



Dr. James Stuart Ruster

June 1, 1937 - May 7, 2024

Dr. James "Doc" Ruster

James Stuart Ruster was born June 1, 1937, in Muskegon Michigan to George Antonio and Reba Ester (Anderson) Ruster. He passed away May 7, 2024, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma at the age of 86. James graduated from Northeast High School in Oklahoma City, OK in 1956. He earned two Bachelors of Science and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Oklahoma State University. While at OSU earning his first degree, he met and married Ann Elizabeth Stephens in 1960. They were married for 63 years. Together they raised three children and had a blessed life. James was drafted into the United States Army in 1960 and served in Korea for 13 months.

Doc opened the Pauls Valley Veterinary Clinic in 1969. His mixed practice cared for a variety of animals from Pauls Valley, Garvin County and beyond for 54 years. James was a member of the Pauls Valley United Methodist Church where he served in many ways. He joined the Pauls Valley Volunteer Fire Department in 1972 and faithfully served the City of Pauls Valley for thirty years. After retirement he still enjoyed drinking coffee with the guys at the station. Doc became involved with Boy Scout Troop 73 in 1972 with his son David. He helped then scoutmaster Dale "Doc" Hayhurst and later took over as the scoutmaster. He served Troop 73 for over 47 years and help countless youth have adventures through scouting and more that 40 young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout under his leadership.

James was preceded in death by his parents George and Reba Ruster and

brothers Sherwood and Bruce Ruster. He is survived by his wife Ann, sons David and Scott Ruster, daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Ray Samford, and two grandsons James and Andrew Samford. Friends and family of Dr. Ruster are invited to a celebration of life ceremony at the Pauls Valley First United Methodist Church on Saturday May 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Scout Troop 73 17492 N CR 3280 Pauls Valley, OK 73075 or Pauls Valley Parks Foundation 1005 N. Willow Street Pauls Valley, OK 73075.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Pauls Valley United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Our beloved Limousine Cow, Cocoa was in labor and Dr. Ruster made a house call in bad weather and helped my family deliver twins on our farm in Paoli. He was always good to our family and saved many pets we had. He will be missed....

Alisha Byrd - May 22, 2024 at 10:33 PM

MW

“ Doc always took such good care of our animals throughout the years. He always let us come in the office when we had an emergency. Rest in Peace!

Marilyn Webster - May 22, 2024 at 12:05 PM

AL

“ He was a very sweet and quiet man. Praying for his lovely family.



Adrienne Lang - May 13, 2024 at 09:29 AM

DH

“ Our deepest condolences to Ann, David, Scott, Jennifer and to all of Doc Ruster’s family and friends for the loss of a wonderful and kind man. We all loved Doc Ruster and appreciated the great care he took of our pet animals! Doc will be greatly missed by all of this community. RIP Doc Ruster. Prayers and hugs to all. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️



David Fryar and Rita Hines-Fryar - May 11, 2024 at 04:25 PM

JT

“ *Joanie Townsend lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Stuart Ruster*



Joanie Townsend - May 10, 2024 at 07:41 PM

CH

“ *The very first time I met Doc he was helping the scouts load ice chest onto a school bus to hand out drinks and snacks for the Valley Rally. He was a kind man and very generous with his time.*



Cindy Hains - May 10, 2024 at 12:29 PM

SJ

“ *Dr. Roster helped us save so many of our animals...he was a cherished asset to a whole bunch of Rancers like my husband and myself...*



Our condolences to his wife and family.

Dean and Sandie Jones

Sandra Jones - May 10, 2024 at 10:21 AM

VC

“ *Virginia Coffey lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Stuart Ruster*



Virginia Coffey - May 10, 2024 at 10:13 AM

VC

He was one of Pauls Valley's finest

Virginia Coffey - May 10, 2024 at 10:14 AM

TH

“ *Take comfort in all the great memories you have.*



Tina McCarty Hume - May 09, 2024 at 06:29 PM