



Dr. Paul Madison Dritley

December 17, 1955 - December 27, 2022

Paul Madison Dritley passed away on December 27, 2022 after a long and courageous battle with colon cancer. Paul was born in Fremont, Nebraska on December 17, 1955 to Morace and Virginia (Carlson) Dritley. Paul discovered his gift for singing in 3rd grade when he tried out for a school talent show by singing "Trailer for Sale or Rent". Paul continued singing his entire life...first in choirs at church and in school, later with the Master Singers and in many performances with local community theatre groups. When Paul finally talked his parents into getting him his dog, Mitsy, he soon knew that he wanted to be a veterinarian. Paul attended Fremont Senior High School, where he was active in both music and drama and also played football. Paul was a well-known and well-liked student and was named "All Around Boy" at graduation. After graduation, Paul attended Kansas State University for both his undergraduate studies as well as earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Paul met his wife, LuAnn (Sawyer) Dritley in Junior High. They dated all through high school and were married on June 5, 1976. Together they had 4 daughters. Upon graduation from Veterinary School, Paul and LuAnn moved to Elkhorn. Paul worked at the Verner Veterinary Clinic in Fremont and then Chance Ridge Veterinary Clinic and finally at the Elkhorn Animal Hospital, where Paul finished his veterinary career. He was known and truly loved by all of his clients for the tender care that he gave his patients. He understood that the pets he treated were a part of the family and loved being a part of that relationship. After retirement, Paul and LuAnn set out to see the world and for

7 years took many wonderful trips where they saw the beauty of God's earth, made lots of friends and basked in the joy of just being together. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and infant granddaughter, Sasha McIlwain. He is survived by his wife, LuAnn, daughters, Jen (Perry) Rehn, Amy Dritley, Emily (Tyler) Hughes, Stephanie (Iain) McIlwain, and 10 grandchildren; EJ, Joshua, Nathan and Christopher Rehn, Cameron Lambirth, Madison, Gabrielle and Grayson Hughes, Lila and Noah McIlwain; all of Omaha. He is also survived by his two sisters, Nancy (Jack) French of Maricopa, Arizona and Jackie (Mark) Schultz of Pawnee Rock, Kansas and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Christ Community Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Community Church
404 South 108th Avenue
Omaha, NE 68154

A lunch reception will follow the service

Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere condolences to Dr. Dritley's family and friends. I knew him through his veterinary practice in Elkhorn. He had such a huge personality and was such a generous and caring person. His laugh was amazing!! Rest In Peace, Doc.*

Karen Thompson - January 03, 2023 at 01:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul Madison Dritley.*



January 02, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Dr. Dritley was our vet at Elkhorn. He was so kind and caring. We fostered kittens for a local rescue and the kittens were always sick. Dr. Dritley would give them a "miracle" shot that immediately turned them around. And he only charged us \$5!! His care saved a LOT of lives of those tiny kittens. We were so grateful for his help. We took our six rescue animals to him too - three dogs and three cats.*

Mary Larson - January 02, 2023 at 03:04 PM

SK

“ *LuAnn and family - Steve and I were members of Elkhorn United Methodist where we enjoyed Paul's beautiful voice. He made services special for us. Prayers for you and may peace come in days to come.*
Susan Kelley



Susan Kelley - January 01, 2023 at 11:56 PM

AE

“ *AJ, Morgan, Jim Spanel, Parker and Ellie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Paul Madison Dritley.*



AJ, Morgan, Jim Spanel, Parker and Ellie - January 01, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul Madison Dritley.*



December 30, 2022 at 11:48 AM

PB

“ *Patsy & Ken Walter, Rob & Shauna Bilyeu purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Paul Madison Dritley.*



Patsy & Ken Walter, Rob & Shauna Bilyeu - December 29, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DE

“ Our sincere condolences to LuAnn and family. Paul shared his trademark laugh with everyone, and made them smile. He was a talented veterinarian, and I really enjoyed working with him. He was well respected by clients, coworkers, and colleagues, and will be greatly missed by all. Sincerely, Darrell and Katie Eich

Darrell and Katie Eich - December 29, 2022 at 02:20 PM

MC

“ Mike Morris and Brenda Christensen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Paul Madison Dritley.



Mike Morris and Brenda Christensen - December 29, 2022 at 09:26 AM

MC

“ Men Of God Table - Christ Community Chur purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Paul Madison Dritley.



Men Of God Table - Christ Community Chur - December 29, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul Madison Dritley.



December 28, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul Madison Dritley.*



December 28, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *He had the most infectious laugh, always accompanied by a wide smile. A bright candle flame has gone out. Sympathy to his loved ones.*

Patsy Schmidt - December 28, 2022 at 07:50 AM