



## James A. Mangner, DVM

January 1, 1953 - September 16, 2013

James A. Mangner, DVM, age 60, of Royal Oak, died September 16, 2013. Beloved husband of Susan. Cherished son of the late Clara. Dear brother of Thomas, Cecilia and Jerome. Son-in-law of Marilyn the late James McGraw. Brother-in-law of Thomas McGraw, Michael Monica McGraw, Catherine Joseph Gerasinovich and Robert McGraw. Proud uncle of Ian, Jonathan, Joseph, Bryan, Brandon, Patrick, Jaclyn and Madison. Also survived by his "children", Henry, Big Bert, Peepers, Echo, McClaren and Sparky. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In state Thursday 11:30 a.m. until time of Mass 12 noon at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Memorials to the Chick Evans Scholarship Fund MSU, E. L. Johnson Nature Center Franklin, MI or Hospice of Michigan are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ I just found out about Jim's passing, I am so very sorry. He was a good man and a good friend but we had lost touch over the last few years and I did not know he was ill. My prayers to his widow and family

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**Michele Heeder** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the entire family, dear close friends and co-workers of Dr. Mangner I extend my deepest sympathy. I just found out about the loss of Dr. Mangner Nov. 5. We moved up north a year ago. I saw him before we left to say goodbye, knowing I would see him again at Christmas. We were down state this week for doctors appointments when our dog had an emergency situation on Tuesday at 2:00 in the morning. I immediately called Gasow's while thanking God that it happened on Tuesday and Dr. Mangner would be in, as he always seemed to be there in all of our pet emergencies for the last 28 years. Needless to say, I was stunned and grieved to hear the news. I have just finished reading all of the previous comments, and they all have said it all about a very special, one-of-a-kind person. He was an honest, giving and compassionate man that he tried to hide with a gruff, sarcastic sense of humor. It was an honor, privilege and a blessing to have had him in my life. He was my hero. His passing leaves a huge void and sadness for all whose lives he touched.

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**Jeanette Hastings and Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Over 20 years ago, Dr. Mangner saved our dog's life when she was hit by a car. My family still remembers his kindness, even after all this time.

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**Christina** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We just today found out that Dr. Mangner passed away. He was the vet for our beloved golden retriever, Molly and, we had hoped, would be the vet for our newest goldens, Abby and Bailey. We are saddened by the news of Dr. Mangner's passing and extend our sympathies to his family. He was a wonderful vet and tender-hearted man toward our Molly. Dr. Mangner will be missed!!

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**Dan & Sue MacDonell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Mangner family, I am remorseful about your loss and like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loved one James Mangner. From personal experience I know that the death of a love one causes pain and grief and sometimes it seems unbearable. The Scriptures contain comfort that can assist us during times of distress. The ransom of Jesus and the hope of seeing my loved one again in the resurrection brought me comfort. I would like to share these three scriptures with you to give you comfort John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Romans 15:4. May the God of comfort give you peace and rest. Mrs. Higgins

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**Mrs Higgins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ You were a member of our family, the Bergishagens, and made summers by the pool and holiday dinners a hoot. Your leaving creates a hole that no one else can fill, but the memories you gave Erik, Jane, Erika, my dad, me and everyone at Jagersbo aren't going anywhere. I'm grateful for the times I spent with you over the years, for the goofy nickname you gave me, and more so for the love and friendship you gave my family and their animal-children. As my dad so bluntly puts it, we're all going to die. Your passing far, far too early is a reminder of that, and more importantly, that while we're still here, we've got to make this life count. And you did just that - you were a CHARACTER if ever I met one and you touched so many people two-legged, four-legged, and winged in a truly meaningful way. If you were here I'd tell you emphatically "Magner, mission accomplished - you lived one helluva of a life!" and give you a high five. Thank you, Tan Man. Save a spot for me by the pool in heaven, and we'll have a beer whenever it is I end up there. Love, Ernie.

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**Erin Vinton** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ everybody that knew Dr. Jim loved him. He helped so many of us with our beloved pets. He had the biggest heart ever. Thoughts and prayers go out to Susan, his family, and Gasow family. Jim is in heaven with my brother, Bob, and they are painfree and surrounded by LOVE and all our furry friends. You will be deeply missed Doc.....xoxoLori & Tom Potrzuski

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**lori potrzuski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Jim will be missed! He was a generous and gifted vet who was willing to go out of his way to help animals in trouble. He helped us out numerous times here at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center for the past 30 years or more. We will miss his unique personality and his insights on life. Safe journey my friend, thank you for all that you have done.

