



Dr. John Finneran

May 25, 1939 - December 26, 2022

Dr. John Joseph Finneran, 83, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on December 26, 2022 at the Bloomfield Care Center. He was born on May 25, 1939 in Scranton, Pennsylvania to Martin Bernard and Dorthea M. Hazelton Finneran. On August 25, 1962 he married Carolyn Pettinato at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania. The couple enjoyed 58 wonderful years of marriage. Carolyn passed away on September 13, 2020.

John was a 1957 graduate of Bordentown Military School in Bordentown, New Jersey, subsequently graduating from the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. He graduated from Marquette Medical School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Following his internship and residency, John served in the Air Force Medical Corp at Grissom AFB in Peru, Indiana. In 1972, John and Carolyn moved to Bloomfield, Iowa where he worked at the Gilfillan Clinic before opening his own practice, in Bloomfield. He was the epitome of a small town community physician, whose door and phone were always available. John retired in 2012 after 42 years.

Dr. Finneran was a strong supporter of the athletic programs in Bloomfield and at Davis County High School. He started the Junior Olympics program in Bloomfield for track and field and spent countless hours attending track meets all over the state. His efforts and donations were instrumental in building the first all-weather track at Davis County High in 1980. The track program would

win back-to-back Iowa State Championships the next two years with several members of that team being former Junior Olympic athletes that he coached.

John and Carolyn were avid sailors, with a boat on Lake Rathbun. They built a home in Punta Gorda, Florida in 2006 and spent many warm winters there, enjoying visits from their children, grandchildren, and many other friends and family members from the more northern states.

John is survived by five children, Michael (Denise) Finneran of Bloomfield, Kevin (Natasha) Finneran of Leaner, Texas, Martin Finneran of Dallas, Texas, Kathleen (Richard) Cooper of St. Louis, Missouri, Kristin (Steven) Fletcher of North Liberty, Iowa; six grandchildren, Austin Owen, Kaden Finneran, Natalia Finneran, Maya Fletcher, Sophie Fletcher, Ashley (Corey) Ward; two great-grandchildren, Aden and Addison; brother, Martin Finneran of Bloomfield; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date in Bloomfield. Burial will be at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery in Clifford, Pennsylvania. A memorial has been established to the Davis County "A" Club and may be mailed to: Wagler Funeral Home, 304 W. Jefferson St., Bloomfield, Iowa 52537.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. John Finneran*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Dr. Finneran and his beautiful wife, Carole, were dock neighbors with my parents at Lake Rathbun. We certainly made some fun memories there! It was probably the high point of my dads life to spend time with his fellow sailors/boaters on Lake Rathbun. My dad, Don, had great respect for John and Carole, and I think we all learned a thing or two from the good doctor. I feel privileged to have known them. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I wish for wonderful memories to come washing over you like a wave when feeling the loss of your parents/grandparents/brother. With love and care,*
Colene Kirchner

Colene Kirchner-Bolt - January 10, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ *Dr Finneran saw our family through so many times. He was there for us through triumphs and tragedies! RIP*



Randi Small - January 08, 2023 at 10:29 AM

DK

“ When reading the article “Paying tribute to Doc Finneran” in the Bloomfield Democrat: Dr Finneran said to Mike “I hope I did the community some good.” Oh how I wish I could have hugged Doc and said “Most certainly you did. Thank you Dr Finneran”, when he was here with us❤️🙏 Love and prayers to the family.

Debbie Knapp - January 04, 2023 at 08:32 PM

JC

“ John was a friend and mentor he defines what a doctor should be. I was honored to have him teach me he never stopped teaching if you wanted to listen and learn. When I tell stories to Iowa he always makes it into the story. Great Man.

Jeff Call - January 02, 2023 at 08:29 PM

LH

“ I have many fond memories of Dr. Finneran growing up. He was such a great doctor & family friend. My sympathy to the family.

