



## Garry P. Koschitzki

August 10, 1963 - March 15, 2020

Garry Koschitzki, 56, owner of the Bailiwick Ranch and Animal Park passed away suddenly on March 15, 2020 in Venice, FL.

He is survived by his six children: Tyler, Tiffani, Trever, Troy, Tanner, and Talon, his daughter-in-law Jennifer, 3 grandchildren: Brianna, Dylan, and Mia Rose, future son-in-law Chris, his brother Alfred (Laurel), his sister Astrid (Thomas), companion of 8 years Kim, and the mother of his children Robin.

Garry will always be remembered by his love of children, animals, aquatic activities, traveling, and Mr. Jimmy Buffett.

Graveside services will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Koschitzki Family Cemetery located at the Bailiwick Animal Park, Catskill, NY.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made through purchase of a gift certificate at the Bailiwick Animal Park.

Arrangements have been entrusted by the family to Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc., Cairo, NY.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).



# Cemetery Details

## Koschitzki Family Cemetery

118 Castle Rd.  
Catskill, NY 12414

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

NH

“ As a long time neighbor and friend we are shocked and saddened to hear this terrible news, and to get the news so long after Garry's passing.

*I remember well when we bought our place meeting Garry and he was a fun and helpful neighbor, demolition of out buildings and drinks down the pub.*

*Our daughters learnt to ride, he stabled and sold us Misty the pony and we watched the Balliwick and his family evolve.*

*I had not seen him recently but when I did last see him he was the same affable, helpful and pleasant guy that I first met.*

*Our whole family send their love and condolence to all the family.*

*Nick Hardy, Marta, Luisa and Emma.*

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**Nick Hardy** - May 29, 2020 at 11:05 AM

CM

“ Dear Astrid, Freddie, Robin, Tyler, Tiffi, Trevor, Troy, Tanner, Talon and Kim:

*Hans rang. I'm beyond heartbroken to know that my sweet soul, lifelong friend is gone. My heart aches for ALL of you. Please know that I'm sending you love and all the strength I can share. I know my life wouldn't be as it is without having known him and it will never ever be the same. I'm so, so sorry.*

*Love,*

*Caren Eckert Martin*

*Boogs cousin from Michigan*

*Aka Aunt Bootie, Aunt Bunny*

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**Caren Martin** - April 25, 2020 at 04:38 PM

VI

“ I missed being able to pay tribute to Garry. He terrorized a group of us 6th grade girls camping up on Mountain House Road when he was in 5th grade. We took our pistol permit course together. Many times, I found his horse up on my dad's lawn and various different animals throughout the years that would show up. When the Game Farm was open, we often were not sure of where the llama, peacock or ostrich were from, but it probably was from the Bailiwick. Garry, you always were adventurous. I wish I had spoken with you the last time I had a chance to, but life is like that. We cannot know the future but we can be assured there is one with God above.  
Hugs, Vivian White-Sharkey

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**Vivia** - April 05, 2020 at 12:04 PM

TF

“ Our long time friend and neighbor, you will be missed  
Deepest sympathies and love from Hank, Ellen,  
Stephen, and Llanya



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**The Mahnken family** - March 28, 2020 at 09:34 AM

KG

“ *The Koschitzki Children and Family,*

*My sympathy to all of you. So sorry for your loss.*

*We first met everyone at the Bailiwick Ranch when Karisa was about 5 and did a \$3 pony ride one 40 degree January day, were Garry's mom led her around a circular track on "Punky". Those were the days of Clyde, the pig.*

*We kept coming back and Karisa eventually bought a couple of horses and kept them at the farm and learned to become an equestrian. Garry and his horse skills, talents, and knowledge were invaluable. Karisa within time felt part of the family and would stay over on weekends and did fun things with Tiff.*

*One of my most fun things with Garry I remember, besides the barbecues, is when he loaded up a beautiful team of Clydesdale type looking horses one sunny afternoon to pull a hay cart, with all of us in it, up the dirt road near the old Catskill Game Farm. We went to the Mountain Brauhaus in Round Top, had lunch, including my favorite bratwurst and German beer.*

*Garry was smiling after providing a free ride up the mountain and seeing his best customers enjoying themselves.*

*Thanks, Garry, for all the fun times and memories you provided for so many years. You'll be missed by so many.*

*Peace.*

*Klaus*

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**Klaus Gaebel** - March 26, 2020 at 10:20 AM

AR

“ Garry, you were a man who made a great impression on everyone, you were so friendly and welcoming. I feel so fortunate to have met you, my deepest condolences to your family. The world has lost a great person. You have left your mark. Fly with the angels.

