



Monte R. Kahler

July 13, 1935 - July 10, 2023

Dr. Monte R. Kahler 87, longtime physician and member of the Bolivar community, passed away on Monday, July 10th, 2023, at Springfield Rehabilitation and Care Center in Springfield, Missouri.

Monte was born in Norfolk, Nebraska on July 13th, 1935, to Raymond and Alice Kahler. He graduated Chrisman High School in Independence Missouri in 1953. He completed his degree at Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg Missouri in 1958 and then went on to graduate medical school at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1962.

After an internship in Phoenix, Arizona, he returned to Bolivar, Missouri to begin his general practice. He dedicated 55 years of service in the Bolivar area and retired in 2017.

He married Marketa L. Reagin on August 25th, 1957, and went on to share 66 years of marriage and to this union were three children, Kevin, Kerry, and Kris.

When he wasn't tending to patients, he was most likely at one of his many secret honey holes on the lake always looking to catch "Mr. Big" or chasing pheasants in the switchgrass; almost always showing up his family and friends.

Anyone who spent time with Monte will remember him saying, "It's a beautiful day in the Ozarks!" (Even if he was miles away from the Ozarks), an enthusiastic "What can I do for you?!", a confident, "Rog O", a hearty, "Howdy neighbor!", and a triumphant, "Fire in the hole!" (Usually prompted by the first, biggest, eventual most, and last fish).

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Alice Kahler, brothers, Gene and Edward Kahler, and daughter, Kerry Beth Williams.

Monte is survived by his Wife Marketa Kahler of Bolivar, Missouri, son Kevin Kahler and wife Carol Kahler of Morrisville, Missouri, daughter Kris Kahler of Bolivar, Missouri, son in law Roy Williams of Bolivar, Missouri, granddaughter Alison Hahn and husband Jon Hahn of Mesa, Arizona, granddaughter Lindsay Gilden and husband Elijah Gilden of Morrisville, Missouri, grandson Stuart Kahler and wife Morgan Kahler of Ogden, Utah, granddaughter Courtney Smith and husband Anson Smith of Willard, Missouri, granddaughter Autumn Stafford and husband Tanner Stafford of Springfield, Missouri. Great-grandchildren Amelia and Olivia Hahn, Paisley and Everett Gilden, Cleo Kahler, and Alvi Smith arriving in August.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at The First Baptist Church in Bolivar, Missouri. Services are under the care and directions of Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Donations can be made to the First Baptist Church in Bolivar in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
316 N. Main
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall



“ *Monte R. Kahler*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Monte R. Kahler.

July 19, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Monte R. Kahler.*



July 19, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *We have been friends since 1982. We were friends, patients, health care workers and hunting and fishing buddies. No words can really express how broken hearted I am for the family and everyone that knew and loved Monte. You can rest now. You've earned it and we will see each other again some day* 💔

Michael Nibert - July 18, 2023 at 03:21 PM

HM

“ My husband James L Molchan MD shared an office with Monte for over 35 years. They enjoyed each oth so much professionally and during there fishing trips on on our local lakes and Canada trips. We are praying for family and hope Marketa and children are given the grace to get through this. God bless them Jim and Helen Molchan

helen molchan - July 18, 2023 at 09:07 AM

BT

“ He was my husband's Dr and found his heart murmur and sent us to a heart specialist, for that we will be forever grateful. He was a great man, caring Dr, loved by so many.

Brenda tygart - July 18, 2023 at 03:45 AM

DA

“ He was one of my dad's favorite hunting and fishing buddies!
Debbie Jenson Aikin

Debbie Aikin - July 14, 2023 at 01:59 PM

DR

“ Dr. Kalher was the best doc. I ever known. Doc always had a joke to tell as well as smile every time you saw him. He loved to tell about his fishing trips and bird hunting stories. He will be greatly missed by the family and I. Thanks for your great service you all provide. Prayers for the family for comfort. See later

*The Redman's
Dustin and Ashley, Justin, Liz and Jim*

Dustin Redman - July 13, 2023 at 05:43 PM

PB

Dr. Kahler was a wonderful Dr. Went to him from his internship until he retired. HE was more than just a doctor . He was your friend. Done so much for me and my family.

Paulette Blankenship

Paulette Blankenship - July 17, 2023 at 06:55 PM

GN

It was great to have crossed path s with Monte in this life. Have been friends since he started his practice along with Ben Koon. Lots of memories on the water with him.

Thanks, Marketa, for patient ly sharing him over the years.

Gerald and Ann Nichols

Houston

Gerald Nichols - July 25, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Monte R. Kahler.*



July 13, 2023 at 03:31 PM

MR

“ *Praying for you all Breaks my heart for you all Dr Kahler will always be my favorite doctor*

May God Bless and Comfort each of You

Martha Painter Richey and Michael

Tyler Painter

Nathan Painter

Martha Painter Richey - July 12, 2023 at 09:52 PM

DA

So sorry for the loss of such a great man, doctor, husband, dad, friend and fisherman! Prayers for you all for peace and comfort. I greatly admired him and many fine memories of him. He was my dad's hunting and fishing buddy! Rest in peace, Monte.

Debbie Henson Aikin

Debbie Aikin - July 14, 2023 at 01:52 PM

RA

Great doctor, he delivered me in 1966 about the same time his daughter was born and teased my mother about trading. He also may have saved my life a few years later by sending us to the hospital in Springfield after initially telling my parents to meet him at the office after hours. My appendix ruptured on the operating table that night. He will always have a special place in my heart!! My heartfelt condolences to the family.

Ron Arnold

Ron Arnold - July 18, 2023 at 08:49 PM