



Dr. Jan Creighton Hines

March 8, 1939 - September 28, 2023

Dr. Jan Creighton Hines, more fondly known as “Doc” peacefully passed from this life to the next on Thursday, September 28, 2023. His memory will be forever cherished by his family, friends, colleagues and clients.

Doc is preceded in death by his step-father and mother, Jack & Barbara Hines and brother, David Hines. He is survived by his wife, Judith Balter Hines; his daughters, Pamela J. Willis (Matt) and Erika H. Bagwell; his grandchildren Joshua R. Willis (Morgan), Luke A. Willis, Isabel W. Meshanko (Jon), and Reed E. Bagwell.

Doc was born in Atlanta, GA on March 8, 1939. He learned early the value of hard work - a quality that followed him all of his life. He was the first Eagle Scout in his troop at the age of 13. His classmates at Chamblee High school voted him “Most Likely to Succeed.” Little did his classmates know exactly how right they were! His drive for success and value for working hard included many jobs growing up: running a paper route, being a car hop at 62nd BBQ, loading trucks during the holidays at Rich’s Department Store, being a Lab Assistant during college at Georgia State University, serving as Kitchen Manager at his fraternity house to earn free room and board, a 7/11 convenience store clerk, lab researcher at the Center for Disease Control during summer vacations, and working for Dr. Greenway in his veterinary practice throughout high school, college and veterinary school. Many of these

jobs overlapped each other during his educational career. He would often work night shifts while attending school during the day.

Shortly after graduating from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Doc bought Alpharetta Animal Hospital in 1973. He grew his business from the original 900 square foot building to what is now over 10,000 square feet in the heart of downtown Alpharetta. Doc has said, “to be honest, I loved every minute of life working at vet clinics, from my first job walking dogs to working as a vet in my own practice.”

Doc was a pillar of the Alpharetta community. He helped form the North Fulton Chamber of Commerce and served as Executive Vice President. He was also a 20+ year member of the Rotary Club. He was appointed twice by Governor Sonny Purdue to serve on Georgia’s State Board of Veterinary Medicine and also on the American Veterinary Medical Association’s Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates.

In addition to his business success, Doc was also known to be a very generous man. There are countless stories of him helping people anonymously through his extravagant generosity and kindness. His hard work gave him the ability to treat and serve others who were in need, but he never desired credit or attention. In his generosity he simply reflected the generous love and acceptance he found in Jesus Christ. Doc credits this as “the best event that happened to me” and so we have the assurance that Doc belongs to Christ both in life and death.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 1PM in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Arlington Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 4PM to 6PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, GA. The service will be livestreamed via <https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY5NjAzNjIwMzI3NDE2MCZvb>

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In lieu of flowers, the family would like to celebrate Dr. J.C. Hines legacy by supporting the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine.

Donations may be made via <https://gail.uga.edu/giving/cvm/dr-jc-hines-memorial-giving> or you can make checks payable to the UGA Foundation and in the memo line note "Vet Med - in memory of Dr. J.C. Hines." Checks should be mailed to UGA Foundation, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memorial Park

201 Mount Vernon Hwy NW
Atlanta, ga

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
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Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines*



Northside Chapel - September 30, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY5NjAzNjlwMzI3NDE2MCZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfb> in memory of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines*



Northside Chapel - September 29, 2023 at 05:11 PM

SR

“ I was so sorry to learn today of Dr. Hines passing. I took my dogs in for their annual physicals and read the obituary. My family first met Dr. Hines when we moved to "unincorporated" Fulton County when the county was mostly farmers and pastures. We started to use Dr. Hines for our German Shepard in 1979ish. I was 16? I'm now 60. Since then he and his practice have taken care of all of our animals. Dr. Hines was with us as well for their passing as he would come to our homes for their final journey, fortunately at a very old age. (18 years for our border collie). I just saw him on a previous visit and he made a funny joke, he was happy and smiling. He will be missed.
Susan Richards

Susan Richards - December 28, 2023 at 06:25 PM

BS

“ I was so sorry to learn of Jan's passing. Jan and I were in Vet School together and active in the GVMA at the same time. He was a great friend and very caring person. He will be missed by so many people. Billy C. Sanders

Billy C. Sanders - October 12, 2023 at 01:06 PM

SL

“ Dr. Hines was the reason I've been going to Alpharetta Animal Hospital for all these years. He recently helped me with my Augie/Golden Retriever. I had taken Augie to a "specialist" that wasn't helping at all. They had him on weird expensive food and all sorts of nonsense. When I told Dr. Hines I will never forget what he said to me which was "What does Augie like to eat?" Then he opened up on a Sunday especially for Augie for an Xray. Got Augie better in no time flat and only charged me \$99 for all of that! I was so very sad to hear the news yesterday when we went in for annual shots. Dr. Hines was so special and he will never be forgotten by our family!

Sandra Lear - October 11, 2023 at 10:12 AM

WJ

“ I am so saddened to hear this today. I went to work with Jan in 1984 after having graduated in 1983 and interning for 1 year. I was his first full time associate. We were still in the 900 square foot building, which was originally the front office of a lumber yard. I spent 5 great years working with him and learned a lot. Many things I do today in my own practice are the things I learned from him. A wonderful employer and wonderful man as well.

In the early days of labwork, there were no veterinary specific laboratories, so we used human labs. Whenever he felt a little under the weather, he would have an associate draw some blood on him so he could send it in. One time, someone (NOT ME!) drew his blood. Something in his bloodwork draw or prep caused a very high, as in fatally high, potassium level to occur in the sample. Of course, nobody was aware of this.

When he received the phone call the next day to learn about his blood tests, the lab technician, assuming Dr Hines was a human doctor, started the conversation with "Dr., is the patient still alive?" As you can imagine, his eyes got a bit wide until the situation was clarified. I still laugh every time I think about him telling me that story

His people skills were to be admired. On one occasion, when one of our clients was hospitalized, he sent flowers to the hospital. I was impressed, but he downplayed it. He said that he learned from Dr Greenway and the difference between him and Dr Greenway was that Dr Greenway would've delivered the flowers himself. He understood that veterinary medicine was about more than the animals

Weedy Johnson - October 02, 2023 at 09:11 PM

CL

I am so sorry to learn of Dr. Hines' passing. I only learned of this today because Kathleen had me look up a post on Nextdoor Haygood that reported funeral flowers outside the practice on driving by. Dr. Hines cared lovingly for three generations of our dogs. He was aware of my constant road running and racing with every dog we've had since we came to Alpharetta in 1995. He was the first vet at the practice to have to send one of our dogs to the next life when the time had inevitably come. Kathleen remembers his firm but gentle advice when we had great difficulty with one of our rescues whom we couldn't stop from attacking our other dogs when he said "They were there first." Thankfully, AAH referred us to a no-nonsense trainer who was able to turn her around. We will miss him terribly. We're very, very sorry for your loss! Charlie Lancelot

Charlie Lancelot - October 03, 2023 at 08:02 PM

MB

“What a great guy and vet. Alpharetta Animal Hospital was my go-to vet for over 30 years. One funny memory was when I was cooking for one of my dogs with allergies. When I was in the office I commented on the yellow/orange tint to the dog's white coat due to the carrots. Dr. Hines suggested I try broccoli instead. A few months later I was in with a different dog and he asked how Thatcher's coat was looking. I said I could not decide if I liked the green tint over the yellow/orange tint. There was a moment or two of silence, then he pointed at me, laughed and said I had him for a minute. He will be dearly missed.

Marilyn Burke - October 02, 2023 at 03:45 PM

RA

“What a kind and contributory veterinarian. I remember him stopping by just to talk with me while I was in Alpharetta Animal Hospital with one of our pets. What a great upstanding individual Dr Hines was. I know he's resting in well-earned peace now. He gave so much! Bob Anservitz

Robert Anservitz - October 02, 2023 at 01:49 PM

FM

“ I loved Dr. Hines. He took care of all my furbabies with so much compassion. There was no other vet that I would trust to care for them. My heart goes out to his family as I know he will be missed.



Frankie Merritt - October 02, 2023 at 11:03 AM

AT

“ Jan was a great friend of ours from the time he first came to Alpharetta. We had our house up for sale, and he looked at it. That was our first meeting. He bought in another neighborhood, but we remained friends. When our house sold and we were moving, (by ourselves), we looked up and saw him driving up the driveway.. He came and helped us move! We moved into the same neighborhood he had purchased in, so we had a lot of contact and shared a wonderful friendship. He took wonderful care of all our pets through the years, but more than that, he was a wonderful friend. We will miss him sorely. We want to extend our love and condolences to the family.

Art & Emily Trotter

Art Trotter - October 01, 2023 at 09:49 AM

DF

“ I am so sorry that we have lost Dr Hines. A great man, veterinarian, and leader in the community. He will be missed by all those who had the good fortune to have known him. Our sympathy goes out to his family and those that loved him.

The Drs. and staff of Veterinary Referral Surgical Practice

David Filer - September 30, 2023 at 02:50 PM

TL

“ Pam & Matt, we pray your comfort and strength as you mourn the transition of your Loved One. May each day going forward bring about a great healing for your physical hurt.

The Lockharts - September 30, 2023 at 02:20 PM

MM

“ Marty M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.

Marty M. - September 30, 2023 at 01:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.

September 29, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.



September 29, 2023 at 09:45 PM

MC

“ Michelle Broome/ Heska Corporation purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.



Michelle Broome/ Heska Corporation - September 29, 2023 at 08:46 PM

RD

“ Jan was a great mentor to many a veterinarian. He was the prime example of what a veterinarian should be. He will greatly missed and his legacy will live on for many years. God speed my friend.
Rob R. Lafferty DVM

Rob R. Lafferty DVM - September 29, 2023 at 08:04 PM

DN

“ Drs. Horner and Nash planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.

Drs. Horner and Nash - September 29, 2023 at 07:54 PM

DN

“ Drs. Horner and Nash purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.



Drs. Horner and Nash - September 29, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.



September 29, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ It feels like Dr. Hines has been part of our family for many years. We will never forget when he personally attended our daughter's (Dr. Alex Davenport) White Coat Ceremony at UGA to congratulate her and honor her with the gift of her first, and only, leather medical "doctor" bag. He will be so missed by so many, our family among them.

John and Bunny Craig and family

Bunny Craig - September 29, 2023 at 05:35 PM



Dr. Hines has been a Great Contribution & Veteranion to Our City of Alpharetta & surrounding No. Fulton. I am just happy that I can say that Dr. Hines has been a GREAT Friend to me since 1975. I am also glad that I could supply Him with his first Anesthesia Equipment while He was Growing & Establishing a great Veterinary Hospital for the city of Alpharetta & surrounding area. He was well thought of at the University of Georgia Veterinary School of Medicine!! Most of all my family & I always consider Him as one of Our Good Friends in Alpharetta!!! The Paul Adams family

Paul K. Adams - September 29, 2023 at 08:18 PM

AR

“ Arnold, Grant, and Cameron Reynolds purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.



Arnold, Grant, and Cameron Reynolds - September 29, 2023
at 04:45 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Jan Creighton Hines.



September 29, 2023 at 03:09 PM