



## John A. Geiger DVM

April 25, 1950 - December 2, 2024

John A. Geiger, DVM, Age 74, of Manchester, and longtime resident of Croswell, passed away on December 2, 2024, after an extended illness. He was born April 25, 1950, in Lansing, Michigan to the late Esther (Grimes) and Harold Geiger.

John grew up and lived in Croswell, graduating from Croswell-Lexington High School in 1968. He went on to study Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. Upon graduation in 1973 he returned home to Croswell to practice veterinary medicine as the third generation Dr. Geiger at Geiger Veterinary Clinic. For nearly 50 years he cared for his clients and their animals (large and small) within Croswell and throughout the surrounding area.

John met his wife of more than 51 years, Maryellen (Dee) Pengelly Geiger, while at Michigan State University. They were married in Ann Arbor in 1973 and treasured raising their two children Emily and Milton, together.

John was devoted to his family, community and profession. He served several terms on the Croswell-Lexington Board of Education, including times as president. He also served many years on the Croswell City Council. From childhood and into adulthood he was active with the Boy Scouts of America as both a scout and leader. He was a lifelong member of the Croswell Presbyterian Church, acting as an Elder for a time. He was a member of many professional organizations and gave his time and support to many area agricultural fairs and events. John's love for the City of Croswell, its history, and the people who live there, was central to who he was.

John cherished time with his wife, children and grandchildren, both in his beloved Croswell home and through many travel adventures. He enjoyed being outdoors, camping, and being surrounded by majestic scenery, including many trips to Yellowstone National Park, where he was never without his camera. John had many talents and could creatively fix or build almost anything. He also found joy in jigsaw puzzles, fantasy books and all things Harry Potter. He cherished his grandchildren, whom he would sit with chatting happily and teasing lovingly.

John was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Esther Geiger. He was especially fond of his grandparents Milton J. and Ida Geiger, who also preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife Dee (Maryellen), his children Emily (David) Bartley, of Manchester and Milton (Cheryl) Geiger of Windsor, CO, sister Ann (John) Matthews of Croswell and brother Richard (Robin) Geiger of Saugatuck, his grandchildren Katherine Bartley, Roslyn and Shane Geiger, his sisters-in-law and brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

John had a quick wit and quiet sense of humor, that endeared him to those around him. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be from 3-9 P.M. on Friday, December 13 at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Croswell. A memorial service will be held at 11 A.M. on Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Croswell, with visiting at the church from 10-11 A.M. Saturday morning. Pastor Bill Wright will officiate. Burial will be in the Croswell Cemetery. Memorials in memory of John may be made to either the City of Croswell Parks and Recreation at 100 N. Howard Ave. Croswell, Michigan 48422 or Yellowstone Forever at [www.yellowstone.org](http://www.yellowstone.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Croswell Cemetery

299 Davis Street  
Croswell, MI 48422

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **13**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Croswell  
6 S. Howard Ave.  
Croswell, MI 48422  
(810) 679-9800  
pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
7 S. Howard Ave.  
Croswell, MI 48422  
(810) 679-3352  
firstpresbycros@att.net

## Service

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DEC **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
7 S. Howard Ave.  
Crosswell, MI 48422  
(810) 679-3352  
firstpresbycros@att.net

# Tribute Wall



“ John was one of our favorite vets for both large and small animals. He was amazing. He will be missed so much. Prayers to the family. I'm sorry I just saw this so late post.

Janice Running - January 27, 2025 at 06:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Geiger DVM.



December 12, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John A. Geiger DVM.

December 09, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John A. Geiger DVM.



