



Richard Dean Koehn

December 9, 1931 - January 27, 2018

Our father, Richard Dean Koehn, was born on December 9, 1931, at Montezuma, Kansas to Ben H. and Lydia Unruh Koehn. He passed away peacefully at his home in Versailles, Missouri on the evening of Jan 27, 2018, reaching the age of 86 years.

Dad passed away on his grandson Evan's birthday. This was special to us, since Evan had gone home to be with Jesus, just a few months ago. We cherish the thought that it was like a special birthday gift to Evan.

Dad grew up in the Montezuma, Kansas, area where he received most of his formal education. He then moved with his parents to Winton, California where he attended high school.

Dad felt the need of a Savior and gave his heart to the Lord. He was baptized on March 2, 1947, into the Church of God in Christ Mennonite by Min. Ervin Harms.

In 1948, Dad moved with his parents to western Kansas, settling in the Scott City area, and there they began farming. Dad was married to our mother, Deloris Unruh, on March 25, 1951, at Wallace, Kansas, by Min. Ervin Nightengale. Their home was blessed with three daughters and one son. In February of 1971, Dad and Mother moved their young family to Missouri, where there was a new congregation. This became their home, and they lived and raised their family on a farm close to the town of Versailles.

Mother and Dad enjoyed 56 years of married life together, until Mother became ill and passed away on Jan 29, 2008. This left Dad very lonely and he often wished for his beloved companion.

Dad was a hard worker and often worked long hours to provide for his family. He was gifted in many ways and worked in a variety of occupations, but he was a farmer at heart and that is what he did most of his years. Dad would take time for us as the family, and when possible we would take a family trip to the mountains or someplace together. We

have many fond memories of our home. Dad was a man of faith and taught us many things by his example. He loved the Lord and was faithful to the end. He was always concerned about the spiritual well-being of his children and grandchildren.

Dad had a big heart and made all his children and grandchildren feel very special. As they married, he welcomed their spouses into the family and made them feel as though they were his own. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he took an interest in each one. Dad would often ask them how they were doing.

Dad had many friends and took a special interest in young people. We will miss his visits and encouraging conversations.

Dad enjoyed good health for the most part and liked to be outdoors. He loved to farm with his son and grandsons, working side by side with them, teaching them many things about life and farming.

As Dad's health began to fade, his children and grandsons spent many hours staying with him and caring for him. With their care, he was able to stay at his own home until he passed away. Dad was very thankful to be able to attend the recent communion service at church and to attend his sister Judy's funeral in Inman, Kansas, just a week before his passing.

Though our hearts are sad at his passing, we are thankful for Dad's testimony and the peace he had in his heart. It was his desire to go to a better place.

Left to cherish fond memories are three daughters, Lois and husband Rod Litwiller, Renita and husband Melvin Kurtz, Bonita and husband Mervin Kurtz, one son, Nolan Koehn and wife Irene, all of Versailles, Missouri, fourteen grandchildren and their spouses, and nine great-grandchildren, three brothers-in-law, Waldo Unruh, and wife Edrie, Dennis Unruh and wife Rachel, all of Versailles, Vernon Koehn, of Moundridge Kansas, one aunt, Vada Unruh, of Montezuma, Kansas, and nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his parents-in-law, one brother, Victor, and three sisters, Marlene Koehn, Bonnie Koehn, and Judy Koehn, and one grandson, Evan Kurtz.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 31st, at the Beulah Mennonite Church near Versailles. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Beulah Mennonite Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,

Tuesday, at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery

Beulah Mennonite Church Cemetery

Shadey Brook Drive
Versailles, MO, 65084

Events

JAN 30 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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JAN 31 **Service** 10:30AM

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