



Richard Oberdahlhoff

July 31, 1938 - March 22, 2026

Richard Oberdahlhoff, 87, of Bowling Green, Missouri, passed away peacefully in Houston, Texas, on March 22, 2026.

Richard was born on July 31, 1938, to Kearney and Margaret Feldman Oberdahlhoff on the family farm, where he lived his entire life. He was a proud graduate of Bowling Green High School, Class of 1956, where he served as Student Body President, FFA President, and was a member of the State Meats Team. He proudly served in the United States Army Reserves.

On September 7, 1963, he married Susie Rittenhouse. Together they built a life centered around family and farming. He is survived by his children, Rick of Houston, Texas, and Melaney McGaugh of Bowling Green; and his grandchildren, Taylor McGaugh (Garrett Clements) of Santa Fe, Texas, and Tanner McGaugh of Bowling Green, Missouri.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Kearney and Margaret Feldman Oberdahlhoff; and his sisters, Katherine (Jack) Purk, Dorothy (Shorty) Purk, and Mary Agnes (Joe) Dixon. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly.

Richard was baptized and raised in St. Clement Catholic Church and later attended Cowboy Church in Bowling Green. He was deeply involved in his

community and was selected by the Jaycees as the Outstanding Young Farmer. He also contributed to organizations such as University Extension, the Pike County Fair Board, Pike County Rural Water Board, Missouri Pork Producers, and the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. He served on the Pike County Rural Water Board for over 40 years, including time as Chairman of the Board, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He worked in sales at Bowling Green Equipment for over 20 years.

He was a familiar face in the Amish community and spent many hours at Eicher's Cabinet Shop, where he enjoyed swapping stories and visiting with friends. Known for his sharp wit and straightforward nature, Richard had a great sense of humor and was never afraid to say exactly what was on his mind—something those who knew him appreciated and will always remember.

His greatest passion was raising and showing livestock. He dedicated countless hours to helping his children and grandchildren select and show winning animals across the Midwest, and he never missed a livestock show of Taylor's or a sporting event that Tanner played in. Richard's favorite pastimes included reading livestock journals and watching RFD-TV and Gunsmoke—so much so that a special TV package was a must to keep up with both.

Richard will be remembered for his strong work ethic, deep love of family, and lifelong commitment to agriculture.

Honorary pallbearers: Everett Forkner, Mike Kurz, Billy Hall, Eddie Robinson, Danny Lewis, Darrell Henderson, and Fred Gamm.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, May 1, 2026, at 5:00 at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green. Viisitation will be Friday, May 1st from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pike County Youth Fair Building Project.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
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Memorial Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Oberdahloff.*



April 28 at 09:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Oberdahloff.

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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Oberdahloff.*



April 27 at 12:21 PM



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TG

“ Tina & Richard Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Richard Oberdahlhoff



Tina & Richard Gutierrez - April 24 at 08:04 AM

TW

“ The Schelnick - Koth - Gutierrez - Wares purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Richard Oberdahlhoff.



The Schelnick - Koth - Gutierrez - Wares - April 23 at 09:33 AM

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The Schelnick - Koth - Gutierrez - Wares - April 23 at 09:33 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Richard Oberdahlhoff.



April 08 at 01:03 PM

CO

“ Carol & Orval purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Richard Oberdahlhoff.



Carol & Orval - March 30 at 10:05 AM

AF

“ Susie, I am sending this for my father Jim Johnston and he wanted
you to know how sorry he was to hear about Richard's passing. He
said he and Richard sure had lots of good times telling stories and
sharing some jokes. Dad was just asking me if I remembered when
Richard clerked the FFA hog sale way back in the day...oh yes
those were some of the good ole days for sure. Dad will have a
candle lit at church in remembrance of his ole hog sale, hog
showing, story telling buddy. Rest in Peace my friend.
Jim W. Johnston

angela fields - March 29 at 08:23 PM

CM

“ Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of Richard
Oberdahlhoff



Carla Mills - March 26 at 03:37 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Hunter lit a candle in memory of Richard Oberdahlhoff*



Wanda Hunter - March 24 at 06:37 PM

MT

“ *Susie and family, we always enjoyed visiting with you and Richard. Sending love and prayers for you all.*

Mary and Larry Twellman - March 24 at 08:59 AM

DW

“ *Donna Wiss lit a candle in memory of Richard Oberdahlhoff*



Donna Wiss - March 24 at 05:23 AM

MW

“ *It was always a pleasure to discuss livestock with Richard. He had valuable perspective on many issues in Agriculture and I will always remember his keen wit and engaging personality. My deepest sympathy to all his family.*
Mike Williams

Mike Williams - March 23 at 08:34 PM

DR

“ *Sending Heartfelt Sympathy and Love...*

Donna Willis Reich - March 23 at 08:10 PM

CW

“ Family & friends I am so sorry to hear of Richard leaving us!😭 He always kept me going with his witty words.😁 And wanting me to pay for his food if we saw each other somewhere we were eating.😁 He did give me a \$1 one night at the auction for a hotdog!😂 I had a good time laughing & joking with Richard. He will definitely be missed!☐ RIP BUDDY!💙💙



Chrystal Walker - March 23 at 07:35 PM

RC

“ Susie and Family---sending sincere sympathy to all of you. So very sorry to hear this news. When I think of Richard one image comes to mind---Richard leaning on the north side of the Missouri State Fair Hog Building's Show Ring watching the Youth Hog Show competitions intently---judging (and debating) every animal for its pros and cons with great gusto and a huge smile on his face! He was truly in his happy spot when he was at a livestock show. He will be missed by all who ever knew him, but most of all by his great family. Prayers are being lifted up for all of you.

Robin Gross Connell - March 23 at 05:40 PM

DE

“ So Sorry for your loss

Deanie Ebers - March 23 at 05:15 PM

LW

Susie, I am so sorry to hear of Richards passing. Hugs and prayers for you. Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - March 24 at 06:38 PM

RT

To all of Richard's family. I first met Richard when i was a kid working for Ralph and Jim Foster. They used to help each other from time to time. I reconnected with him at Bowling Green Equipment when he sold for Bob Niemeyer. Last saw him at Jane McGeorge's visitation. Always enjoyed talking with him. Our sympathy to you all. Ron and Dianne Talley .

Ron Talley - March 24 at 08:53 PM