



Wilbert "Curly" L. Seibold

December 26, 1923 - September 28, 2022

Wilbert "Curly" L. Seibold, 98, of Huntington, passed away at 7:37 am Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at Heritage Pointe of Huntington.

Curly was born on December 26, 1923 in Zanesville, IN, the son of Charles Seibold and Edith (Bailey) Seibold. He graduated from Lafayette Center High School with the Class of 1941, He married Bonnie Beeks on April 25, 1953 in Andrews, IN. He served in the Army Air Corp during WWII. He attended gunnery schools in St. Petersburg, FL and Las Vegas to qualify as a gunner on a B-17. He was then assigned to the 331st Squadron, 94th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force. In Early 1945, he sailed on the RMS Mauritania to Europe. After having completed his first 17 missions he had flown with his crew successfully, on his 18th mission he was shot down and became a prisoner of war. Depressing conditions and lack of sufficient nutrition caused him and other soldiers to attempt repeated escapes. Finally, on May 12, 1945 he and the other POW's were rescued. Once he returned home, Curly worked as a Quality Control Manager at Dana Corporation of Ft. Wayne retiring after 30 years of service. He was inducted into the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of fame and he won many championships over the years. He was the Secretary Treasurer for 15 years for the Indiana State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. He was an avid antique collector, and enjoyed collecting coins, stamps, knives and many other items. He also loved hunting, fishing, bowling, and watching his grandkids play sports. Curly was also a member of the New Hope United

Brethren Church.

Survivors include his loving Wife of 69 years, Bonnie Seibold of Huntington, IN; Daughter, Bonita (Byron) Price of Andrews, IN; Two Sons, Paris (Jean) Seibold of Andrews, IN, Mark (Charlotte Tao) Seibold of Clearwater, FL; Five Grandchildren, Adam (Johanna) Price, Erik (Casey) Price, Kelli (Brad) Hainley, Ashley (Mike) Smart, and Lee (Amanda) Seibold; and his Great Grandchildren, Stone, Cannon, Sloan, Harrison, Parker, Kolton, Lyla, Kinlee, Lia, Lara, Meela, Holden, and Corabelle. He is preceded in death by his Father, Charles Seibold, Mother, Edith Seibold, Sister, Betty A. Smith, and Brother, Albert Seibold.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Amos Rawley officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery in Zanesville, IN.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Curly to the New Hope United Brethren Church or Wounded Warriors, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Wilbert "Curly" L. Seibold.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

OCT 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

OCT 5 (ET)

Hoverstock Cemetery
11600-11798 N 300 W
Zanesville, IN 46770

Tribute Wall



“ Paris so sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family..

John Long - October 27, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear about Curly's passing. His story of being a POW was so amazing to record in my book, 'Captured! Stories of American WWII Prisoners of War.' He was a true patriot of the US. God bless him and our other vets.

Kayleen Reusser - October 17, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ To Curly's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Terry and Sue



Terry E Scher - October 04, 2022 at 10:15 PM



“ The Hainleys, The Garners, & The Wolffs purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wilbert "Curly" L. Seibold.



The Hainleys, The Garners, & The Wolffs - October 04, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Wilbert "Curly" Seibold.*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - October 03, 2022 at 04:19 PM

BC

Precious memories 💕

Barbara Collins - October 07, 2022 at 03:26 PM

SU

Hi, so sorry for your loss. My dad, Darrell Botts, grew up with Curly in Zanesville. I can not recall if his nick name Curly was because his spin on the bowling ball or his curve when playing horseshoes. GOD bless him for serving our country and may he have a long life in heaven.
Susie Botts

susan - October 13, 2022 at 07:54 PM

SJ

So many wonderful pictures - shows a life well lived. I'm so sorry for your loss! May God bless you with all the special memories until your reunited in Heaven!

Sheri Johnson - October 14, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Wilbert "Curly" L. Seibold.*



October 02, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilbert "Curly" L. Seibold.*



October 02, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *We enjoyed visiting with Curly at our POW meetings and we will certainly miss him. We send our condolences to his family.*
Jim and Ethel Mae Fall

Jim and Ethel Mae Fall - October 02, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Bonita, you and your family have our sympathy.*
John and Kathy Myers

John Myers - September 30, 2022 at 11:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilbert "Curly" L. Seibold.*



September 30, 2022 at 08:50 PM

RP

“ I didn't ever see enough of this fine man but did see him enough to know he was a remarkable guy! He escaped Nazi POW camps-- twice! He was a good father to my beloved sister-in-law Bonita. He was easily friendly to people like me with whom he was newly acquainted. Curly was canny about his hobby of coin collecting and knew what he was talking about. I was and am glad to remain grateful to count him as part of my family!

Robert M Price - September 30, 2022 at 03:42 PM

TB

“ My condolences to Bonnie and the family for your loss. I have many fond memories as a kid growing up and watching Curly play horseshoes in Huntington.

Once I started pitching horseshoes myself, he and Bonnie were kind enough to let me practice on the horseshoe court at times in their backyard.

I even have more respect for Curly after reading his obituary and learning about his remarkable military service.

May he Rest In Peace.

God Bless,

Tyler Brown

Tyler Brown - September 30, 2022 at 09:42 AM

Julie
Mckinzie

“ Julie Mckinzie lit a candle in memory of
Wilbert "Curly" L. Seibold



Julie Mckinzie - September 29, 2022 at 11:12 PM

PM

“ So sorry for your loss! Curly was one of a kind! He loved to tease Tom and Tom loved to return the tease! So many Saturday mornings we would see Curly and Bonnie at Bob Evans for breakfast. They had their special table and could seat themselves! Many times we would laugh because Curly would be driving a new car...like every other year! We could recognize his car because of his license plate POW. Thank you Curly for your years of service to our country! Tom and Paula Myers

Paula Myers - September 29, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ Kathy Harper lit a candle in memory of Wilbert
"Curly" L. Seibold



Kathy Harper - September 29, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Bonita and family, I was so sorry to see about your dad. I never had the good fortune of meeting Curly but I sure have read alot about him over the years! Sounds like a great guy! I know all of the wonderful memories you have made over the years will be such a blessing to you ..I pray God gives you peace through this hard time..Sincerely, kathy leCount Harper*

Kathy Harper - September 29, 2022 at 08:33 PM

MW

“ *It was an honor to care for such a kind man. You are already missed. Rest in peace* ❤️

Marcy Wheeler - September 29, 2022 at 05:50 PM