



## Russ Edwards

March 24, 1979 - April 30, 2016

Russell Zachary Edwards, DVM, age 37, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 30, 2016. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 5PM in the Williams Funeral Home Chapel in Milledgeville.

He was the owner of the Animal Hospital of Milledgeville. He graduated with honors from Baldwin High School and became a Woodruff Scholar at Emory University where he received his undergraduate degree in Biological Anthropology. He received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia.

Russell was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents, Russell and Carolyn Canipe from Macon, and his dear grandfather Henry Douglas Edwards, Jr. of Milledgeville.

Left behind to go on without him are his most adored wife, Rebecca Moye Edwards, his daughters Estella and Kate. his parents Bo and Lee Edwards. beloved brother, Bo (Rebecca) and nephews Henry and Oliver of Nashville, TN. His cousin like a brother Dave (Katie) Lipscomb and children, cousin Carrie Dodd and children of Decatur. Great grandmother, Naomi Edwards, aunts and uncles, Pitt and Cammie Edwards, Josie and Eddie Lipscomb of Milledgeville; Pat and Seth Bush of Macon, parents-in-law, William and Lynda Stamm and Harrell and Ann Moye, sisters in law Mary Kathryn Carroll (Jay) of

Macon, and Elizabeth Stamm Haight (Justin) of Decatur, and Brother in Law, Mark Stamm (Cathy) of Texas. Great grandmother in law Sybil E. Fowler of Davisboro.

Russ gave his heart and soul to his family and friends and veterinary clients. He left us when filled with more pain than his gentle, loving heart could hold.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Animal Rescue Foundation, P.O. Box 1032, Milledgeville, GA 31059 or to his Children's Education fund c/o Century Bank and Trust.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 5:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville

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# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Russ Edwards



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - May 10, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Russ Edwards



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - May 04, 2016 at 11:18 AM

VR

“ Dr. Edwards will surely be missed by many. He was an awesome man & Veterinarian, our little doggy loved him so! He was so gentle & sweet with her! God bless his family we are so so sorry for your loss. Our prayers for peace & comfort are with you all! Vickey & Betty Redd



Vickey Redd - May 27, 2016 at 05:29 AM



Rhonda  
Johnson

“ *Rhonda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Rhonda Johnson** - May 10, 2016 at 08:56 AM

BC

“ *Barb Collins lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Barb Collins** - May 08, 2016 at 10:29 PM

AM

“ *Bo, Lee, Bo, Dave and all those who loved Russell, My heart is sick upon hearing of Russell's passing. He was born the year I moved to Milledgeville and I took delight in him when he came into the infant program at GC. Your whole family had then and has now a special place in my heart. Sending love to you at this time of great loss. Ann Moylan*

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**Ann Moylan** - May 08, 2016 at 08:38 PM

SH

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*



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**Sherrie Harding** - May 08, 2016 at 12:02 AM

GA

“ Gail Anderson lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



gail anderson - May 06, 2016 at 09:27 PM

GA

*He was the kindest and caring person and Vet. The world is a little darker now...thanks for all you did for my 'babies'. RIP!!*

gail anderson - May 06, 2016 at 09:30 PM

GA

*He was the kindest and caring person and Vet. The world is a little darker now...thanks for all you did for my 'babies'. RIP!!!*

gail anderson - May 06, 2016 at 09:33 PM

TH

“ Ted 7 Debra Herringdine lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Ted 7 Debra Herringdine - May 05, 2016 at 10:23 PM

WM

“ Wayne And Barbara Martin lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Wayne and Barbara Martin - May 05, 2016 at 08:09 PM

KW

“ I had only known Russ for about a year from going to the Vet office. Every time i would go with one of my pets, Russ always made my day brighter! always enjoyed the music stories we shared! RIP

Kenny Walters - May 05, 2016 at 07:50 PM

Rhonda Johnson

“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rhonda Johnson - May 05, 2016 at 11:09 AM

LC

“ My prayers to the family, this was sad news for me today, my heart is heavy for those left behind. I remember so vividly the 4th of July event in Suwannee where the boys entertained us at the park with great music and lots of fun. May God give you peace and may you allow him to carry you through like footprints in the sand,  
With much love, Lorrie Colson

Lorrie colson - May 05, 2016 at 09:29 AM

DB

“ The love and compassion this great man would show to all of Gods' creatures speaks volumes about him. His comforting voice and beautiful smile will stay with us always. God bless his family and friends

Deborah and Tommy Bush - May 05, 2016 at 08:02 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Hall And Wanda Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



Elaine Hall and Wanda Blackwell - May 04, 2016 at 09:59 PM

EB

*Dr. Edwards will always be in our hearts. Prayers for family and friends as they travel down the healing road.*

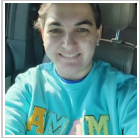
Elaine Hall and Wanda Blackwell - May 04, 2016 at 10:02 PM

BS

“ *Bill Scott lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



Bill Scott - May 04, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ *Brittany Hill lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



Brittany Hill - May 04, 2016 at 08:05 PM

MR

“ *When he shall die, take him and cut him out in little stars and he will make the face of heaven so fine that all will be in love with night and pay no worship to the garnish sun.*

*William Shakespeare*

*Marion G. Robinson*

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**Marion Gay Robinson** - May 04, 2016 at 06:37 PM