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**Dan Badgley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Jim was a very special friend to our family. We have known for over 30 years. He has helped guide us with crucial decisions for many of our pampered pets along the way. We will certainly miss you Jim. We will never forget all of your kind attention. RIPThe Boyd Family

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**The Boyd Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We have known Dr Manner since 79,so much to say but in a nutshell.. he had the most compassionate heart. He never felt that animals were a burden. He came across as this macho guy and this macho guy would have tears rolling down his face as he had to put our animals down. There are so many funny stories remembered but we will never forget his tropical shirts, his birds, his black jeep,his never missing the Simpsons TV show but most of all his love for Gods creatures. Watch over our animals with St Francis Jim and thank you.

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**Dave and Annie Gudat** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Jim has been our vet., and my friend since he came to work at Gasow. We have had many dogs, and the problems and joy they bring. He shared it all. Somehow his goodness shone through the sarcasm, flirting, sass, and dirty lab coat. I thought about him today, not knowing that he was already gone. As I passed a golf course on this beautiful day I remember him saying that he loved golf in the Fall more than any other time. He was a gift....

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**Susan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dozens of us now spread all over the country can picture Jim on the basketball court behind the old caddy house on Louis Street. He could play some hoops. He was a champion. My heart goes out to his family and loved ones.

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**Bill Gallagher** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Jim was a great friend and I will miss him dearly. Going out to Arizona to visit his sister Celia will never be the same.....such great memories I have of those fun times drinking Sangria by the pool and tanning tanning tanning. RIP Jimmy. Luv u!

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**Kelly** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It's never easy saying goodbye to someone you love. The Bible however, shows us that this isn't a forever goodbye. God gives us the promise that we will be able to see our loved ones again for John 5:28-29 says so. I hope this help you and your family cope during this difficult time.

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**Miller** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My heart goes out to Jim’s family and my sister Debbie and her sons during this time. Jim was a big part of my family for many years and I have happy memories of good times with him. He was a great veterinarian and took excellent care of my pets, particularly Bill my Golden Retriever who he kept alive for nearly 18 years! He will be missed by so many people who depended on his skills as a dedicated healer of animals. I know he is now surrounded by the thousands of animals he treated, many of whom are happily licking his face! Rest in peace my old friend. Roberta Stewart

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**Roberta Stewart** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Thanks for all the memories my brother.

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**Jerry Campbell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Jim was one in a million, he will be remembered forever!

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**Christine Accavitti** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Tom, Jonny and Joey, I am so very sorry you have lost a dear Brother and Uncle. You are in my thoughts today as you celebrate his life and wrap yourselves around the many wonderful memories, which can't be taken away. Love and care, Jennifer Kromrei

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**Jennifer Kromrei** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ There is never none so true, as that of a dear and precious friend. And his name was 'Jim.' As we sat gazing at the limitless sky with the birds soaring high and taking in the warmth of the sun, my friend shared a piece of his heart with me. He said: Time is a paradox, stretching between a "past" and a "future" that have no reality except in our own minds. The idea of time is a convention of thoughts and language, a social agreement. Here is the deeper truth: We have only this moment! As our glasses toasted that beautiful summer day! My life was forever changed by this man; he had so much to share with the world, and what a beautiful place he made it. There isn't an ocean deep enough, nor a mountain high enough that could contain his compassion, his love of life. The way he lived his life to the fullest; because we're never guaranteed tomorrow. I lost something very precious to me, and his name was Jim. So for the person who unjustly and so selfishly removed my name from my post, you should be ashamed of yourself. This is a place to share in all the treasures that made Jim so loved by so many. There was none better. There never could be.

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**Laura D. Gerhardt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Jim took care of my black lab, Mr. Bojangles Bo since his birth, with care and compassion. When he was 9 months old a contractor at my house left open the door to the closet that contained his food. Bo being a lab ate as much as his stomach would allow. Upon arriving home Martha informed me that he was in distress with an extended stomach and needed care. I took him to Gasow's for treatment and was met by Jim. He took Bo to a treatment room and after several minutes I was summoned to the room where Bo was held. There were three piles of vomit which was determined to weigh 5.2 pounds based upon his weigh coming in and his weight going out. Jim informed me it was my job to clean up the mess, I looked him in the eye, for we were the same size, and told him I would be happy to clean up. He then punched me in the arm and told me to get out of his clinic, no charge. I loved this guy, the mold is indeed broken for a replacement. Don Bush

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**Don Bush** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ This is my first opportunity to express my heartfelt and sincere condolences to Susan, the Gasow Veterinary folks and his extended family. Dr. Mangner has been my vet for thirty plus years and three dogs of mine have been seen/treated and two passed on under his care and compassion...I could not be more saddened to learn of his passing. Not only was he a wonderful, extremely competent vet but he was a great guy with love for life, other people and all of God's creatures---I will miss him sorely and I have been vastly enriched by coming to know and appreciate just what a good friend and person Jim was...Rest in peace and know that a whole lot of people join me in mourning your passing.

