



Dr. Robert Michael Irelan

August 30, 1948 - June 4, 2024

Dr. Robert Michael Irelan, 76

Local veterinarian of 48 years passed away June 4, 2024 due to heart complications.

Known to all as "Dr. Bob," He was born to William and Muriel on August 30, 1948 in Lisbon, Portugal. Several years of his early childhood were spent in Europe at which time he spoke four different languages. Upon returning to the United States, the family settled in Miami where he graduated high school and Miami Dade Jr. college. Summers were spent in Maine with his grandparents. His undergraduate education took place at the University of Florida with his completion of his becoming a doctor of veterinarian medicine at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

A few of his accomplishment in his field includes building and owning veterinary clinics. Breeders came from all over the United States even as far as Washington state to seek his services due to his expertise in anesthesiology. Dr. Bob was drafted into the U.S. military during the Vietnam War. He was a second lieutenant and worked solely with amputees. He was a research participant at John Hopkins in Maryland. Dr. Bob was a student of pathology (which he said was his favorite field) as well as professor of microbiology at Louisiana State University. He was a part owner of a zoo and night club (Club Iguana) in the Sanford, FL area where he also owned a veterinarian practice.

Law enforcement canine unit used Dr. Bob in the 1990s and he was part

owner of the emergency clinic on Bartow Hwy. Lakeland.

He was happiest being on the water in any aspect and loved fishing. One of his passions was the work he did at the Miami Serpentarium. Dr. Bob also helped with judging at the Lakeland Civic Center dog shows. His main highlight was being with his four daughters.

Dr. Irelan's survivors include two brothers, Gregory Irelan and Peter Irelan.

His wife of 28 years Kimberly K. Lawson-Reynolds

His daughters:

Kristy Armendarez (Jeremy)

Kelly Irelan

Karly Wise (Tim)

Kathryn Irelan

Step-Daughter:

Kimberly Mangus

Grandchildren:

Miranda Dixon

Christian Dixon

Johnny Dixon

Terrio Wilson, Jr.

Elizabeth Wise

Timothy Wise, Jr.

Jasmine Wise

Talan Irelan

Dylan Irelan

Kailan Irelan

Dakota Mangus

Great - grandchildren:

Kevin Suggs

Kylie Wilson
Kehlani Wilson
Laynie Wilson
Malakai Carter
Laylanni Wise
Karley Weir
Khiro Dixon
Kreed Dixon
Braylen Ward
Kynlei Cole
Kailyn Cole

Dr. Bob was known for his kindness and compassion toward people and animals. He was generous and very humble. His favorite Bible verse was John 3:16.

A service will be held in honor of Dr. Bob on June 27, 2024. Visitation 3:30pm - 4:00pm, Service will be 4:00 - 5:00pm at Victory Church, 1401 Griffin Rd., Lakeland, FL 33809.

In Lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Shepard's Chapel P.O. Box 416 Gravette, Arkansas 7273-0416 or any local hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **27**. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Victory Church
1401 Griffin Road
Lakeland, FL 33810
<http://victorylakeland.org>

Memorial Service

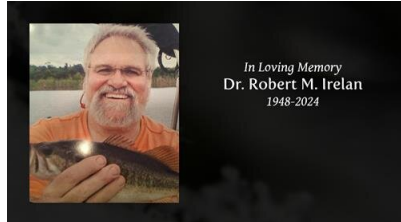
JUN **27**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Robert Michael Ireland*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - June 06, 2024 at 04:21 PM

DV

*When my late husband and I started our pet rescue many years ago Dr Ireland taught us so much. He would meet us very late at night if needed. He did all our spay and neuters which was every pet we took which was hundreds.
Rest in Peace Dr Ireland*

Doreen Vogt - June 06, 2024 at 10:03 PM

LC

Dr. Bob was our veterinarian since the late 90's. He took care of every animal in our household, and we have had too many to mention. On behalf of my late husband (Richard Carter) who knew him so well, and myself, we will miss you.

In angel's arms now surrounded by all the beloved animals he served so many years.

Leslie Carter - June 11, 2024 at 10:04 PM

SK

We loved Dr Bob. He was such a kind, caring and gentle man. He was an awesome vet and our dogs were never scared of him. Our condolences to the family. RIP Dr Bob. You'll be missed.

Sue Koepfle - June 12, 2024 at 08:53 AM

DN

Dr Irelan has had such an amazing and positive impact not only in our lives but in his community. His loss will be deeply felt and he will be very missed. But his legacy of work continues through his Veterinary service that bears his name. And we feel blessed to have known him.

Dale Wilson & Kenneth Nickse - June 12, 2024 at 08:59 PM

RN

Dr Irelan was the Nicest man and vet I have ever used. He was always helpful and kind to me and helped me in any way he could. He will be so greatly missed.....RIP Doc.

Robin Nunn - June 13, 2024 at 01:10 PM

PO

*Dr Irelan will be missed! He saved alot of animals- when my baby goats were sick said bring them to my office- both of them! Found infection and made well again! Same with a dog with parvo- able to save her giving fluids every day!! thank you Dr we see what you did!!
RIP*

Peggy Owen - June 15, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JT

My parents who are now deceased and myself have had the pleasure of having Dr. Ireland as our veterinarian for many years. His kindness and compassion made him one of a kind. He will be sorely missed.

Joan Tew - June 15, 2024 at 08:24 PM

EB

Dr. Ireland was the kindest and the best vet ever, we go way back. almost 40 yrs, he always treated my animals and even ones i found. he always work with me when i didn,t even hav a dime to my name but he still told me to bring them in, he saved so many of my dogs. . him and he,s daughter was always kind to me, even when i moved 100 miles away, i still used him as my vet, He will truly be missed.. god has a good person . elise bedsole. of ocala, fl

Elise Bedsole - June 17, 2024 at 05:40 PM

PA

Rolo, Kayleigh, Mozzie and Klydie-Joe will miss their favorite doc. Dr Ireland thank you for all you have done and taught me about how to take care of animals. You are a great person who always had time for everyone you met.

Our sympathy to your family

RIP

Pam McDonald

Lakeland FL

Pam - June 19, 2024 at 11:05 AM

RT

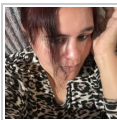
I been going to Dr.Bob ever since he was in the small plaza by the Dollar General. Dr Bob and staff was so supportive when one of my pets passed away. He's treated many of my furbabies over the last 18 years of me going to him. Wrinkles, Diesel, Scrappy who all have already passed on and my newest - MonsterMutt. I have recommended him to anyone who asked about a good veterinarian in the area... He always had time for his fur-patients and their parents . He will be truly missed.

Ronna Teal - June 19, 2024 at 02:05 PM

CP

I went to Dr Ireland for years and he saved my Binks from getting hold of a dangerous Bufo. He was the best I would go to dog show events with my grandchildren and we would see him and talk to him and ask all questions and he would answer them. He will be truly missed.

Charles Phillips - June 19, 2024 at 08:12 PM



I've been going to Dr. Bob's Ireland for 15 years it was sad to hear that he passed away. He was the best doctor I ever had he saved my little fur baby 15 years ago Even though I didn't think she was going to make it but he tried his best and that's all I can ask for and and luckily she made it through And he's been my vet ever since . He saved her life. That's one thing about Bob he tries his best and i liked when you have questions he was always happy to answer and give his advice But I know one thing Dr. Bob Did what he love to do that was helping animals thank you. sending prayers to the family. 🙏🙏🙏

Alisha Salinas - June 21, 2024 at 09:59 PM

AH

We use Dr. Ireland's s clinic. Our sympathy to his family and staff. His kindness will be greatly missed in our community.
Anita

Anita Howard - June 22, 2024 at 02:51 PM

SH

Just found out today.as rn I was careful who treated my pets.ever since.hisfirst place he wasrothe best.

Sherry Miller Hurst - June 26, 2024 at 01:43 PM

JA

Ill never forget what he did for my baby Dozer at end of life. He truly understood what was going on with him an made him comfortable, he will be forever be regarded as Dozers vet

jamie - July 09, 2024 at 09:05 PM

KK

“ *I've known Dr Irelan for 20 years. He's always been so friendly and knowledgeable and treated my fur babies with kindness. He will be truly missed.*

Karen Kelly - June 27, 2024 at 01:21 PM

AS

“ *Alisha S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.*

Alisha S. - June 27, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.*



June 25, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Marc and Terri Presnell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.*

Marc and Terri Presnell - June 25, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Linda & Bob Wermuth purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.*



Linda & Bob Wermuth - June 25, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ *Ashanni Bethanie Crawford purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.*



Ashanni Bethanie Crawford - June 24, 2024 at 11:27 AM

GI

“ Greg & Ann Irelan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.



Greg & Ann Irelan - June 24, 2024 at 10:54 AM

NK

“ Such a great Vet. You will truly be missed by so many. I have brought so many of our fur babies to you, my heart goes out to your family.
-The Kvocka Family

Nicholle Kvocka - June 21, 2024 at 10:08 AM

RR

“ Rob, Anne, Renee and Robin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.



Rob, Anne, Renee and Robin - June 20, 2024 at 11:05 AM

LH

“ Keeping Dr. Irelan's friends and family in my prayers 🙏 He was such a kind man ❤️

Lisa Hallam - June 19, 2024 at 05:57 PM

NA

“ *Dr Bob was a wonderful man and a great vet. I have been going to his office for 21 yrs. He was always so wonderful to me and my fur babies. He will be missed*

nancy - June 19, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JP

“ *What a wonderful vet and man, I first met him in 2007. He helped my little boston after 3 other vets miss diagnosed her. He taught me so much about dogs over the years. Such a loss for animals and his family and friends, the world really. R.I.P. Dr Bob, we know you'll be taking care of all the pets in heaven.*

J Pace - June 19, 2024 at 10:55 AM

VB

“ *He was such a joyful person to be around. He took care of my Mother's dog Suzie and my Mother loved Dr. Bob. I also started going to him for my cat, Tigger. He was wonderful and everything my Mother told me. He loved animals and they loved him right back. Such a humble, kind man. Dr. Irelan, all your patients and their parents, will miss you so much. My prayers and condolences to the family. Rest in peace, Dr. Bob.*

Valerie Bodine - June 19, 2024 at 10:27 AM

RM

“ *Family & Staff, I was so sorry to hear about Dr. Bob's passing. He was a great man. He will be missed by many. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the services. Thank you for everything Dr.Bob, May you rest in peace.*

From: The Monopoli Family

Rita Monopoli - June 19, 2024 at 08:45 AM

CW

“ Christina Watson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.



Christina Watson - June 19, 2024 at 08:11 AM

CW

“ Christina Watson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.

Christina Watson - June 19, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.



June 17, 2024 at 03:56 PM

SG

“ Stephen Gillaspie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.

Stephen Gillaspie - June 17, 2024 at 03:56 PM

FD

“ Dr. BOB treated K9 Eddy for congestive heart failure. When we had to put Eddy down and we had K9 officers there for it was fine with tge Doc. He handled everything for us. Also treated our Pekingese and nour pit bull. Great man who will be missed terribly

Fran Dallas - June 16, 2024 at 08:56 PM

PD

“ After hearing the loss of Dr Ireland, is so sad, I've brought my pets to him for years, He was wonderful and caring for all my pets, Rest in peace 🙏 God bless him , his family and all his office staff 🥹❤️

Patricia Dominski - June 13, 2024 at 08:20 AM

CC

“ This is a horrible loss of a great human. 💔💔💔💔
I will miss you. Candy

Candy Courchesne - June 12, 2024 at 08:54 AM

MR

“ Marilyn Ricks lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Robert Michael Ireland



Marilyn Ricks - June 11, 2024 at 09:59 PM

MR

I am so very sorry for your loss. I am Kristy's aunt and she spoke of him many times. God's blessing on you all and I am keeping you in my prayers

Marilyn Ricks - June 11, 2024 at 10:02 PM

IB

“ *Infinity Tires- Casey, Mike & Brian purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Ireland.*



Infinity Tires- Casey, Mike & Brian - June 11, 2024 at 01:01 PM

VP

“ *Victoria L. Pittman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Michael Ireland*



Victoria L. Pittman - June 11, 2024 at 11:47 AM

VP

I've been a client of Dr. Bob since 2007. He was a kind and gentle man, who gave me sincere advice regarding my beloved pets. He was always encouraging and honest when it came to the care of my Pomeranians. He will be greatly missed in the Lakeland community. To his family I'd like to express my sincerest condolences as I am very sorry for his loss. God (Blessed be He) bless Dr. Bob and his family and May He hold Dr. Bob and his family in the palms of his hand as they go through this very difficult time. Rest in Peace, Dr. Bob, til you are once again reunited with your family.

Victoria L. Pittman - June 11, 2024 at 11:57 AM

KS

“ *Dr. Bob you will be greatly missed. Such a kind and generous man. You had a very interesting life and I miss our conversations over a cocktail. Love, Kim and Snowy*

Kim Snow - June 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM

AO

“ *APRIL ORME lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan*



APRIL ORME - June 10, 2024 at 12:31 PM

AO

*We are Saddened to hear this. Never taken our Furbabies to anyone else. You will be Deeply Missed in our Community
Thank You for all your Care & Kindness
Prayers to the Family for Peace and Comfort
April, Gary & Rhysee Mae Orme*

april orme - June 10, 2024 at 12:34 PM

NG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Natalie & Manny Garcia - June 10, 2024 at 12:27 PM

DD

What a great human & vet,,noone could explain why my 8 mth old Stammer cat was paralyzed,,but Dr Bob knew & treated him & after 21 days in ICU he was cured & turns 7 in two weeks 🐱 the rainbow bridge will welcome you with alll thr fur babies & we will surely miss you !! RIP Dr Bob!

Donna D - June 17, 2024 at 09:29 PM

MP

“ Dear Family of Dr. Ireland

He just took care of our dog 4 days prior to this great loss. He held her little head in his hands and looked her straight in the eyes and said, "you're a pretty little thing.". He's the only vet we've ever used in our almost 40 years. My heart hurts, he will be missed tremendously. Our heart felt condolences to his wife, family and his wonderful staff.

Mary Pirillo - June 09, 2024 at 07:05 PM

JS

We are deeply touched by the news that Dr. Ireland is not with us anymore.

The memory of him will always hold a special place in our hearts. He was a truly wonderful human being who consistently provided us with invaluable advice and unwavering support. His genuine care for my animals was evident in everything he did. Money held no importance to him; he always prioritized the well-being of the animals. Since our first meeting around 12 years ago, his presence at Goldendoodles by Aggies enriched our lives beyond measure. We remain eternally grateful for his legacy, and the cherished memories of Dr. Ireland will stay with us forever.

Jose and Aggie Santiago

Jose and Agueda Santiago - June 12, 2024 at 04:54 PM

JS

Rest in Heaven, Dr. Bob. We will be greatly missed. You're the only veterinarian that we trusted. My condolences to the family.

Janet Suarez - June 16, 2024 at 05:18 PM

DM

“ *Darlene and Scott Marsh purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Robert Michael Irelan.*



Darlene and Scott Marsh - June 08, 2024 at 10:29 PM

SW

“ *R.I.P DR. Thank you for your service to our furry friends. This sudden death leaves us filled with sorrow. Thank you for a lifetime of a love and commitment to all the residence furry friends. Your memory will remain alive in your business. The Community thanks you.*
Blane and Sherrie Wilson. W Molly Coco lily and Nala. & Rip. Rosie

Sherrie Wilson - June 08, 2024 at 09:23 PM

CM

“ *Bob, I enjoyed your and your family's visits to Eastport summers in Maine. Please rest in peace ❤️. See you on the other side when we'll finally all be together in one place. 🙏*

Caroleah Mackechnie - June 07, 2024 at 11:01 AM

JJ

“ *I was honored and privileged to work with Doc. May his memory be a blessing for all who loved him. Dr. Judith L. Jaxtheimer*

Judith L Jaxtheimer - June 06, 2024 at 04:12 PM