



Dr. Jerry C. Bush

August 10, 1944 - August 16, 2016

Memorial services for Dr. Jerry C. Bush, 72, the widower of Dr. Claranne M. "Tinky" Bush, will be held at 2 o'clock on Friday, September 23, 2016, in The Chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill funeral home with The Rev. Dr. Rusty Wilson officiating. Reception to follow the service at The Oaks, 2530 Saint Charles Road, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Beloved husband, brother, uncle, and friend, Dr. Bush, passed away on Monday, August 15. Born in Louisville, KY in 1944, Dr. Bush grew up with a love of animals and a desire to farm as his parents' families had done for generations in Kentucky. As a child, he was happiest running around his grandparents' farms in Louisville and Eminence, KY. In pursuit of his first passion, Jerry attended the University of Kentucky and later transferred to Auburn University where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Most importantly, while attending Auburn, he met the love of his life and future wife, Claranne (Tinky) McCutchen. The couple married not long after graduation at Tinky's family home in Bishopville and began a life devoted to one another, their intellectual passions and a desire to travel the globe.

As a young married couple, they moved to Lubbock, TX where Jerry served as a captain in the Air Force from 1969 to 1971. After completing his service, they moved to Alberta, Canada where Jerry worked as a large animal vet. Even in later years, Jerry's eyes would light up when he talked about his love

of treating animals, cows in particular. After many years of practicing veterinary medicine, Jerry and Tinky returned to Bishopville where he decided to pursue his other childhood dream of farming, establishing "J and J Farms" with Tinky's brother, John Henley McCutchen. Jerry also continued to serve the veterinary needs of animals in the community and, after retiring from farming, helped to manage the St. Charles cotton gin. He and Tinky were passionate about their own boxer dogs whose names always started with the letter "A" in honor of their alma mater.

Jerry and Tinky spent much of their free time traveling and especially loved taking cruises in exotic locales around the globe. Jerry loved to fish and relished time spent fishing with his buddies in South Carolina, Florida and beyond. In recent years, he took great pleasure in teaching his great-nephew to fish, always celebrating even the smallest brim pulled from the pond behind his house. Generally good natured, Jerry was easy to talk with, quick with a smile and had a keen sense of humor.

Jerry is survived by his sister Gay B. (Stanley) Matthews and his two nephews Keith Matthews (Marlen) of Frisco, TX and Kenneth Matthews (Emily) and their children Lucas and Cora Matthews of San Francisco, CA. And also by Annie, the last of his boxer dogs. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dr. Claranne M. Bush Scholarship Endowment, College of Science and Mathematics, Auburn University, 315 Roosevelt Concourse, Auburn, AL 36849-5319.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home
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Bishopville, SC 29010
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Visitation

SEP **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Oaks
2530 Saint Charles Road
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Jerry C. Bush*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Dr. Jerry C. Bush*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Dr. Jerry used to travel Lee County for the health department and vaccinate animals. I used to drive a car with a loud speaker telling everyone where to meet us and he would help all the animals. He was such a loving and kind man. He will be missed by many.*

Johnson's Jungle - December 27, 2016 at 08:36 PM



“ *11 files added to the album Jerry in pictures!*



Kenneth Matthews - August 25, 2016 at 12:07 AM

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“ Jerry was a member of our class of 1962 Seneca High School. I deeply regret that we have lost him. I went to school with Jerry from grade school on to graduation from Seneca. He will be missed. My most sincere condolences to his family.



Marilyn Whitnel Sadler - August 24, 2016 at 03:14 PM

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“ Jerry was my nephew and was the sweetest person you'd ever want to meet. I loved him so much. Although we didn't see each other very much we talked often. I was proud of him in every way - he came my youngest granddaughter's graduation from college a year ago and we all had such a good time with him. I loved Tinky also and they were a 'special couple for sure. He surely will be missed by all of us, especially me. My love to all,
Jerry's Aunt Jane in Frankfort, Ky.

Jane Johnson - August 23, 2016 at 10:49 AM