



## Dr. Woody James Allen

January 12, 1944 - September 20, 2013

After a strong and brave fight against cancer for the last six years, during which he never lost his smile, Woody passed from this life in his home, surrounded by family and friends who loved him dearly. He was born in San Francisco, CA to Laura and Woodrow Ratliff and was later adopted by T.C. and Clydene Allen. Woody was raised in Lander, Wyoming where he developed his love of hunting, skiing, breaking horses, and playing the piano, organ, and trumpet.

Upon graduating from the University of Wyoming, he attended Colorado State University, receiving his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1971. It was while studying veterinary medicine that he became close friends with Gary Ailes whom would later become his lifelong business partner at Sierra Veterinary Hospital. Once established in Carson City, Woody's hobbies expanded to include scuba diving, piloting single engine aircraft, instructing ski lessons with the Carson City Youth Ski Program, and mountain biking. Along with his love of the outdoors, he took advantage of every opportunity to travel, which included a year in Europe as a ski instructor, four months in Chile with the Rotary Group Study Exchange, and numerous travels through Mexico, Canada and the United States.

Dr. Woody Allen served as a Nevada State Delegate for the American Veterinary Medical Association and in 2008 was recognized as the Nevada

Veterinarian of the Year. He was a Past Commander and member of the Carson City Sheriff's Aero Squadron, a Past President and member of the Rotary Club of Carson City, a member of the Ormsby Sportsman's Association, and a proud member of the North American Sheep Hunters' Association Grand Slam Club.

Woody is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Tish Allen, his beloved daughters Ashley Allen and Brandie Clark (Pat), his sons, who were dear to his heart, Jon (Karri) and Danny (Tasha) Couste. He was Papa Woody to his grandchildren Christian and Taylor Clark, Kylie, Makenna, Conner, and Fallyn Couste. He is also survived by his mother Clydene Allen, brothers Jim, Crosby, and Phil Allen, and sister Sally Allen. Woody was preceded in death by his biological parents Laura Allen and Woodrow Ratliff, father T.C. Allen, brother Richard Allen, sister Clarlene Peil, and son Sean Allen.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Woody James Allen*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Dr. Woody James Allen*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Woody was my vet for all of my miniature schnauzers. He was so caring and loving to them. I kind of stalked him when he left Sierra Veterinary. I could find no one else who was so concerned and caring for my dogs. He will be enormously missed.*

**Ann Groso** - October 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lana Miller has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

**Lana Miller** - October 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We will always remember all the fun trips back east and the fun beach trips we enjoyed. You will always be with us.*

**John and Barbara Samuelson** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Aunt Teresa, Ashley, and family,

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you everyday. We will always hold Woody dear to our hearts and remember how special he was. Sending our love now and always.*

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**The Labuda family** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family*

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**Laurie Lewis** - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *This great man will be missed.*

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**Bob & Laura Roser** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Woody was my friend. I believe that says it all.*

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**Dick Young** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Dear Tish & Ashley,*  
*We are so sorry for the loss of your loving husband and father, and our friend. Tish, I am so grateful that we saw you two at Tito's restaurant. I will remember Woody & his great smile, and his compassion for the animals he treated. All our love & prayers.*

*Jim, Nancy & Ben*

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**Jim & Nancy Mallery** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ So saddened to hear of the loss of a childhood friend, Woody Allen. My condolences go out to family and friends. I wasn't able to know him in his adult years but it's clear he was a fine and upstanding man! R.I.P.

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**Toni Vinson Bowling** - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Tish, Ashley & all of the Allen Family.  
Rod & I are so very sorry to hear of "Woodys" passing. I can only imagine your pain & sorrow. You are all in our thoughts, hearts & prayers. Please try to hold on to all the amazing memories you all made with each other. Take heart in knowing that this kind man is now pain free & has been welcomed "home" into the arms of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. I believe "Woody" is now pain free, living in his new body, rejoicing with The Lord , & doing lots of hunting, fishing, all the while keeping a watchful eye on his beloved family. It was a joy & a privilege to work with & learn from "Woody" for the 24 plus years I was with Sierra Veterinary Hospital. I am proud to say, He was one of my mentors & a friend.  
Our hearts are heavy for you all.  
With love, prayers .  
In Faith & saved by Grace.  
Judy & Rod

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**Judy Sharpe-Anderson & Rod Anderson** - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ We were so sorry to hear about Woody. He took care of our cats for 30 years. We will miss him so much.

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**Pamela and Andy Silva** - September 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

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**Bobby bEan** - September 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Dear Tish,*

*I just learned about Woody's passing and I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. I will always remember Woody's smile and soft voice. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet him. God Bless you and your family.*

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**Lori Duster** - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM