



Dr. James Stewart McFarland III

July 29, 1929 - August 21, 2025

Dr. McFarland, James Stewart III, 96, of Plant City, passed away on August 21, 2025. Known to his friends as Jim, he was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret H. McFarland, and his wife, E. Joanne McFarland. He is survived by his daughter, Elisabeth McFarland Kuhlmeier; son-in-law, Richard; and grandsons, James W. and Robert J.

Jim earned his bachelor's degree from Penn State University and his Veterinary Medical Doctor degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He was a proud member of the Alpha Tau Pi fraternity. Jim served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and received an honorable discharge. In 1958, he and his family moved to Plant City, where he opened a veterinary clinic. Known affectionately by his clients as “Dr. Mac,” he was often remembered with his signature pipe in hand as he cared for their pets. He is also remembered for his deep care and compassion—not only for the animals he treated but also for the people who loved them.

Dr. Mac operated his clinic for nearly 45 years, retiring in 2002. He was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Ridge Veterinary Association, Kiwanis Club, and the Elks Club. A lifelong learner and passionate hobbyist, Jim was an avid reader and stamp collector for 90 years. Following his retirement, he remained active in the community by volunteering with Meals on Wheels, the Plant City Public Library, the United Food Bank, and the Plant City Visitor’s Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Plant City

Public Library. Expressions of condolence can be made at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Dr Mac was the best and kindest Vet we have ever had. Know all who knew and loved him will miss him. Praying for his family. I don't think there as been many vets left like him. He wa so patient and kind with us as owners of our pups and our fur babies.

susan and Rick keeis - October 24, 2025 at 11:48 PM

JD

“ Dr. McFarland was an incredible man, who loved all his patients and their owners. My sincerest sympathy to Liz and his family. Praying peace and comfort for all. The DoVale & Wilkerson family.

Janet DoVale - August 28, 2025 at 08:06 AM

KD

“ Karen DuBois lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Stewart McFarland III



Karen DuBois - August 27, 2025 at 03:05 PM

DI

“ He was the kindest man. Out pets were blessed to have him. His gentle manner and grace was truly a blessing.. Dixie Forbes Gorby.

Dixie - August 27, 2025 at 08:46 AM

GC

“ *Ginger Cook lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Stewart McFarland III*



Ginger Cook - August 27, 2025 at 08:45 AM

GC

Prayers for the family.

Ginger Cook - August 27, 2025 at 08:45 AM

PJ

“ *Doc You have never been Forgotten. Your Love for the Animals and the Owners of them .You will always be in our hearts. We will be Praying for The Family. We are very sorry for Your Loss.*



Phillip James - August 26, 2025 at 08:29 PM

LC

“ *Our sincere condolences to Liz and family. Your dad was a very special man. Prayers for each of you as you navigate your journey without your dad's physical presence. With love, The Camp family*



Lisa Camp - August 26, 2025 at 08:27 PM

BR

“ *Billie Shepherd Rumore lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Stewart McFarland III*



Billie Shepherd Rumore - August 26, 2025 at 07:37 PM

AE

“ *Anita Exum lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Stewart McFarland III*



Anita Exum - August 26, 2025 at 07:27 PM

DI

“ *Debbie Jarvis Ingersoll lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Stewart McFarland III*



Debbie Jarvis Ingersoll - August 26, 2025 at 06:11 PM

PS

“ *Plant City has lost one of our most beloved Veterinarian's and friend. My heart and prayers go out to his family during this incredible loss. Liz, may all of your memories bring you comfort and strength! ❤️*

Polly Moore Simpson - August 26, 2025 at 05:50 PM