SM

“ *We babysat Russ and Bo when they were babies and were called BeBo and Zeke. They attended our wedding as little boys. Although we lost touch with the family through the years, we were very much aware of and proud of the success of the two brothers. Our hearts are filled with much sadness of the passing of Russ. We are sending our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to Bo, Lee, BeBo and Russ`s wife and precious children and all others with a heavy heart. Rest in peace Russ.*

*Sandy Swearingen Montgomery and Steve*

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**Steve Montgomery** - May 04, 2016 at 03:51 PM

JP

“ *My deepest condolences to Russ' family, loved ones, and friends. The world is less bright now without his infectious smile and gentle demeanor. I'm blessed to have known Russ and to spend time with his beloved family, enjoying their tremendous love and musical talents. I have fond memories of Russ; several memories from a trip I took with him and another friend to the family mountain house. He was a good man and friend.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jennifer Pulsney*

*A.K.A. "Peg"*

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**Jennifer "Peg" Pulsney** - May 04, 2016 at 03:32 PM

JP

*My favorite rendition of "The Land Down Under" was played by the Edwards family. I had the privilege of hearing this the first time at Mimi's lake house. That was back in 1999 or 2000. To this day, I can not hear the song without smiling and thinking of the Edwards men circled around jamming out to the tune. ♡*

Jennifer "Peg" Pulsney - May 04, 2016 at 03:35 PM



*“ My thoughts and heartfelt sympathy for the Edwards family...nothing I can say makes this better. Only know that I accompany you in your grief and sorrow at the passing of this fine person. RIP Zeke.*

*Lots of love,*

*Clinton H. Threlkeld*

Clinton Threlkeld - May 04, 2016 at 03:13 PM



SS

*“ My Heart Hurts for all of Dr. Edwards Family and Friends, He was an kind and gentle man... He will be missed, prayers for healing heart mercies for his family and friends.*

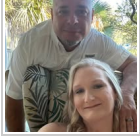
Suzanne Sheppard-Joiner - May 04, 2016 at 02:51 PM



JW

*“ There are simply no words...  
Peace to you all. - David & Juli Waddell*

juli waddell - May 04, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Russ, We are sending our prayers and love in such a sad time for you all and hope that time will heal.



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**Jennifer Baughcum** - May 04, 2016 at 01:38 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Dr.Russ.He was so nice and great Dr. to us and our fur babies. Our prayers are with the family and office family.

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**robin Gettis** - May 04, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Russ Edwards.



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May 04, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ May God wrap the Edwards family in his loving Grace during this time of sorrow. We will miss Dr. Edwards so very much.

*Bruce and Pam Winterburn  
Willie Frank, Gracie, Cricket and Sophie*

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**Pamela Winterburn** - May 04, 2016 at 11:14 AM

PW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Pamela Winterburn** - May 04, 2016 at 11:11 AM

SH

“ Susan And Wayne Hatcher lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**Susan and Wayne Hatcher** - May 04, 2016 at 09:58 AM

CH

“ Cindy Hill lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**Cindy Hill** - May 04, 2016 at 09:23 AM

BV

“ Please accept my condolences, Boris Velimirovich

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**Boris Velimirovich** - May 04, 2016 at 08:43 AM



“ 135 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - May 04, 2016 at 07:38 AM



“ Love, Lori Webb and Family purchased the *Imagination Blooms* for the family of Russ Edwards.



Love, Lori Webb and Family - May 04, 2016 at 07:19 AM



“ Jane Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Jane Jacobs - May 04, 2016 at 06:15 AM



“ May Jehovah God continue to comfort your family during this trying time.

Knox Family - May 04, 2016 at 05:55 AM

LS

“ *Linda Stinson lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Linda Stinson** - May 03, 2016 at 10:38 PM

BN

“ *Please accept my condolences on the loss of Dr. Edwards. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and all the staff at Animal Hospital. Beverly Nolan*

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**Beverly Nolan** - May 03, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ *Susan Kukua lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Susan Kukua** - May 03, 2016 at 09:54 PM

BS

“ *Bill Scott lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Bill Scott** - May 03, 2016 at 07:54 PM

KS

“ *Kimberly Stewart lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Kimberly Stewart** - May 03, 2016 at 07:35 PM

KS

*What a true and sweet soul. My heart is hurting for you Lee and Bo, his whole family and everyone at Animal Hospital. Much love and continued prayers.*

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**Kimberly Stewart** - May 03, 2016 at 07:41 PM

CS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Edwards will certainly be missed, not only as an excellent, caring veterinarian, but also a kind and gentle person. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you comfort and peace in this time of sorrow.*

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**Csrolyn Smith** - May 03, 2016 at 07:20 PM

JG

“ *Jill Grimes lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Jill Grimes** - May 03, 2016 at 05:39 PM

JW

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS YOUR FAMILY  
ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.  
JAMES /MARY WRIGHT



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**JAMES WRIGHT** - May 03, 2016 at 05:13 PM

EC

“ *My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Russ. He was always such a well mannered and nice guy. Praying that God will wrap his arms around you and give you comfort and strength to get you through the days ahead. Elaine Campbell Carpenter, Eatonton, Ga*



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**Elaine Carpenter** - May 03, 2016 at 05:12 PM

JH

“ Our hearts are grieved for the loss of Russ. He was a kind and gentle person/caregiver to us and our animal family. The love and compassion he showed to them when we had to let them go was extraordinary and was very much appreciated. Below is a letter we sent to Russ in March 2014 in gratitude to him which pretty well sums up our feelings then and now:

*Dear Russ,*

*I just wanted to drop you a note to tell you how much we appreciate the kindness and consideration you exhibited during the recent putting to rest a precious member of our family (March 7th). Ginger was with us for 16 ½ years and was such a sweet little girl.*