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**alexis rion** - March 25, 2020 at 09:56 PM

AR

“ Alexis Rion lit a candle in memory of Garry P. Koschitzki



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**alexis rion** - March 25, 2020 at 09:52 PM

LG

“ I am so sorry.  
Years ago, Garry was one of my first first-graders at Irving School in Catskill, and I enjoyed him tremendously.  
Later, he was a customer of ours at River Basin Sports. One day when he stopped in, my husband was not feeling well, although he never said anything about it to Garry. A few minutes after Garry left, I came in to mind the shop so that my husband could go home. Next thing we knew, Garry was back. He said that he had been on his way home, but kept thinking that Tom did not look well. He turned his car around to make sure that everything was OK. Tom just had a cold, but I will never forget that bouncy little boy and the exceptionally caring man he grew into.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Linda Gentalen and husband Tom

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**Linda Gentalen** - March 25, 2020 at 02:23 PM

KG

“ *The thought of losing someone who has had such an impact in my life is numbing, but the memories of Garry will live on in my heart. My whole childhood revolved around the ranch. Every day of every summer...every weekend...was spent there. It was one of the greatest gift in my life.*

*My favorite day during horse camp was when we brought out the trick riding saddle. I had already had a few turns, but I wanted to try again. I remember Garry said I could have another turn if I figured out how to get on myself. Of course there were no stirrups on the saddle and the horse seemed to be about 4 times my size, but I was determined. I managed to get on somehow, and had one more go round.*

*I am thankful to have known him. I wouldn't be the person I am today without him.*

*My deepest sympathies.....*

*-Karisa*

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**Karisa Gaebel** - March 24, 2020 at 09:57 AM

EG

“ *Talon and family,  
So sorry for your loss.  
Condolences,  
Ms. Gessner*



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**Erin Gessner** - March 23, 2020 at 05:16 PM

CR

“ What do you say about a man who:

*is an hour late for dinner because he was riding an elephant*

*shows up at your door with a baby kangaroo*

*shows up at your door with a baby tiger*

*while Christmas carolling, was in such perfect synchronization with his horse that the bells around his shoulders did NOT ring*

*thought it was funny to leave a four foot alligator in the bathtub during a party*

*valiantly worked to save a cold, baby bat*

*wanted to adopt a sad, runaway Capuchin monkey from the Game Farm*

*delighted in extravagant fireworks that drove the horses crazy*

*hosted great barbecues - even the one were goat was served*

*fed my horse, Duffy, a ham and cheese sandwich*

*taught me that macaws have personalities and enjoyed petting*

*loved the movie Shrek*

*was a magician*

*locked his mother in a stall for fun and left her there*

*was always the center of attention*

*had friends of great character, and friends who were great characters*

*was fierce, childlike, charming, independent, and a force of nature*

*I guess you have to say goodbye. The world will be a duller, poorer place without you.*

*I thank you for all the wonderful memories and friends I have because of you.*

*I thank you for the magic.*

*Love,*

*Colleen Ryan*

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**Colleen Ryan** - March 23, 2020 at 12:54 PM

LT

“*Leslie Taliercio lit a candle in memory of Garry P. Koschitzki*



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**Leslie Taliercio** - March 22, 2020 at 12:07 PM

RK

“ *Robin Kay sent a virtual gift in memory of Garry P. Koschitzki*



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**Robin Kay** - March 22, 2020 at 09:40 AM

RK

“ *Robin Kay lit a candle in memory of Garry P. Koschitzki*



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**Robin Kay** - March 22, 2020 at 09:39 AM

DM

“ *Words can't express my deepest sympathy for Garry's children (sorry Tanner for leaving your name off the card I sent), Astrid, Freddie whom I only met once and Kim who I had the pleasure of seeing on my visits. Having boarded my horse at Baliwick and seeing the zoo built so many smiles have come to my face after hearing of his untimely passing. Even after my horse wasn't there I always stayed in touch by stopping by and he would show off the animals to me and it was great to see how all the exotic animals loved him. He will be missed dearly by all that have met him and the animals he is leaving behind.*