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**Marc Higginbotham** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mangner family and the Gasow Veterinary Hospital family. My family has been a client at Gasow's for 40 years and I was a teenager when Dr. Mangner started there. Twenty years ago, I had an emotional breakdown on him after my mother and a cousin died and my dad was hospitalized in a 6 week period and I took my dad's basset to him because her eye was swelling and he told me her eye had to be removed! I don't think he ever forgot that meltdown of mine-he was always so compassionate and dubbed our three dogs cocker spaniel, scottie, cairn terrier a "happy little crew." He will be greatly missed!

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**Cathy Caminsky** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ Dr. Magner you will be greatly missed and remembered for your kindness and caring by many of us. My God bless you & all the dogs & birds you have touched in your years. You're the most caring person I have ever gotten to know. Thanks for your compassion for us humans & our pets. We LOVE you! We will miss you more than you know.

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**Carolyn Vanderhoof** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ For the many wonderful years you took care of all of our four legged family, we can only say Thank You and God Bless! It's comforting to know that they will once again be in good hands when you arrive. You have been an important and caring part of all of our lives.

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**Dave Wood** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Dr. Mangner is a family friend of mine and also an Evans Scholar Alum. I am an Evans Scholar at MSU where Jim went to school. On behalf of the MSU Evans Scholars, we thank Dr. Mangner for his dedication to the program, even after we have lost him. He was always a fun loving guy, and everyone who knew him will miss him dearly. RIP Jim.

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**Michael Zuke** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dr. Mangner was like no other. My husband Rick has known Dr. Mangner for 30 years, and he has seen us through all the happy and sad times of our pets. He was gruff and often playfully sarcastic, but we always felt his compassion and the outstanding care he gave our babies will never be forgotten. Once we took our babies in to see Mr. Mangner. Instead of a bill of service he requested a Meijers gift card the next time we came in. That was Dr. Mangner. You my friend will be sorely missed. Our hearts are very heavy today, and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Susan, his loved ones, and his many friends. Heaven truly received an angel.

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**Rick & Donna Schulte** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Our love and prayers are with you Susan. We are so very sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, Jim.....I know he is looking over you and protecting you at this time along with your family. Midori the pooch sends her love also, knowing he saved her from future health problems by performing that surgery on her years ago. Jim had a Big Heart of Gold and love for people, animals and life! He will be truly missed! We love you.

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**The Hullingers** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Cydney my golden retriever and I will truly miss him. Dr. Jim had a heart of gold and always cared. He left a beautiful foot paw print on all us. Many blessings to him and his family including his vet family.*

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**Amanda Butler** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Tom- i am so sorry for the loss of your brother. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May memories of happier times remind you of the special relationship you had with your brother. Jane*

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**Jane Cornett** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Rest in peace Dr. Magner, you were a kind and generous soul.*

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**Shelly S.** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *My thought and prayers to the family. Wyatt and family you are remembered as well, as he helped to raise you and your brother and cared for you mother for 12 yrs. My thoughts to you as well. Cathryn*

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**Cathryn** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Doc for 2yrs at Gasow. I loved working with him and I have some of the best memories working side by side with him. He was very funny and cared deeply for all the animals he treated. I can't believe he is gone. Doc, you will always be in my heart. I'll never forget you. Say hi to Pepe, Louis, Stuart, Clark, Edward and LeRoy for me. Love always, Blondie*

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**Karalyn Blondie** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Jim was a very good guy. Hard on the outside and soft on the inside. He gave my daughter a nickname about 20 years ago, for unknown reasons, that she uses to this day When Jim treated my animals at Gasow during regular hours, I paid cash. But Jim was available 24x7 and, when I was in a pinch in the middle of the night, he did his magic and I paid with bottles of Grey Goose. RIP

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**Jay** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

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**Laura D. Gerhardt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My good friend and best Vet ever. 35 years WOW Our family is going to miss you but with our thoughts and prayers going out to all of your loved ones.

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**Bev Munson and Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ He was a compassionate and realistic vet. Dr. Mangner will be missed.

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**Jim and Betsy Healy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ The world lost a truly great person yesterday. Dr. Magner saved my very first puppy Sassy Joe from Parvo in the 80s. He was there for me when I had to put my last dog Charlie asleep last year. It is really going to seem strange going to Gasow with no Dr. Magner being there. Dr. Magner was gruff on the outside but truly soft on the inside and you could tell he truly cared the about all the creatures in his care. He was an awesome veterinarian and great person. Dr. Magner you will be greatly missed and remembered for your kindness and caring by many of us.

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**Pam Martin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ What a gentle and kind man Jim was. We've know him for over 40 years. May you soar in Heaven without any further pain and play with all of our "children" at the Rainbow Bridge.

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**Kathie & Doug Whitehouse** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We will always remember and miss Dr. Jim.

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**Sue Szeremet** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My husband Allen and I have known Jim for 30 years. He was a wonderful, caring person and will be deeply missed.

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**Bonnie & Allen Levine** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM