



Milton Wyman

October 11, 1930 - September 27, 2021

Milton Wyman DVM, MS, ACVO, of Delaware, Ohio, passed away on September 27, 2021.

Milton was born on October 11, 1930, to Sam and Elsie Wyman in Cleveland, Ohio. After Milt graduated from Auburn High School in 1948, he went on to study animal husbandry at The Ohio State University. He left the university for a time to work on cattle ranches in Mississippi and Georgia.

In 1958, Milton returned to The Ohio State University where he received his degree in veterinary medicine in 1963. He entered graduate school to study ophthalmology in animals and humans. Successfully completing that, he and twenty-two others founded the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology to form residencies in veterinary ophthalmology. The first such program was established at OSU College of Veterinary Medicine by Dr. Wyman. He continued to teach in that field at OSU for over thirty years and served as Dean of Student Affairs until his retirement from OSU. He went on to teach Veterinary Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania for three and a half years and practiced at MedVet Columbus for several more years.

He consulted with several companies and for the National Eye Institute at NIH in research and has been instrumental in developing a drug to help fight eye disease in animals with diabetes. He has received numerous awards and

recognitions for his work and research in veterinary ophthalmology, and for other phases of veterinary medicine. He served as Ohio Veterinary Medicine President and on the AVMA college accreditation team, ACVO President and many other professional organizations.

He leaves behind a remarkable legacy of character, philanthropic work, and faith through his work as a Mason, his stewardship with Andrews House where he was a life board member, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and Canine Companions for Independence.

Milton loved snow skiing with his family, fishing, woodworking and creating beautiful stained glass pieces.

He is survived by his wife Marlyn of sixty-five years, daughter Karen Myers and her husband James, son James, beloved grandchildren James and Daniel Myers, Eve Lyons, Emmett Wyman, Celeste D'Amanda and Zachary Wyman, brother Robert Wyman and wife Susan and his brother Marvin Wyman, sister-in-law Dana Sue Percer, special nieces and nephews Beth Tully, Penny Wyman, Ann Percer, David Percer and John Percer, Daniel, Micheal, and Jonathan Wyman, beloved daughters-in-law Karen Wyman and Elizabeth Lyons, many more loved nephews, nieces, cousins, and dear friends, and cherished ophthalmology residents of whom he was so proud.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 on Thursday, September 30, at the Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 W. Olentangy St, Powell, Ohio. Services will be held at St Peter's Episcopal Church 45 W. Winter St Delaware, OH on Friday, October 1, at 11:00 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to OSU College of Veterinary Medicine Wyman Residency Fund, Andrews House, or St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Powell, OH 43065
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Calling Hours

SEP 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Episcopal Church
45 W. Winter Street
Delaware, OH 43015

Tribute Wall



“ Milton Wyman

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ I have *JUST* learned of this, but Dr. Wyman was my teacher at OSU w-a-a-a-a-ayyyyy back when (1983). He was SO excellent, in EVERY way! I was saddened to learn of his passing, but SO happy to know he was **90!!!**

MANY years later (2018), I was teaching orbital anatomy here at VM-CVM, and I offered up his FAMOUS "(LR6-SO4)3 mnemonic for innervation of extraocular muscles, as well as his PERFECT observation that, "It's called the GLOBE not only because it is round, but also because it's a world unto itself.....", and credited him by name to the students. Dr. Phil Pickett said, "MILT WYMAN!!! DR. WYMAN!!! I know him, too! GREAT man!" I can only agree.

Obviously, it's been quite a while since he had to leave this Sphere. But, it was still news to me, and STILL brought a sweet-sad smile - I'll never forget.

*SOME*where in a GOOD place, nearby souls are hearing, "Ohhhhh, my love.... my darlin'....."

BLESSINGS, be upon thee, Good Soul. Blessings and love!

Bonnie J. Smith - March 27, 2022 at 07:57 AM

SB

“ *May the memory of Milton be a blessing!*



Sue Bowers - October 29, 2021 at 07:19 PM

MW

“ *So very sorry to hear of Milt's passing- our condolences to Marlyn and family. Getting to know Milt and learning so much from him, was one of the best parts of our OSU days. A kind, generous and talented man who will be fondly remembered. Michelle Willis and Butch Stanley*

Michelle Willis - October 13, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.*



October 06, 2021 at 01:17 PM

LW

“ There is so much to be said about this incredible man, but there are not enough words or time to do him justice.

As with most things in my life, I didn't realize or appreciate the magnitude of the gift I was given, when Milt hired me to replace Kathy Marshall as his Vet-Tech /Office Assistant at OSU in 1976. I was in my early 20s at the time and the Ophthalmology dept consisted of Milt, Jim Schoster, Bob Gwin, Kerry Ketring and me. To this day, I value all of them dearly.

Working with Milt everyday taught me so much and truly changed my life. I didn't stay in the vet-tech field, but after retiring from a career with some amazing opportunities, I can honestly say I was never happier at a job, than when I worked for him. He just had a way of making those around him feel valued, appreciated and loved.

One of my fond memories of Milt is being in surgery, everything really quiet and he would start singing! It was always the same song... "Unchained Melody" by the Righteous Brothers. You may not recognize the song by it's title, but you might by the words. Here's a link: <https://youtu.be/te51eVrFWEc> He cracked me up! Anytime I heard that song over the next 44 years, it always warmed my heart. I'm listening to it now, as I write this.

On Facebook, and on this site Dave Wilke, Rustin Moore, Anne Metzler, Bob Sherding, Jim Schoster, and others have shared touching stories and humorous Wyman-isms. I'm thinking there are a LOT more of those pearls of Wyman wisdom out there. So, here is an idea...

If you or anyone you know have stories or Wyman-isms to share, email or snail-mail them to me by Thanksgiving Day (Nov.25). If I receive 50 or more, I will compile them for email distribution by Christmas to anyone requesting a copy.

BTW: Don't send anything to my Facebook page...I never check it.

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** 3 photos added to Photos & Video section*



Lois Wirtz - October 03, 2021 at 01:30 AM

AK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Milt's passing. He was such a beloved member of the family and he will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the rest of his close family. With much love, Abby and Rob Kitay and kids.

Abby Kitay - October 01, 2021 at 04:37 PM

PH

*“ We were so sad to hear of Milt's passing....what a wonderful man! He will sure be missed in our community! Our sincere sympathy to his family at this difficult time.
George and Pat Householder*

Pat and George Householder - October 01, 2021 at 04:22 PM

JS

“ It has been 45 years since I first met Milt. It was on the day I started my ophthalmology residency with him. I entered the OSU veterinary hospital and was directed to a back hallway to his office. I was very nervous. Milt was at his desk and greeted me like an old friend. His voice was rough, like he had a cold. I asked him if he did have a cold and he said “ Heck no, I was at the game yesterday!” The told me once that if he could, he would have painted a BIG capital O on the hood of his car, signifying OSU!

That too was proven when we went to a Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology meeting in Dallas the summer of 1978 at the end of my residency and a group of us that attended the meeting went to a foot ball game at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas where OSU was playing another team. In the parking lot, Milt seemed to know many of the people attending who came from Ohio to see the game. After the game the group of us decided to walk back to our hotel, since we thought it was close since we could see the tall buildings from the parking lot of the Cotton Bowl. Well, it was dark and and far. In fact as we walked a police woman with a white German Shepherd in the squad pulled up to us and asked “ What the heck are you guys doing in this neighborhood?? It is dangerous here!” So I was elected to be point and in the end we did make it to the hotel but nervous.

Milt had a REAL knack for clinical teaching and could mentor a student or resident in a way that was not intimidating and made them feel they were partly or fully in charge yet he was there to have their back.

I went with Milt on a couple of his Saaturday trips to the Grady Clinic Cincinnati at 4am Saturday mornings where he did a full Saturday clinic day (surgery in the am and outpatients in the pm). On the way down he always had a raft of donuts ready and his CB radio. He would talk with the Truckers on the road and his call name was “Eye Man”. He would change his voice and tone to how the truckers talked. He was a riot!

A real definition of Milt and Marlyn came when Denny my wife gave

birth to our daughter Britta in my last year of my residency. Denny was in labor for 15 hours and then had to have a C Section. There were no cell phones back then of course and Milt and Marlyn had been calling the hospital all day with no information. Back then the dad could not go into the OR, so I waited in the side anti room of the OR and when Britta was born the nurse passed her to me all wrapped up in a blanket. Just at that moment a nurse came in to that room through a side door and said "Your parents are here!!!" Well that would have been impossible since my Dad and Mom could not travel. SO in walks Marlyn and Milt!!!! I still tear up when I think of that moment!!!

I could go on.....

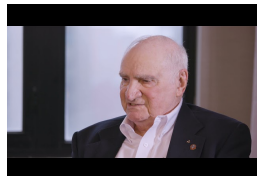
Milt was my Hero.

