



Dr. John Dennis Foote

November 24, 1929 - March 6, 2012

DR. JOHN D. FOOTE

John Dennis Foote was born on November 24, 1929 on the family homestead in Caney, KS to Dennis John Foote and Lula May (Hollingworth) Foote. Surrounded by the family he loved so much, he entered God's Heavenly Kingdom on March 6, 2012 after lengthy illness.

Growing up on the family farm during the Great Depression, John was instilled early in childhood with the importance of family and the value of hard work.

After graduating from Caney High School, he worked his way through Kansas State University, graduating in 1953 and earning the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Upon graduating from Veterinary School, John enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served his country as an officer during the Korean War. While stationed in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada he met the love of his life, Audrey P. Bragg and they were united in marriage on July 21, 1955.

After John received an honorable discharge from the Air Force, he and Audrey moved to Dewey, OK and established their family home as well as

Dewey Veterinary Clinic. There, he embarked on a long career of providing compassionate care to large and small animals. And with Audrey, he raised four children and also embraced his role as a wise and respected community leader.

John was an active supporter of innumerable community events and was an enthusiastic mentor to a generation of youth in Future Farmers of America, 4-H Club, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA and youth soccer. He was a man of few words, but his kindness and generosity spoke volumes within the community. Throughout his adult life, John opened his heart, his home and his wallet to those less fortunate, down on their luck, or otherwise marginalized by society or circumstance. In doing so he not only made a positive and lasting difference in the lives he touched, but also provided a striking and unambiguous example of how one should live his or her life.

After raising their family in Dewey, John and Audrey spent the early years of their retirement in Bella Vista Arkansas where John continued to be active in the community as well as in St. Theodore's Episcopal Church. He also became an avid golfer in retirement and true to his nature, to both work hard and try to excel at anything he undertook, John eventually capped his golf career with a hole-in-one.

John was a life-long and active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Bartlesville, OK where he taught Sunday school and also served on the vestry. Although deeply religious, John kept his faith in a quiet, humble manner--illustrating the tenets of that faith by the way he treated others and by the honest, reverent and respectful way he lived his life. This was particularly evident during the past 5 years when John tackled challenging health issues.

In an instant, John's independence and ability to help and provide for others was abruptly taken from him and he was forced to accept help with even the

simple tasks of daily living. Remarkably, rather than succumbing to anger or bitterness, John instead found a way to use his circumstances to help and teach those around him. He never complained; he never felt sorry for himself; he never became angry. He was constantly optimistic and cheerful and he was unfailingly appreciative of even the smallest assistance he received. The unwavering grace John demonstrated as he dealt with his illness proved a moving and powerful lesson and was a valuable gift to anyone fortunate enough to witness it.

John was also a loyal supporter of Kansas State University and a steadfast fan of the Kansas State Wildcats. K-State Purple was his favorite color and always made him proud.

Throughout a long life well lived, John never wavered from the principles which guided his life and he remained true to those things that he most valued--God, Country, Family, Kansas State University, and the Animals he so skillfully treated.

John is survived by his wife, Audrey, of the home, 3 daughters and their husbands, Debbie Gordon (Dr. Rick Gordon) Bartlesville, OK; Cheryl Bridendolph (Bill Bridendolph) League City, TX; Dr. Patty Foote (James Vail) Bartlesville, OK, and one son, John Dennis Foote, III (Skip), Bartlesville, OK. He is survived by 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren: Dr. Sarah Gordon (Joel Bernstein), Bartlesville, OK; Catherine Gordon, Ashland, MO; Andrew Gordon, Stillwater, OK; Hannah Gordon, Stillwater, OK; Will Bridendolph, Oklahoma City, OK; Audra Bridendolph, Stillwater, OK and Spencer Bridendolph, League City, TX. Great-grandchildren Aman and Demekech Bernstein, Bartlesville, OK.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two sisters, Cleo LaJune

(Foote) Campbell and Lou Ella (Foote) Quist.

A celebration of John's life will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church with family and friends on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 11:00AM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to:

Kansas State University Foundation for College of Veterinary Medicine
Scholarship Memorial
College of Veterinary Medicine
Attention: Developmental Alumni
(please include John's name in the memo)
103 Trotter Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
(please include John's name in the memo)
210 East 9th Street
Bartlesville, OK 74003

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 E 9th St
Bartlesville, OK 74003
(918) 336-1212
<http://episcopalbartlesville.org>

Tribute Wall

NL

“ Audrey,Debbie,Cheryl,Patty& Skip, Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow.John was a truly wonderful,loving man who will live on in our hearts forever.

Norman & Josie Lewis - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Aunt Audrey,Debbie,Cheryl,Patty,& Skip,Although we are miles apart find comfort in knowing that you are all in our thoughts.Uncle John was a wonderful person,he will never be forgotten for he will live in our hearts forever.XO

Sean,Rosalind & Katey - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ So sorry for your loss.

William Sattre - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Peace to you "Uncle John." I remember our vacation trips to your farm. You took me out on vet runs and let me drive your tractor. We both had the same cheek dimple and you told me that is how we are related. I am glad you saw my family when you visited Pennsylvania at the same time we were visiting my Mom.

Kevin Penny - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Chelsea Blake - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I'm lifting your family up in prayer.*

Delena Blocker - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Dr. John Dennis Foote c/o Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory funeral home.*

March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Audrey and family;
You are all in our thoughts and prayers today and every day. We all wish we were there with you now. Take solace in the fact that John has gone to a far better place than he left. He is at peace and pain free.
Love always. Your sister Mary and her girls(Elizabeth, Nancy and Patricia)*

Mary Noseworthy - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *We are deeply saddened for the family of John as they go through this time of loss. May the memories of love and laughter bring comfort during these times.*

Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *My sympathies are with you for the loss of such a wonderful man. Although I didn't know him, I am acquainted with and work with his grandson, Will Bridendolph, and realize now where a lot of Will's values and beliefs come from. He sounds like he was a awesome roll model.*

Bernie Heironimus - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *We are so sad for your and our loss. John has been in our thoughts all week. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love Chuck and Barbara.*

Chuck and Barbara Campbell - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM