



Richard "Dick" Bangert

February 15, 2015

Richard Fred "Dick" Bangert, 78, of Cape Girardeau, MO, passed away at his home, with family by his side, on Saturday, February 14, 2015. He was born July 28, 1936, in Carlinville, IL, to the late James Fred and Eva Ann (Evans) Bangert. He and the love of his life, Patricia Wade Beadles were married August 16, 1959, in Cairo, IL. After graduating from Carlinville High School, Dick attended the University of Illinois where he joined Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity. Because he valued education, and with gratitude for his High School Agriculture teacher, he endowed a scholarship for Agriculture Students from Carlinville HS to attend the U of I. He also endowed a scholarship for members of Pi Kappa Phi at the U of I. After he graduated from the University of Illinois, with a degree in Agriculture, Dick enlisted in the US Army. After being honorably discharged, Dick worked in feed sales for Allied Mills. In 1966, he moved his family to Cairo, IL, to establish and manage the ServiceMaster plant. He later accepted the responsibility of managing the family farms for Vandivort Properties Inc. Dick was an avid hunter and fisherman, which is evidenced by the large collection of trophies he has accumulated from all over the world. These include trophies from Africa, South America, Alaska, Colorado and many from Missouri and Illinois. Although he enjoyed worldwide adventures, his favorite place was ♦The Ranch" in Wayne County, where he enjoyed many escapades with his friends, whom he called, ♦The Tribe♦. Although Dick loved to hunt and fish, he was also a dedicated conservationist and supported many organizations with his

time and resources. He was a member of the Elk Foundation, Trout Unlimited, the NRA, and he was a charter member of both the National Wild Turkey Federation and Ducks Unlimited. Dick enjoyed clandestinely placing over 125 Blue Bird houses and 75 Wood Duck houses in random locations throughout Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois. What probably meant the most to Dick was his mentoring relationships with the many young hunters and fisherman whom became his life-long friends. He enjoyed talking with pride about what fine young men they became. He was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws (Thomas and Virginia Beadles), and his beloved companions Jerry Neal, Leo Harris and John Sarff. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Patricia Bangert; son, Richard Thomas Bangert of Cape Girardeau; daughters Julia Kohlberg (Ken) of Chesterfield, MO and Dr. Karen Bangert (Tom Muir) of Cape Girardeau; brothers David Bangert of Carlinville, IL, and Daniel Bangert (Sue) of Jerseyville, IL; seven grandchildren Robert Kohlberg, Stephanie Kohlberg, Patrick Kohlberg, and Johnathan Kohlberg, Laura Ozark (Scott), Emily Muir and Jessica Muir; and many other family and devoted friends. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Ford and Sons Funeral Home on Mt. Auburn Road in Cape Girardeau. A Celebration of Life will begin at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Grant Gillard officiating. A full military honors tribute will end the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited or the NRA.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Pat So sorry for your loss. Dick was a great outdoorsman, and friend. We will miss him so much. Our prayers are with you at this sad time.

Mike & Joan Calahan - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Pat, Karen and Tom, Our prayers are with all of you in your time of loss. Dick was such a pleasure to be around and we always enjoyed his quick wit, smile and positive attitude. God Bless

Kevin and Janet Hogan - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Very sorry for the loss of Richard. I never knew him personally, but have seen him for the past many years every year at the Bootheel Boss Gobbler NWTF Banquette. I know God is watching over your family and hope you are comforted by knowing you have many friends praying for you family at this difficult time. God Bless Lindell & Cathy Barks

Lindell Barks - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Karen & Tom and family remembering your family in prayers Did you know we bought the house that John Scharff lived in?

Mary Alice & Don Blaylock - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Pat, I'm praying for you and the family. You and Dick were some of my favorite Shoney customers. When I'm baking cookies with my grandchildren I often think of you and your cookie bake.

Clara (Cook) Ross - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ We'll always remember and value the good times we've shared. Know we care & are praying for all the family.

Gary & Toni Senn - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sending our Love and Prayers to you Pat and all of your family. Cherish your memories and know that he is home now. He was a wonderful man.

Jim and Janet Maggart - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am sorry for your loss. Prays to you and your family.

Megan McGill-Knight - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Pat, I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was such a great man and will be deeply missed.

Amy Calahan Brueckner - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ It was always so nice seeing you and Pat come in every morning and pick your booth for the past 9 years. I'm glad to have met you. After that long it's kind of like you're part of the Bob's family. I'm glad I was able to give you a good ol squeeze last time I saw ya! We will all miss seeing you! Pat we're thinking of you! Smiley

Knikita Fernandez - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Sorry for your loss... Happy for Heavens gain.

Pam Rosenthal - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Tom, Karen and family, Our thoughts will be with you... John and Sandy

John & Sandy Brandt - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ though I only knew Dick for a short while he made me feel like we were lifelong friends. He will be missed.

James Faught - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ So sorry to hear that your dad passed away. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Donna Komorech - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss.Please let me know if I can do anything.

George Hampton - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Karen I'm so sorry for your loss!!! Prayers for your family????

Pam Glastetter - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ In the arms of Jesus, what a great place to be.

Pam Church - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ We send our deepest sympathies to the Bangert family. Thinking of you and remembering Dick as a great man.

Richard and Marge Kirkpatrick - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ For those who had the pleasure of knowing Mr"B", he was always so positive and uplifting to be around! As he always would say "Life is good". And he made life good when we were around him...my sincere condolences to his family and close friends! Heaven has received a great man!!!!

Doug Mueller - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ So sorry. Dick was one of the best friends I ever had. We had so much fun together and laughed more than any two people are entitled to in one lifetime. He was one of the most interesting people I have met, and I will truly miss him.

Charlie Ireland - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So very sorry for your loss. I was blessed to have spent some time with Mr. Bangert over the years in dog training classes. He was a man who loved the fancy and who cherished his family. My deepest sympathy and prayers for your family to find peace.

Melanie Coy - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ They are welcoming a "one of a kind" special guy today in heaven. Going to miss your smile. You have given Jim and me so many memories. You will always be with us. Love and miss you.

BJ Abernathy - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM