



Dr. John Wayne Walters

April 30, 1945 - January 22, 2024

Dr. John Wayne “Doc” Walters, 78, of Carrollton, went to be with his Lord and Savior, while being surrounded by his loving family, on Monday, January 22, 2024 at Centreville Village in Carrollton after a long battle with brain cancer. Doc was a faithful member of The Bridge, a satellite of the Carrollton First United Methodist Church, and dedicated his life to serving others. He was a board member, served as a lay leader, and went on several mission trips with the church.

Born on April 30, 1945 to the late Thomas and Eileen (Ray) Walters, he was raised on a local farm in Harlem Springs. He graduated from Carrollton High School, where he was on the wrestling team and a four year member of the FFA club. His journey continued at The Ohio State University, where he lived under the football stadium, working there to support his education and support all Ohio State athletics. In 1971, he proudly graduated from The Ohio State University Veterinary School. Upon graduation he immediately returned home to Carroll County to start his veterinarian practice.

For a remarkable 52 years, Doc served as veterinarian for Carroll County and the surrounding areas, leaving a lasting mark on the lives of countless animals and their owners. His commitment to the well-being of both pets and livestock was unwavering, earning him the respect and gratitude of the community he served.

Doc was an avid supporter of Ohio State, Carrollton, and Mogadore athletics. His passion was to attend Ohio State football games all around the country

with his family. He also forged strong connections and family bonds by attending Mogadore sporting events and any other competitive activities that his grandchildren and loved ones were involved in.

Beyond sports, Doc had a passion for giving back to his community through generous support and was recognized by several organizations including the Carroll County's Humane Society and community clinics, Carroll County Dairy Association, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Animal Protection League, Junior Fair Board, 4-H, and the F.F.A.

Doc was not only a dedicated professional, but also an active member of the community. He was a member of the Pelican Club, played and coached men's softball teams, sponsored his family's basketball and softball teams, and owned many standardbred harness race horses over the years. He was inducted into the Carrollton High School Alumni Hall of Fame in 2009, the Farm Bureau Hall of Fame in 2015 and received a Carrollton Community Service Award in 2021. Also in 2015, he sacrificed attending his beloved Ohio State Buckeyes vs Michigan game to serve as the Grand Marshall at the Carrollton Christmas parade.

He will forever be remembered as a man whose kindness, generosity, and passion enriched the lives of those fortunate enough to know him. His legacy will continue to resonate in the hearts of the community he served and the countless lives he touched. Although he will be dearly missed, his spirit will live on in the memories of those who were privileged to share in his journey. Doc is survived by his three children, Sharon (Tavis) Walker, Wayne (Jennifer) Walters, and Sonia (Doug) Barcus; seven grandchildren, Emily, Noah, and Timothy Walker, Kendall and Cole Barcus, and Genevieve and Abbigail Walters; seven siblings, Donna (Bob) Modranski, Gerry (David) Marteney, Harry "Ken" (Laura) Walters, Bob (Charlotte) Walters, Patty (Keith) Barnett, Steve (Teresa) Walters, Dick (Brenda) Walters; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024 at The Bridge, 170 Kensington Rd. NE Carrollton, Ohio 44615 with Rev. Dr.

Kimberly Arbaugh officiating. A private burial will be held. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at The Bridge. Family and friends are encouraged to wear their favorite Ohio State attire to the services to honor Doc Walters.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Carrollton First United Methodist Church at 253 S. Lisbon St. Carrollton, OH 44615 or the Carrollton FFA Alumni at 8343 Seemann Drive SW Carrollton, OH 44615. In the memo section please denote "In honor of Doc Walters"

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Bridge - a satellite of the Carrollton First United Methodist Church
170 Kensington Rd. NE
Carrollton, OH 44615

Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KE

“ I’m so sorry to hear of this! He was an amazing man, my favorite vet and mentor
He taught me so very much over the years, when I lived down there. I did animal rescue and rehoming for a very long time
I never could hv afforded what he taught me to care for this animals! I credit most of my animal med knowledge to him! He cared it wasn’t about the \$ to him! Period! God love him
Thanks Doc, you’ll never be forgotten 💕💕

Kelly Engler - November 16, 2025 at 01:24 AM

SW

“ As we traveled from coast to coast I cherish the memories of so many times. We never stayed in a Hilton my brother was a Motel 6 kind. So many road trips. As he always said “Go Bucks”



Steve Walters - November 28, 2024 at 09:51 AM

JS

“ Doc took care of my furry creatures for many years with lotsa Love and compassion. Not living in the area, I am just learning of his passing. My heart goes out to his friends and family.

Jill Simms - August 12, 2024 at 04:00 PM

MT

“ I been going to him for about 20 years. Always there to help. He helped me alot. I am great full of his help. Don't know what I will do without him. Rest in peace Doc. U will be missed. Miriam Talkington

Miriam Talkington - February 06, 2024 at 10:39 PM

ND

“ Still in disbelief. John had the strongest constitution of anyone I've ever known. My memories of him are mainly from Ohio State in the late 60's, when he started grad school & I was a new freshman. (I'm Sharon, Wayne, & Sonia's aunt.) His sports photographic memory was intimidating! But he was very patient with me. He would quiz me on Big Ten mascots & head coaches lol! With that endearing twinkle in his eye, he could get away with his famous “merciless” teasing! Then after years of very little contact, my husband & I had the great privilege of being a “Holiday Inn” (his words) for a few days in March 2023 when he came to Columbus for treatment. He hadn't changed a bit! Quick-witted, so smart & fun—just easy to be with. Love watching any sport with Mr. Sports Encyclopedia. I cherish those days. It's a joy to read comments about his love for animals & exemplary service to his community. What a great loss for his family, Carroll County, and humankind in general. Prayers for you all 🙏

Nanci Dickens - January 28, 2024 at 09:51 PM

HF

“ Doc was our vet since 1977, for beef then dairy herds. I had ran into him in the fall at Drug Mart he remebered me, I hadn't been to office in a few years now. He always greeted with a smile. Sending hugs and prayers family.

Hope Fowler - January 28, 2024 at 04:35 PM

MC

“ God Bless you "Doc" .
I had the privilege to work for Doc Walters while I was in high school. It was the most rewarding employment I ever held He taught me so much and I still hold to heart everything I learned from him. I never hesitated taking any of my animals to him for any type of veterinary care ! I have been out of school for 33 years, he never forgot me and always continued to crack jokes about how much I loved animals. Especially my house rabbit. Thank you for everything "Doc". You will be missed more than any words can express.
Condolences to all his Family.
Michelle (Potter)-Cooper



Michelle (Potter) Cooper - January 27, 2024 at 03:49 PM

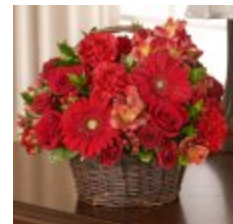
MW

“ We believe that it was in 1972 that Doc became our veterinarian for our dairy herd plus the farm dogs, cats and a few other exotic pets. We dispersed the herd in 1990 but continued to stay in contact with Doc as he had become like a member of the family. When we visited Doc just a few weeks ago, he was reminiscing about the names, habits and occupations of our eleven children. May he rest in peace. Bill & Pauline McKarns

Mary Wolfgang - January 27, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Dr. John Wayne Walters.



January 26, 2024 at 03:23 PM

RG

“ *Condolences to the family and community.
Thank you Doc Walters for your service and being there the day we
most needed you.
We will always remember your kindness, care and support. Rest in
peace.*

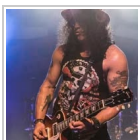
Ron & Jackie Green - January 26, 2024 at 09:00 AM

JE

“ *Jennifer sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr.
John Wayne Walters*



Jennifer - January 26, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Pam Ray lit a candle in memory of Dr. John
Wayne Walters*



Pam Ray - January 26, 2024 at 08:43 AM

DO

“ *God Bless Doc Walters, a wonderful person who lived an
outstanding life. Our sincere condolences to his family and all his
friends.
Dominick and Cindy Olivito*

Dominick Olivito - January 26, 2024 at 08:39 AM

AU

“ Anthony U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Wayne Walters.

Anthony U. - January 26, 2024 at 08:31 AM

CC

“ Doc Walters was always so kind and always helped me with my pets and live stock. My husband Jim and I will forever miss him. He was a great Veterinarian Doctor who always had compassion for all animals. What an amazing man. RIP Doc. We will miss you.
Sincerely,
Cynthia and Jim Carper

Cynthia Carper - January 25, 2024 at 10:59 PM

PM

“ Pat And Jacci Morvatz sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. John Wayne Walters



Pat and Jacci Morvatz - January 25, 2024 at 07:41 PM

PM

From: Spencer & Reggie Morvatz ❤️❤️

Pat and Jacci Morvatz - January 25, 2024 at 07:42 PM

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“ Pat And Jacci Morvatz lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Wayne Walters



Pat and Jacci Morvatz - January 25, 2024 at 07:37 PM

MS

“ Doc generously took me to an Ohio State football game in Columbus. A memory I cherish. Yvonne Barnett's mom Millie Swigart.

Millie Swigart - January 25, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CF

“ Always was ready to help and joke around shed a tear and a hug over life and some of its ups and downs going to miss getting teased about my hair keep a eye on us doc

Carla Fasig - January 25, 2024 at 05:09 PM

GB

“ Saddened to hear of his passing. He was the best vet. Always so good with the animals. He will be greatly missed.

Gloria and Mike Boley - January 25, 2024 at 03:25 PM

RD

“ Ruth Detchon lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Wayne Walters



Ruth Detchon - January 25, 2024 at 10:52 AM

RD

“ *Such a good and caring man. He will be missed*

Ruth Detchon - January 25, 2024 at 10:52 AM

ST

“ *Senja and Scott Torkelson purchased the Europe an Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dr. John Wayne Walters.*



Senja and Scott Torkelson - January 25, 2024 at 10:42 AM

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Senja and Scott Torkelson - January 25, 2024 at 10:42 AM

BS

“ *So sorry to learn of John's passing. We had a lot of fun memories growing up in Harlem Springs. He will be missed. GOD'S blessings to all the family.*

Bonnie Shaw - January 25, 2024 at 08:47 AM

SM

“ Doc was one of the great ones. He was always so patient and kind, not only to animals but also to people. When my son was little he took the time to answer his questions and let him look at samples through a microscope despite the fact that he had a room full of patients. He was such a genuine person who lived out his faith in everything he did. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to each of you as you navigate this new stage in life.

Stephanie McCartney - January 24, 2024 at 09:28 PM

JF

“ Dr Walters was a genuine guy. Straight forward, and could always make me laugh. He took great care of our animals. He will be greatly missed for sure. Loving prayers to his family. RIP Doc, I know you are loving all the animals in Heaven!

Joyce Ferguson - January 24, 2024 at 08:21 PM

GH

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Doc Walters' family. He truly was kind and caring, with people certainly, but also with the animals he treated with such gentleness. May you now rest in peace.
Georgette Huff

Georgette Huff - January 24, 2024 at 07:55 PM

BA

Sincere sympathy to the Docs family. He was a special person and always had time to talk to me when I had cancer. Said he would support me thru it and he did. He will be greatly missed as my vet and as a very dear friend.

Barb Altomare - January 24, 2024 at 09:52 PM

LG

“ Our hearts are broken. We loved him dearly. We will miss his compassion and care for our pets he has given. His amazing sense of humor at every visit. Truly a loss for our community. Our prayers go out to his extended family.

Larry and Karen Gardner - January 24, 2024 at 07:49 PM

ER

“ Doc John Walters was the best. He was a pillar of the Community and he gave so much to so many. His love and devotion to not just animals, his family, friends, and to many people who he touched their lives in so many good ways, and entities of the community, made him the best. Thank you and rest in peace forever with your Lord and Savior.

Eileen and Fred Rohrer, Kiki, Buddy, & R - January 24, 2024 at 06:58 PM

LM

“ Such a kind an caring man! Will be greatly missed by those who were fortunate enough to know him. My heartfelt prayers to the family in their time of great loss.
The Morgan Family

LISA A MORGAN - January 24, 2024 at 06:53 PM

KH

My husband and I have quite a history with Doc as he cared for our pets for many years. One time, in particular, stands out in my memory when our dog required care after hours. I called him to plead my case and he responded, "Bring him over." Throughout the years he championed the 4-Hers too. I'd say it is common knowledge that Doc was one of Carrollton's finest.

kathleen horn - January 25, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JT

“ We had a calf in a bad way in the middle of the night. Doc came out with all 3 kids in their pj's and took care of calf. I've told that story many times over the years. He sure was one of a kind. Prayers for the family

Jane (Carpenter) Tortola - January 24, 2024 at 06:51 PM

KA

“ The greatest Vet of all. You will be so missed. RIP Sir. Bob, Kay. And Chuckie

kay - January 24, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ John was always kind to me, a smile on his face, and a joke, usually picking on me. He was kind with my animals, and taught me a lot. He will be truly missed.

Barbara Devitt - January 24, 2024 at 06:18 PM

KG

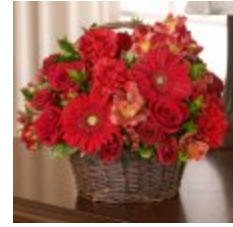
“ Was such a kind man with a great sense of humor. He took great care of my animals for many years, some from beginning to the end. He will be missed. Condolences to all who loved him.



Kim Gardner - January 24, 2024 at 06:11 PM

TO

“ The HR & Payroll Team at Orthopedic One purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Dr. John Wayne Walters.



The HR & Payroll Team at Orthopedic One - January 24, 2024 at 05:37 PM

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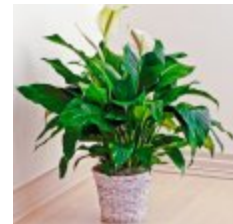
CB

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Doc's family. Doc served the community and so many of us with devoted compassion. From livestock to tiny kitties to Great Danes and more, one could always trust his practice and knowledge. So glad to have known you and will see you again!
Ben and Donna Strohmeyer, Chrissy Brown

Chrissy Brown - January 24, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. John Wayne Walters.



January 24, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *When we had horses Doc came to check out new foal. When he was ready to leave he said he would just love to load that baby in his truck. His care for the four legged ones was commendable. I think God needed someone to help him care for the animals in heaven. He picked the best. RIP John our thoughts are with you.*
Joan and Dan Wickersham

Joan Wickersham - January 24, 2024 at 04:47 PM

DR

John's office was right by our farmand it didn't matter when we called he would always come The end of an Era but not the end of all the memories Thank you John

Donna Rector - January 24, 2024 at 05:35 PM

JR

“ *Dr. Walters will be greatly missed by people and the animals he Loved by all.took care of.*

Joel & Juanita Rogers - January 24, 2024 at 04:27 PM