



David Riebel

December 12, 1936 - November 4, 2018

David Riebel Sr., age 81 of Worthington, died Sunday November 4, 2018 at Kobacker House. He was born on December 12, 1936 in Dayton Ohio to the late Edgar and Henrietta (Ryan) Riebel. He was a member of the Dayton Fairview HS Class of '55, The Ohio State University Class of '59 and the Ohio State University Law School Class of '65. He served his Country serving in the US Army, was a trial lawyer, and was a member of Sigma Chi. He was preceded in death by his son Michael W. Riebel in 2009 and his good friend Carol Malogorski. David is survived by his sons David Riebel Jr. and Matthew R. Riebel, granddaughters Allissa, Erin, and Hope, and his sister Susan Riebel. A private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of gifts, the family asks that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association. www.diabetes.org/donate

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Paul Robert (Bob) Bowles*

Dave and I were Sigma Chi Fraternity Brothers at OSU. We had some good times and tough times together as we both had to work during our Junior and Senior years while trying to study and have some fun. Dave had some tough times in midlife but came away from them a helper and hero to many of us. May his soul rest in the peace he earned. Blessings to his family.

Paul Robert (Bob) Bowles - August 04, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ *David Riebel*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

WB

“ *Our deepest sympathy. Dave will be missed.*

Bill & Kitty Broadwell

WILLIAM R BROADWELL - January 27, 2020 at 08:15 PM

DA

“ *Dave was such a likable man. When I taught Criminology at Bishop Hartley in Columbus he was always willing to give of his time to come our and speak with the students - they found him entertaining, candid and informative. Later in life I was working as a therapist and when one of my clients was in BIG trouble he dropped everything to help her with no idea whether he'd be paid on not. Knowing he has passed leaves a space for all who knew him... Dan A*

Dan Ansel - January 25, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ I just found out that one of my dearest friends, David Riebel, passed away on November 4th. 😞

I am a better man because Mr. Riebel took me under his wing, and mentored me, during the hardest part of my life.

He will always be “The Greatest Bridge Player Ever!” Here’s to you Doc = “Three No Trump!”

I promise to pray for you, Carol, and your entire family, until we meet again at the Pearly Gates.

Brad Donnelly - December 20, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ I just heard about your passing today. I think about you often. You were like a Father to me. I am so sorry we did not get to see each other in recent years. I will never forget sitting at the player piano with you as a little girl. RIH much love.. Kristen Heinmiller

Kristen Heinmiller - December 03, 2018 at 01:34 AM



“ To David jr. and Matt
It was hard for all of us to watch what your Dad went thru but I want you to know how much he loved you both as children. My father was very different than yours. He was shy and unable to express himself in words. I loved becoming part of your family. I watched your Dad tell you he loved you every nite with a big kiss. He was so proud of you both. He taught me what a father could and should be. He had a wonderful sense of humor and kept all of us laughing. He definitely helped me come out of my shell. He was good for me. I love you both . God bless your father. He left the world a better place by giving us you Men.

susan nishiura - November 19, 2018 at 06:18 PM

SF

“ Scott and I want to send our condolences to Dave Jr., Matt, and all of the Riebel family. We always enjoyed seeing and talking with Dave when he was in the neighborhood. If Tom were here I know he would be saddened also - he and Dave got along so well. Just know that we're thinking of you.

Sue Funk

Sue Funk - November 12, 2018 at 10:13 PM

BB

“ David was a real patriot. He will sorely missed. All honor to his name!

*In Hoc,
Bill & Kitty Broadwellpp*

Bill Broadwell - November 12, 2018 at 08:29 PM

DH

“ Dave was instrumental in connection with the adoption of our daughter, Kirsten, 40 +++ years ago and we shared office space on E. Mound Street. Sally, Dave and Joan were classmates at OSU when Sally and Joan were Thetas and post-OSU days played bridge together. Dave also shared many interesting stories over the bridge table. Dave was one of a kind. Rest In Peace.

Dave and Joan Hornbeck

Dave and Joan Hornbeck - November 12, 2018 at 04:49 PM

PK

“ I have known Dave thru all our educational years. When I went to a craft convention in Columbus, we would meet and have lunch at Hofbrau House. He was my friend for all the years we had together. Will miss him greatly. Pat Rodgers Kellison

Pat Rodgers Kellison - November 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM

PO

“ Go Bucks. I will miss you more than words can say... No one else had the storehouse of trivia and jokes for every conversation more than you did. Always a delight to be around. You and Sally certainly produced wonderful children. Love you Dave. Fly High.

Penny

Penny Oakes - November 10, 2018 at 01:19 PM

RC

“ I met Dave when I was a law student and he took me on as a law clerk. When I graduated from law school, Dave hired me as an associate; later we became law partners. Dave was a masterful litigator. He taught me how to try cases, stretch my limits, and be fearless in the courtroom. Dave was always a champion of the “little guy” and willing to take on unpopular cases. I was blessed to meet him, work with him, and know him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

God bless you, Dave.

Rich Cline

Richard Cline - November 08, 2018 at 09:12 PM

PK

“ I knew Dave from grade school thru college. All that time he was a special person to me. Each year I go to a painting convention in Columbus. We would meet and have lunch at Hofbraus House. But this year I couldn't reach him...now I know why.

I will always remember Dave. He had a zest for life and lived it. Will miss him. Pat Rodgers Kellison

Pat Rodgers Kellison - November 08, 2018 at 08:19 PM

DC

“ David was a tremendous influence on my career. When i was a young lawyer, I had a case against David and he beat me handily. Then, to his credit, he sat down with me and told me how I could have done better and what mistakes I made. In addition, he was a constant advisor to me during the years of my young career. He was completely unselfish in giving time to me to help me improve my skills.

He was a wise philosopher, spewing out one liners regularly that simplified issues in life. He never was too busy to help me. A great man, great lawyer and great friend. I am sorry that we have lost him.
Dan Connor

Daniel Connor - November 08, 2018 at 12:10 PM

PD

“ I knew Dave when we shared office space at 601. He was a great guy. We had many good times together and I always knew I could count on him if I needed help with a legal question. He was a true friend to many and a kind person. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May your many happy memories and God's Love help you all through this difficult time.

Phyllis Z. Debenport

Phyllis Z. Debenport - November 08, 2018 at 11:10 AM

DH

“ Sorry for your loss. We knew David for over 60 years. We had some great laughs over football games and "life" discussions.
Duke/Wanda Heller - Worthington

Duke Heller - November 08, 2018 at 10:02 AM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. David and I were classmates at Fairview High School, Class of 1955. I'm not sure that Dave recognized just how talented he was as an athlete. He had speed that would allow him to run as fast as the wind. He was personality-plus and had many friends. Those were great days!
Barry Haas

Barry Haas - November 08, 2018 at 08:04 AM

AS

“ *Saddened to hear of David's passing. Knowing him since college...probably have never known a more unique, talented soul. RIP, David.Fly with the Angels..*

*Ann Wollett Snyder
Upper Arlington*

Ann Wollett Snyder - November 07, 2018 at 12:33 AM

HS

Amen

Herschel M Sigall - November 25, 2024 at 04:51 PM