



Richard D. Kohlrieser

June 22, 1935 - February 17, 2017

Richard D Kohlrieser, 81, of Wapakoneta, passed away on 6:25 a.m. Fri. February 17, 2017, at Auglaize Acres. He was born in Wapakoneta on June 22, 1935 to Cletus & Marjory (Miller) Kohlrieser who preceded him in death. On September 9, 1961 he married Becky S. Brading, and she survives.

Other survivors include a daughter and two sons; Brenda (Rex) Lippincott, Mike (Marcia) Kohlrieser of Wapakoneta, and Steve Kohlrieser of Bradenton, FL, 4 grandchildren Jason Lippincott, Erica Bicknell, Nick Kohlrieser and Amanda Kohlrieser, 1 great-grandchild, Owen Bicknell, a sister Janet (Bruce) Neidemire, and several nieces and nephews.

Richard graduated from Saint Joseph High School in 1953. He lived a very unique life. He always had a huge love of working with animals which started at a very young age. He rode and clowned in rodeos and performed in circuses and variety shows for over 60 years. He owned and operated Diamond K Donkey Ball Co. for 17 years. He toured at the age of 80 and was still performing with his last dog Max at a wildlife park in Sarasota FL.

Services will be 7:00 p.m., Tues. Feb. 21, 2017, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave., (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta, with Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Greenlawn Cemetery,

Wapakoneta. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m., Tues at the funeral home.
Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Rita's Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
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Tribute Wall

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“ He was a great show performer with hid dog act and was billrf as Americas Most Famous Dog Catcher. He found and used many unwanted dogs in his act. His lovely wife Becky worked with Dick.

William Taggart - August 13, 2024 at 09:55 AM

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“ So very sorry for you loss. May the Lord hug you, hold you and comfort you.

You are in our prayers.

Ed and Tammy Danner

Tammy & Ed Danner - February 21, 2017 at 02:09 PM

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“ You have our condolences.

Gary and Dorothy Dickman - February 21, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard D. Kohlrieser.



February 21, 2017 at 08:36 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. Kohlrieser.*



February 20, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard D. Kohlrieser.*



February 20, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ *My heartfelt prayers and love go out to Becky, Mike, Steve, Brenda and the entire Kohlreiser family on the passing of Dick. Dick was an amazing friend, performer, mentor and hell of a great guy. A lot of my most cherished memories of circus involve Dick Kohlreiser. As Dick would always state with a twinkle in his eye "Wapakoneta Ohio was famous for two things, Neal Armstrong who conquered the moon and himself for conquering the earth". Dick's animal training skills were unmatched, his jackpots were rich with cowboy tone, his leather skills detailed and skilled, he revolutionized the circus pony ride industry, and was truly America's favorite dog catcher. Richard my dear friend you will be sorely sorely missed. Get ready celestial center ring, you have received a great one.*

Scott ODonnell - February 20, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. Kohlrieser.*



February 20, 2017 at 07:54 AM



“ *Brenda and Rex,*

Please accept our deepest sympathy. We hope you have many fond memories to think of and the peace of Christ to get you through the difficult time.

Scott and Brendala

Brendala Anspaugh - February 18, 2017 at 01:04 PM



“ *Becky, Janet and Families - my sympathy on the loss of your loved one. My memories of Dick go back to St Joseph School and, of course, "Donkey Basketball". I remember participating in one of those events at St Joseph High School. I know his many memories will sustain all of you during this difficult time. Jim Harrison*

James E Harrison - February 18, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Kohlrieser.*



February 17, 2017 at 05:30 PM