



Dr. Karl M. Barth

December 19, 1927 - January 21, 2018

Dr. Karl M. Barth, age 90, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, January 21st surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on December 19, 1927 to German immigrants Emil and Anna Marie Barth. In 1929 his father took a position as a guest worker with a General Motors plant in Russia. The family moved to Moscow for the next five years. At age seven the family returned to their ancestral home of Fuerth, Germany. At 15 years of age he was drafted into the German army -- forced to fight for a country that had taken his own father as a political prisoner for his anti-Nazi activities. Karl survived capture by the British army during the last days of the war, and was later reunited with his family -- including his father who barely survived his own imprisonment.

He returned to the U.S. in 1948, served in the U. S. Armed Forces, and later received four college degrees, including a bachelors, two masters, and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 1964. In 1965 he joined the the faculty of Animal Science at the University of Tennessee. During his 28 years on the faculty he made significant impact with his research and teaching, and was well loved by his students and colleagues.

Beyond the University, he is best known for breeding, raising, and showing Miniature Schnauzers. He bred eight champion Schnauzers at his Karlshof Kennels. Karlshof Schnauzers can be found in homes throughout Knoxville, the U.S., and worldwide.

Karl was a long time member of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Roland Barth. Karl is survived by sisters Louise Steuer and Annina Delaune, nieces Annina Townes, Heidi Curtis, Kelly Ebey, and Nichole Parker, nephews Peter Barth, Eric Delaune, grand-niece Emily Wise, and grand-nephews Philip Schultz and Ian Wise.

A memorial service will be held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday, February 2nd at 2pm. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the University of Tennessee Department of Animal Science. Online condolences may be received at www.rosemortuary.com.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
Knoxville, TN, US

Comments



“ I have just today learned of Karl's passing, and I am so sad to know it. Karl introduced me to Schnauzers in 1978, and I have owned them since then, even co-owning a couple with him. Through our mutual love of Schnauzers, we became friends. I am glad I got to see Karl at the local dog show last November. He was a good man and will be missed. Belated sympathies to his family. :(--Jackie Baird McCrary

Jackie McCrary - October 26, 2018 at 04:39 PM



“ From: Alyce B. McBride D.V.M. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Karl M. Barth.



From: Alyce B. McBride D.V.M. - February 02, 2018 at 10:14 AM



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Jack Parker - January 29, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ Dr. Barth was an exceptional gentleman. It was a pleasure to have known him and be interviewed by him for approval to have one of his beloved puppies.

Jack Parker - January 29, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ We will be eternally grateful for three wonderful Mini-Schnauzers that Karl brought into our lives including his last pup...Karlshof Kaiser Konstantine. RIP old and cherished friend. Jem & Denise Dickinson, Fairfield Glade, TN.



“ Dr. Barth was one of my Animal Science professors as an undergrad and grad student 1975-1979. I gave my first 1 hour lecture in his class and I will always remember how encouraging he was to this nervous student. That made it a little easier. Thanks Dr. Barth.

Carole Jennings Holbrook - January 28, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ I've known Herr Dr Barth as a graduate student, a colleague , a dear friend and naturally a Mini Karlshoff Schnauzer owner for over 30 years. Karl could not understand why some one would not want another dog after their passing “because of all the joy they brought!” He also explained to me that lavishing attention and love on a Karlshoff Schnauzer was part of their “birthright”. He is part of my life and psyche and I will miss him. Julie Hodges Bailey



Julie Hodges Bailey - January 27, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ Co-worker, the University of Tennessee Department of Animal Science. Dr. Barth was a pivotal advisor to my wife and me as we made decisions in our career paths. I still remember our meeting in his office in Brehm Animal Science Building. His influence was valuable in all our subsequent choices. We have lost a true friend!

Nim Anderson - January 25, 2018 at 03:12 PM



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Jim Anderson - January 25, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ Karl will be greatly missed by all of us at TVUUC.

Bob and Trevor Palmer - January 25, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ To the Family of Dr. Barth,

I am so very sorry for your loss. I hope it brings you comfort to know the high regard with which Karl was held and the great affection we all had for him.

Dr. Barth brought so much joy to my life through the two Miniature Schnauzers I adopted from him: Karlshof Klair de Lune (Luna) and Jim Douglas. He mentored me in raising my Miniature Schnauzers – often employing the Socratic method he was known for as a UT professor. He encouraged our participation in performance trials and reveled in our accomplishments.

