



Martin Menke

May 3, 1945 - December 11, 2024

MARTIN MENKE

Martin Leo Menke, age 79, of Gravois Mills, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at his home. He was born May 3, 1945 in West Point, Iowa, a son of Linus A. and Mary Josephine (Bentler) Menke.

Martin graduated in 1971 from Iowa State University, where he earned his doctorate in veterinary medicine. He spent the next 45 years doing what he loved, taking care of cats and dogs. He opened The Cheshire Cat Clinic in Oakland, CA, and Lake Dog and Cat in Laurie, MO.

In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time in nature and being with his family. He was an avid hunter and bird watcher. He epitomized the saying and his favorite quote "Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life." A man of many facets, there is not enough room to write about all of things he did or all of the lives he touched. He will be very dearly missed.

He is survived by his son, Jeff Mathews of Tempe, AZ; his son, Marty Menke (Beth) and their three children, (Evelyn, Sadie, Flynn) of Westfield, IN; his son, Ben Menke (Britany Simon) and their two children, (Harlow, Lincoln) of Gilbert, AZ and his daughter, Taylor Menke (Justin Clouse) and their two children, (Makenzie, Paityn) of Eldon, MO.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family asks, if you wish to make a donation in Martin's memory, that you choose the following society's: Audubon Society or Oceanic Society.

Cremation arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

NL

“ *Nathan Lofland lit a candle in memory of Martin Menke*



Nathan Lofland - December 21, 2024 at 02:40 AM

KO

“ *KAREN B OGDEN lit a candle in memory of Martin Menke*



KAREN B OGDEN - December 19, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ *So sorry to hear. Doc will be dearly missed by many.*



Angi Uber - December 19, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *Dr. Menke was our vet for many years. He was amazing. My husband also sold him firewood before his own passing in 2021. My thoughts and prayers going to his family and friends.*

Norma Franklin - December 18, 2024 at 09:05 PM

TE

“ *Teresa Ensor lit a candle in memory of Martin Menke*



Teresa Ensor - December 18, 2024 at 05:04 AM

JP

“ *Jo Papen lit a candle in memory of Martin Menke*



Jo Papen - December 17, 2024 at 11:57 AM

KJ

“ *Kaye Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Martin Menke*



Kaye Jacobs - December 17, 2024 at 11:46 AM

KJ

The memories he helped make of the nighttime gatherings in the back pasture live on in our childhood lore. The Menke's and the Meierotto's braving the dark to meet in timber, are tales that have become legend! I am so glad he lived a life he enjoyed and I'm sure he continued to create memories for his children and family to cherish. Rest well, Marty!

Kaye Jacobs - December 17, 2024 at 11:54 AM

MM

“ Mike Meierotto lit a candle in memory of Martin Menke



Mike Meierotto - December 16, 2024 at 11:05 PM

MM

“ I am amazed at all the accomplishments that Marty achieved in his life, but not surprised after all he was part of the Menke tribe. The same tribe that one summer nite scared the be Jesus out of me around a camp fire in the back timber dressed up like Indian warriors. WOW Now there's a memory. Marty and his brothers made growing up in West Point Iowa always fun and interesting. Miss you man. Rest well. Til we meet again. Mike

Mike Meierotto - December 16, 2024 at 10:59 PM

DD

“ Marty was my school (bus) driver for many years. He would take his siblings along with me and my siblings to school and back every day. We were neighbors as our farms connected with each other on a winding rural road. He never knew I had a huge crush on him back in those days. He was so rugged and handsome. I wish I had told him! I got the chance to talk to him and communicate with him through Facebook. We shared a wonderful childhood playing in the pasture and swimming in the pond. He was and is a treasured memory. 💔

Diane Dietzman - December 16, 2024 at 09:21 PM