



Richard "Dick" Brubaker

January 18, 1944 - September 19, 2018

Richard "Dick" Brubaker, 74 of Napoleon, Ohio died unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at the Henry County Hospital in Napoleon. Dick was born January 18, 1944 in Napoleon to the late Richard L. Brubaker and Dorothy (Jackson) Slee. Richard died in 1948 and Dorothy was remarried to Walter "James" Slee. On July 6, 1974, Dick married Cathy (Frisinger) Brubaker at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio.

Dick was a 1961 graduate of Napoleon High school and was an outstanding multi-sport athlete. After high school he worked at the Charles Company in Napoleon and Defiance for several years. In 1975 he started working at 7Up bottling company in Napoleon and Toledo, where he worked until retirement. Dick was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon; serving as a school board member, elder, and usher. He served as Past President of Defiance Chamber of Commerce. He was very active in Henry County United Way and was the 1994 recipient of the Jim and Kae Clark Award, which honors the top volunteer in the United Way program. Dick was also recognized by the American Heart Association in 1993 for his outstanding dedication and service. In his retirement, Dick enjoyed volunteering at the Henry County Hospital and driving cars for Snyder Chevrolet. Dick also followed and cheered on many Napoleon athletes and was honored as a lifetime member of the Napoleon Athletic Boosters in 2009 due to his extensive dedication to NHS Athletics and the Buckenmeyer Stadium Committee.

Dick is survived by his wife of 44 years, Cathy; daughter, Cara (Jeff) Ressler of Napoleon; grandchildren, Caely, Kellen, and Tessa Ressler; brothers, Kenneth Brubaker of Napoleon and James "Shark" Slee of Ashville, NC, brother-in-law, Paul Limpach of Defiance, and sister-in-law, Susan (David) Dill of Napoleon. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings; Larry "Moe" Brubaker, William Brubaker, Linda Limpach, and Steven Brubaker. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 23rd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. A private burial will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon at a later date.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 2-7 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church, United Way of Henry County, or Napoleon Athletic Boosters.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *Cathy, so sorry for your loss. I grew up with Dick living just a few houses from me. I have known him for years and he was a great guy. You are in my thoughts and prayers! Debbie (Bernicke) James*

Debbie Bernicke James - October 03, 2018 at 03:42 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie Bernicke James lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Brubaker*



Debbie Bernicke James - October 03, 2018 at 03:36 PM

PB

“ *So very sorry, Cathy, for your loss. I have fond memories of Dick. He was one of the first volunteers for United Way of Henry County when it first started in the early 1980's. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. I remember how Dick helped me by visiting my mother occasionally when I was traveling so much. How grateful I was for that! It seemed strange not to see Richard in the Narthex this past Sunday! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Cathy.*

Pat Bilow and Josef Kuckelkorn

Patricia Bilow - September 26, 2018 at 09:25 AM

CF

“ *Carol Andrews Feehan lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Brubaker*



Carol Andrews Feehan - September 22, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ *Cathy and family, Elaine and I are shocked and saddened at Dick's sudden passing and we pray God's blessings of comfort and peace for you and yours in the days ahead. We will miss Dick in and around our church.*

Loren Volkman - September 22, 2018 at 03:24 PM

TM

“ *To Cathy, Cara and family - our thoughts and prayers are with you! Our family and community was blessed to have Dick in our lives. So many fun and great memories!!! We have such tremendous admiration, respect and love for the man you could not "out give." Whatever the world gave him - he returned hundreds of times over. The athletes and students at Saint Paul and Napoleon High School have lost their greatest fan. United Way of Henry County will always miss our incredible volunteer and our GREAT friend. And our family will treasure "Uncle Dick " always.
Tom & Sharon Mack family*

Tom Mack - September 22, 2018 at 11:22 AM

GW

“ Dear Brubaker Family,
So very sorry for your loss. Will always
remember Dick at the Swim meets. He was
always so helpful and friendly. He has
touched a lot of lives.
Our deepest Sympathy.
Gary & Lila Wernecke



Gary & Lila Wernecke - September 21, 2018 at 07:12 PM

BD

“ Are thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Barbara (Slier) Delaney - September 21, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family
of Richard "Dick" Brubaker.



September 21, 2018 at 11:11 AM

LC

“ Cathy & Cara.....thinking of you and sharing in your loss and grief.
It's been 9 yrs. since my husband passed, and I don't ever expect
that emptiness to go away, (nor do I want it to). Our Father in
Heaven will take you by the hand, and never leave you during these
times. Friends and family will also surround you with Love. Dick was
a kind and gentle man and loved by many. God Bless

Linda Parnell (your cousin) - September 20, 2018 at 03:10 PM

RS

“ I was a teammate and a dear friend of Slippery Bru! Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family .Bru was a Wildcat through and through.

Sincerely,
Ron and Sue Stevens

Ron Stevens - September 20, 2018 at 01:02 PM

KA

“ I consider Mr. Brubaker as important to my childhood as my favorite teacher or most influential coach. Going through the lunch line at St. Paul, I can't describe how happy I was when I would see guest lunch lady Mr. Brubaker was the one serving the green beans that day. He talked to every kid as if it were his job to make every one of us smile and laugh. In high school he'd spot me from halfway across the narthex on Sundays and greet me with a big smile and a handshake. He would know my stats from basketball that weekend and would always be interested in anything I had to share. After moving to Toledo and my Sundays at St. Paul were more and more spaced out - only one thing changed with Mr. Brubaker. Same big smile, same kind words, same genuine interest in my life, but the handshake became a hug. So if any of my friends were wondering why I hug them so much, now you know. I will miss Mr. Brubaker very much and will always carry the reminder of how much you can touch someone's life just by being nice.

