Dr. Franklin Herbert Dienefeld

Nov. 21, 1922 - Aug. 22, 2020

Dr. Franklin Dienefeld, 87 of Deep River passed away August 22, at his home in Deep River. As was his wish, his body will be cremated.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. August 28, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River. Burial will be held in the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River.

Visitation will begin after noon, August 27, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma with the family present from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Deep River Fire Department, the Calvary Lutheran Church or the Morrison-Schneider American Legion Post 296 in Deep River. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Franklin Herbert Dienefeld, the son of William Sr. and Helen (Olson) Dienefeld, was born November 21, 1922 in Wall Lake. He was a 1950 graduate of Sac City High School. Doc received his doctorate in Veterinary Science from Iowa State College in 1957.

On January 4, 1954, Franklin was united in marriage to Judith Bankers in Harrison, Arkansas. To this union four children were born, Michael, Ellen, Mark and Cindy. They later divorced.

Doc first worked with Dr. Cook in Montezuma before starting his own practice in Deep River in 1959.

He kept his veterinarian license through the age of 80 retiring after 58 years of serving the people of Deep River and surrounding areas.

In 1981, Doc and longtime companion and friend, Helen Burck, began their life together. They were best friends and enjoyed each other's company and spending time with both of their families. Following retirement, they began wintering south, starting in Arizona, Florida before falling in love with Texas where they bought a home in Texas and enjoyed together for the last 10 years during the winter months.

MO, Mark Dienefeld of Vienna, MO, and Claudia (Mark) Ross of Chesapeake, VA; six grandchildren, Ashley (Rick) Burns, Allison (Chad) Krull, Christoph Dienefeld, Austin (Meghan) Ross, Sarah (Bunce) Dylan (Kelly) Ross and Adam Ross; four great grandchildren, Natalie Burns, Abigail Burns, Kendall Krull and Evan Krull; his sister, Ruth Brell of Sac City and two sisters-in-law, Betty Dienefeld of Sac City and Doris Dienefeld of Urbandale. Doc is also survived by Helen's family, Debbie (Bob) Schmidt, David Burck and Daniel (Kristine) Burck; grandchildren, Chad (Jessica) Schmidt, Brandon Schmidt, Quar Burck, Gage Burck, Spencer Burck and Miranda (Scott) Ballard; five great grandchildren, Kamryn Schmidt, Kaydence Schmidt, Elizabeth Schmidt, Asher Burck and Price Burck.

Franklin was preceded in death by his parents, four siblings, Glen Dienefeld, William (Joyce) Dienefeld, Donald Dienefeld and Elaine (John) Halder and Helen's sister, Daria Burck.