



## Delbert Koehn

October 11, 1952 - December 8, 2015

Delbert was born on October 11, 1952 in Florence, Kansas to Walter P and Eva Nightingale Koehn. He passed away suddenly due to medical complications at his home in Eldon, Missouri, on December 8, 2015 at the age of 63, with his wife Rita and son Andrew by his side.

He grew up in a large family and helped his dad with farming in the Burns, KS area until he was about 14. He received most of his education in Burns and finished after they moved to Rich Hill, MO. Delbert was baptized in Rich Hill, MO along with his brothers, Curtis and Daniel on January 15, 1967 by Minister Kenneth Koehn.

After Delbert moved to Montezuma, Kansas in 1975, he met Rita Marie Schmidt and they were joined in marriage there on March 14, 1976. At the beginning of their marriage he enjoyed carpentry as his occupation and continued to work until his health declined in the late 80's. They enjoyed the ups and downs of life together for 39 years. Their union was blessed with three sons and one daughter. As a family they lived in Montezuma, KS area for 11 years, then moved to Phoenix, AZ for Delbert's health and better employment for Rita. After living there for 8 years, they decided to move to Versailles, MO to be closer to family.

In 1987 he was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease which was very

disabling. Even through his poor health, he often found a way to make everyone laugh with his unique sense of humor. He enjoyed music and singing. He loved harmony in songs and participated in quartets in earlier years and whenever his health permitted. A sunny day really lifted his spirits and he loved to be outdoors. As a Papa, he took special interest in his grandchildren and tried to keep in touch as much as he could. Over the years his wife Rita cared for him as she continued to work. His youngest son, Andrew, devoted himself to Dad's care for the last eight years and through this, they developed a very close bond. His health had declined dramatically in the last year but had gotten even worse in the last month. On his last day with us, we are thankful that God blessed Dad with a comfortable and peaceful day that was unseasonably warm and sunny, as well a beautiful sunset.

Delbert has left behind many family members and friends to mourn his loss. Wife Rita, and son Andrew, of Eldon, MO, son David and wife Tiffany of Versailles, MO, daughter Shannon and husband Kent Boeckner of Moundridge, KS, son Alan and wife Yolanda of Liberty, KY, and nine grandchildren; Christina, Abigale, Deanna, Preston, Blake, Veronika, Bronson, Madelyn, and Sabrina. His brothers: Harland Koehn of Hiawatha, KS, Archie Koehn and wife Alice of Rich Hill, MO, Ernie Koehn of Butler, MO, Frank Koehn and wife Marlene of Rich Hill, MO, Marlin Koehn and wife Diann of Macon, MS, Wesley Koehn and wife Edith of Rich Hill, MO, Daniel Koehn and wife Marva of Barnett, MO, Milton Koehn and wife Marge of Versailles, MO; his sister, Ella Mae and husband Jim Isaac of Butler, MO, 2 sisters in-law Beth Koehn of Riceville, IA, and Mary Koehn of Horton, MO.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Curtis and Hubert; three sisters in law Sondra, Edith, and Charlene; and an infant sister, Marcella.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, December 11th at the

Beulah Mennonite Church, with burial immediately following in the Beulah Mennonite Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, December 10th at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

## Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Beulah Mennonite Church  
Shadey Brook Drive  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Tribute Wall

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“ Terry J Clark lit a candle in memory of Delbert Koehn



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**Terry J Clark** - December 12, 2015 at 02:29 AM

TC

“ Sorry for your loss. God be with Delbert and all the family. Form a Rich Hill friend. Terry J Clark & Frieda L Clark. Vilach Austria

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**Terry J Clark** - December 12, 2015 at 02:28 AM

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“ When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember Delbert. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days. Sending prayers for all the family.

*Sam and Kim Martin*

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**Sam and Kim Martin** - December 10, 2015 at 08:20 AM