I personally witnessed the magnitude of Dr. Barth's contribution to and imprint on Miniature Schnauzer breeding. Jim Douglas and I were in a pet supply store, five hundred miles from Knoxville, when I was asked by another customer if my Miniature Schnauzer was a Karlshof. I asked how did she know, and she responded she recognized the breeding, the exquisite "Karlshof stance." I was awed.

I will greatly miss "Grandpa Karl's" advice, friendship and laughter.

Ingrid Olsen



Ingrid Olsen - January 25, 2018 at 02:49 AM



“ Dear Family and Friends of Karl,

What an amazing gentleman he was! I cannot begin to explain how much his support and encouragement for the magazine Schnauzer Shorts and my very new (in the last year) editorship of that publication meant to me. His phone calls, the last ads he placed for his dogs, his tribute to publisher Dan Kiedrowski (who he had helped edit at least one of the books Dan wrote), and so much more provided a "footing" in the path of so many gone before to continue the documentation of the breed begun by Dan. It is certain that the name "Karl Barth" will march on among the vivid memories of people in Mini Schnauzers as one who cared and loved the breed and did everything possible to maintain it at quality levels.

Most sincerely,
Tania Kidd
Editor
Schnauzer Shorts Magazine



“ Sheila and I both recall Dr. Karl Barth from our years at UT. Our condolences to his family and close friends.

Dr. Barth taught two of my graduate Animal Science classes. Frankly, he introduced me to the importance of understanding one's academic lineage; indeed, to have an appreciation for our academic forefathers. Some of his students when on to do and accomplish great things! Later, as an alum, I would return to campus and stop by and say hello.

Certainly, Karl's impact and influences on many of us Tennessee Animal Science alums could easily be considered one of his legacies....

Marcos Fernandez - January 23, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ To the Barth family,

Please know that Karl has touched so many lives in such a positive way. He will be missed greatly by all that knew him. We knew him as a result of his remarkable work breeding Miniature Schnauzers including our beloved Schnauzer, Ferdinand. Aside from his many champions, Karl was able to bring great pleasure to all of us blessed to have a Karlshof Schnauzer; they are all champions!

We share your family's grief, loss and sorrow.

Ron and Judy Meyer



Ronald Meyer - January 23, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ Dr. Barth was my only friend on the Ag campus in the 60's, when I was a raging hippy, but a good student, in spite of my long hair and bare feet. We spent happy time in his office sharing Camels and conversation. He was known as Mother Barth, and always had time and advice for his students. I can hear his laugh today.

I went on to become his graduate student in pursuit of my masters and later had the opportunity to help with the veterinary care of his puppies. I teased him about the puppy he would give me until he did. I picked up my precious Kip (Kipling, of course)

one snowy night. We were the only car moving in Sequoyah Hills as we went to find an open restaurant for dinner. The local TV stations were out and insisted on interviewing Dr. Barth as he was such a magnificent figure and so articulate and animated.

I will miss him, always.

Mary F. Alford, DVM - January 23, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ To the family of Dr. Barth,
I want to express my sincere condolences to you for the passing of Dr. Barth. He was a friend, mentor and fellow Delaware Valley College Aggie Alumni! The year I entered my Master's program (1984) I did so with 2 other DVC graduates. He affectionately called us "The Valley Boys". He mentored us, assisted us, and always was on the watch for our best interests.

Dr. Barth was born in Elizabeth, N.J. and I was born in Perth Amboy, N.J. He was of German heritage and my mom was a German immigrant. We had several things in common and that no doubt led to his desire to see me succeed at UT.

That guidance was not only afforded me, Dr. Barth cared for and help guide many students throughout the years.

I uploaded a picture which was taken in November 2015 at the Department of Animal Sciences Thanksgiving lunch. Dr. Miller was my major professor for my Master's Degree, Dr. Heitmann was my major professor for my Ph.D. Degree and Dr. Barth served on my committee for my Ph.D. I will always look at that picture and remember the man that was my friend. He not only took the time to know me but to know my family. For many years my mom would make him a Stollen (German fruit cake) and I would bring it back to Knoxville with me following Christmas. He always looked forward to getting one. I will miss seeing him next time I am in Knoxville, but I am grateful to have known this wonderful man. May God bless you and your family during this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
Ken Zanzalari

Ken Zanzalari - January 22, 2018 at 09:25 PM



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Ken Zanzalari - January 22, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ I remember Karl mostly from the lovely dogs he bred. I showed for him for a number of years when I moved here from Minnesota, and years before that finished his Khan for him at the Knoxville shows.. something he and I would never forget. He was a great guy , with a big booming voice (he could have had a career as a singer, if he had any musical talent!

Kurt Garmaker

Kurt Garmaker - January 25, 2018 at 07:34 PM