*When Don returned home he shared with me the kindness and professionalism that you showed during the final minutes of Ginger's life; this cannot be over emphasized. We have to say that you chose the right profession because you totally exemplify, not only a great veterinarian, but a compassionate one as well. Thank you so much.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Rebecca and their two children, his parents Lee and Bo, his brother Bo and the entire staff at the animal hospital. He will be greatly missed.*

*Don and Joy Hollis*

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**Joy Hollis** - May 03, 2016 at 04:16 PM

CS

“ *May Russ's soul be at peace on his journey to be with our creator.*

*May Russ's memory comfort his parents, Lee and Bo, his beautiful wife Rebecca and precious daughters, Estella and Kate.*

*Sending love-  
Mark and Cathy Stamm*

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**Cathy Stamm** - May 03, 2016 at 03:23 PM

MC

“ *Mark and Cathy purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Russ Edwards.*



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**Mark and Cathy** - May 03, 2016 at 02:52 PM

DA

“ *To the Edwards Family... My heart goes out to all of you. I am so sad to hear the news of his passing. He was a wonderful person, and great Vet. He took pride in what he did and saved hundreds of animals.... He will surely be missed. He is now in God's loving arms... May God give you strength to get thru this troubled time.*



*Darlene Brantley, Baby Bella, Peanut and Buddy.*

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**Darlene** - May 03, 2016 at 02:47 PM

SL

“ To Lee and Bo, Rebecca, Estella and Kate, Bo, Cheryl, and all of you at the Animal Hospital:

*Our hearts are broken. There are no words. Cagney says thank you that he's still walking today, despite his constant jumping up at the TV animals. Connie says thank you for the many years she has had since first being diagnosed with TCP. Sandra and Letha say we love you, and we are so sorry for the pain you were in. We hope you are at peace now. We are in deep grief for those you left behind, and we pray that God will lift you up and make the unbearable manageable. All we know to do is pray for you, and we are doing that constantly. With all our love, Sandra, Letha, Cagney, and Connie*

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**Sandra and Letha** - May 03, 2016 at 02:45 PM

DM

“ *Dr. Edwards will be sorely missed and never forgotten by the people and animals whose lives he touched with unparalleled care and attention. We considered him part of our family as he looked after furry members of our family. The world lost an extraordinary vet and an even better person.*

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**Doug & Mary** - May 03, 2016 at 02:26 PM

EN

“ Dear Edwardses, I am so grieved to learn of your darling Russ' death. He was such an engaging baby, such a brave, inquisitive, intelligent, and talented child, and grew up to become such an outstanding student, and a friend and companion to so many that he encountered. He truly did his utmost to make the world a better place for his having been a part of it. May each of you receive a great measure of comfort as you recall the joyous and fulfilling times you spent with him, and may his great love for you all be a comforting memory. With affection and caring, Elizabeth (Threlkeld) Nipper

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**Elizabeth Nipper** - May 03, 2016 at 01:35 PM

TF

“ Tal & Robin Farlow lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**Tal & Robin Farlow** - May 03, 2016 at 01:06 PM

VB

“ Vilee Butler lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**vilee Butler** - May 03, 2016 at 01:00 PM

BH

“ A great young man with so much love in his heart for his 'furry' friends... Thank you for giving us three more years with my 'Sadie Girl' who is now in heaven with her 'furry' friends and watching over you.. We will miss you so much , now go and 'Rest in Peace'.

Betty Haley - May 03, 2016 at 12:32 PM

DP

“ Such a sweet heart,didn't know him as an adult,so he will always remain a sweet boy,Holding you all close in thoughts and prayers,Love,Diane Prosser

Diane Prosser - May 03, 2016 at 12:28 PM

JL

“ JoAnn Lavender lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



JoAnn lavender - May 03, 2016 at 12:11 PM

MY

“ My sister, Jorie, and I met Russ when he was in Sandersville with Sam Evans. He was our vet for our Freisians. Russ and his then vet student Stephen Everett helped us so much through one of the horse's eye problems. He was always just a phone call away. He was the one that also helped us make the decision to euthanize Brechje because of her sickness. His compassion and friendship will be greatly missed.

Melanie Youngblood Oconee, GA

Melanie M. Youngblood - May 03, 2016 at 11:59 AM

CH

“ *Charlotte M Harrell lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Charlotte M Harrell** - May 03, 2016 at 11:57 AM

CH

*Dear Lee, I can't even imagine the pain you and the family are feeling. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your wonderful family.*

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**Charlotte M Harrell** - May 03, 2016 at 12:00 PM

KH

“ *Sending my love to Lee, Bo, Brother Bo, Rebecca, and Russ's precious daughters. When Russ was a little boy, he allowed himself to be my Guinea Pig. I was studying Pediatric Nursing and had to do a head to toe assessment on a child. I was blessed to get Russ. He was so smart, sweet, and patient. I have never forgotten the experience. I hope his sweet, gentle soul is at peace.*  
*Love,*  
*Karen Gregory Harris*

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**Karen Gregory Harris** - May 03, 2016 at 11:32 AM

DP

“ *To Dr. Lee Edwards-you and your family are in my prayers. May God be with you.*  
*Dr. Phyllis M. Parks-Veal, Milledgeville GA*

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**Dr Phyllis M Parks-Veal** - May 03, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russ Edwards.*



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May 03, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Russ Edwards.*