December 09, 2024 at 09:52 AM

IS

“ Condolences to Doc Geiger’s family, he was a wonderful caring man. Years ago my nephew asked me to take his dog Centavo to be put down because he couldn’t do it himself. I myself had never done that but I did it for my nephew. Doc Geiger was so patient and explained everything that was going to happen and he quietly did what he had to while I petted Centavo and bawled my eyes out. He again showed his kindness when my sister’s dog Dallas had his first seizure and she couldn’t reach his vet and we called Doc Geiger and he didn’t hesitate to invite us to his home so he could treat Dallas. Heaven has gained a beautiful soul. RIP Isabelle H. Solis

Isabelle H Solis - December 06, 2024 at 08:24 PM

CT

“ Caroline Mead and the ENGIE team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Geiger DVM.

Caroline Mead and the ENGIE team - December 06, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CT

“ Caroline Mead and the ENGIE team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John A. Geiger DVM.



Caroline Mead and the ENGIE team - December 06, 2024 at 02:40 PM

DS

“ I met John walking down the hall as we were both students in the college of veterinary medicine at Michigan State. We all know once you meet John - you didn't forget him. Ironically, we both came back home to practice veterinary medicine in the thumb area. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. John - you will be missed, rest in peace.

*Dr. Jim Siegler & Tammy*

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**Dr Jim & Tammy Siegler** - December 05, 2024 at 09:10 AM

RH

*Dr.Gieger was the true definition of a humanitarian. He was the best or the best ,always smiling. He will be truly miss by his family of fur friends and humans ..so very sorry to loose such a great man..my condolences to all his family especially His wife and children ,Rest in peace 🙏🙏*

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**Renee Hewitt** - December 06, 2024 at 12:30 AM

BO

“ Such sad sad news. He was my vet for my dog Merlin since bringing him in as a puppy for shots, worming ect, right up until 15 yrs later, when he had to be put down. He cried doing it, and did it right in the back of my Envoy. If anyone knew John, he was a big man and to get in with him was a chore, but he didn't care. He didn't want him moved. He told me what to expect once he administered the shot and everything. He even gave me a great big bear hug after, he saw how much I was hurting. He cried with me. I was going to bring my cat to him just after Merlin passed, but his health was declining then and he was not in the office a lot and about to retire. He will be sorely missed by me and my whole family. We all drove from Wadhams area Goodells or Port Huron just to go to him. He was such a great man and wonderful with all our needs for our animals and was always willing to take payments for surgery's ect. I'm sorry for his family at this time and all of the friends, co workers, and the Crosswell community as a whole. Rest high big guy.

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Bonnie - December 05, 2024 at 09:02 AM

JT

“ Dr John came out to our farm for years. His matter of fact assessments and dry sense of humor brought back fond memories. These were two of many. One time coming from a horse show a huge storm hit us on the haul home. It spooked our usually calm horse to the point that he scrambled and reared in the trailer. We immediately made an emergency call to the clinic. It was a Sunday night-of course. John was on call and rushed over. All his empty coffee cups were still lined up on the dash. Our trailer looked like a horror movie, and we weren't sure where or how bad the horse was injured. Upon examination, a glint of white caught The doctor's eye. He quickly made the diagnosis. “Looks like he broke his skull” Thoughts of euthanasia, or some grim prognosis flooded our minds. Just then John walked over and plucked a sliver of bone from the middle of the horses head and said, “He'll live.” Frank and I both chuckled. As bad as it had seemed, all was well again. He threw the piece of bone in the drive and we all smiled as he happily headed home. He also saved our critical dog from a blockage, nearly an impossible surgery, The skill it took was one for the books. That dog lived til he was almost 14. Dr Geiger was always happy to talk to us and answer questions. He was a great man and truly loved animals. We will miss him so much. Rest in the arms of God John.

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**Jeannie Talarico** - December 04, 2024 at 11:45 PM

GD

“ Great man, great vet, he truly loved the animals that he cared for!

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**Greg Dimick** - December 04, 2024 at 08:37 PM

BH

“ Several years ago we were visiting relatives in Lexington on Thanksgiving. Our little 3 pound Yorkie fell off a chair and broke her leg. My ex husband called John and he met us at his office. She needed to have it pinned but he had no assistant (of course it was a holiday) but my ex was an anesthesia provider, so Jerry put the dog to sleep and John operated. I was so grateful to him and have never forgotten that day. May he rest in piece and bless Mary Ellen and family.