Jim Schoster

Jim Schoster - October 01, 2021 at 04:17 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Matthew - October 01, 2021 at 10:32 AM

DA

“ I was a Professor Emeritus from the Ohio State University School of Vet. Medicine. I knew Milt pretty well. Sorry we could not be there. Rest in Peace Milt.

Dr. John Andreas - September 30, 2021 at 06:45 PM

DW

“ As is obvious from his obituary and the comments in this space, many communities will greatly miss the presence of Dr. Milt Wyman. Every veterinary student during his years at OSU was influenced in some way by Milt's love of and dedication to the profession and to Ohio State. His worldwide renown in ophthalmology is immense and well deserved. Dare I say there has never been an ill word spoken of Milt Wyman; if I'm wrong, don't tell me. It was my personal exposure to and respect for Dr. Wyman that led me to a career in ophthalmology. Along with thousands of other, I am eternally grateful to have know him and benefited from his tutelage. My sincere condolences to his family and especially to Marlyn; you have been a huge and essential part of Dr. Milt Wyman, Inc.

Dan Wolf - September 30, 2021 at 03:38 PM

LD

“ To the Wyman family,

I am a veterinarian in South Florida and have just read the tribute to Dr. Wyman via the AVMA. There are not enough words to thank this blessed man of God for his life's work. He was dedicated to the animals and humans alike, it was his calling. I have no doubt our Lord welcomed him Home with open and divine arms on the day he crossed Rainbow Bridge. He indeed made the world a happier and healthier place. The legacy he leaves here on earth will be forever cherished and he is never truly gone as he lives through his children and grandchildren. Like the animals he loved so much, he has earned his Angel Wings and dwells in an eternal Paradise. Thank you God for creating such a man to live and work amongst us; he was a blessing indeed. Thank you Dr. Wyman for your generous spirit and your love of all of God's creations.

"Some events are in the area of the Soul, where words cannot penetrate."

--Neal Cassady

With a tender and grateful heart,

Laura Allison, DVM

Laura Allison, DVM - September 30, 2021 at 03:17 PM

ED

“ *It is with a heavy heart that I hear the news today of Milty passing. He always had a smile on his face and that was contagious. You will be missed, wish I got to see you more.*

Eric Dill - September 30, 2021 at 01:27 PM

GS

“ I will miss Milt's wonderful smile and kind words.

Gail Skatzes - September 30, 2021 at 11:52 AM

BP

“ While an intern at Iowa State (4 decades ago) I traveled to the Quad Cities for a seminar and met Milt Wyman who became a career-long inspiration and warm friend. Too often professional relationships are limited be sporadic contacts and Dr. Wyman was a gentleman I regret not having the opportunity to know better. His legacy to the profession and the specialty will perpetuated by all those he taught and knew. Bob Peiffer

Bob Peiffer - September 30, 2021 at 11:35 AM

PP

“ To the Family and Friends of Dr. Wyman:
What an inspiring life well lived! His devotion to family, friends, community, students, college, and profession was exemplary. Despite my never formally being under his tutelage, "Uncle Miltie" was an unofficial mentor during my training and during my 3+ decades in academia. He loved all of his "students" as if they were his own family. He was always positive and upbeat, quick with a joke/humorous story. We are all better people for having known him, and we will miss him and remember him in our hearts. My sympathy and prayers go out to his family and to all who loved him.
Phil Pickett

Phil Pickett - September 30, 2021 at 11:29 AM

ST

“ *The best of the best , that is how my late father dr Vernon Thatp described Dr Wyman! A longtime and loyal friend of our family through the exceptional highs and lows there was always Milt and Marlyn.*

Steadfast friends that were like family to my parents and all six of us kids. They will be always in our heart and memories. God bless this wonderful Man and his family and boundless family. Sara THARP Textoris

sara tharp textoris - September 30, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.*



September 30, 2021 at 07:48 AM

BZ

“ *Milton Wyman or "Doc" as he was known by many of his brothers at Hiram Lodge #18 Delaware Ohio was a perfect balance of humility, character, intelligence, and humor. I worked with Doc at our monthly first Saturday of the month breakfasts. Doc was the ultimate good will ambassador and at the same time our hardest worker. He was the first to arrive before the rooster crowed and kept us serving and laughing at his side. He will be greatly missed by anyone who was blessed by his life. Doc I will greatly miss you. Thanks for all the good times we had serving good food to all who entered our doors. Brother Bill Z*

