



Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S.

April 10, 1952 - June 2, 2024

Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M.R.C.V.S. 72, of La Plata, Maryland, passed away suddenly on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Born on April 10, 1952 in Ballyclare, Northern Ireland, he was the son of Thomas and Catherine Cunningham. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Robert. He is survived by his wife Jane, sons Owen and Brett (Sarah), and sisters Aileen and Maureen. Dr. Cunningham was a long time Veterinarian who owned and operated the Animal Clinic of La Plata. He attended Trinity College, Dublin Ireland where he received his membership into the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Ivan, as he was known to his family and friends, was a passionate veterinarian who also found time to serve his community. For many years he was involved with the Humane Society and served on the Animal Control Board of Charles County. Other passions were mentoring youth through the Boy Scouts of America where he received the Good Scouter Award in 2012. He spent many happy times enjoying the outdoors camping, hiking and biking.

His real pleasure was being the caretaker and confidant to his many loyal animal clinic clients and furry patients whom he considered family. His compassion and kindness will be greatly missed by many including his dedicated and loyal clinic staff, friends and family. The lives he touched in our

community were vast and too wide to be fully realized.

Ivan's family will have a gathering of friends and family at 11AM until the time of service at 12 Noon where all will be welcomed on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1200 Charles Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Charles County or to Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC).

Online condolences may be made on Dr. Cunningham's Tribute Wall at www.raymondfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church
1200 Charles Street
La Plata, MD 20646

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ND

“ Naush nd Deirdre purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



Naush nd Deirdre - May 30, 2025 at 07:06 AM

CH

“ Jane,
Cheryl and I are so sorry for your loss. Our words seem such a weak and fruitless attempt to relieve your grief at this overwhelming loss.

Ivan and I spent much time together with Boy Scout Troop 1321. He was a wise, quiet leader and mentor. While being quiet and thoughtful, he would make a stoic joke. I couldn't begin to count the multitude of Scouts that he taught to be men.

To Ivan - thank you for the chance to know you. I has been my true honor. Rest well my friend. Rest well. We've got it from here. NFTB

Charlie and Cheryl Eisele

Charlie - June 15, 2024 at 10:20 AM

FC

“Stuart and I (Frances) are so, so sorry to lose Dr. Cunningham. He was a wonderful man, one of the three finest veterinarians I have known in over 40 years. We trusted him implicitly with the care of our cats and our late dog. He had been nursing our kidney-failure cat through 18 months of repeated attacks (which should have killed him a year ago!), so we saw a lot of him lately. He always listened to what I had to tell him about my pets' health, and what I had found out when researching treatments online - not many vets understand how much the pet owners' know and understand; he did.

He had a wonderful face, and a smile that lit up the room, one we saw only two or three times. It became almost comical at times, with me picking up more medications and saying to Dr. Cunningham, "He's still alive!" And Dr. C. knew who I was and who I was referring to. What a memory! I don't know if I'll ever meet another veterinarian as skilled and knowledgeable as he.

I wish I had had the chance to invite him to a backyard picnic and get to know him better.

My thoughts are with Mrs. Cunningham and his family and friends.

Frances & Stuart Carmody - June 12, 2024 at 07:32 PM

CB

“Mrs Cunningham my condolences to you and Your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carolyn Bowman - June 11, 2024 at 03:52 PM

NE

“Nancy E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

Nancy E. - June 10, 2024 at 02:34 PM

JB

“ I’m heartbroken and shocked to hear of the passing of Dr. Cunningham. He was the most caring, compassionate and humble Veterinarian I have ever met. I remember when I had to bring my Shepherd in to be euthanized, and Dr. C came out to my car and carried her in, because she could no longer walk. I’m praying for his family, and the staff at the Animal Clinic of La Plata.

Jennifer Beamer - June 10, 2024 at 10:05 AM

ML

Oh, how Dr Cunningham loved animals. I believe all dogs go to Heaven many of whom will greet Dr. Cunningham at the Gates of Heaven. The world has lost a wonderful man who was a very fine Veterinarian. Thank you for taking such good care of my little dog Millie. You will be sorely missed by the canines of LaPlata and their owners.

Martha Lane - June 11, 2024 at 10:33 AM

BS

My condolences go out to his family and to all who knew this wonderful man and compassionate veterinarian. He will be greatly missed.

Beth Searfoss - June 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM

AM

“ Dr, Cunningham was the best of the best!! I have been taking my fur babies to him for 40 years, He was kind and always seem to know the proper diagnosis and,treatment. I wish the best for his wife Jane and his entire family RIP

Alice C. Mattingly - June 09, 2024 at 07:53 PM

WM

“ My wife Pat and I are devastated to hear of Dr. Cunningham’s passing. We can’t begin to imagine the pain his family must be experiencing right now. We wish them peace and only the best memories of a man who was not only a pillar of our community, but a caring family man and devoted doctor for us all.

We have been bringing our dogs to Dr. C for 20 years. His reputation preceded him when we moved to the county then. He’s counseled us and helped us with all our “lost” causes. There have been more than a few times when we were thinking with our hearts instead of our heads but he looked us in the eyes and told us that if we wanted to try he would help us. I remember bringing our rather young mutt of a dog to see him because of a lump on the dogs neck. He knew right away what it was and he shook his head and said quietly, “it’s just not fair”. He referred us to the best surgeons and specialists. He knew the cancer was most likely fatal but, he knew we wanted to try and so he helped us. That pup managed another 3 years although he succumbed to the inevitable.

We also got to know the fun side of Dr. C. Driving the dinky little car in the Veterans Day parade and being able to laugh at himself. We saw the generous side of him with the sacrifices he made with the county animal rescues and other charitable causes. He set a great example as someone we could all emulate in some way. He will be missed sorely by so many people and his family can be proud of his legacy.

Wm & Patricia Markley - June 08, 2024 at 08:10 PM

AH

“ David and I are deeply heartbroken to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. We have been taking our pets to him for many years and he took such wonderful care of them and we trusted him completely. If there was ever an emergency with one of our cats, as there was just last week, he would always fit them into his busy schedule. He was truly a wonderful, compassionate and caring person and we will miss him terribly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Cunningham and family, the staff at the Animal Clinic and all of his clients. May you rest in peace, Dr. Cunningham.