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**Diane Melia** - March 21, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Garry P. Koschitzki.*



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March 21, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ *Evelyn Pahl lit a candle in memory of Garry P. Koschitzki*



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**Evelyn Pahl** - March 20, 2020 at 01:53 PM



*My deepest condolences to Garry's family & children. I am so grateful and happy that I was able to reconnect with Garry a few years ago and meet his children and Kim. You truly will be missed buddy, great memories never fade. Sending many, many, many prayers , Evelyn*

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**Evelyn Pahl** - March 20, 2020 at 02:07 PM

JP

“ Astrid and Freddy, so sorry to learn about Garry’s passing. it doesn’t seem so long ago that we were working up by the barn when your mom came out of the living room door from cleaning, sat on the stoop, called your dad over and we all went down as she announced it was time to go to the hospital for Garry’s arrival. It was great that Garry kept the Bailiwick going for all to enjoy. He was always willing to go the extra distance to help others no matter what the need. Best wishes to you and the rest of the family. Johnny P.

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johnny p - March 20, 2020 at 08:06 AM

JK

“ I want to send my deepest condolences to Garry’s family. Although I didn’t know you all well, I had met Garry and Tiffani when I took my kindergarten class to the zoo. Garry was such a compassionate, thoughtful and caring person. I loved watching his interactions with both my children and his animals. It was such an amazing trip that I had brought my own children there. Garry once again catered to them, even allowing them to go inside the cage with the baby kangaroo. My daughter still remembers that. It made her day!! Not only will you be sadly missed by your family, but also by all the animals that you loved so much! RIP Garry. My sincere condolences, Jeannie Kouhout

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Jeannie Kouhout - March 19, 2020 at 09:51 PM

ES

“ I remember when Garry gave Al a riding lesson and didn't tighten the girth so when Al tried to step up in the styrup the whole saddle slid.

*I remember sitting up in a tree during Halloween an hearing the "witches " yelling that there was a fire and saw Garry running by me to get to them.*

*There are so many wonderful, funny, amazing memories we will all have forever thanks to Garry. We have also learned so much along the way.*

*Words are not enough to express our deep felt sorrow for the man we are so thankful for.*

*You live in our hearts Garry, forever.*

*Our love and sympathy to those who meant the most to you.*

*Al, Elisa and Tracy*

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**Elisa Shafran** - March 19, 2020 at 08:42 PM

AS

“ Al, Elisa and Tracy Shafran purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Garry P. Koschitzki.



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**Al, Elisa and Tracy Shafran** - March 19, 2020 at 08:22 PM

DS

“ Garry was always happy to give a helping hand!! I will never forget one time when I was out christmas shopping at toys are us in Kingston and went out to leave and the roads were a sheet of ice and I was scared to drive my camaro down the steep hill and a car came up behind me cause I was stopped in the middle of the road. Well instead of getting mad and beeping the horn and cursing me out this guy came walking up to me and asked if I was ok!! Low and behold it was Garry!! He and Robin had just come from the mall Christmas shopping for the kids. I told him I was scared to drive on the slippery road so he drove me and my car down the hill and then followed me all the way home to make sure I was safe!! I have known Garry for many many years in fact he married my husbands cousin Robin! Garry was a well known man with a heart of gold and will truly be missed by many! My prayers and hugs go out to his children and family. Rest in peace Garry at that golden coral in the sky!!

*Doreen Stewart*

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**Doreen Stewart** - March 19, 2020 at 05:47 PM

JM

“ Some of my fondest memories of my entire life took place at the ranch. Going to summer camp then eventually working for him during the summer months 05-06 taught me life skills that will never be forgotten. We worked hard and he knew how to play harder ! By far one of the coolest people I've had the pleasure of meeting in my life. Many great laughs and memories.

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**James Mazlum** - March 19, 2020 at 05:46 PM

SU

“ Gary was the friend who would be there for you anytime you were in need day or night. These people are rare. His voice and laughter will be forever in my heart!

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**susan** - March 19, 2020 at 05:36 PM

TG

“ *I remember Gary as a man who loved animals and always had his children with him. Rest In Peace to a man full of life. My sympathies to his family and children.*



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TG - March 19, 2020 at 04:54 PM