RAFFERTY—Dr. Michael James, 46 of Oswald County, IA, died September 7th, 2014. The equine proctologist is survived by his wife of 22 years, Barbara, and their twin sons, Saddler and Canter (ages 11).

Aside from his love of horsemanship, Dr. Rafferty was an avid collector of dominoes and an amateur stargazer. His collection of Pre-World War II dominoes will be auctioned off at the Elk's Club next Tuesday (the 16th), the proceeds of which will go to Dr. and Mrs. Rafferty's favorite charity—Doughnuts for the Destitute.

A funeral service will be held and St. Swivens Church of the Blinking Eye this Saturday, September 13th, followed by a private burial service. The floral arrangements will be provided by Chaser, the horse that accidentally kicked Dr. Rafferty in the temple. Chaser has sent his condolences to the family regarding this terrible twist of fate. "I'm so sorry," Chaser said. "I just wish his hands hadn't been so cold."