Kevin Aschemeier - September 20, 2018 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Brubaker.*



September 20, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ *Cathy and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. May God bless your family to help you understand. Dick will always be known to me as the "engineer" from when I helped with Bible School many many years ago.*

Kathy Gobrogge - September 20, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ *Dick and I played baseball together. He was the catcher for some of the games I pitched. In a game against Archbold we collided chasing a foul fly ball that would have been the last out of the game. Dick suffered a concussion, I think. I had a broken cheekbone. Sounds gruesome. But, hey, we were warriors battling for the honor of Napoleon High School. Dick was a good catcher and a hell of a nice guy. So very sorry he is gone.*

Rich Pratt - September 20, 2018 at 09:45 AM

JD

“ *Cara, I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing-I'm sure you're just heartbroken. Please know I'll be thinking of you this weekend as you say your goodbyes-keep those wonderful memories of him close to your heart and I know those will help you smile-My thoughts and prayers will be with you!!!*



Jill Davidson - September 20, 2018 at 09:35 AM

EW

“ *Cathy, Cara and family, We are so sorry to hear about Dick's passing. There are no adequate words of comfort. George and Elaine*



Elaine Wells - September 20, 2018 at 06:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Brubaker.*



September 20, 2018 at 06:36 AM

CW

“ OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO CATHY AND HER FAMILY AT THERE TIME OF SORROW. FROM THE DAY WE ARE BORN WE NEVER KNOW HOW LONG OR WHAT KIND OF LIFE WE WILL BE BLESSED WITH. ONLY OUR DEAR LORD KNOWS THIS, AND WE JUST DO OUR BEST TO BE THE BEST OF WHAT THE LORD WOULD WANT US TO BE. DICK'S FAMILY IS A TESTEMENT TO HOW WONDERFUL A LIFE HE WAS ABLE TO HAVE AND ENJOY. YOUR MEMORIES WILL CARRY YOU THRU ALONG WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF KNOWING YOU WILL BE REUNITED AGAIN SOME DAY. BUT, UNTIL THEN YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL GUARDIAN ANGEL NOW WATCHING OVER YOU AND YOU WILL FEEL HIS PRESENCE IN TIMES OF GOOD AND NOT SO GOOD. JUST LISTEN AND YOU WILL HEAR HIM. BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL. MAY OUR GOOD LORD BE WITH YOU ALL AND COMFORT YOUR HEARTS. FOR YOUR LOVED ONE IS NOW IN THE ARMS OF OUR LORD AND IS SO VERY SAFE. BLESSINGS, DAVID AND CHRIS WACHTMANN & FAMILY

CHRIS WACHTMANN - September 19, 2018 at 11:27 PM



“ Cathy and Family, You have my sympathy on Dick's passing. We knew you from the Chiropractor office, we used to take Foster Children in. We lived on Lakeview Drive around the corner from Dick's parents. Ruth passed away from Cancer three years ago. I live in an assisted living unit near Maumee, my daughter lives and works in Maumee.

HalRuth Griffin - September 19, 2018 at 09:15 PM

KF

“ So many good memories of Dick, Cathy and Cara- church, school, swimming, etc. Truly a kind, gentle person and a dedicated child of God! He was always so family oriented. Much love, hugs and prayers for you all! We look forward to our glorious reunion one day. But until then, a piece of our heart is gone.

Kathy Hogrefe and family - September 19, 2018 at 08:36 PM

BS

“ Cathy, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bob Showman

Bob Showman - September 19, 2018 at 06:31 PM

DR

“ Dick always had a smile & a hug for everyone he met ~ we will miss that immensely, and we will miss you, Dick. But now you can rest in the arms of our Everlasting Savior, Jesus Christ!!!
Sending our love & prayers to Cathy, Cara, & family.

Deb & Jim Rohrs - September 19, 2018 at 04:58 PM

KA

“ Kay lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Brubaker



Kay - September 19, 2018 at 04:46 PM

CB

“ *Cathy, Cara and family, You have our deepest sympathy on the passing of Dick, your in our thoughts and prayers. Dick will be greatly missed, he was such a great volunteer and supporter of anyone he knew in sports. I know he always asked how my kids were doing when I would run into him. He was just an all round GREAT person!!!!*

Chris Brubaker - September 19, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Brubaker.*



September 19, 2018 at 04:00 PM

DR

“ *Even in all Dick went through with his health issues over the years, he always had a smile & a hug for everyone. Rest in God's arms now, & the renewed blessings of our Lord & Savior, Dick. And to Cathy, Cara & family, sending our prayers & lots of love to each of you 🧡🙏🧡
Love, Deb & Jim*

Deb & Jim Rohrs - September 19, 2018 at 03:30 PM

MM

“ *Thinking of you today.....rememberiing all the great little conversations we had in the halls of St. Paul School. Prayers to you and yours....*

M. Katherine Meyers - September 19, 2018 at 03:23 PM

HB

“ *I will always remember Dick as the 7-Up man at Napoleon aquatic club events. I think I may even have even met him before I knew Cara. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs!!*

Heather Berge - September 19, 2018 at 02:37 PM