Bill Zuzalski - September 30, 2021 at 05:44 AM

BL

“ *Miss his kiss on the cheek every Grand Rounds Wed at MedVet... best grand-mentor ever- and amazing stained glass artist! May his legacy live on forever through the ACVO...*



Brooklynn LaFoon - September 29, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.*



September 29, 2021 at 09:47 PM

JP

“ *What a wonderful legacy he left behind with not just his wonderful family, but the many many lives that he touched. Our prayers are with you.*
Josh, Tanya, Adan and Aaron Perez

Josue Perez - September 29, 2021 at 08:50 PM

BR

“ I first became acquainted with Milt when we began our journey as freshmen classmates in the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine. We quickly struck up a friendship and Milt invited me to his home to see if we could create a 'study partnership' that might enhance our ability to learn/retain the information that was provided. 'Flying by the seat of our pants', we tried different variations of silent study and quizzing of each other, tweaking as necessary. Marlyn provided copious amounts of coffee and German Chocolate cake as incentives! This became a nightly routine, with time off for summer during our first two years, but resumed year-round for our last two years. Without the help of Milt and Marlyn, I'm not sure that I would have attained my veterinary degree. Milt was spent untold hours engaged in projects to enhance the veterinary profession and was always encouraging others to do the same. His influence as well as his friendship will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.
Bob Rainier '63

Bob Rainier - September 29, 2021 at 07:30 PM



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September 29, 2021 at 06:52 PM

BB

“ *Barb, Gary, Brian and Carey Brookhart purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Milton Wyman.*



Barb, Gary, Brian and Carey Brookhart - September 29, 2021
at 06:20 PM

PN

“ *Such an amazing person. My husband and I shared many happy times together with the Wyman family years back. He was an extraordinary veterinarian, teacher and person. My heart and prayers are with the family. As for Milt and Tom. they are probably up in heaven discussing the changes in veterinary medicine and old times.*

Peggy Needham - September 29, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.*



September 29, 2021 at 05:36 PM

TJ

“ It was an honor and privilege to serve with Milt on the Andrews House board for many years. He was the heart and soul of the organization. From selling 50-50 tickets at fund raising events to personally rebuilding the grand staircase, and heading up the Christmas Cupboard, he went far beyond his boardroom responsibilities. I treasure the stained glass eagle I won in one of the many raffles he oversaw. My deepest condolences to his family and those he treated like family.

Tina Johnson - September 29, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.



September 29, 2021 at 02:25 PM

BB

“ There are no proper words to express just how special Dr. Wyman (Milt) was. I have many fond and fun memories of him and Marlyn from the nearly 40 years since I had the pleasure and honor of meeting them. His talents were many and I have several special mementos that he made for me that I truly treasure, including a stained glass angel and block "O", and a blown glass "Buckeye" necklace. In addition, he and colleague Dr. Jim Donham crafted an incredible wooden horse barn for my daughter's toy Breyer horses when she was a child; this prized possession is now passed on to her own stepdaughter. I know of no one who has given more time, talents and treasures to their family, friends, church and alma mater than Dr. Wyman, and I am truly blessed to have known him.

Bonnie Bates - September 29, 2021 at 02:02 PM

KB

“ John and I were so saddened to hear of Milt's passing, he was an amazing friend and neighbor. A true gentleman who always was kind and willing to answer all my dog related questions. He will be missed. Thinking of Marlyn and their family.

John & Karen Burger

Karen Burger - September 29, 2021 at 01:12 PM

JC

“ Jenn Conroy lit a candle in memory of Milton Wyman



Jenn Conroy - September 29, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.



September 29, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ I didn't know Dr. Wyman very well, but I was always so touched by his kindness and enjoyed learning from him whenever we met. He made me a beautiful stained glass retina art pieces and I have always loved displaying it and sharing its story. I know that I am only one of the many few that were blessed to know him. The entire veterinary community will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends, and to his numerous pupils as they celebrate his life, warm spirit, and amazing legacy.

Kelsey Bailey-Thomas - September 29, 2021 at 12:31 PM

FS

“ Dear family of Milton,

I just received from the ACVO the very sad news that Milton has passed away the day before yesterday. We are so very sorry to hear this and send you our sincerest condolences.

We worked many years together for our book “Ophthalmology for the Veterinary Practitioner” with Michael Boevé and Willy Neumann, which first edition was published in 1996. Milton did a lot of work updating, bringing in his techniques and “translating” our primitive English coming from the Dutch and German versions of the book into genuine English. The book was later translated also into Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Japanese. Of course we only saw each other at the ACVO and ECVO congresses, but we always had joyful times together.

