



## Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens

July 21, 2022

Brodhead, WI - Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens, DVM, 72, of Brodhead, WI passed away on July 21, 2022, in the Cloud Peak Wilderness in Buffalo, Wy. TJ was born Easter Sunday morning, April 9th, to Clement T and Ida Mae (Stockman) Mertens. He was proud to have been raised on a dairy farm in California, Missouri. TJ graduated from veterinary school at the University of Missouri in 1974. He married Barbara (Helland) Mertens July 9th, 1977. He worked and was an owner at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center from 1974 until retiring in 2016. He was active in the Brodhead Jaycees and Lions Club for many years. TJ enjoyed drinking coffee and one of his prized possessions was a Mobil coffee mug that provided him with free refills for multiple decades. When trail riding with family and friends he was renowned for his camp meals. He took great pride in owning Missouri Foxtrotter horses and mules. TJ had ridden his personal horse in 46 states.

TJ was preceded in death by his parents, Clement and Ida and his brother-in-law Andy Gerke.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; son, Dr. Jason (Keri); grandsons, Quentin, Eli and Oliver; brother, Dave (Carolyn); sisters, Bev (Dale) Riley and Karen Gerke and several nieces and nephews.

Please join us on Monday, August 8th at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Monroe,

WI. There will be a funeral Mass at 10:30 am in the church and a celebration of life luncheon from 12-3 pm in the St. Victor School gymnasium across the street.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sully Fund, providing veterinary care for animals in need at Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center or Johnson County Search & Rescue, 614 W. Fetterman, Buffalo, WY 82834, to support the many people who hiked in to help TJ.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home is assisting the family locally with arrangements.

[www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) 608-897-2484

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church  
1760 14th Street  
Monroe, WI 53566

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens.*



August 04, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Kristine Armitage lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens*



**Kristine Armitage** - August 02, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Ted was such a great man. Will keep Barb and the rest of the family in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Lon and Michelle Lederman** - August 01, 2022 at 10:08 PM



“ *I met Barb and Ted on a camping trip in Acadia National Park in Maine. Campfire laughter and stories and sharing our love of horses and riding filled the air. He had me believing Wisconsin fire wood glowed many colors as he the colors of the flames glowing. Memories made and never forgotten. 💔*

**Kathleen Tuck** - August 01, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JE

“ Ted came out to vaccinate my horses one spring and I asked him to check the mare I purchased in the fall to see if she might be pregnant. She was and I asked when she might give birth. He estimated another month - well a week later I went to open her stall door to discover a sweet baby. It was fun to rib him about his estimate. Such a good natured person with a wealth of knowledge and compassion. He'll be missed.

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**Julia Engler** - August 01, 2022 at 08:02 PM

MM

“ Deepest sympathy to family, Ted was a good man. Marc and Betty Markway

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**Marc Markway** - August 01, 2022 at 03:12 PM

DF

“ Doug And Kathy Foslin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens



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**Doug and Kathy Foslin** - August 01, 2022 at 02:02 AM

DF

Our deepest sympathy all of Dr. Mertens family and friends. We will miss him. But he will be with us in our hearts. God Bless all of you.

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**Doug and Kathy Foslin** - August 01, 2022 at 02:26 AM

DO

“ My condolences Barb and family. May God comfort you in this time of need.

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**David Olsen** - July 31, 2022 at 08:51 PM

WS

“ Wendy And Randy Schupbach lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens



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Wendy and Randy Schupbach - July 31, 2022 at 08:36 AM

DO

“ Donna Olson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens



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Donna Olson - July 30, 2022 at 10:40 PM

JC

“ He was so caring gentle and kind. He had compassion. Sat with me on the ground when we had to put my gentle arab mare he had tears in his eyes like I did  
One of the best ever

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Judy Clossey - July 30, 2022 at 08:55 PM

CJ

“ So very sorry for the loss of Dr. Mertens. He was a wonderful vet to our pets. Our deepest sympathy to Barb & family. The Jaggi's:  
Chris, Carol & Shirley

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Carol Jaggi - July 30, 2022 at 03:53 PM

VZ

“ So sorry for your loss Barb and family



Virginia Morgan Zahn - July 30, 2022 at 11:07 AM

RH

“ We are so sorry for your loss BJ and Jason. Your family has been so good to us , if there is anything you need please let us know. TJ sure will be missed. Thinking of you and sending prayers. Ben and Renee Hansen

Renee Hansen - July 30, 2022 at 10:03 AM

JB

“ My sincere sympathy to Barb and your beautiful family.

Janet Green Bartz - July 30, 2022 at 07:48 AM

LM

“ Larry And Mary Malcook lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens



Larry and Mary Malcook - July 29, 2022 at 11:17 PM

LM

May you find peace & comfort in the loving memories Ted left you all with. Our deepest sympathy to Barb and all his family 🙏

Larry and Mary Malcook - July 30, 2022 at 09:04 AM

GM

“ Gary And Mary Mason lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens



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**Gary and Mary Mason** - July 29, 2022 at 10:57 PM

RJ

“ Rira Jubie lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens



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**Rira Jubie** - July 29, 2022 at 09:41 PM

VM

“ Barb and family.. You have my sincere sympathy in your deepest loss. Hugs and prayers.

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**Vickie Miller** - July 29, 2022 at 09:05 PM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Barb and your family at this time. Dennis and Cindy Haberman

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**Dennis and Cindy Haberman** - July 29, 2022 at 07:50 PM

CH

“ *Cindy L Haberman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens*



Cindy L Haberman - July 29, 2022 at 07:47 PM

DW

“ *Dean And Nancy Walters lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens*



Dean and Nancy Walters - July 29, 2022 at 04:35 PM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Will always remember our rides and meals together last May in Utah. So glad we had that time together.*



Carole Sharp - July 29, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Barbara Robinson Clark lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens*



Barbara Robinson Clark - July 29, 2022 at 04:32 PM



*So sorry for your loss. I remember his famous Mobil mug and stopping into Juda when he was in the area to fill it up and of course talk for a few minutes. He always had me laughing. Many hugs and prayers.*

**Barbara Robinson Clark** - July 29, 2022 at 04:34 PM

CH

*“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was an amazing person, vet, and neighbor and will be missed*

**Carl and Rachel Hearing** - July 29, 2022 at 03:56 PM

BM

*“ Sending our condolences. Mike & Bonnie*

**Bonita moore** - July 29, 2022 at 03:02 PM

DW

*“ Don And Brenda Wahl lit a candle in memory of Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens*



**Don and Brenda Wahl** - July 29, 2022 at 02:06 PM

DW

*So sorry for your loss Barb and family. A wonderful man, and loved her career. Will me missed by all of Brodhead.*

**Don and Brenda Wahl** - July 29, 2022 at 02:08 PM

DW

*his career, sorry, I can spell*

**Don and Brenda Wahl** - July 29, 2022 at 02:09 PM

KS

*So sorry your loss. Prayers for you your family 🙏*

**Kay Stockman** - July 29, 2022 at 03:03 PM

JJ

*Dear Barb and family - we're so sorry you lost Ted - our deepest sympathy to you. Jim and Julie Jaeggi*

**Julie Jaeggi** - July 29, 2022 at 03:18 PM

BT

*I'll never forget the day he rescued me on the farm. I was stuck in the room of the manure chute and couldn't get out. Was yelling and kicking the door. He opened the door with a big grin on his face. Was such a compassionate and dedicated veterinarian. RIP. It's been many years Barb. My deepest condolences.*

**Barbara Taylor** - July 29, 2022 at 05:03 PM