



## Thomas A. Seifferlein

January 6, 1944 - December 14, 2024

Thomas A. Seifferlein, 80, of Bluffton, formerly of Huntington, passed away Saturday, December 14, 2024, at his residence.

Thomas was born on January 6, 1944, in New Orleans, LA, the son of Hilmer Seifferlein and Maxine (Parsons) Seifferlein. He graduated from South Bend Washington Clay High School and received his master's degree in education from Ball State University. He married Suzanne Thomas on July 26, 1968, in Huntington, IN. She preceded him in death on July 6, 2021. Thomas retired from Huntington Community Schools where he taught Industrial Arts Technology at Riverview Junior High. He also Coached both Football and Basketball for many years. He enjoyed the great outdoors, hunting, fishing, and visiting the buffalo at Ouabache State Park. He loved traveling and attending his grandkids sporting events. Thomas was an avid IU Basketball fan and Notre Dame Football fan. He was a master woodworker and 100 percent devoted to his wife Suzanne.

Survivors include his Daughter, Kristen (Shawn) Wall of Ossian, IN; Son, Todd (Stephanie) Seifferlein of Fishers, IN; Grandson, Benjamin (Lauren) Seifferlein of Columbia, MO; Five Granddaughters, Alexandria (Nick) James of Ft. Wayne, IN, Jorey (Bryndon) Williams of Ft. Wayne, FL, Abigail Seifferlein of Fishers, IN, Samantha Seifferlein of Fishers, IN, Emily Seifferlein of Fishers, IN; Two Great Grandchildren, Thea Rae James and Bryndon Williams II. He is

preceded in death by his Wife, Suzanne Seifferlein, Father, Hilmer Seifferlein, and Mother, Maxine Seifferlein.

Visitation will be from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Friday, December 20, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 pm Friday, December 20, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Jason Fields officiating. Entombment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Thomas to the Community Foundation of Huntington County for the Thomas and Suzanne Seifferlein Scholarship Fund, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Thomas A. Seifferlein.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
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## Service

DEC **20**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Thomas Seifferlein.*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - December 19, 2024 at 10:35 AM

JM

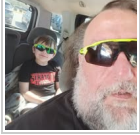
“ *Mr Seifferlein was my Shop Teacher in 7th and 8th grade at North Upper Elementary and I still have one of the projects made in his class: a book holder. Peace to his family.*

John Mason - January 09, 2025 at 01:45 PM

NW

“ *I remember him always calling the guy out by their last name. I was helping with the boys basketball team and he would say "Warner get out here and shoot a free throw" while the team was running a drill, and if I missed I had to finish the running drill with the team. Sorry for your loss, he was a great role model for a lot of us Riverview kids. I still have a couple of wood projects we made in shop class.*

Neil Warner - December 26, 2024 at 11:28 PM



“ Coach, just wanna let you know that I've finally recovered from that illness in practice, and I will not make a proper tackle again. Rest In peace, and I am praying for your children and grand children during this time!

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**Carl Hendryx** - December 22, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ It was always a memorable time with Tom and Susi and I'm very thankful for those years of laughter and enjoyable visits together. It was fun watching Kris and Todd grow up and always super to hear about their achievements and sports activities. John has all the volumes of hysterical stories. But we both have cherished memories of wonderful friends who will always hold special places in our hearts. A priceless couple of very dear friends indeed.....Sonjia & John Clodfelder

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**Sonjia Clodfelder** - December 20, 2024 at 10:58 AM

JC

“ Dear Kris & Todd, The memories with Tom and then Suzi go way back. Your grandparents and great grandparents were all exceptional loving and kind people. Their love for Tom was overwhelming and so sincere and his confidence radiated that love. Tom's family was just as kind to me for which I am forever thankful. The truth is Tom and I should have died years ago from belly laughs. Even though Tom always had everything planned out exactly he could not control the unexpected. Like when a German Shepherd came after us in front of our apartment in Muncie. Even though I was ten feet closer to the front door he was able to grab the doorknob simultaneously at which point we both jumped on top of my car laughing hysterically and the vicious dog just looked at us, shook his head, and walked away. Deer hunting in Michigan, Christmas gatherings, double dating with Tom & Suzi, (Suzo), and then the arrival of two of the greatest kids ever. I am praying for comfort for all of you as we have lost a large piece of who we have become. Tom is with his beloved Suzi once again and will always be with us until we are joined again. Love you forever, John & Sonjia Clodfelder

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**John Clodfelder** - December 20, 2024 at 10:32 AM

BD

“ Learned a lot in his Industrial Arts class at Riverview. If I would run into him at the store as an adult he would always stop and ask how my family was doing. Sorry for his families loss. He really was a great man.

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**Brandon Dalrymple** - December 19, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Seifferlein.*



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December 19, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *Mr Seifferlein was my absolute favorite teacher at Riverview. So sorry for your loss. My friend and I had him in Girl's Shop back in the 70's . He was such a good teacher and he will always have a special place in our hearts.*

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**Carol Bartrom** - December 18, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ *Mr. Seifferlein was a very kind and caring teacher. He taught Shop class at Riverview when I entered public school in the 9th grade. It was something new to have an entire class of girls and teach them to work with wood, fix a gas engine, work on plumbing and even change a tire on his own van. The independence and confidence that he fostered in us speaks to his character. He will always have a place in our middle school memories and truly missed by many.*



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**Tina (Gamble) Asher** - December 18, 2024 at 10:20 PM

TF

“ *The Basil Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Seifferlein.*

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**The Basil Family** - December 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ *The Basil Family purchased the Divine Peace Boquet for the family of Thomas A. Seifferlein.*



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**The Basil Family** - December 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM

TA

“ *Mr Seifferlein was an amazing teacher. I still think of him often and can hear his voice. It's because of him that I still love running the wood lathe. I remember the time my lathe project got just a little too thin, watching his face and seeing his fists balled up after it broke loose and shot across the room, I knew pen making was not in my future!*



*He always made shop class fun even when he was demonstrating how electricity works!*

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**Taberly** - December 18, 2024 at 07:28 AM

JS

“ *Kristen, Todd and families:  
Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy are with ALL of you,  
at this most difficult time.  
Tom truly touched a lot of lives and will be missed by so many...  
May the love of our Lord and your special memories be a source of  
comfort, as you mourn this loss.  
Our love and prayers,  
Jorja and Steve Smith*

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**Jorja and Steve Smith** - December 17, 2024 at 09:52 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Thomas A. Seifferlein.*



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December 17, 2024 at 09:40 PM

DG

“ *David Brinkworth and Paula Garrett planted a <a  
href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in  
honor of Thomas A. Seifferlein.*

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**David Brinkworth and Paula Garrett** - December 17, 2024 at 06:17 PM

DG

“ *David Brinkworth and Paula Garrett purchased  
the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family  
of Thomas A. Seifferlein.*



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**David Brinkworth and Paula Garrett** - December 17, 2024 at  
06:17 PM

DH

“ *Dennis Henderson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Seifferlein*



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**Dennis Henderson** - December 17, 2024 at 04:56 PM

DC

“ *Kris and Todd,  
We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Some of our best memories when we lived in Huntington were made with your mom and dad. We always considered them special friends. Our hearts go out to you and your families now.*

*Love, Mike & Diane Crowe*

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**Diane Crowe** - December 17, 2024 at 04:49 PM

SM

“ *Dear Kristen and Todd, my sympathy for you and your families. May all the fun times you shared with your dad bring comfort to you  
May Tom rest in peace  
Sandy Millner (former Riverview teacher)*



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**Sandra Millner** - December 17, 2024 at 03:32 PM

CC

“ *such a nice man. I'm so sorry for the family and to old friend Kris, I am thinking of you.*

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**Cyndi Scheiber Crews** - December 17, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Seifferlein.*



December 17, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ *Lowell and Margaret Griffin lit a candle in memory of Thomas Seifferlein*



**Lowell and Margaret Griffin** - December 17, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ *Kristen, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I hope that the cherished memories you have of him will help sustain you and your family during this difficult time. Karen (Stoffel) Hunsberger*

**Karen Hunsberger** - December 17, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ *I was a student of his in the mid-90s. He was a great teacher. Something that has always stuck with me about him, he was teacher us girls small engines in industrial arts class. When he got to the oil part...he said "what's the name of this part here? It's something all of your boyfriends are...." We all looked at each other and he says "it's called a dipstick!" We all giggled. He made learning fun!!!! I am so sorry for your loss!!!*



**Sarah** - December 17, 2024 at 07:27 AM

JB

“ Joe and Jannie Bickel lit a candle in memory of Thomas Seifferlein



Joe and Jannie Bickel - December 16, 2024 at 08:37 PM

TF

“ My favorite teacher!! I really loved the way he taught. I will never forget the class he taught at Riverview! Prayers and love to him and his family.

Trisha Frederick - December 16, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ Gene Wright lit a candle in memory of Thomas Seifferlein



Gene Wright - December 16, 2024 at 08:13 PM

BH

“ What a wonderful teacher and a more wonderful man!.... Him and I used to play ping pong in the gym during lunch hour... I could hardly ever beat him..... most importantly, he called me out at a very pivotal time in my youth which helped me choose better choices. I love you Sir!.... I never have and never will forget you!!

Billy Haney - December 16, 2024 at 08:05 PM

SA

*What a man, quite the coach, and a wonderful teacher. He and Mr. Crowe allowed us to be boys when we thought we were men. There was a time for work and a time for play and Mr. Seifferline knew that.*

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**Steve Ambriole** - December 19, 2024 at 06:40 AM