm outside Jamesport, Missouri, the son of Eva and Virgil VanDyke.

On March 4, 1944, he married Doris I. Robinson. He joined the United States Navy during WW II and served our country as an electrician's mate for a period of two years. After an honorable discharge, "Doc" attended Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Manhattan, Kansas and became a licensed veterinarian. He and Doris moved to Pella, Iowa in 1952 where he practiced Veterinary Medicine in large and small animal health. He was an expert in the field of swine consultation until 1968. Due to health problems, he and Doris moved to Heber Springs, Arkansas where they opened a small animal clinic. He sold his practice in 1984 and took a one year tour of duty with World Concern as veterinary missionaries in Haiti. "Doc" was in charge of swine repopulation to aid in the economy of that country. When the tour of duty was ended, "Doc" went to work for the Department of Agriculture as a swine and poultry inspector. He retired after seven years.

He also was a member of Gideon International and worked with Nail Benders of Arkansas building churches throughout the state.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Doris, in 2005. He then moved to the Henderson/Evansville area.

He is survived by four children, Donna Briggs, of Henderson, KY, Brenda Sue Logan of Dallas, TX, Rex VanDyke of Manchester, IA and Robin VanDyke of West Plains, MO, his sister, Marilyn Paris of Hale, MO and his brother, Lowell VanDyke, of Lee Summit, MO. Eight grandchildren, Steve and Mark Logan, Douglas Briggs, Rebecca Hudson, Jennifer Harksen, Angela VanDyke, Bob VanDyke and Asha Robert and four great grandchildren also survive him.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 4:00 P.M. Sunday, March 18, 2007 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Vista Hospice Care or the American Diabetes Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Doc" VanDyke

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear that both my Aunt Doris and Uncle Doc have gone on to heaven but I know that they are both out of pain and are celebrating together and I am sure Doc is happy to be with his "honey" again. I will never forget when Wilma and I spent some time with them in Pella and went to the Tulip Festival. What a great time we had. They are such terrific people and I will really miss them and wish I could be there for the services but Florida is just such a long way off. May God Bless each and every one of you.##imported-begin##Mary Jo and Danny Collins##imported-end##

March 22, 2007 at 05:19 PM



“ Grammy and Pa are together again. We miss them both.##imported-begin##Kristy Logan##imported-end##

March 21, 2007 at 11:36 AM



“ Dad will be missed & love forever
He is now an angel with Mom##imported-begin##Robin & Jeanne
Van Dyke##imported-end##

March 21, 2007 at 10:20 AM



“ Susie, Donna, Rex and Robb

Our prayers are with you today. I will always remember coming to Pella and the Wooden Shoes - we had great fun. Also, the many times at Grandma Zoe's having fun. Aunt Doris and Uncle Doc will always have a special place in my heart. They were wonderful people. It was always great at the reunions - your dad always kidding around and the wonderful food your mom prepared. We will miss them, but I know they are in a beautiful home now.

*Love you always,
Carol, Rick, Nancy, Ryan, Matt, Mike, Lisa, Laney, Christina,
Rebecca, and Michael##imported-begin##Carol "Stith"
Kline##imported-end##*

March 19, 2007 at 09:17 PM



“ Susie, Rex, Donna & Robb

Charlie, Christie, Cady, Kylie and Mason Taylor, also send their love and prayers.##imported-begin##Jo Ann "Jody" Mudge##imported-end##

March 19, 2007 at 04:45 PM



“ Susie, Rex, Donna & Robb

Love you all. Aunt Bugs & Uncle Bob send their love, too.##imported-begin##Jo Ann "Jody" Mudge##imported-end##

March 19, 2007 at 04:38 PM



“ To the Van Dyke family,

I am sorry to hear of Doc's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

The John Crabtree family##imported-begin##John Crabtree##imported-end##

March 18, 2007 at 10:34 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Doc & Doris were truly amazing people and now they are united in Heaven. We will always cherish the wonderful memories of the Robinson reunions.##imported-begin##Larry & Barb Stith##imported-end##*

March 18, 2007 at 03:40 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you. It is never easy when you lose your father. May you remember all the good times you shared and may they give you peace. Your Dad was a special Uncle and I will always remember the family reunions. We sure had a great time at the park near Chillicothe. May God grant you peace and understanding.##imported-begin##Bob, Wilma, Eddie, Kirk & Amy Long##imported-end##*

March 17, 2007 at 09:09 PM



“ Donna,

Diane and I will be praying for your dad and you.

Bill###imported-begin###Bill Shinn###imported-end###

March 17, 2007 at 08:46 PM



“ *I still remember the night your mother died, and Doc sat at the table and blessed the food before you ate... thanking God for his dear precious Doris and the wonderful blessings of their life together. I know he is so happy to be by her side in heaven.*

Greg and I miss your mom and dad every time we step outside our door and look toward their old home across the street. But we are comforted by the many, many fond memories we have of wonderful times we shared with them... and you. I have so enjoyed Greg's stories of countless hours spent with your mom and dad as a small child in Pella, and then through the years when your families shared so many happy times.

We were so blessed by your parents' example of Christian faith and love for others. Your mother always used to speak of prayer for others and say, "We must trust that the Lord will take care of us," and we know that even now, He surely will. We send you love and prayers of comfort... Greg & Debbie###imported-begin###Greg and Debbie Robus###imported-end###

March 17, 2007 at 12:36 PM



“ *Our prayers and love are with you. We loved your mom and dad.###imported-begin###Hubert and Peggy Long###imported-end###*

March 17, 2007 at 09:19 AM



“ Letting you know that many in Heber Springs, AR are lifting you in Prayer -Doc and Miss Doris were two of my favorites and I always looked forward to our fellowship and time together and know they are Celebrating Today. Praying for you in His Love and Care, John , Elaine Kurtz##imported-begin##Kurtz Family##imported-end##

March 17, 2007 at 04:39 AM