More recently, in 2020 we planned to make a third English edition and I contacted Milton again if he could join the team. Then he informed me that he had worked until the age of 76 but had to stop because of a stroke and heart failure. He mentioned: “We need up-to-date authors and I have no problem with new authors and wish for good new folks to help our young veterinarians”. He wished us the best: “for a good new book”.

We had very nice, learn some, joyful times together. He was a very nice colleague and a great friend.

We do feel close to you and your dear ones.

Yours sincerely,

Frans C. Stades, The Netherlands

Frans Stades - September 29, 2021 at 11:46 AM

SU

“ I did not know Dr Wyman well. I interacted with him only briefly during ocular pathology rounds at OSU. Despite the brevity of the encounter, I was touched by his knowledge, sincerity, kindness and passion for ophthalmology. I am so glad I met him on my journey through ophthalmology. It was an honor.
Susette Aquino



Susette - September 29, 2021 at 10:48 AM

TP

“ Fantastic teacher and clinical professor. He truly cared about a students experience and took the time to make sure you not only could diagnosis but understood the process.

Todd Phillips - September 29, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.



September 29, 2021 at 09:08 AM

SM

“ Dr. Wyman was the sweetest, most loving man I knew. I met him through Canine Companions for Independence. He volunteered for 25+ years to check all of our potential assistance dogs eyes. He would come out on a Saturday with his favorite tech Dawn. Sometimes, Mrs. Wyman would join him for the ride. He was more than just a veterinarian to me, he was a friend and a beloved family member. I asked him once, if Canine Companions could give him something what would it be. He told me about a wall at Guide Dogs and how his name was on that wall. That's all he wanted to have a brick with his name on it. I never forgot that. He was our first Veterinarian of the year award winner. When asked to chose one, Dr. Wyman was the only option. While building our new center, we just had to get him a "brick" on campus. I'm saddened to say that he won't be able to see his paver but it's coming. Covid and shipping delays, ruined our plans for a celebration for him. God had other plans but It will forever on our campus in honor of a great man. Thoughts and prayers to his family. He will be missed.

Sara Miller - September 29, 2021 at 09:00 AM

MG

“ Magda Grauwels lit a candle in memory of Milton Wyman



Magda Grauwels - September 29, 2021 at 08:45 AM

JD

“ I met Dr Wyman in 1984 when I started practicing at The Grady Veterinary Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. I always admired his practice abilities and his nurturing demeanor. I learned from him that dedication and concerned patient care will assure success in practice.

Dr Karl Grady had the utmost respect for Dr Wyman as did I.

J.Peter Hill, DVM - September 28, 2021 at 08:22 PM

SH

“ Dr. Wyman was an unofficial yet official mentor of mine during my ophtho residency at OSU. His love for ophthalmology was infectious but his love for people and kindness towards people and good humor were truly to be admired. He called me his “heart buddy” as we shared our cardiovascular adventures with each other. Peace be with you, Dr. Wyman. You are one of the greats.

Sarah Hoy - September 28, 2021 at 07:52 PM

SF

“ Sherry Frisch lit a candle in memory of Milton Wyman



Sherry Frisch - September 28, 2021 at 07:21 PM

MB

“ I heard hundreds of stories during my residency at Kansas State University about Dr. Milt Wyman. My mentor, Dr. Alan Brightman, cherished Milt and his remarkable contributions to veterinary medicine and veterinary ophthalmology. Even though I did not train under Milt, I always felt as if I was one of his underlings as his wisdom and experience trickled through generations of veterinary ophthalmologists who were lucky enough to cross his remarkable path. My sincere condolences to Dr. Wyman's family and his dear friends.

Michael H. Brown - September 28, 2021 at 06:10 PM

CW

“ Connie Workman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Milton Wyman.



Connie Workman - September 28, 2021 at 05:56 PM

JW

“ Milt was one of a kind. He was a special individual that will be missed. I am a better person and veterinarian due to his teaching and friendship.

John Weale - September 28, 2021 at 05:20 PM

HS

“ I was so saddend to hear of the passing of Dr. Wyman. I had the pleasure of getting to know Milt through an event I started to raise money and awarness for canine cancer. He was the kindest most caring person I have ever met. Never saw him w/o a smile on his face. My sincere and deepest sympathy to his family. He will be missed by so many.

Hilary Seif - September 28, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.



September 28, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Milton Wyman.



September 28, 2021 at 03:38 PM