LuAnn Head - January 02, 2023 at 07:55 PM

JC

“ He put so many stiches in me over the year of me being silly. What a great man person. Loved by everyone. Loved his family. Going to miss you Doc

Jeff Cassill - January 02, 2023 at 01:41 PM

VO

“ Thoughts and prayers for The Finneran Family. Doc Finneran was a good Dr. & a down to earth good man. May he rest in peace.

Vickie L Ornduff - January 01, 2023 at 09:10 PM

KS

“ Dr. Finneran was a great person and a great friend. Kurt Swaim

Kurt Swaim - January 01, 2023 at 02:56 PM

LM

“ LMR lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Finneran



LMR - December 31, 2022 at 11:05 PM

RC

“ Doc saved my mom's life several years by doing an emergency Gallbladder surgery. The mold was broken after Dr Finneran 🥺💔

Rebecca coyne - December 31, 2022 at 06:50 PM

RC

“ Rebecca Coyne lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Finneran



Rebecca coyne - December 31, 2022 at 06:48 PM

Dana
Day

“ After several visits in Doc's office complaining of belly pain, Doc decided to do exploratory surgery. He woke me up in the recovery room to tell me that he and I would be having another date. I had a problem that required further surgery. I told him that I didn't like dating him because it was painful and he was expensive. He always had a smile. Later, as I walked out of the surgery unit, he came up to me and laid his hand on my shoulder and grabbed my hand. He told me to call the office for a new consult. When I got home and took my jacket off, I found his surgery cap in my pocket. He slipped it in there as he was talking to me. He was one of a kind.



Dana Day - December 31, 2022 at 01:25 PM

SW

“ John was a good man and a great physician: saved daughter Kali's life 25 years ago Christmas day. And he was always trying to get Myron to crew with him around the world. He figured Carolyn and I could meet them at different ports! Godspeed, John!



Sue White - December 31, 2022 at 10:52 AM

RA

“ Ranae lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Finneran



Ranae - December 31, 2022 at 09:08 AM

LI

“ Lana Inderski lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Finneran



Lana Inderski - December 30, 2022 at 11:29 PM

MC

“ Marie Cassill lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Finneran



Marie Cassill - December 30, 2022 at 08:44 PM

MC

“ Dr. Finneran was a great doctor and a wonderful person. He was always in a good mood and treated his patients like family. Even when you felt the worst, just seeing him would make you feel better. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are for his family.

Marie Cassill - December 30, 2022 at 08:43 PM

KM

“ He took care of my Dad and Mom for many years. My Dad wouldn't go to any other Doctor. God bless his family as they move forward without him.

Karla Moore - December 30, 2022 at 08:03 PM

DR

“ *Dr. Finneran was our family physician for 4 generation and we have nothing but good to say for his services to all of us. He knew us anywhere he saw us and no matter how long it had been since he had seen us. Our sincerest condolences to his loved us. Dale and Doris Randolph and families*

Doris Randolph - December 30, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ *this man could sing ! i worked at hospital in bloomfield iowa ,my name was shari and he would sing oh sherri by steve perry!!!! when i was giving breathing treatment!!! when he would see me in hallwaysor in patients room!! he was great person and he will miss!!!!!!*

Shari Reyes - December 30, 2022 at 05:56 PM

DN

“ *Dr Finneran was a great physician! He was my dr. During a very devastating time in my life. Prays for all of his family during this great loss.*

Donnita Nelson - December 30, 2022 at 04:06 PM

KM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I have so many memories of our families spending time together. The Finneran's house was full of laughter, energy and joy. Backyard barbeques, fireworks, swimming, caroling... Literally, the door was always open. John was an excellent physician and he left a great legacy in our community.*

Kim Augspurger Mescher - December 30, 2022 at 03:42 PM

JH

This really make my heart happy. We bought the property a few years ago and have been updating it. It is a wonderful house that was owned by a very loving family! We still have the backyard barbecues, fishing at the pond, and fireworks! I am so thankful for the Finneran family and hope to take care of their family home.

