



## Robert L. "Bob" Siebert

March 27, 1927 - December 10, 2020

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Robert L. "Bob" Siebert, age 93 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 12:40 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at home surrounded by his family.

Bob was born in Jasper, Indiana on March 27, 1927 to Wilbur and Bernadine (Berger) Siebert. He married his wife of 68 years, Joann M. "Josie" Kuebler on May 10, 1951 in St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was a graduate of Jasper High School and a 1950 graduate of Indiana University, where he earned a B.S. in Marketing. He then attended the Naval Preparatory Academy in Bainbridge, Maryland and served in the United States Navy during WWII.

Bob owned and managed Siebert's in Jasper, which has existed in the Jasper community for over 98 years. Upon his retirement in March of 1997, Bob sold it to his sons, Jim and John, making the store a part of three generations. Bob was also the owner and president of General Beverage in Jasper.

In addition to his work, Bob believed service and giving back meant so much, and in effect donated a lot of time and treasure to various organizations in the community. In Bob's words "I believe that if you have a business and are fairly successful, you should give something back to the community that helped make you a success". He served on Fund Drive Committees for the Providence Home (Cathedral Health Care), Southern Hills Counseling Center, Memorial Hospital, the Downtown Jasper Renovation, the Boy Scouts, and the Sisters of St. Benedict. He was currently or previously a member of the Jasper Kiwanis Club, Indiana University Varsity Club - Hoosier Hundred, Jasper Knights of Columbus (4th Degree), American Legion Post #147, V.F.W. Post #673, National Eagle Scout Association, Jasper German Club, Ireland Sportsman Club, Fraternal Order of Police, Huntingburg Fraternal Order of Police, Jasper Loyal Order of the Moose #1175, J-Men's Club Jasper High School Athletic Association, Jasper Country Club, Schnellville

Conservation Club, the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Association, and the Jasper Jaycees, of which he was now a lifetime associate member.

Bob had a background of many achievements and awards with associations during his lifetime. He was an honor camper at Camp Carnes Summer Scout Camp, an eagle scout award recipient, the Kiwanis Outstanding Senior Boy in high school, the Edward J. Rottet Jr. Memorial Boy Scout Award recipient, the Phi Kappa Psi Pledge of the Year at Indiana University, president of the Indiana Men's Wear Retail Merchant's Association, the Outstanding Retailer of the Year for Indiana in 1965, a commissioned Kentucky Colonel, awarded the Jasper Jaycees' Boss of the Year, Jasper Chamber of Commerce "Excellence Award", and Jasper High School Distinction Award, was the Grand Marshall in the Jasper Strassenfest Parade and was the recipient of the Good Scout Award at the Dubois County Distinguished Citizens Award Banquet, awarded by the Boy Scouts of America, Lincoln Heritage District.

In addition, he was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, the past president and board of director of the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, past president and active member of the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, charter member of the Jasper Action Team 1975, 12-year member of the Jasper Park Board, 15-year Explorer Scout leader, three-year Cub Scout leader, Jasper Retail Merchants president and director, past director and current member of Haysville Ruritan Club, charter member of Jasper Memorial Hospital Foundation (Core Group), Jubilee Steering Committee member of Memorial Hospital's 50th Anniversary Celebration, co-chairman, with Joann Siebert, of the Memory Book Committee for Memorial Hospital, board member of Friends of Southern Hills, and member of Vincennes University Jasper Center's Foundation (Core Group).

Surviving are his wife, Joann "Josie" Siebert, seven children; Jim Siebert (Jane), Sandy Siebert, Mike Siebert (Cathy), John Siebert (Lisa), all of Jasper, Mark Siebert (Miriam), Floyd Knobs, IN, Joe Siebert (Christine), Louisville, KY, Ann Metzger (fiancé Jeff Stucke), Evansville, IN, ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and one sister; Marilyn Thyen (John), Naples, FL.

Preceding him in death was one brother, James Siebert.

Due to the pandemic, a private Mass of Christian Burial for Robert L. "Bob" Siebert will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum.

A Celebration of Life for Bob will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, The Dubois County Foundation - Bob and Josie Siebert Foundation, or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

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## **Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum**

1020 Kundek Street

Jasper, IN, 47546

# Comments

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“ I have been blessed in my life with family. Moving from South Dakota to Indiana for college, I was soon welcomed into a new family. Through a close friendship with Joe we became roommates and later housemates with brothers Mark and John. Bob and Josie always treated me like one of their boys – I felt like family. Bob was a strict disciplinarian when I messed up, which was often, but he did so with love and a lesson. He was also quick to praise my successes. Bob instilled a sense of responsibility and a work ethic that has served me well. Bob taught me to work hard and play hard, to welcome and embrace family and to love life. When I was blessed with starting my own family, Bob and Josie were there, helping to set up for the wedding, welcoming Patrice into the family and each of our five children in turn. We had the opportunity to share great times at the river, IU basketball and football games and meeting up at the Maui Classic and several NCAA tournaments. Every time we were together we were family. Having aging parents and losing parents is one of the most difficult of life’s experiences. The countless ways in which they have shaped our lives, lives on though us and all they have touched. We are Blessed.

Eric and Patrice Ellingson

Eric Ellingson - December 17, 2020 at 11:55 AM

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“ Jim and the entire Siebert family, you have my sincerest condolences on the loss of your Father. This has been a very trying year. You have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers

John Winkler & The Winkler Family

John Winkler - December 16, 2020 at 07:35 PM

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“ I’m so very, very sorry. Lots of good memories on the River. Bob was a wonderful man and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers. Kim Merritt Wyatt

Kim Merritt Wyatt - December 16, 2020 at 12:26 PM

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“ So sorry to find out about the passing of Bob. Condolences to the family of which I had the pleasure of working for and with back in the late 70's and through the 80's. Great memories and times and several parties sprinkled among all the activities! Bob was a true gentleman who was so prominent in the community and area that he loved and touched so many lives. People like that are never really forgotten and will be truly missed.

Gary Sermersheim

Gary Sermersheim - December 15, 2020 at 06:43 PM

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“ To the entire Siebert clan.....  
Bob was a giant of a man who leaves an indelible handprint on all our hearts. I imagine him sitting on a cloud somewhere up there with JP and Betty and Mom and Dad with a fishing pole in his hands just waiting for the rest of us to show up  
So long for now, Bob. It was a privilege to know you.....  
God Bless You,  
Sherry Philbrick and the Glenn Gramelspacher Family

Sherry Philbrick - December 15, 2020 at 12:48 PM

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“ So sorry for your Loss, Bob Was such a wonderful Man! May God give you strength and comfort at this time!

Jennifer Hunt - December 14, 2020 at 12:30 PM

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Bill Nonte - December 14, 2020 at 12:08 PM

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“ My condolences to Josie and the entire Siebert family on the passing of a true Jasper legend, Bob Siebert. The Nonte family had so many good times with the Sieberts over the years. Bob will be missed but the memories of him (especially his smiling face and friendly demeanor) will live on forever. My Dad had a picture of he and Bob on the refrigerator..it was one of my favorites over the years (I will try to upload it to the photo board on this site). I would like to thank Bob for all the great times we had at IU tailgates and for instructing me about the only "real" beer to drink, Miller Lite. He taught me that lesson many years ago and, to this day, it is still the only beer I drink:). Thank you Mr. Siebert.. your life was very well-lived and a model for your family and friends. RIP.

Bill Nonte and the Nonte Family

**Bill Nonte** - December 14, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ Josie and family, So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. What a wonderful, kind, funny and loving man he was. One of my favorite memories from my days on the white river would have to be the numerous times I was heading home from my cabin and, when passing the Siebert cabin was "forced" to stop for 1 more beer, or maybe 2. I don't think I ever refused!!! Again, our sympathy. Ron and Sara Kunkel.

**ron kunkel** - December 14, 2020 at 10:16 AM

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“ We are so sorry for the loss of Bob! Wonderful man, dad, husband, a kind and caring soul! Perpetual light shine upon him, may be rest in peace!  
Love, Dan & Sara Fritch

**Sara Fritch** - December 14, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I always admired him, and I know dad did as well. God rest you, Bob.

**Mike Keller** - December 13, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ It is so sad to hear of Bob's passing, but after visiting Bob, Josie and John this fall, Joyce and I knew time was short for Bob. As a toddler I first remember getting to know the Siebert family thru our mothers who were sisters. That relationship with get together at the Siebert 's cabin on the White River and at homes with all the family functions in Jasper!

