



Ray Allen Pawlisch

June 2, 1955 - January 13, 2025

BRODHEAD – Dr. Ray Allen Pawlisch, age 69, passed away on January 13, 2025 at his home in Brodhead.

Ray was born on June 2, 1955, in Monroe, WI, to Dean and Leah (Gaetzke) Pawlisch. He was united in marriage with Carol (Beatty) Pawlisch on December 29, 1979, in Madison, Wisconsin. Ray grew up in Brodhead, WI, and graduated from Brodhead High School in 1973. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy Science with Dean's honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1978, he completed his Master of Science degree in Veterinary Medical Microbiology and Virology.

While working as a research assistant in the UW-Madison Veterinary Science Department, Ray participated in an influenza virus surveillance study of Arctic seabirds on St. Paul Island, Alaska. In 1982, he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University, where he served as President of his Veterinary Medicine Class and was honored with the Large Animal Medicine and Surgery Award along with the Clark Memorial Award for Leadership and Scholarship.

Also in 1982, Ray began his career at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center, where he eventually became a partner. Although he started as a mixed animal veterinarian, he later focused on large animal care, motivated by

his desire to promote health, educate, and support farm families. His passion and commitment extended beyond the Brodhead area; he served as President of the Rock Valley Veterinary Medical Association and was a committee member of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Additionally, he was President and a member of the Executive Board for the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, receiving the Meritorious Service Award, and was honored as Veterinarian of the Year in 2017.

The community held great significance for him, and he consistently worked to make a meaningful impact. He served as a director at the Bank of Brodhead and was the President of the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he was a member of the Brodhead Area Foundation and received the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. He took pleasure in coaching baseball teams and leading high adventure trips for Boy Scouts. In Green County, he served as a board member for the Green County Health Coalition and the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association. For many years, he also contributed by presenting at the Food for America program.

Ray was an avid hunter and fisherman and was sharing his love for the outdoors with his grandchildren. Boating, canoeing, and rafting were favorite activities that allowed him and his family to discover the amazing beauty on the water.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the church choir, the Adult Bible Study, and the United Methodist Men's group. Together Carol and Ray taught Sunday school for over 30 years.

Ray is survived by his wife, Carol and 2 sons: Benjamin (Andrea) Pawlisch and Dean (Joanna) Pawlisch; 7 grandchildren: Audrey, Sam, Owen, Everett, Magnus, Truman and Harvey; his brother Kim Pawlisch; sister Deb (Paul) Chotlos (children: Anna, Nate, and Matt); and nieces and nephews. Ray was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials can be made to the Brodhead United Methodist Church or to the Sully Fund at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center which provides financial help toward life-saving surgeries and treatments to animals in need.

A Celebration of Ray's Life will be held at the Brodhead United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 11:00 AM. A visitation will also be held at the church on Friday, March 7, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 PM and on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of services. A private burial will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery, on a later date.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.
www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com 608-897-2484

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church of Brodhead
501 First Center Avenue
Brodhead, WI 53520

Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church of Brodhead
501 First Center Avenue
Brodhead, WI 53520

Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church of Brodhead
501 First Center Avenue
Brodhead, WI 53520

Tribute Wall

GS

“ I will always remember our tenor sax duets in high school. He will truly be missed.



Glenn Staffeld - March 17, 2025 at 12:30 PM

PS

“ I attended veterinary school with Ray at Michigan State University. He was beloved as a fellow student , and I had the distinct privilege of him visiting me in South Haven Michigan where I practiced. I know he loved his family without question, and is the definition of a good man who lived his life to the fullest. RIP my friend. Patty Salamun

Patty Salamun - March 07, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray Allen Pawlisch.



March 05, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ray Allen Pawlisch.*



March 03, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this. He was such a kind man. Deepest condolences to his family. ❤️*

Ann (Lamont) Engler - February 28, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ *Brodhead Tire Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ray Allen Pawlisch.*



Brodhead Tire Family - January 24, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ *The Cream always rises to the top of the Milk and Ray was truly the Cream in our World!*

Garrett and Judy Floor - January 23, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ *He was a generous person. Always kind and never in a hurry when he came out on farm calls. He was always very happy to help with take care of any little critter I brought to the clinic. He will be greatly missed. His family is in our thoughts and prayers*

Kathleen Goecks - January 20, 2025 at 09:43 AM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss, he was a great man.
Sending our condolences.
Mike and Bonnie Moore



Bonita Moore - January 19, 2025 at 10:54 PM

BJ

“ Bill & Laanne Johnson lit a candle in memory
of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Bill & Laanne Johnson - January 19, 2025 at 12:29 PM

BJ

“ We have been in Missouri for over 19 years but will always
remember Dr Ray. About 6 years before we moved here and it was
Fathers Day. Dr Ray was not on call but still came to our place to
put down our old pony. He took care of it all and told us exactly how
she was laying in the grave. We never received a bill for this kind
act. He was a great Vet and will always be remembered by us.

Bill & Leanne Johnson - January 19, 2025 at 12:28 PM

DF

“ Doug And Kathy Foslin lit a candle in memory
of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Doug and Kathy Foslin - January 19, 2025 at 10:36 AM

DF

As a veterinarian Ray took good care of our dogs .As a friend he was one of the best. We shared puppies from the same litter. It was so much fun sharing and watching the littermates grow. Ray will never be forgotten. If he was in our lives he will always be in our hearts. God bless you Carol and family. Kathy and Doug

Doug and Kathy Foslin - January 19, 2025 at 11:55 AM

TE

“ We have so many memories of Ray from Brodhead High School with Dale, then onto college as roommates, then each others weddings and raising our kids up together through the years. Sharing years and years of Superbowl parties betw our 4 families, BWCA and sharing the outdoors with our exchange student from Chile and the Pawlisch Family came up with the Voyageur Games. Seeing Ray creating the biggest bubbles ever with his special recipe at National Night Out. The guys having day trips for ice fishing. Ray was most often smiling, helping to brainstorm solutions to problems or make a recommendation. Though he is missed by all of us, our greatest comfort is knowing this is not goodbye but more like see you in awhile Ray... because now he rests in the arms of Jesus.

TERESA EARLEYWNE - January 19, 2025 at 01:19 AM

TE

“ 1 file added to the album Ray



TERESA EARLEYWNE - January 19, 2025 at 01:06 AM

GM

“ Gary And Mary Mason lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Gary and Mary Mason - January 18, 2025 at 09:18 PM

RJ

“ Russ And Daphne Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Russ and Daphne Johnson - January 18, 2025 at 06:25 PM

DW

“ Condolences to the family. He will be so missed. One of the kindest men- always so gentle with animals

Deb and Don Wehinger - January 18, 2025 at 06:15 PM

PK

“ Patti Kraft lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Patti Kraft - January 18, 2025 at 06:10 PM

PK

Always remember Ray as such a kind caring person. So glad they became our neighbors! Ray and Carol taught Sunday right next to Wade and I at the Methodist Church for years! His Christian faith was strong and it just beamed out of him! Carol and boys you are in our thoughts and prayers!

Patti Kraft - January 18, 2025 at 06:17 PM

DB

“ *A genuinely kind man and mentor to many, our condolences to Dr. Rays family.*



Dave and Lisa Bartelt - January 18, 2025 at 04:36 PM

LF

“ *Gone too soon! I remember him at our farm, in his blue jumpsuit, arm in a plastic sleeve, pregnancy checking our Holstiens. As a city kid married to a farmer, it was always very interesting to see him work! Hard to believe he is gone. Carol and family, our hearts to out to you from Nick and Linda Faessler.*

Linda Faessler - January 18, 2025 at 11:13 AM

RW

“ *Carol and family, my sincerest condolences for your loss. I personally will always see Ray's smile and feel his love for animals and people. He was a great man inside and out. Makes me think of the song, "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes".*
Robin Walenton



Robin Walenton - January 18, 2025 at 09:41 AM

RC

“ Sending caring thoughts and our sympathy to the family.



Rick & Peg Cook - January 18, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ Barbara Robinson Clark lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Barbara Robinson Clark - January 18, 2025 at 05:59 AM

PL

“ Phyllis Lentz lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Phyllis Lentz - January 18, 2025 at 05:20 AM

AH

“ Allen And Dee Hegi lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Allen and Dee Hegi - January 17, 2025 at 09:42 PM

DW

“ *Dean And Nancy Walters lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch*



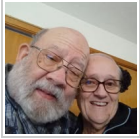
Dean and Nancy Walters - January 17, 2025 at 08:04 PM

DK

“ *Doug And Janice Knight lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch*



Doug and Janice Knight - January 17, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go to the Pawlisch family.*



Amy Mills - January 17, 2025 at 07:14 PM

BJ

“ Dear Carol and Family,
Much of my relationship with Ray was through my years coaching the Brodhead Swim club from 1969-1971. Ray was one of the best swimmers are club ever produced and without a doubt the best to ever compete in the butterfly event. I am pretty sure that in those three years, he never lost a race in the butterfly event in a dual meet in AAU Age Group competition. This at a time when Brodhead was competing against larger cities such as Evansville, Jefferson, Platteville, Freeport, and Monroe. I am so saddened to hear of Ray’s passing. Carol and I extend our deepest sympathy to the Pawlisch family.
Bill and Carol St. John

Bill St. John - January 17, 2025 at 06:28 PM

VM

“ VICKIE MILLER sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



VICKIE MILLER - January 17, 2025 at 05:59 PM

TR

“ Tom & Ann Richmond lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Tom & Ann Richmond - January 17, 2025 at 05:52 PM

JD

“ *This is shocking and sad news. Ray was one of my veterinary mentors and a reliable friend. I had the pleasure of serving with him during his leadership roles in the WVMA which demonstrated so many of his positive character traits and talents of motivation. His nature was happy, friendly, optimistic, and Christian. Best to Carol and the family from John and Ranjana.*

John Been DVM - January 17, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MP

“ *Amid the profound shock we all feel, we also remember what a fine and upstanding man Ray has always been. When he led a church service, he always began with a humorous story--we of the congregation expected it and enjoyed it every time. Ray will be missed as a husband, father, friend, leader, and Christian. Yet his memory will be honored for as many years as someone remembers his wonderful personality and the smile that lit up a room even as it put everyone around him at ease. Rest in peace, Ray. Condolences to all of his friends and family.*

Marcia S Petersen - January 17, 2025 at 04:19 PM

TF

“ *Sending our sincere sympathies to the Pawlisch family. We pray your tears will someday be replaced by smiles as your memories fill your hearts. Peace to you.*



Todd & Natalie Forrester - January 17, 2025 at 04:14 PM

AO

“ We're sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was a very caring man. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family



Allen and Donna Olson - January 17, 2025 at 02:39 PM

VK

“ Virgil And Judy Keller lit a candle in memory of Ray Allen Pawlisch



Virgil and Judy Keller - January 17, 2025 at 01:39 PM

JM

“ A remarkable and outstanding friend and classmate of the class of 1973. He will be missed greatly by all! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Jeff and Wanda McLain - January 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM