



## Dr. Rodney E. Seal

December 18, 1958 - January 25, 2021

Dr. Rodney E. Seal, 62, ascended to heaven on January 25, 2021 after a short but valiant battle against cancer. He was surrounded by family as they said their goodbyes and helped him pass peacefully.

Rod was a devoted and loving son to Emmett and Marge Seal, of Pueblo. He was an amazing father to Beth (Nick) Genova, Wes (Kristyn) Seal, both of Pueblo, and Jessica (Wes) Richardson, of Alamosa, and an adored “Papa” to nine beloved grandsons: Brett, Wyatt, Jace, Jakob, Blake, Mason, Brecken, Luke and Wade (due in April to Jessica). Rod was a devout and loving husband to Melonie, his late-in-life rekindled love, and step-father to Annie Housman and Sarah (Miles) Lucero. He was a beloved uncle to Chris (Marie) Orr and Jason (Lacey ) Orr, both of Oklahoma. Also survived by brother and sisters-in-law, Michael Sheard, Kathleen Sheard, and Colleen Sheard Housman, his self-proclaimed brother and best friend, Jim (Dianne) Korber and mother of his children, Betsy Walker. He is preceded in death by his beloved sister, Vikki Seal Orr, grandparents and numerous aunts and uncles.

Rod was a graduate of Centennial High School (1977) and Colorado State University- Fort Collins (1985), where he earned a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. He began his career at Mesa Veterinary Clinic, treating large animals and for the past 25 years has served Pueblo through his business, Veterinary House Calls. He fully embraced being a Veterinarian, building

strong relationships with his clients and caring for their four-legged family members.

Rod enjoyed history and travel, bicycling, snowmobiling, college football, riding horses, working with his family at The Ranch and climbing Colorado's 14'ers. He planned many adventures for his family and friends, and created memories for them that will last forever.

Rod truly strived to live his steadfast faith in God everyday, which was evident in his unfaltering integrity and exemplary character. He was truly loved by many. He will be immeasurably and forever missed.

Visitation Tuesday, February 2, 12:00pm – 2:00pm at Roselawn Chapel .  
Graveside Burial service 2:30 at Roselawn Cemetery.

The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers or food, please consider sharing a memory of Rod with a card to the family or online at [roselawnpueblo.org](http://roselawnpueblo.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home  
1706 Roselawn Rd.  
Pueblo, CO

## Graveside Service

FEB 2. 2:30 PM (MT)

Roselawn Cemetery  
1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Tribute Wall



“ *My husband and I are absolutely heartbroken by the loss of Dr. Seal. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met. He always showed an interest in the animal he was treating and the human that was attached to it. He was down to earth, honest, inquisitive, warm, friendly and had a great sense of humor. I enjoyed our veterinary visits at our home or in his office and we always found a way to share a laugh or have a meaningful conversation. He really meant the world to us and to our animals. RIP my friend.*

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**Tonya Nelson** - February 24, 2021 at 10:12 PM

MM

“ *Deeply saddened by a great loss to the veterinarian world, Doctor Seal, took care of my kitty for 8 years.... Really enjoyed the house calls he has done, most animals with fear of veterinarians would shy away... Doctor Seal have the special and caring demeanor where the animals or pets knew they were in good hands... He'll be greatly missed but not forgotten... 🐱*



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**Mike. M** - February 11, 2021 at 07:22 PM

KK

“ *Mr. Grace himself. Rod was a fervent servant of God and his fellow man. Countless times he's gone out of his way to care for our family and our pets. He was the greatest of neighbors and friends. I know he's left an immeasurable hole in the hearts of family and friends, but we carry so much of what he taught us every day. May you rest easy at the right hand of God my friend.*

*- Condolences from the Fort Collins Knudsens*

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**Kyler Knudsen** - February 11, 2021 at 06:33 PM

MM

*I'm deeply saddened by the loss of a great carering man. He took care of my kitty for 8 years... Really enjoyed the house calls.. with him, was a great handler of pets and animals.... Will be greatly missed but not forgotten.... 🐱*

Mike. M - February 11, 2021 at 07:16 PM

SD

*“ The best Vet we ever had over the past 50 years. He took wonderful care of our Golden and her litter of 10 pups a couple of years ago. The entire process was a joy, knowing we had him just a call away. Our deepest sympathy goes out to family, friends and clients. Such a great man.  
Sondra Duncan*

Sondra Duncan - February 10, 2021 at 10:46 AM

SW

*“ Dr. Seal was a very special person and veterinarian!! He took care of my mom's dogs, Molly and Maggie. He will be missed- What a great loss to this community. With my deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time- Shirley Wagner*



SHIRLEY WAGNER - February 09, 2021 at 08:24 AM

KA

*“ Dr. Seal was a great vet, and a very kind and loving man. he took such good care of our pets. He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers to his family.  
Gary and Kay Vannelli*

kay - February 07, 2021 at 09:11 PM

DB

“ We are deeply saddened to hear that Dr Seal lost his battle to cancer. He was a kind and gentle man, and the best veterinarian we ever knew. He will be missed by a great many people. I like to think that perhaps all of the animals that he helped, that are now across the rainbow bridge, have all gathered together to welcome him to heaven.

*Ed and Diana Behling*

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**diana behling** - February 03, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Rodney E. Seal.



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February 03, 2021 at 12:08 AM

RJ

“ Dr Seal was the most compassionate kindest man to all who knew him. We will miss you may you Rest In Peace

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**Roxann James** - February 02, 2021 at 11:39 PM

PH

“ Dr. Seal was a kind, caring and genuinely good man. He will be missed and we'll be forever grateful to him and his staff for all they did for our cat, Princess Nugget. He knew she is a member of our family, and we were honored to have him be her royal physician. May his family and friends find peace.

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**Patty Policy and Chris Hensel** - February 02, 2021 at 05:57 PM

MV

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Dr. Seal. He was such a nice man. I and Loki will truly miss him. God bless.  
Mary and Loki Vaclav.

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**Mary Vaclav** - February 02, 2021 at 05:39 PM

LC

“ Will be missed a very much God Bless the family and staff from Larry and Carole Hough

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**Larry Hough and Carole** - February 02, 2021 at 02:48 PM

MM

“ We will truly miss Dr. Seal. He was an amazing, loving and caring man! He was one of a kind veterinary. We will never be able to replace such a caring person. His love for animals was was felt each time he cared for one of our pets. Our dog Douglas will also miss him. We are so sad for his family. However, heaven has gained this beautiful person.



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**Mike and Diana Massey** - February 02, 2021 at 02:26 PM

CH

“ Dr. Seal was one of the most compassionate, caring, and soft spoken men I have ever met. He was a wonderful veterinarian, he is going to be extremely hard to replace, if thats even possible . Dr. Seal will be missed not only by me but also my dogs. Rest In Peace.  
Christy Compton

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**Christy** - February 02, 2021 at 01:15 PM

CR

“ *Dr, Seal was an amazing vet! Loved the house calls and the kindness and compassion he showed during difficult times. He will be missed by fur babies and family. Thoughts to the family and friends. RIP*

*Cat Robbe  
and The Pack and Pride*

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**Cat Robbe** - February 02, 2021 at 10:01 AM

JM

“ *Dr Seal was my vet for many years! He will be missed by myself and my fur babies. My prayers & condolences to the family*

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**JUDY MARQUEZ** - February 02, 2021 at 12:40 AM

KH

“ *Dr Rodney was so special God just took one of his biggest angel's home. His love for animals and his kindness will be missed. He has taken care of 4 of our pets. When it came time for them to leave us he cried right along with us. He will always have a special place in our hearts. Karla, Keli and Nick Hibbert*

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**Karla Hibbert** - February 01, 2021 at 11:54 PM

CC

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Seal. He was a wonderful veterinarian. God Bless. The Lopez Calderon family, Along with Gunther and Isis.*

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**Camille Calderon** - February 01, 2021 at 06:01 PM

ED

“ I met Dr. Rodney Seal several years ago when he did a house visit to exam our beloved dog Logan. Logan was a "pound puppy" when we got him at 8 weeks old. I had pets before but none like Logan. I had never or have I since loved such a pet. When Dr. Seal did the house call, Logan was over 17 years old. Rodney, in his professional and kind way implied that Logan had lived a long life. I believed he knew Logan was ready to go, but sensed that I was not ready to let my Logie go. Logan still had all his faculties, but old age can be tough, even for dogs. A year later it became evident what was best for Logan. The conversation I had with Rodney the prior year stuck with me and I knew it was time. The day Rodney came to help my family say good bye to the "best dog" ever, is the day I will remember Rodney the most. I knew this was not Dr. Seal's first rodeo, but it was mine. Rodney's professionalism talked us threw the process. His empathy most definitely showed. I remember most his patience which allowed me to say goodbye. As emotionally difficult it was to put Logan to "sleep", I am so grateful and blessed that it was Rodney. Logan has been gone for about 10 years and I still think of him as a member of my family. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I sure hope I'm blessed to meet someone like Rodney again because we sure could some more Rodney's!

. On a side note, I grew up on the Eastside and knew his dad, Mr. Seal. They were both really good men.

Liz Duran

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Elizabeth Duran - February 01, 2021 at 04:13 PM

CY

“ Dr. Seal has been our veterinarian for probably the whole time he was in business in Pueblo and always kindly cared for our cats and our feelings. One time when our little old lady was not well, he told he us he could come in a couple of hours. When we realized how very sick she was and how she was suffering, we called and he came immediately. He was very loving. I am crying as I type this. I know he had to postpone other appointments to come to our aid at that difficult time and I am forever grateful. I always kept that in mind in case he was ever late for our appointment because I knew he was probably rushing to the aid of another pet in distress but that was rare. He was a professional and a good man. He is irreplaceable and will be missed. Our condolences to his family and patients.

*Cheri and Joe Young*

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**Cheri Young** - February 01, 2021 at 01:14 PM

MM

“ Dr. Seal was the kindest veterinarian I have ever encountered and helped me navigate through some very difficult moments with my fur babies. He was a lovely soul and will be missed. Condolences to his family.

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**Melissa Marquez** - February 01, 2021 at 11:49 AM

JA

“ I remember going to King Soopers one Sunday morning to buy groceries for my mom. It was very crowded and I saw Dr. Seal from a distance. It was like seeing a rock star. People were stopping him to thank him and giving updates on their pets. He had a huge impact on our community and will be missed. Thank you Dr. Seal. You were a kind and gentle man and my heart goes out to Melonie and your family.

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**Janessa** - February 01, 2021 at 10:51 AM

CW

“ *Dr Seal was one of the kindest men that I have ever met. He always had a smile on his face when I saw him and was very gentle to my two canines. He will be missed, greatly. Condolences to all his patients, family, and friends.*

*Chris*

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**Chris Wentworth** - February 01, 2021 at 10:47 AM

RG

“ *Rick & Belinda Gamble lit a candle in memory of Dr. Rodney E. Seal*



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**Rick & Belinda Gamble** - February 01, 2021 at 10:17 AM

EA

*Dr. Seal was so special and the perfect vet! He would come to the house and do check ups on our 170 lb. Rott and he would even let Dr. Seal trim his nails with no problem. He is sadly missed. Can never forget him! We Love you Dr. Seal. Miss you so much!!*

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**Elizabeth Aldrich** - March 05, 2021 at 03:11 PM

CR

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with all the family, especially Rod's children. He was clearly devoted to them and their children and will be missed. To Rod's parents, we can only imagine your pain but you have so much to be proud of. We are thinking of you everyday.*

*Connie and Neil Richardson*

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**Connie Richardson** - January 31, 2021 at 09:43 PM

DN

“ *Melonie, We are so very sorry for your loss. Holding you close in our hearts. Neil and Debbie (Ryan) Nelson*

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**Debbie Nelson** - January 31, 2021 at 09:06 PM

RB

“ *We will miss you, thank you for being are doctor, we all will miss you, Zero, Shock, and Bowen Gamble*



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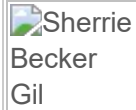
**Rick and Belinda** - January 31, 2021 at 08:43 PM

DG

“ *My heart-felt condolences go out to Melonie and the entire Seal family. Many years ago, Rod and I were best of friends. We did a ton of things together — basketball, water skiing, hiking, camping, snow mobiles, horse back riding, back packing, mowing lawns, football and more. And as much as I treasure those activities, it's really the things I learned from Rod at those young ages that shape me to this day. He influenced me around being kind, being a hard worker, being honest, having strong values, caring, be thoughtful and more. He helped shape me in ways I truly appreciate. Rod was a wonderful and kind person. Rest In Peace Rod.*

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**Doug Genty** - January 31, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ We always appreciated the manner in which He cared about our animals. We enjoyed visiting with him and talking about our families. We will miss him dearly.

*Leon and Sherrie Gil*

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**Sherrie Becker Gil** - January 31, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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“ Our hearts broke when we read the obituary in this morning's Chieftain. We (along with all of our dogs) loved Dr. Seal. He's the first veterinarian we met who made housecalls, but that isn't what made him so special. He was kind, patient and gentle with all animals and people. He assured us that our Minnie's and Daisy's ashes would be in a peaceful place (Roselawn) and that we might find comfort visiting there. Years ago, when our house was being painted, Dr. Seal arrived to check on our dog Rocky. Our painter (Bonnie Waugh) just beamed when she saw Dr. Seal, remembering how he cared for her family's horses as she was growing up.

*Dr. Seal's passing has created a void in Pueblo that will never be filled, but our memories of his tender, loving care will last forever.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.*

*Edith and Ray Brideau*

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**Edith and Ray Brideau** - January 31, 2021 at 12:32 PM

MH

“ We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.

*I will never forget how you would arrive at my house on a house call, and then you would promptly sit down on the living room rug to be eye level to my dog and my cat who would joyfully jump into your arms. They loved you. Your kindness and compassion would almost ooze out of you and the animals could sense it.*

*There can be no substitute for you.*

*Be at peace and climb the tunnel to the light, Dr Seal !*

*Mary Hardwick*

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**Mary Hardwick** - January 31, 2021 at 11:36 AM

PZ

“ *Such a caring and thoughtful man! He took the time to call personally in regards to my dog, Lucille. The world has lost a truly wonderful person....*

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**Patty Zimmerman** - January 31, 2021 at 10:48 AM

JM

“ *Our memories of Rod came in several different settings. He and his family were neighbors to our dear friends, the Knudsens. I (Judy) had Beth and Wes in my Sunday School class. Rod was in Bob's Class and we appreciated his input. When we started spending winters in AZ Rod taught our class for a couple of years. He was also our beloved Vet. He was so loving and caring with our dogs. It was an honor for Bob to be asked to officiate Jessica's wedding. Bob also knows Melonie from his real estate and appraisal careers and felt she was always a class-act. We love you all and just can't believe Rod is gone. Our prayers are with you. Bob and Judy McLin*

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**Judy McLin** - January 31, 2021 at 10:24 AM

WV

“ I can't fully express the sadness at hearing of Dr. Seal's passing. He was a wonderful and caring man. He took such good care of our pets. Condolences to his family.

Vicki Valdez - January 30, 2021 at 02:27 PM

FG

“ My wife and I are truly heartbroken upon hearing of the passing of a truly one in a million gentleman who has been our vet for 20 years he was such a gentle soul with such a caring way about him, you don't know what you have until it's gone and I truly feel like I lost a friend and the world is missing the kindest, most compassionate veterinarian on the planet in this man's opinion I take comfort in knowing such a special person is right there with God and the thought of all the dogs happy to see him again gives me some comfort rest in peace my friend rest in peace

Frank Gomez - January 30, 2021 at 07:02 AM

RB

“ Rest in Peace Dr. Seal. You will be greatly missed for all you did as a Vet. Your loving and caring manner while taking care of all of the furbabies that were in your care will be remembered forever. God bless your family and friend and patients!



Robin L Bush - January 29, 2021 at 11:04 PM

CR

“ I would like to send my love and condolences to Dr. Seal's family, friends and patients. I met him in 2015, when he made his first house-call visit for my sweet kitty boy, Farley, who was gifted to me by my daughter, and will be 16 in 2 months!! I was SO impressed with Dr. Rodney's calm and gentle demeanor, his interest in his pets AND owners AND his VERY fair pay scale. I had NO idea that he was a Centennial High graduate, and will truly miss his tender loving care and personality.

Rest with all your animal buddies, and know that there will NEVER be another YOU!!



HUGS, from Cher Robeda

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**Cher Robeda** - January 29, 2021 at 09:54 PM

TB

“ When you lose one of your Football players it makes my heart sad. I had the pleasure to coach Rod back in the 70's as an assistant with Jim Grieve at Pueblo Centennial & I am confessing a coaching blunder that Jim & I made back then. Because of injuries & so forth we asked Rod if he would fill in at running back for us & of course Rod accepted the challenge. He not only accepted it but flourished at it. He was a natural & after the season we were kicking ourselves in the butt for not realizing this a lot sooner. Trust me when I say he would of been an outstanding running for more than just one year.. He treated my Husky before I retired to Arizona & invited me & two of my daughters to go horseback riding...great & fond memories. RIP, my special man.

Coach Brockman

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**Tom Brockman** - January 29, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Rodney E. Seal.*



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January 29, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ *I grew up watching Dr. Seal caring for all of the pets that we had in my family. It was also a joy to go hay riding with the church teen group on the ranch and playing capture the flag as well as having big bon fires. My very last time I saw him was when I took my dog in for her shots and having her spayed.*

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**Shavone** - January 29, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I have known Rod since high school. He was a great vet, Copper loved him and he provided excellent care. Rod was a humble man, always with an encouraging word, and concern for both our pets and for me and my family. Dr. Eric and Laurie Berry, I guess your finally retired!*

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**Eric Berry** - January 29, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *I have known Rod for so very long, I loved him as a person, a vet, and a friend. How do we get over this? He was such an amazing person!*

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**Karen Beres** - January 29, 2021 at 03:14 PM

DF

“ Our condolences to the Seal family. Dr. Seal was such a kind, gentle man. The Pueblo Community has suffered a great loss with his passing. With deepest sympathy the Oliver Family.

David & Tiffany Oliver & family - January 29, 2021 at 03:00 PM

CR

“ Connie and Neil Richardson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Rodney E. Seal.



Connie and Neil Richardson - January 29, 2021 at 02:52 PM

RF

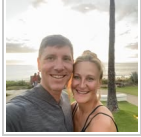
“ Our deepest condolences to the Seal family and everyone who loved Dr. Rod Seal. Our hearts are breaking for your loss and we are and will continue to pray for moments of peace and healing and wonderful memories. Sending love ❤️

Regan and Carol Foust family - January 29, 2021 at 02:34 PM

TT

“ Our condolences to the entire Seal family. We were so fortunate to benefit from his skill and kindness as a veterinarian to 7 of our beloved pups over the years. What a sad loss for the community. Sending prayers for peace and joy-filled memories to comfort you.

Terri and Glenn Tiede - January 29, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ When Dr. Seal started his career he worked for my dad, Marv Hamann. I was about 6 or 7 and we would go in to the clinic on Saturdays. He was so fun to follow around and I remember him being funny and kind. I'm sure we bugged the heck out of him, although he never told us that! I recall one time when he sat my friend and I in the office chair and set a bag of manure on us so we couldn't move. We thought it was hilarious! I'm sure it gave him 30 min. of peace and quiet! Praying for your family.

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**Mary Kasal** - January 29, 2021 at 01:21 PM

CB

“ What a kind and generous soul Dr. Seal was, he cared for our pets so gently. My condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed.

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**Cherie Boyett** - January 29, 2021 at 01:13 PM

RP

“ To the family of the blessed Dr. Seal. What a honorable man. I was blessed to have him as my vet for 20 yrs. I had the utmost respect and love for him. My son would bring his dogs from for Fort Collins as he trusted him that much. His wisdom and class will never be replaced. He helped care for all my animals including my goats. He will be so missed. rachel Perricone

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**RACHEL PERRICONE** - January 29, 2021 at 11:53 AM

DR

“ Dr. Seal was a wonderful person, a wonderful veterinarian who has always been well known around the Pueblo area, since I was a kid. He has helped many of my animals over those years. My condolence to his family and friends. He will always be remembered and always missed. R.I.P. Dr. Seal

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**Danielle Coty Ramos** - January 29, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SM

“ My condolences to Dr Seal's family. Dr Seal made house visits to my home to care for my beloved furry friends on several occasions. Dr Seal will be missed. May his spirit soar. Sincerely, Sydney McConnell

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**Sydney McConnell** - January 29, 2021 at 11:22 AM

BM

“ God bless you Dr seal you were the kindest vet always made house calls. We will miss you. Bobby and Kathy martinez

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**Bobby Martinez** - January 29, 2021 at 10:54 AM

KP

“ Dr. Seal was our vet for the past 23 years. He was so loving and gentle with our pets. When our beloved Maltese became ill, he was with us while she passed. Melonie, it was only today that I learned that he was your husband when Wendy let me know. I am deeply sorry for your loss. He was a special man. You and your family will be in my prayers.

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**Kristie Phillips** - January 29, 2021 at 10:33 AM

NL

“ He was simply and truly a good person and wonderful friend who lived his faith and loved his family.

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**Nancy Lee** - January 29, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Jim Korber** - January 29, 2021 at 01:52 AM

JK

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Jim Korber** - January 29, 2021 at 01:42 AM

JP

*Pueblo has truly lost a great, compassionate, caring, and loving man. Dr had the most calming voice when talking to the pets and with their parents his coming to our home to help our girls move on to a better place will never be forgotten. Give all the babies you have such good care of hugs for all of us. Our prayers to your family. Bill and janice pershin*

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**janice Pershin** - February 02, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Rodney E. Seal.*



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January 28, 2021 at 09:01 PM