



## Dr. Roger Dean Sebert

June 30, 1943 - October 4, 2019

Dr. Roger Sebert, beloved long time Visalia OB-GYN physician, passed away on Oct 4, 2019.

Dr Sebert was no stranger to Visalia, and you couldn't go anywhere with him without one of his patients, including 'mothers' and their families, stopping by to say a kind word and give a hug. He practiced medicine for over 40 years, delivering thousands of babies, including the children of babies he delivered. His faith in God was strong all of his life. He was even known to pray with his patients before surgery. He loved what he did and was dedicated to the care of his patients.

Roger was the eldest child of Wilbur and Ila Mae Bisgrove Sebert, born in Clarion Iowa on June 30, 1943. He came from a farming family, rising early to do his chores before heading off to school, then returning home to help out again in the evening.

He obtained his undergraduate degree at Iowa State, then attended the University of Iowa Medical School where he graduated in 1969. He completed his residency in Fresno CA, then began private practice in Visalia, eventually joining the staff of Visalia Medical Clinic.

He was a lifelong athlete beginning in Clarion and continuing into college with

his State Champion individual and team rankings at Iowa State, where he was also a two time All American in 1964 and 1965. He was well known in Visalia as an avid runner. He was also instrumental in the founding of Kaweah Delta Lifestyle Center and the Visalia Runners organization. He completed over 80 marathons as well as the Western States 100, where he finished the demanding 100 mile course in less than 24 hours.

He loved running and ran until he physically could no longer do so. Everything he did, he did to his fullest ability. He pushed himself hard, and expected no less from anyone else.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his loving wife of over 20 years, Carlene; children from his first marriage: son Shawn Sebert (Dee Dee) and grandchildren Samuel, Emma and Jackson; son Ryan Sebert (Amy) and step granddaughter Sorena Phonesy; and daughter Amanda Sebert; step children Matthew Frescura; Kristen Frescura Morrison (Kevin) and step-granddaughters Olivia and Everly; sisters Judy Sebert Lettow (Everett) and Audrey Sebert Quick (Steve), brother Rodney Sebert (Leann); and many nieces, nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Roger will be greatly missed and fondly remembered not only by his family and friends, but also the many people whose lives he touched.

Services will be held at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 9:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Parkinson's Foundation or Kaweah Delta Hospice. Condolences can be made to [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial

OCT **19**. 9:30 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Roger Dean Sebert* ”



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - October 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I knew Dr. Sebert from when I was a kid. My mom had worked in a lab at his office. I became a nurse at Kaweah and worked labor and delivery and post partum. He was a fixture from the time I was young thru adulthood. Always a solid doctor. Never flew by the seat of his pants like some others and he was approachable, sometimes grumpy about it but, was still approachable. I liked working with him. I trusted him. When I left Kaweah he was the one doctor I asked for a reference even though he had at one time hit heads with me about cathing patient's prior to going to O.R. for scheduled c sections instead of after their anesthesia in the O.R. He wanted it done before they had the spinal or epidural out on the floor. I always asked their preference . They said after the anesthesia. He wasn't pleased. We had a rather interesting conversation at the nurse's desk where he said it was like I said F U to his orders and he used his arms to emphasize the expression. To which I went to Linda Stewart, the nurse manager ,who said to write him up. I did. He begrudging stopped demanding planned C sections be cathed before going to the O.R. The whole episode was rather comical, it made me laugh. Because I had known that he really was a softy and was just being stubborn the whole time. He gave me that reference and I still have it.

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**Patricia Beck** - June 12, 2025 at 05:10 AM

RP

“ My first memory of Roger was the very first time I ever met him in person. I lived in Visalia at the time, had entered the San Diego Marathon and offered to pick him up at the entrance of a popular San Diego motel prior to the races start in Coronado, Ca in the dark at 5:00am.

I was about to run my first Marathon ever, The San Diego Marathon, over 40 some years ago. I was transporting a runner to the race, a doctor no less. When I pulled up to the hotel's entrance, I had no idea what he looked like, or what to expect.

As I neared the entrance, I spied a guy wearing rag-taggy t-shirt, white polo socks and shorts, that actually, come to find out after the race, were on backwards.

We spoke little before the race. He handed me a green, 30 gal. trash bag at the start, due to the cold and wind. The gun went off and ZOOM, the Doc was off like a shot, never to be seen again by me, til after the race.