Josh Husted - December 30, 2022 at 06:05 PM

IF

I saw Dr. Finneran in the hospital about every week end for several times with flu like discomfort. After much testing he said I think you have celiac, I said I think so too. I stopped all gluten. Then I was great, we both rejoiced. All my love and prayers to his Family.

lone Friend - January 01, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. John Finneran.



December 30, 2022 at 02:19 PM

NC

“ Nancy St Clair lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Finneran



Nancy St Clair - December 30, 2022 at 12:21 PM

MP

Sending much love & sympathy to The Finneran Family! You all know we thought alot of both of your parents. ❤️

Maricoe Proctor - December 30, 2022 at 01:49 PM

NC

“ I have so many memories from the many years at the hospital. Dr. John was as much a friend and mentor as a doctor. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow.

Nancy St Clair - December 30, 2022 at 12:20 PM

SW

“ The last time I talked to Doc was at the celebration of life for Dennis Anderson. We loved this guy, he was so good to our family over the years.

Sheila Westegard - December 30, 2022 at 11:31 AM

J(

“ Julia R Bennett (Silvers) lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Finneran



Julia R Bennett (Silvers) - December 30, 2022 at 11:26 AM

J(

I began seeing Dr Finneran when I was 19....I doctored with him until his retirement. He delivered my first 2 children PROUDLY. The day he came into the exam room (spring of 1981) I hope I never forget the look on his face and the joy in his voice as he loudly and proudly told me , "JB! We're pregnant!" 💖 XO My sincere sympathy for Mike and family 💖

Julia R Bennett (Silvers) - December 30, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *My late mother enjoyed teasing him and he'd tease her right back. He was one of our doctors for my parents, brother, and I, I don't have any stand out memories, just having good experiences when we saw him.*

Anne Tews - December 30, 2022 at 11:17 AM

BW

“ *I cannot even begin to share all my memories of Dr. John. As well as being my Dr., I worked beside him in surgery for over 30 years. We heard so many stories from him as well as his fantastic knowledge of medicine in general. He was such a joy to work with even in the tense situations that only we surgical people can understand. He was a man who loved his family and friends and did all he could to help those in need of medical care. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Dr. John.*

Betty Whitson - December 30, 2022 at 09:40 AM

LR

“ *Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Finneran*



Lynn roberts - December 30, 2022 at 08:38 AM

LD

“ *Always a very kind and compassionate Doctor, always willing to give medical advice without hesitation. He will be missed in the community. RIP Doc.*

Lana Drummond - December 30, 2022 at 02:36 AM

GS

“ *Dr. Dinner an was my Dr. for many years starting at the Fulfillment Clinic back in 1975. He will be missed by many.*



Georgia Stevens - December 30, 2022 at 01:26 AM

GS

Dr.Finneran was my dr . for many years starting at the Gilfillan clinic in 1975. He will be missed by many.

Georgia Stevens - December 30, 2022 at 01:32 AM

SH

“ *John was a man that lived his family & and cared so much for his patients. He will be missed. Prayers for his family*



Susan O'Brien Houglan - December 29, 2022 at 10:56 PM

RD

“ *I remember Dr. Finneran well. He did about the only surgery I ever had way back in 1977 in the Bloomfield Hospital. Deepest sympathy to his family and friends.*

*Randy Davis
Branson, Missouri*

Randy Davis - December 29, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DK

“ I was privileged to work with him in the office many years. He was always so helpful with his advice and vast knowledge!! His personality made work a lot of fun. He was so dedicated to all his patients. What an asset to our community for many years. Our prayers and sympathy to all your family as I know he was such a special Dad. Dianne & Gary Knapp

Dianne Knapp - December 29, 2022 at 09:52 PM

FH

So sorry for your loss. He was a great person and doctor. Glad he made it to Bloomfield many years ago. He will be missed.

Fran Harris - December 30, 2022 at 02:05 PM

JC

“ I have many many fond memories of "Doc" taking care of my dad, then my mom, and he stitched up several times. He will be missed!

Jim Cope - December 29, 2022 at 09:21 PM