



## Dr. Lawrence E. Merrick

March 21, 2008

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Dateline: Albia, Iowa

Dr. Lawrence E. Merrick, D.O.

Dr. Lawrence E. Merrick, D.O., age 57 of Albia died early Friday morning,  
March 21, 2008, at his residence in rural Albia.

Lawrence was born in Centerville, Iowa, to Lawrence and Wilma Lois  
(Randall) Merrick on June 21, 1950. He attended and graduated From Wayne  
County High School. After high school he graduated from North East Missouri  
State in Kirksville, Missouri, and then graduated with his Doctorate of  
Osteopathic Medicine from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Lawrence married Patricia Joy Mattern in Kirksville, Missouri. They were  
married May 26, 1978. During their marriage they raised four children.

Lawrence served as a captain in the United States Army for 5 years after  
graduation from Medical College. He served his medical internship at William  
Beaumont Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, and also was stationed in  
Missouri, but mostly in Germany, during his military service. Lawrence worked  
in private practice after his service in the U.S. Army. For a short time he had a  
private practice in Albia. For over 20 years he worked and later owned the  
Osteopathic Medical Clinic in Ottumwa, Iowa. Lawrence was also the Wapello  
County Jail Physician.

Lawrence was a former Boy Scout Leader in Albia. A member of the Iowa

Osteopathic Medical Association, and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. When Lawrence was younger and lived with his parents in Corydon he was a member of the Disciples of Christ of which he helped build the church.

Lawrence is survived by his Mother, Wilma Merrick of Corydon; his wife, Patricia "Pat" Merrick of Albia; four children, Trevor Merrick of Ames, Jhon Merrick of Ottumwa, David Merrick of Albia, and Susana Merrick of Albia.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Merrick.

Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Winfield funeral Home. Lawrence's family will be greeting friends from 5 to 7:00 P.M., Tuesday evening.

Funeral services will be held at 7:00P.M., Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at the Winfield Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Grover Branson officiating. Per Lawrence's request cremation will follow services.

Memorials may be given to Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Condolences may be made at [www.winfieldfh.com](http://www.winfieldfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Lawrence E. Merrick*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Dr. Lawrence E. Merrick*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear Dr. Merrick had died. I enjoyed working with him while I was the night supervisor at Monroe County Hospital in the 80's and early 90's. He was a joy to work with. Know my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Respectfully  
Kate*

**Katey (Burzlaff) Clark** - March 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Pat and kids,  
Just a note to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Larry was such a fun parent to work with, super Dr. to expedite whatever form I needed, and just all around great family man. While nothing said at this time will really penetrate the fog, know that every day is a little clearer and God will hold your hearts in his hand until that time when you have healed enough to smile everytime you think of him. If you want to talk, just let me know via email or phone and I'll be there for you. Love and hugs to each of you.  
Lin/Mrs. Drumm*

**Lin K Drumm** - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Dear Pat and Family:*

*Our deepest sympathies to each of you on your loss. I did not know doc but I do know you both raised a wonderful family. So glad I got the time to know each of them and working with you.  
My prayers are with each of you.*

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**Patti Kraber** - March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Pat and family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with you many years ago in Albia. I was a patient of Dr. Merrick's in the Ott. clinic. I will always remember his sense of humor and how he always had time to listen along with an interesting story. A person always left his office with a smile on their face and feeling better even though you were sick. He touched many lives. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Treca Wemer Hartley** - March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *I was deeply saddened to read of Dr. Merrick's passing. Dr. Merrick has been my Dr. for about 12 years. He helped me through a very difficult time when I ruptured a disc in my back. He always had a smile and loved to sit and talk after we took care of medical business. I will miss him very much. Dr. Merrick, Linda and Virginia have become my friends, not just my medical professionals.*

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**Gary Franklin** - March 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are all so very sorry to hear of your loss. Dr. Merrick was a wonderful person and physician. He was very good to all of us and his will be extremely missed, by everyone who had the honor of knowing him. Your husband/father touched everyones lives that he came in contact with. He may reprimand you for not coming into the office as soon as he wanted you to, but he always had a smile and usually a funny or interesting story to tell. May God bless and keep you in his care through this difficult time and always.

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**the Anders family** - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dearest Pat,  
With heartbreak grief I write to extend our very deepest sympathy on your loss.

So much to say and not easy for you or me. Words become almost meaningless even though we send them with the vert best of intentions. Larry was the best boss and friend, you also, to us I ever had, and we carry him in our hearts and minds.

My prayers go up for each of you in these coming days. Just know each of you are loved and appreciated.

I am unable to make the trip right now, but when I am in Iowa you will hear from me.

Always,  
Barb Sanders, Jean & Jay Wilson

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**Barb Sanders** - March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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With heartbreak grief I write to extend our very  
deepest sympathy on your loss.

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