



Dr. Richard J. Fuchs

July 19, 1930 - August 29, 2022

Dr. Richard J. Fuchs (92) passed away Monday, August 29, 2022. He is survived by five of his six children: Mary Jane Fuchs DVM, Joyce Fuchs DVM, David Fuchs DVM, (Cindy), Joseph Fuchs DVM and John Fuchs. He was preceded in death by his wife Jane Fuchs, his fifth child Richard Fuchs Jr. and his brother Edward A. Fuchs.

Richard was born July 19, 1930, in St. Matthews. At the age of 10, his family moved to a farm in Oldham County. During his senior year in high school, the local county extension agent encouraged him to participate in testing for a national academic scholarship. He won the scholarship. This facilitated his ability to continue his education. He attended the University of Kentucky, where he earned a degree in Animal Science. While at U of K, he was a founding member of Farmhouse Fraternity and served as president of the local chapter. He was a member of the Dairy Judging Team, Alpha Zeta and an officer in ROTC. His initial plan was to pursue a career in farm management, but during his senior year, he changed his major to veterinary medicine.

After graduating from U of K, he was accepted to Alabama Polytechnical Institute (now Auburn School of Veterinary Medicine) where he earned his veterinary degree. He was a member of Alpha Psi Fraternity. He graduated in 1956 and joined the United States Airforce. He was stationed at Pepperrell Air

Force Base in St. Johns, Newfoundland. On his first day of arrival, he met Captain Jane Ernesti, whom he would eventually marry. After two years of service at Pepperrell Airforce Base, he left the air force, having earned the rank of captain. He returned to Louisville with Jane at his side.

Back in his hometown, he established Shively Animal Clinic, (now Shively Animal Clinic & Hospital). He and Jane married and started their family. Dr. Fuchs served this community for many years, providing care to all his patients. He was a gifted veterinarian, a devoted husband and a loving father. He will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the National Parkinson Institute, P.O. Box 4474, Louisville, KY. 40204 , or organization of your choice.

Private arrangements are being handled by the Owen Funeral Home 5317 Dixie Hwy.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

4400 Bardstown Road
Louisville , KY 40218

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I had the honor of working in the home of Doc and Jane for 5 years. They were the 2 kindness people anyone would be happy to know. After his wife passed Doc was a very smart man and veterinarian I had also been going to the clinic for years he would do anything for his patients and taught his children the same way that is why they are the great Doctors they are the animals always come first for them. I had a lot of conversation's with doc he was so knowledgeable about so much and gave me some great advice about a lot of things, even myself! He will be greatly missed by all. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family. To them thank you for letting me be a part of your lives. God Bless you all. 🙏🙏🙏
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Sandra Feinberg - September 16, 2022 at 11:12 AM

JL

“ My family began taking our family pet, Toots, to Dr. Fuchs when he first opened his office. After that, he cared for my many pets and rescues until his retirement. There simply has never been nor ever will be any veterinarian as kind, compassionate or loving than Dr. Fuchs. You simply could not know Dr. Fuchs and not love him. My heart is deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Dr. Mary Jane, Dr. David, Dr. Joe, Dr. Joyce and John, you will be in my thoughts and prayers while you grieve the loss of this wonderful man. Janice Lewis

Janice Lewis - September 07, 2022 at 06:12 PM

TN

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr Fuchs passing. He was a wonderful, kind man and Veterinarian. Condolences to his wonderful family
Teddy Noel

Teddy Noel - September 04, 2022 at 11:48 PM

DG

“ I remember meeting Dr. Fuchs for the first time. When I was a senior in high school, he came to the school's career day and discussed veterinary medicine. When I talked to him afterwards, he invited me to come to the clinic and learn more about the profession. I took him up on his offer, and that started me on the road of veterinary medicine. Thanks to Dr. Fuchs, I am here today as a veterinarian at Shively. Thank you Dr. Fuchs! We will miss you!

Dr. Marsha Gawarecki - September 04, 2022 at 11:31 PM

MR

“ Louisville has lost a veterinary legend. Dr. Fuchs was such a kind, considerate, caring man. He treated every fur baby he saw, as if it was one of his own. His gentle nature with the pets he saw, was captivating to witness. He always referred to the pets he saw, as our "babies". This beautiful expression has been carried on by four of his wonderful children who followed their father's footsteps into the veterinary field.

Pet owners of Shively and south Louisville, were truly blessed to have this amazing vet looking out for their fur babies. People came from far and wide to have their pets seen and be treated by Dr Fuchs. Rest in Peace, Dr Fuchs. Thank you for your deep devotion to your community, and also for your service to our great nation, as a member of the United States Air Force.

Mike and Francee Reed - September 04, 2022 at 02:51 PM

BE

“ He was such a find man an d loved his work thinking of you all Mary Jane Joyce David And Joe. RIP my friend

Barbara T Elmore - September 04, 2022 at 12:38 PM

JH

“ He will be greeted with, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."
Peace to his children who continue the good work he started.
Appreciate them one and all.

Jean Henry - September 04, 2022 at 10:11 AM

LF

“ Having worked there for 22+ years, I had the privilege of working
with Dr Fuchs for several years before he retired. I will always
remember our conversations over lunch. His wit and wisdom
reminded me of my own father. Rest in heavenly peace Doc. Laura
“ that girl that owned that grocery store “!

Laura Fugate - September 02, 2022 at 08:54 PM

Jl

“ So very sorry to hear of Dr. Fuchs passing. He was such a caring
person, he had so much compassion for everyone's pets like they
were his own. For over 60 years Shively Animal Clinic is the only
place any of my dogs have been, this family has been there for me
through some tough times.

Julie ice - September 01, 2022 at 08:09 PM

SB

“ My family has been going to Shively 60 plus
years. He was a caring and compassionate
gentle man and passed all that intelligence and
kindness to his awesome family. My thoughts
and prayers are with them! He will surely be
greeted by many of his four legged friends at
the Rainbow Bridge.



Sharon Bland - September 01, 2022 at 06:32 PM

GS

“ I first started to see this wonderful man at his art of caring for animals in the late 60s. Even as a 5 or 6 yr old I could tell this is a very caring intelligent special person. He cared for many of my animals before handing the practice over to his awesome children. I missed seeing him, Mrs. Fuchs and John every once in awhile at the BlueBoar in Southland terrace before it shutdown. When we lost Dr.Fuchs the world became a darker place. God Bless you Doc. Gods peace and prayers to the family.

Glenn Stanbery - September 01, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ He was always very kind to me, and full of wit and wisdom. The world is a worse place without him and he will be missed.

Jamie Moreland - August 31, 2022 at 03:34 PM