



Dr. John Douglas McCarroll DVM

March 29, 1953 - October 6, 2025

Dr. John Douglas McCarroll, DVM, 72, of Pilot Point, TX, passed away Monday, October 6, 2025 in Houston, TX. John was born March 29, 1953 in Borger, TX to George Fentress and Patricia Ann (Mackey) McCarroll. John married Jeanne Burger in Norman, OK on August 12, 1973.

John graduated from Pampa High School in 1971, where he was class president for three years, co-captain of the football team, and Mr. PHS. John attended Texas A&M University for pre-veterinary studies and was a member of M1 Medical Company. In 1974, he proceeded to the full Texas A&M veterinary program, graduating in 1977. John put himself through college by working in construction, railway, diagnostic lab, and at the university dairy.

His internship was in Oklahoma State and that is where he discovered his desire to work with large animals. He became so good at colic surgery that the doctors would let him perform it on his own.

In 1979, John moved to Pilot Point, TX to be in equine country. That October he opened his veterinary clinic taking any business he could, whether it involved small animals, cattle, horses, or breeding services. John was one of the first to embrace and advance the use of embryo and stem cell treatment in the equine industry.

John was always a student, constantly pursuing his knowledge and continuing his education to learn as much as he could. He found his passion and calling as a “mechanic,” bringing the horses back to their best form while never compromising their integrity or well-being.

He did not keep his knowledge to himself but continually trained other veterinarians to help them better their craft. John taught and mentored countless interns who came through his clinic and some even stayed at his home during their training.

His expertise spanned all disciplines in the equine industry. While it is impossible to count all his accolades or the number of horses he helped reach championship titles, those honors were never what mattered to him. John treated every animal with the same care and dedication, regardless of their status. Whether it was a Kentucky Derby contender, a Run for the Million competitor, a Pink Buckle barrel racer, an NFR qualifier, a Futurity hopeful, or a beloved backyard horse—his treatment knew no bounds.

A veterinarian friend wrote to John’s wife Jeanne – “Dr. John McCarroll, a great but quiet innovator in veterinary medicine. He treated hundreds of equine athletes with innovative use of stem cells when others had given up – more than any equine veterinarian in the world. He was kind but bold. Not afraid to try new methods of use of stem cells to treat serious injuries and horses with no hope. He truly cured a serious spine injury in a young, injured jumper by injecting stem cells into his spine. He treated the untreatable hamstring tears in muscles in cutting horses. He cured serious autoimmune skin diseases with stem cells. He listened carefully, was amazing at visual and imaging diagnosis, and then applied these tools with precision and care.”

Though all of John’s accomplishments as a doctor were remarkable, his greatest pride was his role as husband and father. He always had his priorities

right as he never missed games for his boys, Jordan's gymnastics meets and any of Josh's reigning competitions.

John never missed an opportunity to brag on his children or grandchildren. He would tell anyone who would listen all about his family. To John, affectionately known as Jeeper, this was his greatest accomplishment.

His favorite place was on his back patio at the Alamo with his family, grilling something delicious, and sipping wine with his loved ones.

John is survived by his wife, Jeanne of Pilot Point, TX; four sons, J. T. McCarroll and wife Sara of Prosper, TX, Matt Williams and wife Jessica of Blanchard, OK, Jake McCarroll and wife Cristen of Katy, TX, and Josh McCarroll of Dallas, TX; daughter, Jordan McCarroll of Dallas, TX; eight grandchildren, Kynleigh McCarroll, Kyleigh McCarroll, Kamryn McCarroll, Haley Williams, John Wayne Williams, Chloe McCarroll, Jaxon McCarroll, and Jacob McCarroll; two brothers, Duncan McCarroll and wife Karis of San Antonio, TX and James Dennis McCarroll and wife Karen of Centerville, TX; two brothers-in-law, Steven Burger and wife Denise of Tulsa, OK and Thomas Culberson and wife Joanne of Victoria, TX; sister-in-law, Trina McCarroll of Blanchard, OK; and several nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces.