As we all aged, married, had families, became educated at IU and other schools, our relationships continued to grow. Visits to Phoenix by the John and Marilyn Thyen family and the Colorado River trips with the Siebert's and the Bohnert's were awesome. Returning home in Jasper for visits for the Stassenfest and seeing old friends and relatives was a highlight of our life! Now as we are in the Overtime of our life we will miss Bob and hope to continue to hopefully enjoy our time left without Bob. The Siebert family is a memory we will always respect in whatever situation I can think of!

Everyone stay well in these difficult times!

Love,

Bill and Joyce Bohnert

**Bill & Joyce Bohnert** - December 13, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Heartbroken about the passing of this genuinely good man — his love for his family, friends, and community seemingly knew no bounds. I'll never forget his generosity and warmth and sense of humor (he had the best laugh), and I'm praying for moments of peace for his wonderful family during this difficult time. Thinking of all of you, and I will never forget those Sundays at the river; they will always hold a special place in my heart, as well as all of the Siebert family. What a beautiful legacy he leaves behind. ♡

**Tracy Ring Beane** - December 13, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ My husband Vernon worked for Bob at the Squire Shop. He always spoke highly of him. My sympathy to all the family. Judy Welp

**judy welp** - December 13, 2020 at 07:04 AM



“ A good man. Thank you for the opportunity you extended to me. Thoughts and prayers to your family. Brad Alley

**Brad Alley** - December 12, 2020 at 08:46 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dick and Carol Kabrick

**Carol Kabrick** - December 12, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Josie and his children and their families. From Tim, Chris, Phil, Jane , and Susan Berger

**Chris Wathen** - December 12, 2020 at 03:58 PM

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“ What an awesome pillar of the Jasper community. A great friend, and an outstanding business man. You will be missed on earth, Bob, but will be an asset in God's kingdom!

**Michael Mike Woolsey** - December 12, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ Condolences and prayers to the entire Siebert family. Bob will be missed by all.

**Scott Rudolph** - December 12, 2020 at 11:15 AM

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“ Bud and Mary Jane want to give our deepest sympathy to the Siebert family! May God give them strength in this time of sorrow! He was a great family man and will be sadly missed!

**Mary Jane Berger** - December 12, 2020 at 10:52 AM

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“ Our sympathy and prayers to all of you from the entire Bohnert family. Your dad/grandpa did so much for the people of Jasper, all while he was raising a beautiful family with your mom and continuing to build the business. May all the wonderful memories of Bob comfort you.



**Chris Bohnert Hinkle** - December 12, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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“ Josie, Sandy and family...we are so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. Sending thoughts and prayers to you all. Bob was such a kind and generous soul...sure he was welcomed into the heavens by all those who loved him as family and a great friend... passing on the anniversary of my own dad's death (Bob Klueh). May wonderful memories and the love you shared give you comfort in the days ahead...

Nan Klueh Byrd

**Nan Byrd** - December 12, 2020 at 08:58 AM

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“ We are sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Larry & Diana Dick and family

**jackie irwin** - December 12, 2020 at 07:28 AM

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“ Siebert family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers to you all. What a distinguished and giving soul. His generosity and kindness lives on through you.

**Tammy Lampert** - December 11, 2020 at 11:39 PM

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“ Siebert Family, I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Bobby. That's how I knew him as a young girl, growing up across the street from the Siebert family. Our parents were best friends. The Siebert's store has carried on a fine tradition. They are fine people. Hello Josie. You raised a fine family. Prayers & Sympathy. R.I.P. Bobby  
Sarah Berger Humphrey Muncie IN



**Sarah Berger Humphrey** - December 11, 2020 at 09:43 PM

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“ What a fine gentleman! I always looked forward to seeing Bob at the store. He always said "Hi Nick" and made sure in 1973, I had every color Munsingwear mesh polo shirt...8 in all. LOL. RIP Bob and Go Hoosiers!

**Tommy "Nick" Nicholson** - December 11, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob he will be greatly missed in the community also he was a good competitor in the beverage business to myself and Gene Gramelspacher. Respectfully Thomas A Nigg

**Thomas Nigg** - December 11, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ Excellent businessman. Enjoyed the years my father and I did business with him at the beverage company. Gary Wendholt dba/Bob's Liquors

**Gary Wendholt** - December 11, 2020 at 03:53 PM