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**Brenda Hill-Fisher** - December 04, 2024 at 07:01 PM

KY

“ After we moved away from the Croswell area we adopted a Golden Retriever that had been neglected and abused. We only had him a few days and he was diagnosed with parvo by our new vet in our new town. Our new vet said u must put the dog down. My husband called Dr. Geiger to get his opinion. He said I respect your vet but ask him to try this, your dog can survive this virus. Dr. Geiger's advice saved our dear dog and he lived 10 more years. We were so grateful for Dr. Geiger. I have know the Geiger family all of my life. We are so saddened by this news. He was the greatest vet ever, along with his dad and grandfather. Thinking of all of his family and friends with our very deepest sympathy. Kay Kerschenheiter Youatt

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**Kay Youatt** - December 04, 2024 at 06:15 PM

BR

“ *The vet that cared more for the animal than the money, that right there shows you the compassion he had for your pets. He always had a grin on his face when he came in to take care of your pet. He has been so missed since he retired. I will never forget the day my pugs eye came out and the office was closed but he went in to help he said I will need assistance because I have no help, he looked at my friend whose eye makeup was running down her face and said and it won't be you, lucky me had to assist. He was just a great vet with a great personality. My condolences to his family.*

**Brenda** - December 04, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ *Best vet ever! I can't even begin to tell all the stories of what he's done for all my animals over so many years. Very kind loving person.*

**Tammy Lumley Lortt** - December 04, 2024 at 03:06 PM

TH

“ *Tracy Walsh, MWI Animal Health purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John A. Geiger DVM.*



**Tracy Walsh, MWI Animal Health** - December 04, 2024 at 02:34 PM

WR

“ We've lost another fine member of our old neighborhood gang. His Mother Ester was our Cub Scout Pack Leader.

RIP John.

To his family, " May his memory be your blessing".

Wes

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Wes Radford - December 04, 2024 at 01:10 PM

MH

Mary Beth Holliday

He saved my Trixie's life and didnt charge me in a emergency. I called him at home at 4 AM he asked me if I could make it to the office in the snow storm when I pulled in he was waiting in his car for me. It was a sunday morning she was hemorrhaging he drove to the office 5 AM in a snow storm gave her a shot and some pills for her and he didnt charge me a dime because he new I was struggeling for money. GOD BLESS THIS MAN !!!!!

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Mary holliday - December 05, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Geiger DVM.



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December 04, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John A. Geiger DVM.

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December 04, 2024 at 12:53 PM

LJ

“ Dr Geiger cared for our farm animals and pets for 40 yrs.  
He was the best veterinarian I've ever known which I'm certain he inherited from his father.  
The love and compassion he gave was undescrivable and genuine.  
Sending my deepest condolences.

Lynn Jackson - December 04, 2024 at 12:44 PM

RZ

“ Dr. Geiger was the best. I had him for years with all my dogs . He always spent the time and explained anything and answered all questions i had. Prayers for the family  
Rhonda Zimmerman

Rhonda Zimmerman - December 04, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Geiger DVM.



December 04, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MA

“ We are so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a wonderful veterinarian and could be the life of the party. He will be missed.  
Our love and prayers to you and your family.

Maggie - December 04, 2024 at 12:04 PM

HM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Even though you knew the situation, it is never easy. I know that from my own personal experience on so many occasions. My deepest sympathy and prayers for all.

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**Harry Mageski** - December 04, 2024 at 11:29 AM

RV

“ I can remember John as a student at Cros-Lex and seeing him come out with his father Harold when some of our cows needed help at our farm. Condolences to the family at this time.

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**Rick VanConant** - December 04, 2024 at 11:26 AM

MB

“ Dr. Geiger was an amazing Veterinarian. Prayers to my classmate Emily and her family. So sorry for your loss.

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**Marrah Brown** - December 04, 2024 at 09:27 AM