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May 03, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *Laurie Sheppard Griffin lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Laurie Sheppard Griffin** - May 03, 2016 at 10:37 AM



*Prayers for the Edwards family at such a time of loss*

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**Laurie Sheppard Griffin** - May 03, 2016 at 10:38 AM



*Dear Lee and family, I am so sorry to hear about your young son who left you much too soon. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family, his wife and children. I was devastated when I saw the announcement this morning.*

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**Charlotte M Harrell** - May 03, 2016 at 11:57 AM

RR

*Carl and I regret the loss of Russ. We considered him a friend and a wonderful person. Our hearts go out to the entire family and the family at the Animal Hospital who are missing him too.*

*My last memory of Russ is one that I will keep close to my heart. We were looking at Tootsie Roll's x-ray and attempting to determine how many puppies she was carrying. Russ was so happy and helpful with her. We will miss him. Love to all the family--you are in my prayers.*

*Ramona Rice and Carl Rosen*

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**Ramona Rice** - May 04, 2016 at 11:08 AM

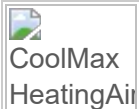
CA

“ A kind hear and gentle soul.....”



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**Carolyn** - May 03, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ Dr Edwards was a real saint to all my critters, Dixie, Daisy, Max, Blue, Paws and Smokey. He always made us feel special and never rushed. I will miss seeing his smiling face and professional mannerisms. A huge loss of life so early.

*David an Jill Ussery  
Coolmax Heating & Air*

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**CoolMax HeatingAir** - May 03, 2016 at 09:31 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear of this incredible loss, Lee. I have cried for you this morning knowing this is a tremendous sadness for you. I only knew him as Zeke and I know how much you love him. I pray that you and your family will receive comfort from friends and from heaven forever.

Cynthia Pittman Cox - May 03, 2016 at 09:30 AM

CC

Cynthia Pittman Cox

Cynthia Pittman Cox - May 03, 2016 at 09:33 AM

BC

“ Bunny Conine lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Bunny Conine - May 03, 2016 at 09:19 AM

LL

“ Laura Lipscomb lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Laura Lipscomb - May 03, 2016 at 09:11 AM

TI

“ My mommy told me that Dr. Edwards died. I am so sorry that he hurt so much that he had to go to heaven to feel better. Mommy says that Dr. Edwards saved my life. All I know is that when I hurt he made me feel better, even when he had to do things that hurt me he loved on me and made me feel better. I hope that he can be happy and not hurt now and that all of the fur-people around him in heaven can help him to feel better. Tiger

Tiger - May 03, 2016 at 08:59 AM

LB

“ I am very sorry to hear about Russ. He and the family are such wonderful and caring people and have touched everyone in one way or another for the better. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Lori Brown



Lori Brown - May 03, 2016 at 08:48 AM

EG

“ Russ made us laugh at social gatherings. He made us smile with his kindness. He eased our worries when we took our pet to him. He was one beautiful soul and it breaks our hearts that he is gone! Our thoughts are with Rebecca, Dr. Edwards and everyone in his family! Eva Galova and Hristo lossifov

evelina galova - May 03, 2016 at 08:21 AM

SM

“ We were devastated when we heard of Russ's passing. He treated our beloved dog, Ashley as if she was his own. The world has lost a wonderful person. Bo & Lee, I will keep you 2 in my thoughts prayers.



Sheryl McDaniel - May 03, 2016 at 08:03 AM

BG

“ Russ was a wonderful person and an excellent Vet.! The kindness he always showed me and my animals meant a lot. He really cared about people and took his job very seriously. He will be truly missed by so many. My heart goes out to all who knew him but especially his family. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. God can truly heal....even a broken heart. All my love, Betty Greth



**Betty Greth** - May 03, 2016 at 08:02 AM

JW

“ This sadness will not soon pass - if indeed ever - this loss to the place he lived will always be a sad recollection - but we must all insist that Russ be remembered for his gentle presence and great wisdom given generously and with profound humility. Godspeed dear Russ. Now peace. Jim Word / Sachiko Kiyabu.

**Jim Word** - May 03, 2016 at 07:22 AM

RS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dr Edwards passing. He was such a kind and caring person and will be greatly missed. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Robert and Kathy Snyder** - May 03, 2016 at 07:19 AM

AS

“ Went to Emory with him and one of the kindest people ever. RIP Russ. It's been a rough year for me too but I'll be praying for you as well as all my friends, family, and the world. Miss you already.

**A S** - May 03, 2016 at 06:14 AM

DF

“ *Darrell Fraley lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Darrell Fraley** - May 03, 2016 at 02:14 AM

DF

*My prayers and thoughts are with the Edward family. I have known Russ for about a year, but Zeke I have known for a lifetime. Your present will be missed, but the Zeke I know memories of the kind and helping hearts will continue forever and a day.*

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**Darrell Fraley** - May 03, 2016 at 02:35 AM

JS

*Our family, 5 furry rescues-all loved Russ. He saved the life of our golden retriever, Ben, giving us more time with him. We will miss our kind and gentle vet and we pray for his family and friends. Pitt and Jo Scheff*

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**Jo Scheff** - May 04, 2016 at 09:48 AM

BM

“ *Billy McKinley lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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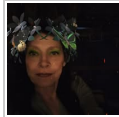
**Billy McKinley** - May 03, 2016 at 12:46 AM



“ *Jane Fallin lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Jane Fallin** - May 03, 2016 at 12:17 AM



*I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Jane Fallin** - May 03, 2016 at 12:18 AM

