



Dr. James M. Pinkerton

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Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Karen and parents, Mary (Porter) and Clyde M. Pinkerton. Survived by his daughter, Jennifer Pinkerton, son Jeffrey Pinkerton, granddaughter Kaylee, sister Susan (Pinkerton) Worthington, stepchildren Kristine Cooke, Michael Leachman, and Joseph Stovall, nieces and nephews and numerous loyal friends.

James (Jim) Pinkerton was born in Brunswick, GA. At 10 years old Jim announced his intent to become a Veterinarian. From then on he collected pets of all shapes and sizes. His family then moved to Alabama where he attended and graduated from Enterprise High School. He received his degree in Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University in 1969. Following his graduation he served as a veterinarian in the U.S. Air Force from 1970- 1972 with rank of Captain. He then joined Dr. Franklin's veterinary practice at the Raines Road Animal Hospital in 1971 and continued the practice as owner and operator following Dr. Franklin's retirement. Dr. Pinkerton continued to serve the Memphis community, providing quality, loving care for family pets until his death. He was the President of The Sports Car Club of America from 1977 through 1986. He was also a member of the Memphis British Car Club, the Aristocrat Club and the Porsche Club. Jim was an avid fan of Formula 1 racing. He and his daughter attended the grand opening of the first Formula 1 track in the United States.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Heart Assoc., Dixie Memorial Pet Cemetery, ASPCA, or charity of your choosing.




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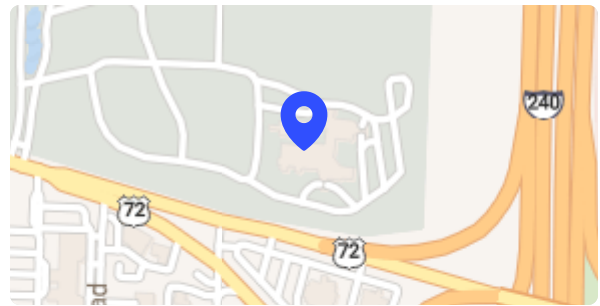
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Celebration of Life Visitation


 **Saturday**, January 28, 2023

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM cst


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home-Riverside Chapel**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

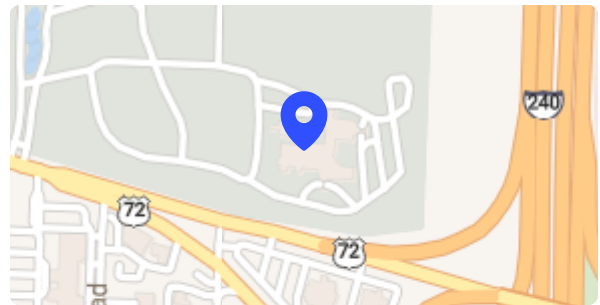


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DK

Donnie Knott posted:

I was an enlisted member of the Vet office at Blytheville Air Force Base and served with Dr. Pinkerton. A very fine man and excellent Vet. Even back then He had an interest in sports cars. Sorry to see where He had passed away. Always had intentions of coming to his office in Memphis for a visit, but never did. Sincerely Donnie Knott, Milan, TN.

July 23 at 3:10 PM

CC

C.B. Chastain posted:

I was a high school classmate of Jim's in Dexter Missouri. In a class of about 100 students, we were the only ones who wanted to become veterinarians and liked to ride horses. His family moved to Alabama and he went to Auburn. I went to the University of Missouri. We both graduated from colleges of veterinary medicine in 1969 and both went into the Air Force. Unfortunately we never crossed paths again, but I remember Jim well as a very smart, kind, and caring person from my past.

September 29 at 4:23 PM

KW

Kavarshia Weeks posted:

It's still bittersweet knowing that Dr. Pinkerton has transitioned. Dr. Pinkerton was the very first person / Veterinarian to give me a shot at shadowing him at Raines Road Animal Hospital in 2017. I typed up a letter about my aspirations to become a Veterinarian and my desire to shadow him and sent it through email with the hopes that he would receive it and respond. Days later, Dr. Pinkerton gave me a call inviting me in to his practice and we talked before he blessed me with a schedule to return throughout the weeks for months, until I was hired on as a Veterinarian Assistant. Throughout my time there, we bonded through similar aspirations we had as children, his teachings and guidance, his likable personality, his kind, patient and generous spirit and the respect and trust I witnessed him having from those who sought his service. After getting an adopted family dog, I was determined to have Dr. Pinkerton care for him without knowing if he was still in practice. I made our 1st appointment for May, in which I found Dr. Pinkerton there. My heart was full seeing him to appear in great health, with the same bright smile and kindness. I send my condolences to Dr. Pinkerton's family and pray that the memories that everyone has of him brings warmth and comfort to your hearts. -Latice

April 10 at 6:47 AM



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Treba Thompson posted:

We will not be physically present at the service tomorrow, but we will be with Jim and his family in our hearts. He was a dear friend for over 50 years, & it's very hard to realize that he is gone. Even though he was not our regular veterinarian because we didn't live in the same place, we discussed our cats' problems with him on the phone, and frequently his advice was better than what we had already been given. I remember we had been told our 10-year-old Golda had kidney failure. He told us it was a thyroid problem & to take her to Radio Cat in Atlanta. We did and she lived another 11 and a half years! He was a great vet & an even better friend. He is definitely missed. Treba Thompson

January 27 at 6:46 AM



Tonya Young posted:

Dr. Pinkerton was all three of my dogs vet. He was so kind and personable. He took such good care of my babies and I will forever love him for that. He was a loving person. It hurt me so bad when I got the news. My prayers are with the family! Rest in peace Dr. Pinkerton!

January 25 at 9:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Pinkerton family.



January 15 at 12:55 PM



Jennifer Pinkerton June 9 at 6:53 PM

I kept this vase and use it often. It's my first square vase and it's the perfect size. Thank you anonymous!



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WT

Wayne Thompson posted:

Jim Pinkerton was my best friend. We met at Auburn in 1965. Jim's wife and my future bride had sat next to each other in Freshman Orientation the previous year and had become friends. Finding much in common, they decided that we should get together socially. I don't remember which couple hosted that first evening, but I found that Jim and I had a lot in common too. We were both in serious relationships, interested in cars, and living on a shoestring budget. We never seemed to run out of things to talk about. When Jim's marriage broke up, he was devastated. We spent many evenings talking things out and looking for a way forward for Jim. He gradually overcame his depression and started dating again. That summer Jim's dad rebuilt a Jaguar XKE (the number one sexiest car on the road at that time) and gave it to Jim to take back to school that Fall. He and I spent much of our very limited spare time fine tuning and playing with the Jag. It was the first car that I ever piloted over 140 miles per hour. Looking back on that time, I'm amazed that we both survived and managed to stay out of jail. Jim started seriously dating a girl that my wife and I really didn't like very much, but we made every effort to be friends with. After all, if Jim loved her who were we to say no about her. Their relationship grew, and Jim proposed. I was Best Man at the wedding. As Jim and I walked toward the Sanctuary, I opened an exit door from the church and pointed to my wife sitting in our car at the curb, engine idling, and offered Jim an escape route. He said no, that he should go ahead with his "obligation". They went through a messy divorce a couple of years later. I graduated that Spring and moved away from Auburn. Jim still had a year to go (Vet School is a five-year curriculum), but we stayed in touch and visited when we could. We lived in San Antonio, Texas, and Memphis was only a little bit out of the way on our annual visit to family in Birmingham, so we got together most years for a few days at least. When we moved out of the USA in 1980, we stayed in touch by phone and voice tape. Not as good as in person visits, but better than writing letters. In 1989 I took early retirement and the wife and I, along with our cats, went sailing. Most of the places we sailed to were third world countries with very limited, if any, veterinary facilities. Jim was our go-to veterinarian, and a very good one too. On one of our rare trips back to the States we visited Jim in Memphis. One of our beloved kitties, Golda (yes, she was named after Golda Meir) was not doing well. We had been told she was in terminal kidney failure and would probably not last more than a few months. Jim looked her over and said that she had a thyroid problem, not kidney failure. He knew of a place that treated feline thyroid disease with radiation. Golda lived for ten more years after her treatment. In recent years we have tried to get together in person as often as we could. Jim came to visit us on our boat a couple of times and we went to see him on our visits to the States. With the advent of Covid, travel became more difficult, but we stayed in touch via Zoom (computer video meetings). During the few remissions in the pandemic, Jim visited us. We had already started making plans for a springtime trip when he passed. Speaking both for my wife Treba, and myself we'll both miss Jim terribly. Wayne and Treba Thompson

January 2 at 9:17 AM



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JS

June X Smith posted:

Dr. Pinkerton was a kind, loving individual who treated my cats for some time. I know he will be missed by his family and friends. The world was a softer, gentler place while he was in it.

January 11 at 5:03 PM

HG

Herb Gannon posted:

Sincere condolences to Jim's family. I was a high school classmate and teammate with him. Such a great guy then. Am not surprised at how he continued touching lives through the years. Herb Gannon MD

January 11 at 12:17 PM

PR

Pamela Rudd January 12 at 1:32 PM

You will be missed dearly prayers for his family and coworkers

BS

Barbara Sullivan posted:

Dr. Pinkerton was the first Veterinarian that I ever used back in 1977. He treated all my pets both dog and cats. He was always cheerful, helpful and gentle with them. He was a very nice man and he will be missed. Last saw him in November 2022 when he treated my girl Royal successfully.

January 10 at 9:36 AM

EM

Everett Mobley, D.V.M. posted:

I had met Jim through friends several years ago and always enjoyed his company. I can hardly believe he's gone, he was always so upbeat and hard-working.

January 4 at 3:25 PM

WL

William Lambert posted:

Always enjoyed visiting with him at continuing education meetings. We seemed to share the same preferences for rock n roll concerts. We would see each other at various concerts. I joked to him that he always had better seats than me. He was always a row or two in front of me.

January 4 at 10:24 AM



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RM

Robert Mcdonald Dvm posted:

A great friend and colleague that I talked to on a regular basis about cases. Jim will be missed. He loved veterinary medicine.

January 2 at 9:38 AM

DS

Doris Stevens posted:

Jim was my cousin & I am so sad to hear of his passing. I've talked to him but had not seen him in several years. He was such a nice guy to be with. He will be missed by many.

January 2 at 9:17 AM

LL

Linda Lewis January 5 at 1:50 PM

Jim was the Most Caring and Very Best Veterinarian I have ever known in my life. Many people And " Fur People " will definitely miss him.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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