



# John Ringdahl

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**D**r. John E. Ringdahl, DDS, 78, of Clinton, died Saturday, April 3, 2010 at Lenior Wood Healthcare Center, Columbia, Missouri. Funeral Services will be 11:00am, Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00-8:00pm at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory. John Edward Ringdahl was born on December 22, 1931 in Litchfield, Minnesota the son of Oscar and Evanelle (Danielson) Ringdahl. He married Joan M. Wilson on December 22, 1955 in Iowa City, Iowa. John was a 1950 graduate of Fort Dodge High School. He then attended the University of Iowa and graduated from dental school in 1957. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force from 1957 until being discharged as a Captain in 1959. John was a dentist practicing in Clinton from 1959 until his retirement in 1998. John was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he served as a former trustee, a life member of the Iowa Dental Society, a member and past president of the Clinton Dental Society, the Chicago Dental Society, and the American Dental Society. He was a trustee of the Gateway United Way, served on the board of the Clinton Country Club, and a former board member of the Clinton YMCA. John enjoyed his annual Canadian fishing trips in June to the Lake of the Woods. He enjoyed pheasant hunting and his Tuesday and Thursday golf game at the Country Club with his friends. John is survived by his wife: Joan of Clinton; two sons: Dr. David (Annette) Ringdahl of Middleton, Wisconsin, and Dr. Bruce (Dr. Erika) Ringdahl of Columbia, Missouri; five grandchildren: Shelby Ringdahl, Sydney Ringdahl, Karson Ringdahl, Rachel Ringdahl, and Nicole Ringdahl. John was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials can be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Multiple Myeloma Foundation.



## Tribute Wall

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JD

**Joanne Devries** posted:

Dear Dave and family. I am sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful husband, Dad and Grandpa. I have fond memories of him at your many family events and those fabulous fishing trips to Canada that he organized so meticulously. I know you will miss him a lot. My thoughts and prayers are with you. In Deepest Sympathy, Joanne

April 2 at 7:00 PM

JL

**Judith & Michael Lefevre** posted:

Dear Bruce, Erika, Shelby, Sydney and Karson, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved father and grandfather. We are thinking of you today as you remember everything he means to all of you. Love, Judy and Mike

April 2 at 7:00 PM

PS

**Pat And Mindy Short** posted:

We had the privilege of meeting Dr. Ringdahl on a few occasions with our friends; Shelby, Sydney and Karson Ringdahl. One time was at an Iowa football game. He welcomed us and was fun to be around. We know he has touched many people's lives and he will be dearly missed by his friends and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sincerely Mallory and Drake Short-Columbia, MO

April 2 at 7:00 PM

SL

**Susan Lepinski** posted:

I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Ringdahl through his son Dr. David Ringdahl. The first thing I noticed was how handsome and good natured he was. I then went on to see what a true gentleman he was in every way. That is a rare breed these days. And on some level I loved him for his caring and manners. I know he will be greatly missed by his family. I especially want to be there for Dave as he helped me so much when my father died 6 years ago. I will be there for anything you need even if just to sit in silence and have a good cry. I also wish to be available to Mrs. Ringdahl should she need any of my help in the medical department. It sounds trite but really a truism that the only thing that lessens the pain is time. I'll be thinking of all of you---he was so proud of his wonderful family!

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MT

**Marcia Thorpe** posted:

John was my dentist, as well as my husband and daughter's. I went to him for over 25 years. He was a kind and caring individual. He made visiting the dentist a more pleasant experience. He always had a smile on his face. I was extremely sad the day he announced he would retire. It took me several years to find another dentist who was like him. I am sure he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

April 2 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tom & Martie Schultz** posted:

Joan, Dave, Bruce and families...you all were truly blessed with a great husband, dad and grand father. It was a pleasure knowing John (even golfed with him. Lucky man!). He had an enjoyable and gentle personality... a very cool guy!

April 2 at 7:00 PM

KG

**Kim Paaske Galbraith** posted:

I went to high school with Dave. Dave's father John Ringdahl was a very kind and wonderful person. It has been many years since I've seen him but remember him as a great family person. He always had a nice word to say to friends of his sons whenever we came over to the house. He was also a great dentist. My parents went to him for years and always had such nice things to say about his way with people. Dr Ringdahl blessed and touched many people's lives. My prayers and condolences to his family.

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SW

**Steve And Karen Waite** posted:

Bruce,Erika and kids,Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this rough time. we have so many fun memories of John during Hawkeye football. We always looked forward to seeing John and Joan on football Saturdays. Our thoughts are with you.

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LC

**Leigh Anne Chinburg Cutcher** posted:

Sorry to learn of the death of your husband and father. Prayers to your family at this difficult time.

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DL

**Dave Lockard** posted:

To Bruce and family - Deepest sympathies for your loss. Hang in there and remember the many wonderful times. Locks

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BC

**Brent Carstensen** posted:

Dr. Ringdahl was our family dentist for many, many years. I will remember him as a truly kind person who was an absolute professional. It was always a pleasure to see him (even when it meant a painful dental procedure!). It was a treat to run into him during a trip to Clinton a few years ago. Please accept heartfelt condolences from the Carstensen family.

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DC

**Dr. Steven Cooper** posted:

Dear Bruce and Family, I am sorry to have read about your father's death published in the Quad City Times. Your father and I did many patient treatment plans together. He was a fine person and dentist, and I enjoyed working with him on his patients. John was an interesting and active person. You and your family truly had a great role model to follow. Please extend my condolences to your entire family. Please accept my apologies for an email letter rather than a card. Sincerely, Steve Cooper

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DS

**Don Schumacher** posted:

Our sincere condolences go out to your family. John will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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DW

**Debbie Darland Willenbrink** posted:

Dear Mrs. Ringdahl, David, and Bruce, I was so sorry to hear that Dr. Ringdahl had passed away. I remember him as a very kind man, a wonderful dentist (the only one I didn't mind going to), and a great neighbor. I remember those fun ski trips to Wisconsin, raking piles of leaves from the big oak tree, sledding down your hill in the winter - and he was always smiling. What great memories. He will be greatly missed. Take care, all.

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TD

**Todd Dierks** posted:

Dear Mrs Ringdahl, David and Bruce: I am deeply sorry for your loss. I shall continue to remember Dr Ringdahl as a man who expressed such joy in working hard on your lovely grounds. His yard was always a show-garden, and a tribute to a very kind and gentle old soul.

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JW

**Jim Wilkerson** posted:

I was a patient from the start of his career in Clinton until I left the area in '80. As a youngster I had braces & every Wed. I'd go to his office for tightening & cleaning. In '68 I went into the Air Force. I did not trust the USAF dentists. So, on one of my leaves to Clinton I called to see if he'd take care of me. And, as always, he got me in & not sure he even charged me. He probably got his moneys worth out of me when I said to him "yeah, I don't trust those Air Force dentists.." During his inspection. He stated matter of factually "you know, Jim, I was an Air Force dentist before I was YOUR dentist"

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TS

**Teri (Walsh) Snell** posted:

Bruce, sorry to hear about your father. I occasionally log onto clinton herald on-line and came across your father's obit recently. Condolences to you and your family. Teri

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JC

**Jane And Sam Christensen** posted:

Joan and family Sam and I were saddened to hear of John's passing, and want you to know he is in our thoughts and prayers. The loss of a spouse or parent is so difficult. We were sorry to hear that he had broken his hip as we know that didn't help his situation. We pray there will be better days ahead. Take care of yourself. Sincerely, Jane and Sam Christensen F56t7f

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