



## Bob Sergesketter

May 23, 1946 - April 5, 2021

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Bob Sergesketter, age 74, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 11:36 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021, in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Bob was born in Huntingburg, Indiana, on May 23, 1946, to Ted and Loraine (Zoglman) Sergesketter . He married Phyllis Leinenbach on July 24, 1971, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana.

He was a 1964 graduate of Jasper High School.

He was a United States Navy Veteran, serving during the Vietnam War on the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Bob retired as a lineman for Insight Cable TV, where he had worked for the organization for over 40 years.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper and V.F.W. Post #673.

He was an Explorer Post leader at Holy Family, taking the high school

students on many outdoor activities.

He was an active caver, who was a member of the NSS, IKC, and EMG.

During his time in the Navy, he taught himself how to play the guitar and banjo, and how to read music. He played in various bands around town upon his return home.

He also enjoyed sailing, canoeing, and hiking, and was an avid bike rider.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Sergesketter, Jasper, IN, one daughter, Julie (Blane) Hoffman, Ireland, IN, one granddaughter, Lauren Hoffman, four sisters, Sharon Cox, Jasper, IN, Brenda (Terry) Chronert, Evansville, IN, Marilyn (Don) Casper, Jasper, IN, Patti (Tom) Harmon, Evansville, IN, two brothers, Ron (Pam) Sergesketter, and Gary (Diane) Segesketter, both of Jasper, IN, several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are two brothers-in-law, Ron Cox and Greg Leinenbach.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Bob Sergesketter will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021, in Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, Indiana. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military grave site rights.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church on Friday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Masks and social distancing are recommended.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church, the

Jasper Public Library, or to the wishes of the family.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob Sergesketter*

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January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Marilyn,, So sorry to hear of the death of your older brother. I am certain you have many happy memories to sustain you through this time and to come.*

*Susan Beaven, MD*

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**Susan Beaven, MD** - April 13, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Phyllis, so many great memories of Bob: NSS Conventions all around the country with you and Bob and sometimes Julie early on; the time the burro stuck its head in the back window of the “BluesMobile” at Custer State Park in South Dakota; the time we went with you two in the BluesMobile up the Spiral Drive on Tenderfoot Mountain above Salida, Colorado only to have the car quit at the very top; wandering around Manhattan with you and Bob and parking near the base of the Twin Towers while they were still there, and on and on. Bob was someone I would trust with my life, and sometimes did on cave trips; ten hours into Roppel (part of Mammoth Cave) making a sketchy climb with no real hope of outside aid and Bob belaying me across. Bob was one of a kind and I count myself very lucky to have known him.*

*Richard and Sue Vernier*

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**Richard Vernier** - April 10, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. May he rest in eternal peace.*

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**Jill Broyles** - April 09, 2021 at 08:48 AM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ray Sheldon - April 09, 2021 at 05:35 AM

DI

“ Very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Bob was a great guy and lived more adventures than most of us will ever know. He was always open, friendly and approachable and helped make being part of the IKC like being part of his family. I will miss him.



Donald Ingle - April 08, 2021 at 10:16 PM

AF

“ Deepest sympathy to Phyllis and Julie. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Ann Obermeier and Amy Feller - April 08, 2021 at 05:33 PM

BB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Bruce Bowman** - April 08, 2021 at 05:07 PM

BB

*Bob behind the newly-installed Gardner Mine gate, and at the Howdy Party in 2001.*

*Bye Bob...I miss you already. Please say "hi" to Terry for me.*

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**Bruce Bowman** - April 08, 2021 at 05:08 PM

DG

“ *Phyllis and family -*

*I am so saddened to hear the news today that Bob had passed. I am going to miss his quick wit, dry humor, and insights into the history of caving at our IKC meetings. I am sorry I didn't meet you both years before. I feel I could have learned so much more. Hugs to you. I can't imagine how you feel right now, but I pray all the wonderful memories you have created together live on in you and your family. Bob may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.*

*Danyeale Green*

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**Danyeale Green** - April 08, 2021 at 05:01 PM

KL

“ Dear Bob's family and friends,

*I'm so sorry to hear the news. Bob was a wonderful person. Others on the IKC board jokingly said that if I could pronounce his last name properly, I could serve, too. Everyone had a good chuckle, including Bob. We served together for many years, he much longer than I. I feel grateful for that opportunity and his vast knowledge and efforts in helping to conserve our karst resources... Condolences to all that knew him.*

*Best,*

*Kriste Lindberg*

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**Kriste J. Lindberg** - April 08, 2021 at 03:56 PM

LD

“ *I did not have the pleasure of knowing Bob very well but always admired his dedication to the caving community and have much respect for his many years of service. Condolences to friends and family - Laura Demarest*

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**Laura Demarest** - April 08, 2021 at 02:55 PM

RV

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Richard Vernier** - April 08, 2021 at 01:00 PM

MS

“ *Mark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Bob Sergesketter*



Mark Schulte - April 08, 2021 at 10:02 AM

CR

*We are so sorry to hear about Bob.. Pete was very upset because he isn't able to pay his respects.. He is saying a rosary for Bob as I am posting this. May God bring you peace and acceptance knowing Bob is now in his care.. Pete&Carol Rasche*

Carol Rasche - April 08, 2021 at 02:00 PM

AB

“ *Thanks Bob for being my friend while serving in the US Navy, being my best man at my wedding, and being a good friend for 55 plus years. I will dearly miss our phone calls to each other and all the old stories we shared. You will always be in my memories. May you now Rest in Peace.*

Art Benott - April 07, 2021 at 08:05 PM

JA

“ *So sorry for your loss.Bob was a great classmate !!!*

Janice - April 07, 2021 at 05:17 PM

JA

“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Bob Sergesketter*



Janice - April 07, 2021 at 05:15 PM

LL

“ Knew Bob for many years. Was one of the caring and gentle people of this earth that had a presence every where but did not search for the limelight.

larry lorey - April 07, 2021 at 05:01 PM

JH

“ Bob was a great guy & we always shared a lot of laughs when we were caving. A good friend. He was a big Monty Python fan & we would recall funny lines from the show. We would also sing Alice's restaurant songs during camp outs. I remember Bob sleeping in a hammock on a very cold night at Fall Creek Falls waking up with frost on his hammock. Some of the most miserable times we had caving always seemed to end up where we all laughed the most. He was one of the best parts of the EMG. Miss you Bob.



Jim Hall - April 07, 2021 at 03:18 PM

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Richard Vernier - April 07, 2021 at 03:11 PM

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Richard Vernier - April 07, 2021 at 03:09 PM

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Richard Vernier - April 07, 2021 at 03:07 PM

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Richard Vernier - April 07, 2021 at 03:05 PM

CS

*Oh, this is a good memory! Building the gate for Wyandotte Cave!  
Those metal beams were heavy! There was no stopping Bob from  
doing his fair share.*

Carla Striegel-Winner - April 08, 2021 at 10:04 PM

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**Richard Vernier** - April 07, 2021 at 03:04 PM

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**Richard Vernier** - April 07, 2021 at 03:02 PM

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**Richard Vernier** - April 07, 2021 at 03:01 PM

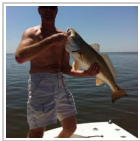
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**Richard Vernier** - April 07, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ Gonna miss my buddy Bob. Super smart guy with a great sense of wit. We had great times in the Cable biz together. I am so sorry for your loss Phyllis.



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**Max Woolsey** - April 07, 2021 at 01:50 PM

MD

“ I have fond memories of growing up two doors from the Sergesketter family. Bob was such a great guy, always friendly. Sincere sympathy to Phyllis and all the family. Marilyn Klein Dittmer

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**Marilyn Klein Dittmer** - April 07, 2021 at 10:27 AM

JW

“ I remember Bob well from scouting activities. So sorry or your loss. He knows us all again.

*Judy Welp*

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**judy welp** - April 07, 2021 at 10:08 AM

JL

“ Phyllis - Salisa and I were very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a loyal friend and certainly an equally loyal member of the IKC to the very end. He'll be missed... our sympathy to you and the family.

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**Jerry & Salisa Lewis** - April 06, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Phyllis, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always have great memories of caving with Bob. Especially, some great Roppel Cave trips. Then there are always the Hog-Fest bonfires.

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**David Black** - April 06, 2021 at 07:53 PM

CS

“ Phyllis, I am so, so sorry for your loss. What an amazingly awesome guy. But you know that. Ron, you too and the rest of the family. Such a good person, great sense of humor and good stories! He will be missed.

*Carla Striegel-Winner*

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**Carla Striegel-Winner** - April 06, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ Phyllis, I'm so sorry for your loss. We will all miss Bob.

*Stan Maglinger*

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**Stan Maglinger** - April 06, 2021 at 06:37 PM

KH

“ Bob was a classmate of mine and he always had a smile! He had a lot of friends and was involved in a lot of good causes! Phyllis, You are in my thoughts and prayers, May he rest in peace,

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**Kaye Hasenour** - April 06, 2021 at 04:16 PM

VC

“ *Patti and Ron and Sergesketter family. So sorry for your loss Vera Crutchfield*

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**Vera Crutchfield** - April 06, 2021 at 03:37 PM

GM

“ *Bob was a fine Scouter and good role model. Great respect and appreciation for his concern, time and dedication will live on. Sympathies to his family.*

*Gerry Miller*

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**Gerry Miller** - April 06, 2021 at 02:24 PM



MH

“ *Phyllis ,you and your family has our deepest condolences.. Myrna and Harold Huebner*

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**Myrna Huebner** - April 06, 2021 at 01:05 PM