



William J. A. Saville

August 10, 1946 - January 8, 2018

William (Bill) J.A. Saville DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM, prominent veterinary educator who carried out academic research for The Ohio State University, died unexpectedly Monday January 8th, 2018. Bill was born in Wainwright Alberta, Canada, on August 10th, 1946. He grew up helping his Dad in their family vet clinic. This prompted Bill to follow in his father's footsteps.

Subsequently, he graduated from High School and attended the University of Saskatchewan where he obtained his DVM.

Following this he completed an internship at University California, Davis. He then returned to Canada to work in private practice with a focus on equine medicine.

In 1993 Bill came to The Ohio State University where he did an equine internal medical residency. He then completed a PhD and joined the faculty as an assistant professor in the department of veterinary preventative medicine. He served as the interim chair of the department from 2006 to 2007. He was then the chair of the department from 2007 through 2015. Following 2015, Bill returned to teaching and research. Bill was an engaged faculty member who contributed meaningfully. One of his most important interests was to work as a mentor to many students over the years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Lilian. He is survived by his loving wife Margo. And immediate family including 3 sisters, Maxine, Pat and Wendy. 2 brothers, Bob and Ron.

Bill thoroughly enjoyed playing golf with his many friends. He loved traveling.

And most of all spending time with his beautiful wife, as he would any chance he got.

Memorial service to be held at 11:00 am January 24th, 2018. At Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift may be made in Dr. Saville's memory.

Checks can be made payable to The Ohio State University Foundation.

Memo: Veterinary Preventative Medicine Graduate Student Research Fund (Fund # 312646) c/o The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Attn: Office of Advancement, 1900 Coffey Road, Columbus Ohio, 43201 or go online at go.osu.edu/Saville.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William J. A. Saville*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I worked with Bill many times over the past 18 years, and he ended up becoming a good friend. He was one of my biggest cheerleaders during the early part of my career, while also holding me to task, regularly, on properly educating horse owners. I remember having dinner with him and Margo and meeting their dogs, and hearing stories about practicing in frigid Saskatchewan and old riding injuries. I always appreciated his dedication to learning and teaching, as well as his complete and utter honesty. I've been blessed to have many wonderful teachers over the years and, even though I was never a student in the traditional OSU-vet-student sense, I feel like Bill was one of those teachers. RIP, Bill. Margo, you are in my prayers.*

Stephanie Church - January 24, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ Karen and I met Bill and Margo when they came to OSU in 1993. Bill's initiative and desire to do an Internal Medicine Residency and PhD after 16 years in Practice was so refreshing and a model for others to never stop learning.

That was when I learned how unafraid Bill was of hard work and how he was never going to be satisfied with what he already knew but always sought more. At that time I had know idea of how many hours we would spend together buying horses, working on projects or writing papers but I already miss not being able to pick up the phone or meet for a meal just to talk about what's next!

Margo you can count on Karen or me for anything you ask or need

Rest in Peace Dear Friend

Steve Reed

Stephen Reed - January 22, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *I first met Dr. Saville when he interviewed me for veterinary school in late December 2014. The interview felt more like chatting with an old friend than a behavioral assessment for professional school. :-)*

Since day one, he was a dedicated mentor to me. Over the course of my veterinary school career, I could consistently rely on Dr. Saville for unconditional advice and support. I appreciated his blunt, no-nonsense approach and his fiery, protective nature. He had a unique way of making the people he cared about feel special and valued; he always encouraged me to reach my highest potential. One could not ask for a better ally and friend.

Dr. Saville's old-fashioned values and humor never ceased to make me laugh. It was lovely getting to know him and to learn personal things about him like how much he enjoyed healthy food, golf, horses, and miniature schnauzers. We bonded over our mutual love for the color purple and hot tea. He was unapologetically proud of his English and Canadian roots. I know he loved Mrs. Margo and Max dearly and I am so glad he introduced me to them. I miss Dr. Saville so much and I promise to dedicate the rest of my career to being the veterinarian and more importantly, to being the person, he believed I could be.

Christine Walters - January 20, 2018 at 11:18 PM

CB

My condolences. This is such a profound & heartfelt tribute. So sorry for your loss.

Claudette Bailey - January 21, 2018 at 01:02 AM

AN

“ My husband Simon Turner and I remember Bill well from our days at the vet school in Saskatoon. Bill was one of the summer students when I was an intern and Simon was on faculty. He was a great worker and a lovely person. We are very sorry to hear of his passing.

*Ann Wagner & Simon Turner
Fort Collins, CO*

Ann - January 18, 2018 at 02:46 PM

AN

“ Margo, I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful mentor to me. He was influential in my career. I am grateful that I had the honor to work for/with him. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Alecia Larew Naugle

Aleci Naugle - January 16, 2018 at 08:51 AM

KC

“ Katrina Craig lit a candle in memory of William J. A. Saville



Katrina Craig - January 15, 2018 at 07:40 PM

MW

“ Dr. Saville was one of our teaches and vet school. He was a very sweet man and had a beautiful smile and a kind way about him. I'm so glad to have met him.

Morgan Wanner - January 13, 2018 at 09:10 AM