



Philip J. Seybold

March 23, 1967 - May 11, 2025

On May 11, 2025, Phil Seybold passed away at Reid Hospital following a catastrophic stroke. Phil was born on March 23, 1967, in South Bend, Indiana, to William and Miriam Canen Seybold. He was the youngest of five children and the highly anticipated little brother to big brother Bill, Jr.

Phil grew up in the Arlington Heights neighborhood, where he had countless adventures with friends. These early years sparked his deep love and appreciation for the Great Lakes, and he spent as much time as possible enjoying lake life. A self-described “fun junky,” Phil loved to ski, hike, bike, and sail. He was an artist who could see potential in anything—a person, a blank canvas, or a pile of old lumber. He had a gift for bringing out the best in everyone and everything.

As his boys grew up, Phil stayed actively involved in their lives, coaching youth sports and serving as Scout Master of Troop 1832 for several years. He didn’t waste time on anger or resentment—his heart always forgave and moved forward.

Phil graduated from South Bend Clay High School in 1985 and earned a BS in Anthropology from Ball State University in 1993.

In August 1991, Phil married Josie Gollhofer of Hagerstown, whom he met while coaching her college dorm’s powderpuff football team. Josie had never been interested in football—until she met Phil (wink-wink). Their marriage never had an unhappy day. Together, they raised two amazing sons, Alanson and Harrison. As a devoted father, Phil passed on his love for the Great

Lakes, history, the outdoors, and environmental stewardship. He was always seeking ways to care more deeply for the planet.

Phil is survived by his wife of 33 years, Josie; his sons, Alanson Seybold (Madi) and Harrison Seybold (Jessica); and his grandchildren, Audrie and Ayden. He is also survived by his siblings: Dawn Hawkins (Mark), Bill Seybold, Jr. (Janice), Tammy Hoersten (Steve), and Janet Rudasics (Dean), step-sisters Alice and MaryCille, and stepmother, Marilyn Seybold.

On Josie's side of the family, he is survived by his mother- and father-in-law, Linda Wright (Ken) and Alan Gollither; sister-in-law Susanne Lumsden (Boyd), brothers-in-law Chuck Gollither (Lori), Brian Gollither (Julie), Tom Gollither (Ashley), Daniel Gollither, Matthew Gollither (Devra), and Joe Gollither (Aubrie). He is also survived by nieces and nephews: Aaron, Sarah, Casey, Adam, Matthew, Carl, Jennifer, Owen, Ryan, Lindsey, Quin, Addy, Olivia, Chase, Bess, Ben, Zach, Gus, Mac, and Everett.

Also surviving is his beloved "symbiote," Rocco (a dog who, doesn't know he's a dog), and dear friends Doug and Cindy Henderson.

In keeping with his wishes and true to his spirit, Phil was an organ donor (reduce, REUSE, RECYCLE).

Phil was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, Ken Wright. Visitation will be 4 to 7 PM on Friday, May 16, at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown. Services will be at 2 PM on Saturday, at the funeral home. Pastor Rick Alvey will officiate.

In lieu of flowers (Phil preferred the living over the dead), please consider donating to: Save the Dunes, in honor of his love for the Great Lakes; Cope Environmental Center, in honor of his advocacy for the planet; or The Josie Seybold Fund at Centerstone of Indiana, in honor of his time as a dynamic Family Support Specialist, mentoring youth in our area.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown
51 South Washington Street
Hagerstown, IN 47346
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Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip J. Seybold*



Culberson Funeral Home - May 15, 2025 at 06:54 PM

JR

Your love for history and preservation of time will always be how I'll remember you. Your hospitality and charm gave Hagerstown that small town feeling of kindness. You honored me with the Nettle Creek Valley Historic Museum volunteer of the year award when I was sixteen. It was that experience volunteering at the museum that opened so many doors for my future careers. Thank you and RIP my friend.

Jeremiah Reeves - May 24, 2025 at 03:09 AM

JS

Thank you, Jeremiah. Phil loved his museum days. His love of history never changed.

Josie Seybold - May 29, 2025 at 09:23 AM

CH

“ *Such a beautiful memory of an amazing man. My heart is with Josie and her family as we memorialize a wonderful person who has a smile for everyone he met.*

Connie Heyob - May 18, 2025 at 01:43 AM

CH

“ Connie H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip J. Seybold.

Connie H. - May 18, 2025 at 01:41 AM

DG

“ Daniel G. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip J. Seybold.

Daniel G. - May 16, 2025 at 04:10 PM

FM

“ Foundations Family Medicine purchased the "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of Philip J. Seybold.



Foundations Family Medicine - May 16, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Philip J. Seybold.



May 16, 2025 at 12:48 PM

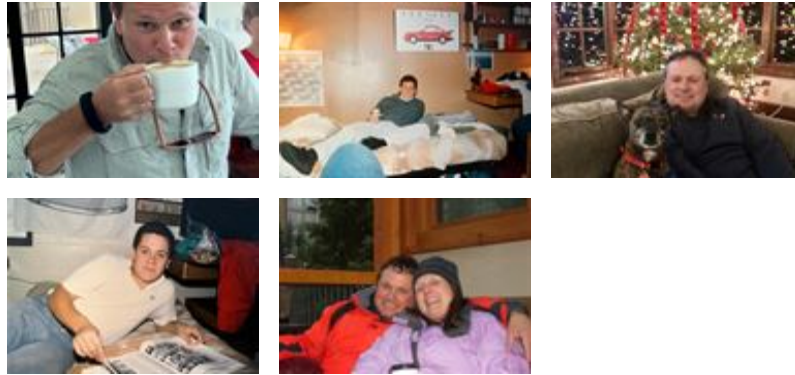
DH

“ *Phil was always the optimist! He could see the good side of anyone or anything! A Jack of All Trades, and always a wealth of information. We'll always treasure that friendship! There are not enough words to express our admiration and gratitude for all he and Josie have done for us over the years and always without any thought of anything in return! He will be forever missed!*
Doug and Cindy Henderson

Doug and Cindy Henderson - May 15, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ *100 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Culberson Funeral Home - May 15, 2025 at 06:48 PM

SF

“ *Shawn Ramey and family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Philip J. Seybold.*



Shawn Ramey and family - May 15, 2025 at 03:08 PM

SF

“ Shawn Ramey and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip J. Seybold.

Shawn Ramey and family - May 15, 2025 at 03:08 PM

IH

“ My heart goes out to Josie, her family, and Phil’s family. He was such a positive, caring, and wonderful soul. I had the honor of witnessing Josie and him meet and watch their love story unfold. Phil was truly the love of Josie’s life, and I was honored to be a bridesmaid at their wedding. He helped me renovate my house and did so with such grace, skill, and kindness. He was positive, fun, and adventurous with a laugh and smile that were contagious. I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man to an equally wonderful family. But I am thankful for having known him and calling him a friend. With my love, Ingrid Hinkley.

Ingrid Hinkley - May 14, 2025 at 05:49 PM



Josie my dear sweet friend, your family is in my prayers. you're in my heart. Phil was an awesome husband awesome father and friend. He was always smiling and had a kind word for everyone. as we know he was always Mr Josie to me. Words cannot truly Express the ache in my heart right now. I love you. you are in my prayers and I know God will give you strength during this unbearable time. Love and prayers my friend, Ellen

Ellen Mabry - May 14, 2025 at 11:14 PM

LK

Josie and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember meeting Phil and thinking what an exceptionally nice young man he was. My thoughts and prayers to all. Laura (Wright) Knapp

Laura (Wright) Knapp - May 14, 2025 at 11:32 PM

JC

Josie and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts, love and prayers are with you. Jennifer (Rhodus) Campbell

Jennifer Campbell - May 15, 2025 at 07:11 AM

HS

Josie, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Helen Shultz - May 15, 2025 at 08:29 AM

JF

Thinking of you and the boys and their families, you're a strong person and Phil's love will be eternal in your heart. He will definitely be missed by your co-workers and staff. Julie Floyd

Julie Floyd - May 15, 2025 at 01:07 PM

MJ

I am saddened to learn that Phil died. He and I worked together on a number of environmental projects in the late 1990's. He was energetic and creative. He was determined to make the world better. Mic Jackson, Ph.D.

Mic Jackson - May 22, 2025 at 09:27 AM