PG

“ *Prayers and love to the Edwards family--so sorry for your loss.*

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**patsy greeson** - May 02, 2016 at 11:03 PM

CS

“ *We are praying for Dr Russ and his family. He will be missed. We are also praying for everyone one at the Animal Hospital of Milledgeville*



*Catfish & Kim Smith*

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**Catfish Smith** - May 02, 2016 at 10:48 PM

SA

“ *Our prayers are with the Edwards family! So sorry for your loss! Smitty and Connie Abel*

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**Smitty and Connie Abel** - May 02, 2016 at 10:26 PM

DC

“ This kind and compassionate man came after hours to help my sweet little Annie who had suffered what we believed was a catastrophic stroke. Russ could have easily not returned my frantic call but he left home and came to the clinic to ease Annie out of her suffering. Russ was kind to every living thing. His heart was just too big for this mean old world. You were one of God's special angels.

Debra Campbell - May 02, 2016 at 09:47 PM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Edwards family.

Danny and Donnell Brown - May 02, 2016 at 09:32 PM

SA

“ to the family of russ Edwards you and your family are in our prayers sarah and johnny parker

sarahparker - May 02, 2016 at 09:23 PM

PW

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Edwards family. Those sweet girls have been a part of our dance family. Let us know if there is anything that we can do for you and the girls.  
Ms. Paulette



Paulette Weaver - May 02, 2016 at 09:12 PM

CC

“ *My prayers to his family and close friends. He and Rebecca have been so special in the lives of me and my cats. He saved one life twice. He was a kind soul and a good man. We will greatly miss him*



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**Cindy Cook** - May 02, 2016 at 08:56 PM

JD

“ *So, sorry to hear about Dr. Russ Edwards passing...He was always so kind whenever I had any questions about my pets well-being and he was a compassionate man.Prayers to his family and the staff at Animal Hosp. of Milledgeville, Ga.*



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**jan delong** - May 02, 2016 at 08:50 PM

CM

“ *Connie McCoy lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Connie McCoy** - May 02, 2016 at 08:44 PM

NB

“ *Our hearts go out to the Edwards family. Russ's contagious smile will always be felt and remembered. He showed such compassion in his work. He will be missed tremendously. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. God speed, Nancy and Tonny Buchanan*

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**Nancy Buchanan** - May 02, 2016 at 08:38 PM

LM

“ *Random evenings in Ed's basement playing music, using the Edwards family drums and listening to Russ tear up the stand up bass.*

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**luke McD** - May 02, 2016 at 08:37 PM

SI

“ *Star Ivester lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Star Ivester** - May 02, 2016 at 08:28 PM

BD

“ *Dr. Edwards was so kind and caring when my Tess was sick and dying. I will always remember his compassion and concern*



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**Bonnie Daniel** - May 02, 2016 at 08:22 PM

KK

“ *Russ had the most incredible bedside manner, and helped us tremendously as we handled the last years of Dario and Gilbert, our beloved cats. We are heartbroken for both Russ and his family, and our thoughts are with you.*

*Kara Kostiuik and Alex Blazer*

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**Kara Kostiuik** - May 02, 2016 at 07:34 PM

CS

*So very sorry for the loss of such a special person. My heart felt sympathy is sent to all of you with love.*  
*Carolyn Fowler Smith*

**carolyn Fowler Smith** - May 04, 2016 at 07:48 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Russ Edwards.*



May 02, 2016 at 07:18 PM

JP

“ *Our hearts are broken for all who loved and knew Russ. We hope you can feel the love that is being sent to all of you.* *Judy Price*

**Judy Price** - May 02, 2016 at 07:01 PM

GA

“ *Gerald And Erin Andrews lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



**Gerald and Erin Andrews** - May 02, 2016 at 06:46 PM

BG

“ *Brandi Pettigrew Gallina lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



**Brandi Pettigrew Gallina** - May 02, 2016 at 06:43 PM

RM

“ Rest easy my friend. Prayers for the Edwards and Lipscomb families.

Ryan Mitchiner - May 02, 2016 at 06:25 PM

KN

“ So very sorry for the Edwards family. And to the Animal Hosp.family. You will be in our prayers.

Carolyn, Kathy, Karen, Nick, Tori, Britt Nolan.

Kathy Nolan - May 02, 2016 at 06:24 PM



 Sabrina Reddick

“ I am at a loss for words. Dr. Edwards was a caring vet and took very good care of our furbabies. He will be missed 😞

Sabrina Reddick - May 02, 2016 at 06:22 PM



SB

“ So sorry to hear about Russ. Prayers for Rebecca and the girls. May God give you comfort and peace.

Sonny & Patsy Bass - May 02, 2016 at 06:20 PM

AS

“ So very sorry for the Edwards and Lipscomb families! Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this most difficult time. What a legacy he left behind! May peace and comfort be with you in the days ahead.

Andrew and Gracie Strickland - May 02, 2016 at 06:06 PM



“ Wendy Allen lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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Wendy Allen - May 02, 2016 at 05:51 PM

DH

“ I've been agonizing over what to say about Russ. I didn't know him well, but I certainly know his makeup. Some of us are born to be veterinarians, and we will do whatever it takes. It starts in grade school--do well to get into the college we want. Then it's do well to get into vet school, and then it's do well to graduate. For many, this is the culmination of a dream. For others, being the best veterinarian is the goal. I know Russ strove to be the best veterinarian he could be. We all struggle with the negatives. Sometimes, we can't see all the good we do because we can't get over that negative hump. Godspeed, Russ. Please know that you did a good job. Damn good Dawg!

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Dr. Toni Hall - May 02, 2016 at 05:45 PM

JW

“ Janie White lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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Janie White - May 02, 2016 at 05:41 PM

PW

“ *Pam Crump & Norris Wallace lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Pam Crump & Norris Wallace** - May 02, 2016 at 05:23 PM

BF

“ *Russ was a fantastic vet and a sweet, kind man. He took wonderful care of our Lola and Val and always gave them his complete attention - and they loved every minute of it. He will be greatly missed and will always be in our hearts. We are praying for his family and friends.*  
*The Burch family*



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**Burch family** - May 02, 2016 at 05:22 PM

TM

“ *There are no words to express how sorry we are for your loss. May God give you peace, comfort, and strength to get you through this difficult time.*



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**Tina and Michael McEver** - May 02, 2016 at 05:18 PM

MH

“ I have no idea where to begin or even what to say about your and the planet's loss of Russ. I've known him since high school and, although younger than I, always had immense respect for him and the unusual feeling that I was in the presence of some kind of greatness when I was close to him; almost like I was benefitting somehow just by being near him. Everything about Russ was unfailingly infectious. I'm at a loss for sufficient words of comfort to offer...and I'm a hospice nurse! The cliché words of empathy and condolence seem almost absurd to me regarding the circumstances and the person. Dr. (Lee) Edwards, I probably know you best, and there's not a doubt in my mind that you helped raise wonderful, beautiful children that affected every person, animal, and anything with a soul, leaving them with a sense of comfort and ease not present before. I feel so deeply for ALL of the Edwards family who lost a seemingly perfect son, brother, husband, Daddy, and uncle. Somewhere in the universe shines a brilliant new star...

Marshall Hodgman - May 02, 2016 at 05:11 PM

LZ

“ Linda And Ted Zarkowsky lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Linda and Ted Zarkowsky - May 02, 2016 at 04:45 PM

MS

“ Mike & Amanda Sinclair lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Mike & Amanda Sinclair - May 02, 2016 at 04:41 PM

KW

“ *Kimberly Watkins lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



Kimberly Watkins - May 02, 2016 at 04:33 PM

KW

*Russ was the greatest vet! He was so compassionate when we had to put down our precious pet Kiki Polo and the whole staff have treated our LILO like she was their own. Rebecca an kids, you are in my thoughts and prayers!*

Kimberly Watkins - May 02, 2016 at 04:35 PM

CS

*Dr Edwards along with Dr Council always took care of my animals. It is hard for me to fathom the pain he suffered because he kept it so well hidden behind that sweet smile. I am praying for the employees of the Animal Clinic as well as his family and friends. My heart hurts for you all.*

Carlene Smith - May 03, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Russ Edwards.*



May 02, 2016 at 04:25 PM

JM

“ Jody And Elaine Maddox lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Jody and Elaine Maddox - May 02, 2016 at 04:24 PM

CM

“ Incredibly sad. Russ was the man. My hope is just that the family is doing okay (my mom sends her condolences from Tennessee, also). -- Chris McKearny

Chris McKearney - May 02, 2016 at 04:24 PM

TK

“ Teresa Knowles lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Teresa Knowles - May 02, 2016 at 04:22 PM



“ Kelly Hern sent a virtual gift in memory of Russ Edwards



Kelly Hern - May 02, 2016 at 04:19 PM

DH

“ Dr. Kelly L. Hern lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**Dr. Kelly L. Hern** - May 02, 2016 at 04:17 PM

TV

“ Tony And Stacey Vargas lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**Tony and Stacey Vargas** - May 02, 2016 at 03:59 PM

SH

“ Shana Henderson lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**Shana Henderson** - May 02, 2016 at 03:56 PM

JW

“ We are so sorry for this loss of such a fine person. Prayers for all of the family. Tim and Joan Williams and Mollie the Collie.

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**Joan Williams** - May 02, 2016 at 03:49 PM

SA

“ Susie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Susie Anderson - May 02, 2016 at 03:47 PM

J(

“ Rebecca, Estella and Kate - Wishing you comfort and peace...you are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Love always, Jennifer, Billy and Jody



Jennifer Taylor (Alford) - May 02, 2016 at 03:38 PM

MH

“ I will always remember him for that smile on his face. He was the kindest person...never a negative word about anyone. No matter how stressful vet school was, he always had a smile. Prayers for his family...I will think of you often. ~ Marian Shuler Holladay, UGA CVM Class of 2005

Marian Shuler Holladay - May 02, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ Sending positive thoughts and prayers to his family, friends and loved ones. I remember meeting him and writing about his practice many years back when I was a local news reporter and am saddened to learn that he lost his life so young.

Jessica Luton - May 02, 2016 at 03:23 PM

ST

“ *Dr. Edwards has been our (many) dog's vet since he took over the practice some years back. He was always so kind and gentle, it was easy to see how much he cared for all animals. We will miss him but will always remember his smile!*

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**Sally Talley** - May 02, 2016 at 03:22 PM

LS

“ *We loved Russ. He was the sweetest, kindest man. Our community has lost a wonderful doctor and friend.*  
*Larry and Angela Spillers*

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**Larry,Angela Spillers** - May 02, 2016 at 03:11 PM

BS

“ *Bill Scott lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**bill scott** - May 02, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russ Edwards.*



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May 02, 2016 at 03:07 PM

CG

“ Russ had no ego. He was a genuinely sweet guy who was truly concerned for his patients. I could write pages about the care he took of our animals. And no matter where I might run into him, he never failed to speak and tell me to say "hello" to the family. I sure will miss him.