John was preceded in death by his parents, George and Patricia; and brother, David McCarroll.

Visitation will be held 4:30PM-6:30PM, Saturday, October 11, 2025, at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. The funeral service will be held at 4:30PM, Sunday, October 12, 2025, at Midway Church in Pilot Point, TX with Rick Skaggs officiating. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfu

neralhome.com.

Donations may be made in John's memory to Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation via mail at 8104 Exchange Drive, Austin, TX 78754, online at www.tvmf.org/Donate, or by phone at (512) 452-4224.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11.** 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey
400 South Highway 377
Aubrey, TX 76227
info@slaymemorial.com
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **12.** 4:30 PM (CT)

Midway Church
9540 US-377
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Tribute Wall

JE

“ I was sadly surprised today at finding that he had passed. I had not seen him since graduation from A &M in 1977. He was such a fun classmate. One of our little quad group for 3 years. We had good times in vet school. I wish that he had come to one of our class reunions. Our 50 th will be around the corner before we know it. I'm glad to hear that he did so well as a vet. Sad day, but I hope to meet again riding one of those beautiful white horses in heaven. Dr. Lynn Echols

Janett Lynn Echols - December 08, 2025 at 11:11 PM



“ I am so hurt to learn of the passing of Dr. John Douglas McCarroll. Very kind and humble, and it showed on the reflection in his children. To his children, he fight a good fight! I was burying my elder sister October 11th 2025 and walterboro South Carolina. My heart and prayers are with you always. Thank you all for being so kind to me. And if you ever just need someone to talk to, just look me up on Facebook! I love you all!

Keiva Jackson - October 25, 2025 at 06:28 AM



“ Jeanne, words cannot express how sorry I am to hear of John's passing. Even though I have not seen you all in many years I think of you guys often. John was a wonderful person with a quiet, sweet spirit. He loved people and you always knew that when you saw him you would be greeted by that wonderful smile and give you a hug! I know this is so hard for you, your children and grandchildren. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Lou Ann (Wilkerson) Russell

Lou Ann Primm Russell - October 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM

RL

“ We will miss meeting and talking with my cousin Jeeper over his life time. Skiing with him, and the boys in Colorado when they were in high-school. Meet ups over the years stretching from Texas to Canada. Always that smiling face and welcoming conversations. We will miss him so. Jeannie and the rest of the family are in our prayers. With love, Cousins Russ & Shilloy Lowe from Montana.

Russell Lowe - October 13, 2025 at 02:27 PM

BV

“ More than two decades ago I brought a horse for John to look at. The horse was in NC, so it was quite a haul. I was a stranger, until it was time for our appointment- John welcomed me with a sincere smile, quickly found the problem, and told me everything was going to be just fine. The mare needed a change in the way she was shod, and he had a farrier in the clinic who took care of that within the hour. That mare was sound the rest of the time I owned her. John McCarroll helped me with my show horses for many years. His quiet competence and genuine care for both the equine patients and their humans was extraordinary. I've seen talented young vets who worked under his guidance progress to become top caliber professionals with their own successful practices. John loved what he did, and it showed. This legendary man will be sorely missed-- personally and professionally.

Beth Valen - October 12, 2025 at 12:25 PM

MV

“ Dr. mcCarroll was an outstanding veterinarian, but most importantly, he was a kind man with integrity and a dedicated husband and father. He and Jeanne raised five outstanding children. My family and I send our prayers and love to Jeanne, JT, Jake, Josh, Matt, and Jordan.
Mark and Mary Vickers Family

Mary Vickers - October 12, 2025 at 10:15 AM

KC

Our heartfelt prayers and condolences to Dr. McCarroll's family. We are grateful for his many kindnesses over the years caring for our horses two of which were quite complicated. He was a gifted vet whom we dearly miss. We will never forget the care he took with our horses. We are so saddened at the loss of Dr. McCarroll. Kristin and Bronwyn Cordiak

kristin cordiak - April 25 at 03:55 PM

RB

“ My heart goes out to your whole family. I only met John once, but through Jordan I feel like I came to know the kind of person he was. The way she spoke about her dad was always full of love, pride, and admiration. You could tell how much he meant to her. I didn't need to know him well to understand what kind of man he was because it shows in the person Jordan is. Her kindness, strength, and warmth say so much about the father who raised her. I am so sorry for this sudden loss and I'm keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers - Rachel Begovic

Rachel Begovic - October 11, 2025 at 06:25 PM

BW

“ Generation after generation, the McCarrolls have produced people who we all have looked up to and loved. It is sad to know that Jeoper has left us, but I know he lives on in all the rest of you. I know you will pick yourselves up and carry on the McCarroll tradition despite your grief today.

Bob Woody - October 11, 2025 at 03:04 PM

MK

“ We will always remember fondly our time with Jeeper & Jeannie and family during ski days at Snowmass. Memories of my short time at Pampa High and being accepted as another McCarroll by Aunt Pat and Uncle George and the boys. My cousins Jeeper, Duncan and Dennis made me feel welcome in the family and our connection continues. Jeeper will be so missed by his many friends, family, and all who were fortunate to know him and his family. Truly a great person and always so kind to all who knew him. Our heart and love goes out to the entire McCarroll family. Love Larry & Miki Klahn

Miki & Larry Klahn - October 11, 2025 at 02:14 PM

JM



Joshua McCarroll - October 11, 2025 at 02:17 PM

LA

“ I was surprised and so sorry to hear of Jeeper's passing. A testament to his character is how he remained close to and was respected by people from all the phases of his life. He left a fine family who I'm sure will love and support each other through and beyond this difficult time. My thoughts are with you all, and especially my friends Jeannie and Joannie. -- Larry Akers

Larry Akers - October 10, 2025 at 11:47 AM

WH

Jeeper was a giant inspiration for me to hang tough and get through vet school shoeing horses and raising a family it was a little rough but John's friendship made it doable rest in peace good guy

wayne. howell - October 11, 2025 at 11:04 AM

HB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm thankful to have had the pleasure of treating his arm. He was such a gentle soul and always gave me a hug when I saw him. Both being from the same town and him coming into the clinic, he brought the small town/home feeling with him into the big city of Dallas, which was so peaceful. Prayers of comfort and healing to you and your family! ❤️

Hollie Brown - October 10, 2025 at 11:19 AM

LH

“ Jeannie and family—the world lost a great man this week. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know God was needing him more than we will ever know but you can rest assured that John is at peace and will welcome you all one day in Heaven. I worked for Larry Sullivant at the law firm for 34 years—John and everyone at the clinic were all so familiar and very much thought of in the very highest regard. John will be greatly missed.

Lynn Haverkamp - October 09, 2025 at 11:22 PM

CJ

“ Dr. McCarrol was so good to us during the 20 some years we spent training in North Texas. We were one of the first reiners to move to the area and John was the one who was highly recommended to us. There never was a problem he couldn't handle. Yet more than that, he was a good person who was always so interested in the family and enjoyed watching Sarah grow up. He always had time for a visit. I have many fond memories of the time well spent with one of the best men I've ever known. Condolences to the family. I only wish it were possible to be there for what's likely to be a gathering of so many people who Dr. McCarrol served as a vet and as a friend.

Craig Johnson - October 09, 2025 at 09:35 PM

JB

“ Dr. McCarroll took my daughter, Emma Bird under his wing while she was helping out at the clinic during her college years. He was so kind and patient with her. She went on to become a veterinarian of small animals in Southern California. Dr. McCarroll would ask about her often saying “how’s my girl?” As her mother that meant the world to me. He will always hold a special place in our hearts and I am forever grateful for all he did for Emma. He will be deeply missed by our family.

With deepest condolences, Janet Bird

Janet Bird - October 09, 2025 at 05:59 PM