I always considered him a mentor, somebody who I appreciated, respected and turned to for running advice. I will miss him sorely. He was the most honest, straight-shooting, tough, no-quit, unassumimg, extremely fast runner I have ever run alongsiide, as brief as that alongside experience lasted

God bless you! You now, have finished the toughest race ever...Life!

Rick Pence

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Rick Pence - March 27, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ I am so sad that I was unable to attend the service. Last Sunday as he was being honored, I was where he spent a good portion of his life, at Kaweah Delta in the Labor & Delivery Unit working. I was a patient of Dr. Sebert and I appreciated his knowledge and skill. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

*Memories...his placenta man costume, his love of running, his concern for our community, and his high expectations in all areas of his career. Rest well Dr. Sebert*

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**Kimberly Eller Thompson** - October 21, 2019 at 04:32 PM

SG

“ On behalf of my mom Jennie Medina & I, we would like to express our sincere condolences to Shawn, Dee Dee & family. May God give you the strength during this very difficult time.



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**Soledad Guzman** - October 17, 2019 at 10:33 PM

TR

“ Sad to learn about the passing of Dr. Sebert. Always had a great time visiting with Roger as a Pharma Rep. We had plenty of jokes to swap and lots of laughs. He was down to earth and a great Doc. Roger was somewhat slight in stature but huge in Character and Integrity. I thank him tremendously for those fun times spent shooting the bull with him! Rest In Peace Roger.

*Ted Rutter*

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**Ted Rutter** - October 14, 2019 at 01:04 PM

DE

“ My mother Carmen will always remember Roger, one of her table mates at QPM. She always spoke of his kindness and his willingness to always share a story about the many babies he help bring into this world. He would always stick up for the ladies at the table, when other men became mean or crotchety. He ran the good race. Hebrews 12:1  
-Debra Sallas Pagan

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**Debra** - October 14, 2019 at 12:22 AM

BW

“ Roger was a good man and a wonderful doctor. He and my dad (Joe Benoit) were good friends and I thought highly of him. So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace At least there wont be any memory loss now.

*My prayers and thought are with the family*

*Beverly Wilson*

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**Beverly Wilson** - October 13, 2019 at 11:17 PM

SI

“ Dee keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sandy and Charles Iacono*



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**Sandy and Charles Iacono** - October 13, 2019 at 08:21 PM

TW

“ *The Sebert Family,*

*My condolences and prayers of healing. Dr. Sebert was such a character and great doctor. Sean, Dee and kids you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Tanya Wass*

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**Tanya Wass** - October 12, 2019 at 02:28 PM

KC

“ *Best OB/GYN ever. Good, honest & very dedicated Dr. Fortunate to know him about 25 years!! My sincere condolences to his family & friends..*

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**Kay Correa** - October 12, 2019 at 02:23 AM

JF

“ *Roger was passionate about his family, his patients, his running, and his community. Once, when he was out for a run, someone threw something out their car window. Roger grabbed it up, chased the car down where it was idling at a traffic light, and banged on the window, insistent they properly dispose of their trash instead of littering our streets. Upon hearing this tale, some of the nurses from the NICU and L&D started teasing him about being a superhero and “Placenta-man” was born. A costume had to be created, including a red satin cape with an appliqué of a placenta. I’m not sure of what became of that, but rumor has it that Roger wore that costume in one of the marathons he ran.*

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**judy f** - October 12, 2019 at 12:13 AM

DE

“ Debra Ezelle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roger Dean Sebert



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Debra Ezelle - October 11, 2019 at 11:45 PM

DE

“ To the Sebert Family,  
I am so very sad and sorry to hear about the passing of my one and only Dr. Sebert..he was my doctor from the age of 19 until a few years before he retired..which I can say was almost his entire 40 years..He delivered both of my beautiful boys..one is 42 and one is 38..After he did my hysterectomy and he was getting close to retirement he told me that I didn't need him anymore that I could go to my internist for all my needs..It was a sad day to say the least...It was like losing a part of the family.😞 It's heartbreaking to hear of his passing 💔 I am sending my wholehearted condolences to Carlene and his entire family..I will pray for God's comfort for all.  
With Love, Debra Ezelle

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Debra Ezelle - October 11, 2019 at 11:42 PM