Cindy Griffeth

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Cindy Griffeth - May 02, 2016 at 03:03 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss all day I can see him coming out of the back to greet my new puppy he was all smiles he chuckled when he said her name Ms.Marilyn Monroe come on back. I trusted him whole heartedly with my precious dogs. He will be greatly missed.

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sherry mcduffie - May 02, 2016 at 02:58 PM

SH

“ Sally Humphries lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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Sally Humphries - May 02, 2016 at 02:58 PM

SA

“ I am at a loss for words. Russ always took great care of my dogs and was only a text or call away, even after hours. He was also one of the nicest, most genuine and caring people I've ever known. The local area has suffered a great loss. To Rebecca, the girls, and the staff at the clinic, Connie and I share your sorrow.

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Steve Avant - May 02, 2016 at 02:52 PM

RO

“ *RonnieBoyd lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**RonnieBoyd** - May 02, 2016 at 02:45 PM

WB

“ *Wanda& Ronnie Boyd lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**wanda& ronnie boyd** - May 02, 2016 at 02:44 PM

WA

“ *Wanda T Addeo lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



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**Wanda T Addeo** - May 02, 2016 at 02:35 PM

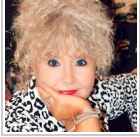
JG

“ *What a loss, absolutely one of the genuinely nicest people you could ever hope to meet. Rebecca, the girls and family will be in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Russ*



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**Jeff Gamble** - May 02, 2016 at 02:20 PM



“ Elaine Fortson lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**Elaine Fortson** - May 02, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ Russ and I went to vet school together. I don't think I would have made it through my equine rotation without him. I remember he volunteered, in his humble way, to be in charge of the meanest horse in the barn. The rest of us small-animal track kids had no chance with that horse, and Russ wasn't the kind of guy to pass the buck. And even after that horse injured him, he was back in her stall just hours after his own visit to the doctor. Brave, kind, thoughtful. I haven't spoken to him since we left school 11 years ago, but I think of him often as an example of how self-sacrificing and brave veterinarians are. It broke my heart when I heard of your passing last night. Rest in peace Russ. The world is less today for your absence.

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**Carrie Journey** - May 02, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ Lamar & Floyetta lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards.



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**Lamar & Floyetta Franks** - May 02, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russ Edwards.*



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May 02, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ *Ohmygoodness! I am just devastated! Milledgeville has truly lost a GREAT man who did not miss his calling as a veterinarian. One of the greatest men I have ever had the opportunity to know - Heaven has certainly gained an angel and all God's creatures will be so glad to see him. I did truly love you, Russ Edwards! Mom (Lee) and Dad, I love you, too, My heart and prayers are all yours!*



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**PATTI RUSHIN** - May 02, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ *Rebecca I saw you at the Kroger Gas pumps Saturday and wish I had gone over to say hello, but alas I was in my lawn mowing attire. I wish I had at least said hello. I know there are no words to comfort you and your lovely daughters now. Know we loved Russ and you in the vets office. He and Holly dog got along wonderfully. May the lord help you in your time of sorrow, may he lift you in his arms. Liz and Holly Dog Rodgers.*

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**Liz Rodgers** - May 02, 2016 at 02:09 PM

KB

“ *Kay Brown lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



**Kay Brown** - May 02, 2016 at 02:06 PM

CD

“ *Crystal Berenguer Diaz lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*




**Crystal Berenguer Diaz** - May 02, 2016 at 02:05 PM

DB

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Debby Durrence Baker*



**Debby Baker** - May 02, 2016 at 01:53 PM

 Jacob Moats

“ *Jacob Moats lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards*



**Jacob Moats** - May 02, 2016 at 01:45 PM

EB

“ Our whole Veterinary Class mourns with you. Russ graduated with myself and 85 others. He was by far the nicest guy throughout vet school. He always had a funny story or kind words to everyone. He genuinely was a kind soul and his infectious smile will be missed. Rest in Peace Russ and till we all meet again.

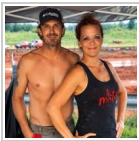
Erin Brown - May 02, 2016 at 01:43 PM



“ Casie Chambers lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Casie Chambers - May 02, 2016 at 01:40 PM



“ Cynthia Mikel lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



Cynthia Mikel - May 02, 2016 at 01:26 PM



“ John Walden lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



John Walden - May 02, 2016 at 01:05 PM

GW

“ I was shocked and heart broken when I heard about Russ. What a fine man and dedicated vet. He recently took care of my new dog. My kids grew up around Russ and Bo and were also deeply saddened. Lee and Bo, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Gene Williams** - May 02, 2016 at 01:02 PM


US

“ I had the good fortune of playing music with Russ for several years in the Captains and Mayview Road bands. He sang and played guitar, drums, mandolin, upright bass....anything he got his hands on. He was a stunningly talented musician but had no ego about it. He always made the rest of us sound better. A rare individual.

*Stuart Pittman*

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**Uncle Stu** - May 02, 2016 at 12:51 PM

 Alison Ivey

“ My heart is broken. Russ was one of the smartest, kind-hearted, talented people I've ever known. I remember the good ol' days at West End before reuniting with him at Baldwin. Simply the best. Prayers to his wife and children, Lee, Bo, and Bo. Words cannot express the depth of this loss.

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**Alison Ivey** - May 02, 2016 at 12:27 PM

JL

“ John Leslie lit a candle in memory of Russ Edwards



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**john leslie** - May 02, 2016 at 12:17 PM

JL

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

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**john leslie** - May 02, 2016 at 12:19 PM

GW

*I am so very sorry for this tragic loss! We have lost such a sweet, caring soul in Russ! He took exceptional Care of our "Beau" each time we saw him! My love and prayers go out to the family and may our Father hold you close during these very sad days!  
Gloria Williams & "Beau"*

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**Gloria Williams** - May 02, 2016 at 05:59 PM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at Johnnie Mcdade Grocery.*



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**LUTHER MINOR** - May 02, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *I was heartbroken to hear about this. Another one of our classmates. He was always super nice back in high school. Prayers are with his family during this time.*



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**Crystal Daniel** - May 02, 2016 at 12:07 PM



Norman  
Wilt III

*Russ was the first person I met during out freshman year of vet school. I remember striking up a conversation about fishing at our Freshman Picnic in Athens. We sat next to each other all through our freshman year...sharing all the ups and downs and trading hunting and fishing stories in between. I spent many nights hunting hogs with him on his family's leased farm in Milledgeville. You will never find a more outstanding individual than Russ. His personality and charm was infectious. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and children as well as his mother, father, and brother. We will miss you, Russ.*

Norman Wilt III - May 02, 2016 at 12:59 PM

ET

“*Dr. Edwards treated all three of my dogs while I lived in Milledgeville. He was such a concerned, caring, thoughtful, and professional gentleman. He left a really big footprint on this earth and the world is a better place because of him. All family, loved ones, co-workers and those who knew him are in my heart, prayers and thoughts.*

Ellene Rinicker, Celina TX - May 02, 2016 at 12:05 PM

EW

“*Dr. Edwards was an incredible doctor and man. He was always so kind, gentle, and caring towards the animals he treated and their owners. He will be terribly missed! My heart hurts for this family. I pray they feel the peace that only God can bring.*

Emily Williams - May 02, 2016 at 12:02 PM

PH

“*First met Russell as a student at BHS and was thrilled when he become our beloved vet!!! He saved my Bella's life!!! What a gentle soul! Praying for you all!!*  
*Pam Price Howard*



Pamela Price Howard - May 02, 2016 at 11:57 AM

SC

“ *Edwards family  
I'm so very sorry for your loss. I know how much he meant to his family and to the community. No words can take away your sorrow but know I'm praying for you all .*



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**Sandra Coffee** - May 02, 2016 at 11:54 AM

HG

“ *A great Doctor, a kind soul, and a man among men!! The world and especially Milledgeville is blessed to have had him and sad to have lost him. To all the family, you are in my prayers for the comfort that only God can give.*

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**Hank Griffeth** - May 02, 2016 at 11:26 AM

LJ

“ *I've known Russ, since he attended, high school. He was a member of the BHS marching band, when I first met him. Later on he became my veterinarian, to my 4 dogs. He was always kind, and caring to not only the pets he treated. But to their owners, as well. I will always have fond memories, of Russ. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, and the staff at the animal hospital.*

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**Linda and Kim Johnson** - May 02, 2016 at 11:23 AM

YM

“ Bo and Lee, There are no words to express my sorrow at this moment...Russ was such an incredibly gifted individual and we are all diminished by his loss.

*My favorite Russ memory goes back to 1997 and the National Beta Club convention: watching Russ, my Randy, Christie, and the rest of that incredible group of kids performing "Alpha Beta Gumbo" in front of over 3000 Beta Club kids....one of my favorite memories of my whole life and how I will always remember your dear son.*

*May God bless you and your family with happy memories in the days to come.*

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**Yvette (Evans) MacGregor** - May 02, 2016 at 11:04 AM

VG

*My heart is broken for this family! Russ was a wonderfully bright and sincerely kind student in the Advanced Placement English class I taught his junior year at BHS. His smile and good-natured outlook was always such a joy. I have been so pleased over the years to hear so many of his clients say how gifted he was as a veterinarian. My prayers are lifted that God will bring peace and strength to his family, friends, co-workers, and clients. I can only say that I believe that some truly gentle and noble souls simply cannot tolerate the pain of this worldly home. Russ had such a big heart, and he will be remembered with fondness and respect.*

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**Vicki Smith Gholson** - May 02, 2016 at 06:05 PM

Jl

“ Our hearts are absolutely broken with the loss of Russ. We keep thinking of all the school/band memories and his sweet, wonderful nature. Singing around the campfire on band staff trips, playing his guitar and coming to my parents' house to play for my sick father-- what a wonderful, compassionate, truly great man he was. Our prayers and thoughts are w/you, Lee, Bo and Be-Bo and with his wife and children as well as Dave and all the other Edwards family. We love you all.

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**Judy, Steve and Alison Ivey** - May 02, 2016 at 10:58 AM

DH

“ Words cannot express my sorrow. Not only have I lost a great vet, the world lost a very good man. My sympathies to his wife and family, to his mother, Dr. Lee Edwards, and to his staff and colleagues at The Animal Hospital. When my 19yo cat, Treppie, was suffering at the end of her life, Russ came by my house to put her down because I was in no shape to drive and had no one to take me anywhere. He was so caring and sympathetic and took her little body away to be cremated to save me that task. Few would do that. He will be sorely missed.

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**Dr. Kelly L. Hern** - May 02, 2016 at 10:51 AM