April Higgs - June 08, 2024 at 01:31 PM

BF

“ So sad to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. My deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones. He was a trusted and loved veterinarian for decades. So skilled and knowledgeable and so very kind and compassionate to his patients and their families. He served his community in so many unforgettable ways and is greatly missed. Keeping all his loved ones lifted in Prayer and close in my heart.
Beverly and Mary Lou Farmer

Beverly Farmer - June 08, 2024 at 01:14 PM

SM

I'm shocked hearing about the passing of Dr. Cunningham, he was my doggies vet ever since they were little Dr, Cunningham was one of the best vets. I knew he was so caring and compassionate and loved his doggies he was the nicest Dr. I knew there will never be another Dr, Cunningham. My prayers are with his family and all his friends he definitely was loved and loved his animals ❤️

Sandra Myers - November 09, 2024 at 07:36 PM

DP

“ My sincere condolences to Dr. Cunningham's family, loved ones, and staff. He was very special as we all know and experienced. He was one of the best who not only treated and healed so many animals, but deeply cared for the animal's well being. I've heard so many wonderful stories about him, know that some clients travel far to his practice, and see that he's formed a community of people who are close to him. I'll never forget my first visit with my new pup - Dr. Cunningham thanked me for adopting him! No other vet has ever said that. During examinations, I could see how deeply focused he was on what he was doing as he proceeded through the exam; it was something extra special I haven't noticed with others. RIP Dr. Cunningham and I hope you knew the impact you had on so many over the years.

Debra Padgett - June 08, 2024 at 12:20 PM

SC

“ Dear Mrs Cunningham,
This is an unimaginable loss...The only consolation is faith. I had always dreaded the day Dr.Cunningham would retire. He was part and parcel of our monastery pets for so many years...
May you and your children bear this parting with patience and strength. Please know you are in my prayers. Sr.Luciana

Sister Luciana (PT CARMEL) - June 08, 2024 at 11:13 AM

TG

“ To Jane and Family, the embers of our campfire burned low last night as we learned of Ivan's passing. So many memories, the unswerving support for our children, the comradeship of a thousand cool nights under the stars, and even the unmitigated delight of sharing a visit to our farm's newborn lambs. Steady, keep the pace for Ivan, we shall build the fire bright tonight in his memory.

The Gerrie's - June 08, 2024 at 09:55 AM

R.

“ To the Cunningham family, Jane and sons, we send our deepest condolences.

Dr. C was our vet since 1982. He cared for our pets when I was a teen, as well as my Aunt's pets, and then when I moved out and had my own animals, he cared for them as well – for 16 years. As a matter of fact we adopted Max from the Humane Society and Dr. C recognized him the first time we brought him in to the clinic, because he had cared for him while at CCHS. If it wasn't for Dr. C, I doubt our Ceasar would have made it to 6 months because he was sick when we got him from a deficient breeder at 8 weeks. Thanks to the excellent care of Dr. C (and staff), he lived to be 14. I know there are testimonials like this all over MD.

While Dr. C had the knowledge and skills to care for so many different animals and treat many different ailments, including groundbreaking advances in technology/medicine - I believe his honest caring and compassion is the special sauce that made all the difference. He knew his patients and cared for them well – day and night. He helped us when there were tough decisions to make, and he sent a hand written condolence letter after the passing of our dogs.

Such a beautiful spirit, a beacon of light in this world. A good vet, yes, but he was also a good person. This devastating loss reverberates within the community that he served for many years. And while this loss is difficult for us now, I can only imagine the tails wagging, tongues lolling and cats purring - greeting him on Rainbow Bridge.

Sending prayers for all who knew and loved him, including family, staff at the Clinic, patients, and friends.

R. Karis

R.Karis - June 08, 2024 at 09:13 AM

GW

“ Geoff and I were new pet parents when we met Dr. Cunningham 14 years ago. He patiently taught us how to take care of our German shepherd. As our baby aged, Dr. Cunningham showed her so much love. He gave her the best care. We will miss him terribly. Our condolences are just not enough, we wish we could do more to ease the pain. Thank you for sharing Dr. Cunningham with us.

Geoff and Barbara Wimbush - June 08, 2024 at 08:53 AM

MS

“ In honor and in memory of our favorite veterinarian, Dr. Ivan Cunningham, whose memorial service is today at our church. He touched so many lives and took care of so many pets here in Southern Maryland and will be missed by us all. He was a gentle man, full of faith and service to his family, his community, his patients and his church. Everyone who knew him loved him! Our prayers are for his family, his veterinary staff and the community that he embraced. May you rest in peace, Dr. Cunningham. Marty, Joyce and Denny

Martin Staub - June 08, 2024 at 07:49 AM

MG

“ To Jane and all your family. I was so sorry to hear about your sudden loss. This time of life never comes easy. I have always had the greatest respect for you and your family. The world may seem broken now however healing will come. As this is only the slightest gift I can provide, please accept my condolences.

Michael Greenberg - June 08, 2024 at 06:53 AM

AN

“ Our thoughts are with you Jane. Ivan was part of the Brendan Road and Kennilworth Square family back in our days at Trinity together. Happy memories of a fine friend sharing important times together. Love from Adrian and Alison

Adrian and Alison Nutt - June 08, 2024 at 04:33 AM

PH

“ I have know Dr. Cunningham for over 40 years. He has taken such good and compassionate care of my many pets over the course of that time. He has also taken good care of me as their Mom. I am so heartbroken and will miss him so much. My prayers are for Jane, his sons and other family, and also for all of us who loved him so much.

Pamela Hanes - June 07, 2024 at 10:03 PM

GB

“ Ivan was a great scouter who always went above and beyond to help scouts and there families. I remember many great trips with him. He was also a vet whom I could call anytime..the best taken far to soon.. Glenn

Glenn Belmore - June 07, 2024 at 06:35 PM

MA

“ For the past 5 years I have had the privilege of working at The Animal Clinic of La Plata for Dr. C. that's what I called him. I am still in shock and heartbroken over the loss. He was very proud of his clinic and cared for his staff greatly. I will truly miss seeing him everyday.

Marsha M

marsha - June 07, 2024 at 06:29 PM

JD

“ Dr. Cunningham and staff have taken excellent care of our many pets for quite a number of years past. Although not always encountering Dr. Cunningham on my visits to the Animal Clinic, when I did so encounter him we always shared information on the happenings in our native island. It's truly depressing that the good people who inhabit this planet are taken from us with no logical reason while those whose goal in life is the defamation and destruction of others, carry on without care or conscience dying peacefully in their beds.

John Doyle - June 07, 2024 at 04:32 PM

TF

“ The Doyle Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



The Doyle Family - June 07, 2024 at 04:04 PM

MC

“ I did not know Dr. Cunningham very well personally, however my family has been a patron of his veterinary practice Animal Clinic of La Plata for many years now, and his warmth and compassion were a clear factor in how he ran the practice and a big reason we felt so comfortable bringing our dear pets there. Dr. Cunningham was clearly a pillar of the community and his presence will be missed by many.

Matthew Clodfelter - June 07, 2024 at 03:25 PM

LN

“ *Lisa Neu purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*



Lisa Neu - June 07, 2024 at 10:25 AM

LN

“ *Lisa Neu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*

Lisa Neu - June 07, 2024 at 10:25 AM

MF

“ *On behalf of the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association's Board and Members, we send our sincerest condolences to Dr. Cunningham's wife, son and family. He will be missed.*

Marisa Francis - June 07, 2024 at 10:14 AM

LF

“ *Linda Summers and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*



Linda Summers and family - June 07, 2024 at 09:35 AM

TK

“ *The Kubala Family sends our condolences to the Cuttingham Family. We have been a client for many years and got great service from this vet office. Dr. Cunningham is surely going to be missed.*

Teresa Kubala - June 07, 2024 at 09:15 AM

AR

“ *April Higgs and David Russell purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*



April Higgs and David Russell - June 07, 2024 at 09:08 AM

AH

“ *April Higgs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*

April Higgs - June 07, 2024 at 08:54 AM

DR

“ *David S Russell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*

David S Russell - June 07, 2024 at 08:42 AM

TF

“ *We were so lucky to have Dr. Cunningham care for our pups. Enkidu, Doc, Bailey, Bruno, Rex, Peanut and Daisy had long and healthy lives because of this kind man. We are saddened to hear that this saint of a man has left us.*

The Opiekun Family - June 06, 2024 at 09:59 PM

CH

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. Dr. Cunningham was a remarkable, compassionate, loving, caring vet & person. He touched our lives through our beloved pets; kept them healthy, healed them when sick, & even saved their lives. I will remember him fondly, always. RIP, my friend.
Charlie Huber & family

Charlie Huber - June 06, 2024 at 09:38 PM

AF

“ He will be missed. He was the best, who took care of 5 of my pets. Sending comforting prayers to family and friends.

Anne Foster - June 06, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ Dr. Cunningham will be sorely missed by all. He was the best vet in the area, and he's been there for my pets and family since I was just a little boy. I'll never forget his friendly cheer that he shared with us and all his clients, nor the deep care and compassion he always showed when the news wasn't so great. Even though I ultimately pursued something other than veterinary medicine, I've always been grateful of the opportunity I had to work under him and learn from him. My heart goes out to the many, many people whose lives he's touched. His absence will be felt.

John Pickett - June 06, 2024 at 06:44 PM

LS

“ Dear Jane, Joe and I were so heartbroken to hear of Ivan's death, I had the pleasure of letting you and Ivan a few times with Joe, Ivan was a great man, salt of the earth!! I have heard so many stories of Ivan from Joe over the years. I know Joe really loved him!! We will be praying for you, for strength in this very sad time!! Ivan shall never be forgotten, I'm sure he was loved by so many!! God's peace to you!! Love Joe Janyszek and Luci

Luci Sadlo - June 06, 2024 at 06:36 PM

JF

“ John Pickett & Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



John Pickett & Family - June 06, 2024 at 06:31 PM

JF

“ John Pickett & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

John Pickett & Family - June 06, 2024 at 06:31 PM

MP

“ Dr. C. has been our vet, our friend and the one to offer comfort and guidance during the difficult times when our animals were at their own end, For over 4 decades, the countless visits to our small humble farmstead with horses, dogs, cats, goats, peacocks (although we never did catch them buggers to get them checked - was fun trying), 😊 even employing our son while he pursued pre-vet studies at UMD. Every memory a good one, even in the hardest of times, Dr. C., with his kind heart and friendly demeanor could make the roughest day better. The emptiness left behind is a testament to how important he was to our community - he will forever be missed. My deepest condolences to his family, his friends, his clients. With fond memories, the Goodrick and Pickett families



Marie Pickett - June 06, 2024 at 05:35 PM

WJ

“ With Love Ellen and Jimmy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



With Love Ellen and Jimmy - June 06, 2024 at 05:22 PM

WJ

“ With Love Ellen and Jimmy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

With Love Ellen and Jimmy - June 06, 2024 at 05:22 PM

GB

“ I'm still shocked & saddened at Ivan's sudden passing. My deepest condolences go out to Jane, Owen, Brett & extended family. It is heartbreaking & I will continue to keep the whole family in my thoughts, and pray for strength & comfort. With love, remembrance, & sympathy Gloria Bond & Family



Gloria Bond - June 06, 2024 at 05:09 PM

KL

“ Thank you Dr. Cunningham for your years of service and dedication to our little community.

Kristin Lake - June 06, 2024 at 04:49 PM

DB

“ I, too, was heartbroken to hear of the passing of Dr. Cunningham. He saved my mother's cat, who is now my cat, from a severe allergic reaction in 2021. Knowing how hard it would be for my elderly mom to lose KiKi, he worked to save the cat for two weeks. I believe other veterinarians would have quit and put the cat down. He saved KiKi and I was able to bring the cat home to mom. The word I use for Dr. Cunningham is Hero. He was a wonderful man who cared about every pet and pet owner that walked in the door of his clinic. My deepest condolences to his family and the staff of LaPlata Animal Clinic. Rest in peace my dear Dr. Cunningham.

DEBORAH JEAN BARBOUR - June 06, 2024 at 04:47 PM

DH

“ Desiree H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

Desiree H. - June 06, 2024 at 01:45 PM

NC

“ Nancy and I have been taking our valued family pets to Doctor Cunningham for over 40 years. There are no words to describe the loss that we and all of you are experiencing. Ivan Cunningham was so much more than just the local veterinarian. He was the world's best veterinarian. There was no one kinder, more willing to help, and always with a word of encouragement. He carried his Christian values into the community both professionally and personally. It was an honor and a privilege to know him.

Nancy and Ken Cain

Nancy and Ken Cain - June 06, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DH

“ Was shocked and heartbroken to hear of Dr Cunninghams passing, God has an amazing man in his arms. He will be missed dearly by all who has met him including our fur babies. I had the chance to work for him years ago he was very compassionate for clients and their pets. I know my family and fur babies will miss him dearly. My deepest condolences to his family.

*Sincerely
Desiree Hash and family*

Desiree Hash - June 06, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



June 06, 2024 at 12:55 PM

EN

“ Earl Spiece and JoAnne Norton purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



Earl Spiece and JoAnne Norton - June 06, 2024 at 06:18 AM

EN

“ Earl Spiece and JoAnne Norton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

Earl Spiece and JoAnne Norton - June 06, 2024 at 06:18 AM

DH

“ Back in 1986 my Shepard was having congenital heart failer called Dr. Cunningham in the middle of the night when there were no emergency offices at the time . Dr Cunningham told me to meet him at the office He stayed with my dog all night till he passed. What a beautiful person and will be vey much missed. God be with this incredible person . Don and Lynn Humphrey

Donald Humphrey - June 06, 2024 at 04:31 AM

JD

“ *Ivan was not just our vet of many yrs for several of our pets, but a kind individual and a very good friend. Our children were in scouts together and ventures together and we both helped to start the venturing program in Southern Md. When ever I had a question I could count on him to be there for me. And when our pets got in an emergency regardless of the day or night weather he was working or not all I had to do was hit him up on the phone and he said bring them in and he was there. We will never have another vet like him. I have lost a good friend, but gained an Angel to watch over us all. May you rest in peace my friend and May God be with you and your family. All our love John & Lisa Doering.*

John Doering - June 05, 2024 at 09:25 PM

LS

“ *It is with profound sadness at the sudden loss of our dear, long time veterinarian, that we send our deepest condolences to Dr. Cunningham's wife Jane and their two sons; as well as to the entire staff of La Plata Animal Clinic. He has been our most caring vet since 1969 for all of our family pets. He cared for them as if they were his very own. We've never known anyone so professional, knowledgeable and kind as he was. Indeed he was a humble and beloved man and we will truly miss him. We believe he was met by a tremendous throng of happy animals waiting for him at the Rainbow Bridge. There will never be another Dr. C. May he rest in Peace and may God bless his family and all his devoted employees.*

*Larry & Karli Simpson
La Plata*

Larry Simpson - June 05, 2024 at 09:24 PM

RC

“ Please accept my deepest condolences to the family over the loss of Dr. Cunningham. Tuscany (my beagle) and I are saddened over the loss of Dr. Cunningham. He was such a caring and wonderful Veterinarian. We will miss him dearly. Tuscany and Rayco Cheney

Rayco Cheney - June 05, 2024 at 09:05 PM

MG

“ Our whole family was deeply saddened to learn of Dr. C's death. He was my Vet for many years before I went to work for him. He taught me so much during my ten years there. Our families were connected in many ways...I also worked for Jane part time, my husband did several electrical repairs for him at the Clinic, our daughter, Maggie, babysat for Owen and worked at the clinic her last two years of high school. His passing will leave a gaping hole in our hearts and in the LaPlata community. Sending prayers and condolences to Jane, Brett and Owen.

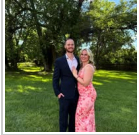
Melissa Garner & family

Melissa Hobler Garner - June 05, 2024 at 09:01 PM

MY

“ Dr.Ivan,as I used to call him, was the most caring vet for our dogs. My fondest memory was his most caring way he put down our first dog, our beloved cocker spaniel Chester. I was heartbroken. Deciding to have Chester cremated, Dr. Ivan cut some of his curls from his ears and gave them to me when I went to pick up his ashes. That bag of curls remains on our fireplace mantle. I will always remember the blessing he was to all of us.

Mary Ann Yeckley - June 05, 2024 at 07:23 PM



“ *My family and I are saddened to hear of Dr. Cunningham’s passing. He was a caring vet and very skilled at his craft. He will be missed dearly by the community. He was someone that you could trust would take the best care of your loved ones. Sending love and prayers for his family.*

Macy Nicole - June 05, 2024 at 06:55 PM

KH

“ *Kathleen Rhoads, Paul Fore & Lulu the Havanese purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*



Kathleen Rhoads, Paul Fore & Lulu the Havanese - June 05, 2024 at 06:23 PM

SH

“ *Staff of St. Charles Animal Hospital purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*



Staff of St. Charles Animal Hospital - June 05, 2024 at 06:16 PM

TF

“ *The Curbelo Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*



The Curbelo Family - June 05, 2024 at 05:57 PM

GH

“ *In honor of our wonderful friend Ivan Cunningham, from Gail Hitchcock, Kathy Davis and all of their four footed children.*



Gail Hitchcock - June 05, 2024 at 05:40 PM

DP

“ *My wife and I are completely heartbroken over this passing of Dr Cunningham. He was a kind and caring man who took great care of our dogs, coming into work numerous times on his days off when our Chihuahua was very sick. We send our deepest condolences to his family and the wonderful staff at The Animal Clinic of LaPlata.*
Dominic & Barbara Petropol

Dominic & Barbara Petropol - June 05, 2024 at 05:04 PM

AH

“ *My sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Cunningham . I am stunned and saddened.*

Anne Marie Horvath - June 05, 2024 at 04:25 PM

LS

“ We were so sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Dr. Cunningham. We send our deepest condolences to Jane, Brett, Owen and family. Dr. Cunningham was a wonderful veterinarian and a staple in the Charles County community who gave myself and many others the chance to learn about the veterinary field. He also gave me a place to start the small animal portion of my career and I will forever be grateful. Rest easy!



-Laura "Molly" Smith and Family

Laura Smith - June 05, 2024 at 04:04 PM

TM

“ Deepest condolences to Dr Ivan Cunningham's Family! The world lost such a great and wonderful man and veterinarian! I met Dr Cunningham some 40 years ago when I started taking my furbabies to his practice. I always knew he would be honest and give them the very best care. We talked about the nature of healing animals give to people and the respect the animals give in return when respected, that always designated with me and today I have a therapy farm for people and rescued animals! I will definitely be planting a tree in honor and memory of him. May you RIP Dr Ivan Cunningham 🙏
You will be greatly missed,
Tina Schlosser Maier

Tina Schlosser Maier - June 05, 2024 at 02:04 PM

TH

“ Dr C was more than our Vet of 2 decades. He was a magician who gave our dogs their best life. What an incredible man, and I hope his loved ones find solace in knowing his deep impact to our family. Godspeed.

TheBeisners - June 05, 2024 at 01:36 PM

KM

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”
(Matt. 25:21)

I first met Dr. Cunningham more than 40 years ago. He was a young man setting up his Veterinarian Practice in the Hawthorne Shopping Center of La Plata. Over the years he gave our family of cats and dogs expert care with such compassion and love. He treated them as family. It was our great honor and privilege to have known him. He has blessed so many. “Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” (Matt. 25:21)

Kathy & Eugene Marquis

Kathy Marquis - June 05, 2024 at 12:27 PM

CS

“ Chesapeake Veterinary Surgical Specialists planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

Chesapeake Veterinary Surgical Specialists - June 05, 2024 at 09:39 AM

TS

“ *The Animal Clinic of La Plata Staff purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*



The Animal Clinic of La Plata Staff - June 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM

TS

“ *The Animal Clinic of La Plata Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*

The Animal Clinic of La Plata Staff - June 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM

GT

“ *Ginger, Dick, Tori, Ted purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*



Ginger, Dick, Tori, Ted - June 05, 2024 at 09:16 AM

GT

“ *Ginger, Dick, Tori, Ted planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..*

Ginger, Dick, Tori, Ted - June 05, 2024 at 09:16 AM

LS

“ La Plata Physical Therapy Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

La Plata Physical Therapy Staff - June 05, 2024 at 09:11 AM

LS

“ La Plata Physical Therapy Staff purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



La Plata Physical Therapy Staff - June 05, 2024 at 09:11 AM

BB

“ Bevin Beatty lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



Bevin Beatty - June 05, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



June 05, 2024 at 08:31 AM

-P

“ -- Carl and Linda Phipps planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

-- Carl and Linda Phipps - June 05, 2024 at 08:31 AM

LL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Cunningham passing. His compassion and dedication was always a comfort to us and treatment of the Liston's Zoo for many years. Condolences and prayers goes out to the Cunningham Family and Staff at this difficult times.

Linda and John Liston - June 05, 2024 at 08:27 AM

TJ

“ We are incredibly saddened to learn about Dr. Cunningham's passing. He welcomed our little puppy Coco with open arms and was such a kind and generous person. Without his guidance, we would have had a tough time, especially in those early days when we first brought her home. He was also great with our children-- explaining everything he did and letting them hear Coco's heartbeat. They loved it. We are sending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, coworkers, the entire clinic, and everyone who will miss him. Sincerely, The Jespensens

The Jespensens - June 05, 2024 at 08:21 AM

CP

“ We offer our deepest sympathy to Jane, the Cunningham family, and everyone at the Animal Clinic of LaPlata. No one was kinder and more compassionate than our beloved Dr. C. For over 25 years he and his wonderful staff cared for all our dogs as if they were their own pets, even our very challenging, troubled boy Buddy. Dr C seemed to have a twinkle in his eye every time he scolded us when the weight of a dog crept up - he knew we spoiled them too much. He wanted what was best for each pet and each owner. We're certain that he was met at the Rainbow bridge by many angels - all the people and pets who love him. Thank you, Dr. C, and God bless you. We'll miss you and we love you.

Carl and Linda Phipps - June 05, 2024 at 08:08 AM

TJ

So beautifully stated! Yes, he will definitely be greeted at the Rainbow bridge.

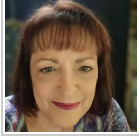
The Jespersens - June 05, 2024 at 08:25 AM

AM

“ Condolences from the whole Murphy family including Kitums the cat. Ivan was our three boys scout leader in Troop 1321. Our memories include a man of kindness and great patience. Our aging kitty received gentle and loving care despite her disposition going to a vet! Thank you for your generous spirit, Ivan. You will be missed here on earth, and surely be welcomed into heaven. Matt and Amy.



Amy Murphy - June 05, 2024 at 07:58 AM



“ Pamela Yount lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S.



Pamela Yount - June 05, 2024 at 07:56 AM

WH

“ I am heartbroken by the loss of my dearest vet. He has been taking care of my animals for 45+ years now. He saved my cat, Patches, who went missing for 9 months and was severely malnourished. That was my first encounter with him. His compassion for animals was evident. He was doing what he loved to do. I recently moved to Crofton and continued to bring my cats, Jack and Lex, to him because there was no other I would trust. My heart goes out to his family, the clinic and everyone else who is heartbroken at this sudden loss of a wonderful man. 🙏🕊️💔

Wanda Hobbs - June 05, 2024 at 07:44 AM

SC

“ Sherri C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

Sherri C. - June 05, 2024 at 06:52 AM

CP

“ Dr C was a wonderful Vet for our dogs Flash, Casey, Cooper and Jackson. His kindness and caring for the animals was very special. He will be missed. Prayers for his family and staff.

Cathy Pette - June 05, 2024 at 06:14 AM

AH

“ Me and my husband are heartbroken to hear this news. Dr.C has been taking care of our pets for 30 plus years. Last month we just lost our Frenchie and Dr.C helped us through that terrible loss. He just sent us a card in the mail last week to express his condolences, and now he's gone. Life is too short! We will truly miss his genuine concern and care for everyone's animals. He was such a great person and I'm so very sorry to his family and friends. Love and prayers 🙏

Andrea Hayden - June 05, 2024 at 03:09 AM

OE

“ To the Cunningham family, our heart goes out to you. Our first visit with Dr Cunningham was May, 17th of this year. Dr Cunningham was so knowledgeable and kind to me and my dog Bentley. He treated us as if we were going there for years. He will certainly be missed. His legacy will be felt by his staff and all of his customers. God's comfort to his family and friends.

New Client,
Orlando Edwards

Orlando D Edwards - June 04, 2024 at 11:33 PM

FD

“ I have been coming to La Plata Animal Hospital since I moved to Waldorf 10 years ago. Dr. Cunningham and his amazing staff have loved and cared for my 3 dogs and cat. Dr. Cunningham's heart was filled with love towards animals and it was tangible. He will be missed.

Frances Dilsaver - June 04, 2024 at 10:52 PM

MW

“ I worked for Ivan for 18 years. He was the best Veterinarian in the area. I started working for him at his little office space behind Pizza Hut in La Plata. I walked in there and asked if he was hiring and I started the next day. He gave me a chance with no experience (that's the type of person he was). Howard was his right hand man , retired service guy, and boy did he show me how to mop floors the right way. It was just us 3 for many years in that small little space untill it was bursting at the seams with clients and pets of all kinds. Jane would come in and lend a hand when the goats would come in for disbudding- we did everything. Jane would make Dr. C lunch everyday and bring it down to him and stay around and we would talk, we were like family. My grandest memories was the wedding shower he threw me at the clinic on Glen Albin, they filled the dog tub up in the back with tons of soapy bubbles (probably dog shampoo) and he literally picked me up and plunged me in the tub. He was there at my wedding and then him and Jane came to my daughter's wedding in New York. He taught me everything I know about pets, and being kind to everyone and everything. He was the Dr that everyone wanted to see, and the office stayed open late in the nights untill the last pet was taken care of. His generosity was huge. My heart is heavy and goes out to Jane and the boys. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields and untill we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Marsha Wells

Marsha Wells - June 04, 2024 at 10:21 PM

NG

Condolences to Mr Cunningham's family, Staff and extended family. I have taken 6 of my doggies to him over the past 25 years. Im sure that you will see all of your furry friends over the rainbow bridge

nancy Goins - June 07, 2024 at 10:11 PM

JC

“ Sincere condolences...
Dr. Cunningham was our family’s vet from 1982 - 1994, taking tender care of our Spitz breed dog, named “Champ”, from puppyhood to his passing at age 12. We were devastated to learn that Champ had a terminal tumor and Dr. Cunningham was so kind and empathetic through the process of letting him go via compassionate euthanasia. I still remember that day, and Dr. Cunningham’s kindness. He will be greatly missed.
- J. Cooper

J. Cooper - June 04, 2024 at 09:59 PM

JL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Cunningham's passing. He was such a kind man. I appreciate the support and mentorship he gave me. I will always look back on my time at his clinic with fondness. Jennifer (Cramer) Leslie, DVM

Jennifer Leslie - June 04, 2024 at 09:41 PM

JW

“ We will never forget Dr Cunningham’s kindness and compassion for our animals and us. His kindness and generosity extended into the community. We are thinking of you as you remember and grieve the loss of this kindhearted man.

Jean Wright - June 04, 2024 at 09:32 PM

MD

“ I consulted with Ivan virtually every week for over 40years and I can say he was one the finest men and veterinarians whom I have ever known. Talented, honest and giving - and these words are an understatement. We talked every week about veterinary medicine but also had many talks about the world around us. Ivan you will be missed especially by me. Rest in peace

Michael Wise, DVM - June 04, 2024 at 09:30 PM

PF

“ So sorry for the loss of Dr Cunningham, we have been taking our dogs and cats to him for 45 years, always so compassionate with our pets, a great loss to family and community, our prayers for the family, Papanicolas Family



Papanicolas Family - June 04, 2024 at 08:56 PM

KS

“ Dr Cunningham was a kind and considerate man who treated all of my k-9's and myself with the utmost care and concern. My condolences to the family, friends and staff at LaPITa Animal clinic.



Kathleen Smith - June 04, 2024 at 08:55 PM

KS

La Plata. Sorry spell check.

Kathleen Smith - June 04, 2024 at 08:57 PM

TK

“ *Dr. Cunningham,
You will always be fondly remembered by our
family as one of the best veterinarians in
Southern Maryland.
My prayers are with your wonderful family and
all the friends and clients that visited your practice for many years.
This is a huge loss for so many that knew you and I pray for the
peace that surpasses all understanding at this very unfortunate time
of unexpected and very tragic loss.
Thank you for making a difference with every animal that you took
care of.
You will no doubt be sorely missed in Southern Maryland.
May God Bless your family,
Tina Minetto Keene*



Tina Minetto Keene - June 04, 2024 at 08:50 PM

PF

“ *Papanicolas Family lit a candle in memory of
Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S.*



Papanicolas Family - June 04, 2024 at 08:49 PM

TC

“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to Jane, Owen, Brett, the Cunningham family, and staff at the Animal Clinic of LaPlata. It was a true blessing to have known such a kind, caring, and compassionate man. We first met Dr. Cunningham when he was under the mentorship of Dr. Malnati at the Waldorf Animal Clinic. When Dr. Cunningham opened the Animal Clinic in LaPlata, we followed him there. For over 40 years, Dr. Cunningham took such wonderful care of our numerous cats and dogs and was always there when emergencies arose. We are very thankful to have known Dr. Cunningham as our veterinarian and dear friend all these years and will miss him dearly.

The Curbelo Family

Theresa Curbelo - June 04, 2024 at 08:27 PM

JH

“ Dr Cunningham was the most compassionate vet I've ever encountered, he went above and beyond to help my and care for my dog turbo and when he passed away dr Cunningham called me and gave me his regards. I'm so sorry to hear about his passing he was truly one of a kind. Fly hi my friend

jeremy hecker - June 04, 2024 at 08:23 PM

SU

“ It only was Dr Cunningham our vet years ago in which my mom handle those care visits, but I had the honor to work with him when I was bored as a teenager and decided to Volunteer at the Humane Society in the mid 90s. While I never went into the field, I learned a lot and with it came a great deal of appreciation of the field. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. He was an absolute Charles County treasure !

Suzanne Carey Dickerson

suzanne - June 04, 2024 at 08:13 PM

BY

“ *Ivan was not simply an incredible vet for our many pups for the 35 years we lived in LaPlata but also a very special friend! Loved enjoying St Patrick parties at his home. Much love and prayers for his family!!! Bobbi Younker*

Bobbi Younker - June 04, 2024 at 07:46 PM

VD

“ *We will miss Dr Cunningham, he helped us through many highs and lows with our cats and dogs since the early 90s. He has a special place in heaven.*



Virginia and Johnnie DeGiorgi - June 04, 2024 at 07:36 PM

KH

“ *He will be missed so much. He has taken care of my fur babies for years. Always smiling. Hugs and prayers to his family 🐾🥹*



Kimberli Hood - June 04, 2024 at 07:32 PM

BD

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. My sincere condolences. As a teenager in high school with a significant vision disability, he allowed me to volunteer after school at the clinic. He was a very caring compassionate vet and human being. Prayers for his family and friends.*



Beth DeLabar - June 04, 2024 at 07:20 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Savoy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S.*



Tracy Savoy - June 04, 2024 at 06:49 PM

TS

It saddens me to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. My sincere condolences and prayers go out to the family and staff at the Animal Clinic.

Tracy Savoy - June 04, 2024 at 06:51 PM

 Teri
Leydon

“ *My husband Jim Leydon and myself, Teresa started taking our pets to Dr. Cunningham after we met him through our son's boy scout troup 20 years ago. He helped us care for our pups and helped them cross the rainbow bridge comfortably. We have never known such a dedicated, wonderful man. Our heart aches for the Cunningham family and all the clinic staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Teri Leydon - June 04, 2024 at 06:43 PM

DH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Cunningham's passing. He is the only vet that my family has trusted for years. He will be sorely missed. Prayers to Mrs. Cunningham and the family.*



Dayle Hadden - June 04, 2024 at 06:41 PM

SR

“ 'bout the only time I ever took gettin' chewed out well was by Dr. Cunningham after he saw our miniature dachshund, Lucy, just after we brought her home from the Charleston, SC, SPCA. The first time that Dr. Cunningham saw Lucy, he said that she was a good weight and that we should try to maintain it; but when I took her back soon after her first appt. for more shots or something, she had gained something like 3 pounds. Dr. Cunningham was not happy and asked me for the reason for Lucy's weight gain. I told him that my husband had been feeding her from the table. Dr. Cunningham said "Shall I talk to him?" I chuckled and said "No, I'll talk to him." Dr. Cunningham loved our dogs--even taking up for them when we parents didn't do our jobs--and I loved him for it. Prayers for Dr. Cunningham's family and for the wonderful doctors and staff at Dr. Cunningham's office as you grieve. We grieve with you.

Susan Reyes - June 04, 2024 at 06:33 PM

JM

“ My husband and I the privilege of knowing Dr. Cunningham over 40 years. When our animals were ill or needed to be euthanasi he would help our animals and comfort John and I. Thank you Dr. Cunningham for all you have done for us and our animals. And to the family you all will be in our prayers. John and Mary Minichino

John Minichino - June 04, 2024 at 06:23 PM

-H

“ - Tidewater Veterinary Hospital purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



- Tidewater Veterinary Hospital - June 04, 2024 at 06:19 PM

SP

“ We were blessed to have Dr. Cunningham take care of our dogs for the last 30 years. But even more blessed to have him be such a wonderful influence on my son and helping him to become an Eagle Scout. Our heart and prayers are with Jane and the boys.

Susan Janyszek @ Ron Pickrel - June 04, 2024 at 06:13 PM

BM

“ I am so saddened to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. For years, he was my vet after Dr Malnati retired. He was so compassionate and caring. There is definitely a place in heaven for this fine man.

Brenda Midolo - June 04, 2024 at 06:11 PM

MP

“ He was the best vet to all my dogs for thirty years. Very caring during the loss of a pet. Big loss to the Vet world. He was the only one I trusted with my pets

Mary Jane Pflug - June 04, 2024 at 06:07 PM

LS

“ Linda and Herb Savage planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..

Linda and Herb Savage - June 04, 2024 at 05:58 PM

JB

“ *Dr Cunningham has been our vet for over thirty years. His compassionate work ethic and care for our dogs (and there have been many) will never be forgotten. His staff is the best in the county and we know they are devastated by this sudden loss. To his family he was not just an amazing vet but most of all a wonderful man. To all of them we send our deepest condolences.*

Jimmy & Debbie Burroughs

Jimmy & Debbie Burroughs - June 04, 2024 at 05:54 PM

CW

“ *To Mrs. Cunningham and the entire family and staff of Dr. Cunningham,. My husband, Tom and I, are just as shocked and devastated as everyone else is about this terrible news. Like so many others in the community, we depended on Dr. Cunningham to help our fur babies whenever those babies needed medical care. Dr. Cunningham also dispensed emotional support for those who were coping with the loss of a beloved pet. Thinking about all of our fur babies who have crossed the rainbow bridge during the past 48 years, I cannot imagine their having received better care than that given by Dr. Cunningham. He is irreplaceable. The only consolation is imagining how many fur babies were waiting for him at the rainbow bridge when he arrived. They are showering him with affection and gratitude and are so glad to be reunited with their favorite doctor as he is to be reunited with them. We will never, ever forget you, Dr. Cunningham. Thank you for all that you did for us and for our fur babies! ... with much caring and respect Tom and Charlotte Weirich.*

Charlotte A. Weirich - June 04, 2024 at 05:28 PM

JM

“ I am a USAF veteran that served his last eight years at Andrews AFB. My wife and I (plus two dogs) moved to Waldorf MD in 1995. This is when we decided to have had Dr. Cunningham and his staff take care of our dogs. It deeply saddens us to hear of his untimely passing. He was a blessing to all he came in contact with. We know he will be truly missed. Our condolences go out to his wife, family and friends.

Jon McDaniel - June 04, 2024 at 05:05 PM

LA

“ I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Dr. Cunningham. His compassionate care and dedication was always a source of comfort to us as we brought numerous pets to him over many years. I am thinking of his family at this difficult time and hope they can find solace in knowing that his kindness and caring touched countless lives.

Lynne Arnold - June 04, 2024 at 05:00 PM

DW

“ Dee Warder lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S.



Dee Warder - June 04, 2024 at 04:58 PM

DW

Sending my sincerest sympathy to Dr Cunningham's family, his staff @ the Animal Clinic & his many friends ~ he will be very much missed. Ivan was a friend as well to many dogs, cats, etc

Dee Warder - June 04, 2024 at 05:08 PM

GF

“ Dr. Cunningham or as my husband knew him, Ivan served our family of hunting hounds for over 40 years I know, with a thorough understanding of their job in the sport. He will immensely missed! My prayers and love are with his family and wife, Jane.

Gilroy family - June 04, 2024 at 04:58 PM

RB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. He will be sorely missed. May God's love uphold you and keep you uplifted.

Roz Brown - June 04, 2024 at 04:49 PM

LS

“ Dr Cunningham was a excellent Vet to my fur Babies, and his staff as well. My Condolences to his wife Jane and family.

Linda G. Summers - June 04, 2024 at 04:49 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. I never met Dr. Cunningham personally but he was my parents pets vet for years and when I moved to La Plata, I started bringing my pets to his clinic at my parents recommendation. Jane, his lovely wife, was my physical therapist for a bit. My heart goes out to Jane, his family, those who worked at his clinic and those clients who trusted their furry family members with him for so many years.



Jaymi Suzanne Peyton - June 04, 2024 at 04:40 PM

PT

“ My family and I have known Dr. Cunningham for more than 30 years. In that time, he has taken care of our many cats and dogs. He truly loved our pets as much as we did. Always caring, kind and compassionate, there is no better friend to the animals. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Patty and Steve Tillman - June 04, 2024 at 04:34 PM

CL

“ Dr. Cunningham was our vet for over 40 years. When we first went to his new office at the beginning of his career, he had only 14 files on his shelf. Now there are thousands. His wife was his desk person, and his Dad was sweeping the floor. Over the years, he help us with many of our fur babies...even ones we found on the road that had been hit with a car. He was ALWAYS the most caring a compassionate person who did everything he could to help us and our animal babies. We hold his family in our heart and prayers. We will miss him greatly

Cheryl LeJeune - June 04, 2024 at 04:23 PM

KB

“ We recently moved here and just saw Dr. Cunningham last week. He was compassionate and caring the few times we have been to see him. So very sorry to hear of his passing. Our hearts are with his family and practice.

Kate Brass - June 04, 2024 at 04:15 PM

RD

“ Many many years ago my cat was suffering with a blockage in her kidneys. Dr. Cunningham came out in a hurricane to meet us at the clinic and took my cat home and nursed her for 2 days until she was back on her feet again. He was a wonderful veterinarian and I have never forgot how he went above and beyond for my cat. My prayers are with the family and all his loyal patients

Rachel Drake - June 04, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JH

“ Dr. Cunningham has been by our side for 25 years taking care of our pets. He has always helped tremendously with support for us at the end of their lives and we are sending all of our prayers to his family at this time. He will be missed be so many.

Julie Hardesty - June 04, 2024 at 04:09 PM

BA

“ Countless furry friends and their families have been touched by Dr. Cunningham. He was a blessing to us all. Praying for you Dr. C, wishing your family peace and comfort during this difficult time. Thank you for your years of dedication and for touching the lives of everyone around you.
Barb and Mike Horton

Barb - June 04, 2024 at 04:07 PM

BP

“ I am shocked at hearing about who I called the greatest veterinarian ever. For over thirty years did he care for me and my dog family, in good times and in the sad ones. Never did he say that he was the best, but I did. The most compassionate person I've met. May the Lord grant you mercy my friend.

Bill Pflug - June 04, 2024 at 04:03 PM

EL

“ We will miss you...Eleanor sends her Belgian Mal kisses.

Eleanor - June 04, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ Dr. Cunningham had been a blessing in disguise. He has helped our family with 4 of our furry family members. All at the end of their lives. He let us know and feel the care he took with all of them. He will be missed so much. I know the gates were opened and welcoming him with open arms. R.I.P. dear Sir.

Maureen Jones - June 04, 2024 at 03:46 PM

KK

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. I have been a client of his animal clinic for many years thru multiple pets. His staff is always so professional and caring. Sending condolences to his family and his co-workers. He will be missed very much.

Kathy Kelly - June 04, 2024 at 03:43 PM

KW

“ My heart is broken. Dr Cunningham was the kindest, caring man. When my Gracie needed to be put to sleep, he stayed with me after. Then when my Lizzie had to leave me also. No one man could be so caring and dedicated to his practice. I pray for Jane to know how he was loved. Peace and love to her and her family



Kathy Wilkerson - June 04, 2024 at 03:38 PM

MH

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. He and his staff have been taking such wonderful care of our pets for more than 30 years. May our Lord comfort you all and assure you that Dr. Cunningham was greeted with open arms and thousands of wagging tails as he was welcomed into Heaven.

Mary Ellen Howard - June 04, 2024 at 03:33 PM

NF

“ Dr. Cunningham has been our vet for well over 30 years. He was always caring, friendly, and professional toward us. He will be missed. Prayers to his family and coworkers.

Norma Flores-Kret - June 04, 2024 at 03:27 PM

MR

“ We have been going to Dr Cunningham for 30 years. We always had a good laugh in his office. He was so kind and caring with our animals and helped us when it was time to let them go. We will miss him dearly

Marianne Romero - June 04, 2024 at 03:10 PM

RR

We will miss Dr. Cunningham very much, he was a kind and gentle person to our dog Shug. Rest in peace. 🙏

Rose Marie Roberson - June 04, 2024 at 04:25 PM

HD

“ Dr. Cunningham treated my family as his own. He was instrumental in helping my mom to be a knowledgeable breeder of Jack Russell Terriers in the 90s/2000s, and did all he could for each puppy born, and for all of our other family pets. His impact on our family and our community is everlasting. May God be near to his family and friends during this time.

Holly Deas - June 04, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JH

“ We met Dr Cunningham over 30 years ago, our pup Gizmo hurt her hip chasing an animal in our woods, she treed it & in the process hurt her hip, Dr C did surgery on Thanksgiving day, the bill was \$150.00. He fussed at us because we didn't bring her in right away, we thought she was faking! Wonderful man, he will be missed, now he is visiting the pups at the Rainbow Bridge & of course Jesus!

Jim & Cheryl Howard - June 04, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JH

“ I am truly devastated by the loss of this most dear precious soul: He was one of those rare humans whom God uses to remind us of compassion, kindness and gentleness .He was our vet until now and has been for many many years.He walked us through the loss of beloved pets, taking the time to call personally. Just a few weeks ago, I was in the office picking up food and there Dr.Cunningham was carrying a very large dog out to an elderly gentleman's car: how thoughtful and kind . We will miss you terribly! There will never be a replacement..Heaven has gained a saint . I think you are there with your furry friends loving them .Rest well kind sir

Joyce Hayden - June 04, 2024 at 02:36 PM

GL

“ Dr. Cunningham and his staff provided competent, kind, and compassionate care to our kitty. May his memory be a blessing.
Gary and June Leyland

Gary Leyland - June 04, 2024 at 02:31 PM

LR

“ Dr. Cunningham took care of our animals for years until we moved out of the area 20 years ago. He was always kind and compassionate with our fur babies. I will always remember his kindness and humor. He often had to lecture me about my animals being too well fed and even gave me the dreaded “obesity pamphlet” more than once. 😊 Rest in Peace Dr. Cunningham. You were one of a kind. ❤️ My prayers and deepest sympathy go out to his family 🙏🙏

Laurie Rangel - June 04, 2024 at 02:10 PM

DB

“ My deepest condolences to Jane and the entire family for this tremendous loss. Dr Cunningham was the most compassionate and caring vet I have encountered, as he cared for several of my dogs. He will be greatly missed! May the peace of the Lord be with your family.

Debora Barr - June 04, 2024 at 02:08 PM

SF

“ Dr. Cunningham was one of the most kind, caring, and compassionate people I've had the pleasure of knowing. He took good care of our pets for many years. It was always a relief to see him walk into the pet's examining room. You just knew, he'd always do his very best for a good outcome. My children went to school with his son in LaPlata. He was always so gentle and respectful. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family. Sharon Farri

Sharon Farri - June 04, 2024 at 01:33 PM

DV

“ Darlene Van Valkenburg lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S.



Darlene Van Valkenburg - June 04, 2024 at 12:03 PM

DK

“ Denise Krupa purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Kenneth Ivan Cunningham, M. R. C. V. S..



Denise Krupa - June 04, 2024 at 11:25 AM

LW

“ God love him, may he be at peace, my love to his family, they were there for us, when it was our turn, I'm there for you family!

Linda White - June 04, 2024 at 11:08 AM

DS

“ My deepest sympathy to Jane and her family at this time with the passing of Ivan. He was always so kind and generous to me over the years, and he will be missed by many in the community of La Plata.

David Sisk - June 04, 2024 at 11:06 AM

LB

“ We were devastated to hear this news. Dr. C saw us through close to 40 years of animals, healing when needed and comforting when nothing else could be done. He was an angel. Best. Vet. Ever.

Linda and Gary Badgley - June 04, 2024 at 10:40 AM

SB

“ i will always love and respect ivan. ive been with him ever since he opened his office in la plata. the world has lost a very kind and compassionate man i had a pet deer at the time and he and my father in law had to trim her hooves. when ivan came down to my farm to innoculate her. i will never forget his comment to me. ive been stepped on by many animals now i can say i was stepped on by a deer. id like to think i sent him a lot of business because of that. jane owen and brett. our prayers are with you. please know that your husband was very well loved in the community. Bobby and i will miss this great man. i know he is at rainbow bridge with all the animals.

susan jackson brown - June 04, 2024 at 10:18 AM

EN

Ivan Cunningham, a gentle giant, devoted vet, and caring friend - tending to the health and wellbeing of 14 of our dogs, over 35 years, saving the lives of several over that time. An incredible individual whose passing is felt by us as well as an entire community who share our grief with Jane and his sons, as well as the wonderful staff at his clinic. We are heartbroken.

Ed and Leslie Nicholson

Edwin and Leslie Nicholson - June 04, 2024 at 07:57 PM

SS

It is with great sadness that I learned of Dr. Cunningham's recent death. Our cats and dogs enjoyed excellent care for 40 years at the Animal Clinic in La Plata. The staff and other doctors followed his wonderful example and know his presence will certainly be missed daily. Condolences to everyone, especially his family, and those whose lives were enriched by his dedication as a vet including patients, staff, and friends. His legacy will not be forgotten. God's blessings to all who knew him and remember his exceptional qualities. Peace and comfort to his family as special memories sustain them in the days ahead. Sue Schneider

Sue Schneider - June 05, 2024 at 05:33 PM

KH

We are so saddened by the death of this great man. He was such an excellent vet to our many dogs over the years and gave all of them such great and compassionate care. We will always miss him and he is enjoying a luxury suite in Heaven with all of the precious animals he cared for over the years. You were that one in a million, Dr. Cunningham. Our sincere condolences to his family. Karol & Bob Hickman

Karol Hickman - June 09, 2024 at 02:35 PM

RA

We are saddened to hear of Dr. Cunningham's passing. We have been a client of the animal clinic for almost 30 years thru multiple pets. Dr Cunningham was the most compassionate and caring person. He was always so gentle and respectful. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his family and co workers. Rick & Julie Alpert

Rick Alpert - June 10, 2024 at 03:36 PM