



## Robert Louis Sears

May 22, 1952 - October 10, 2016

Robert Louis Sears, 64, of New Castle, went to be with Jesus on Monday, October 10, 2016 at Ball Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born on May 22, 1952 in New Castle, a son of the late William and Betty (Jones) Sears.

Bob was raised in Henry County, graduated from Shenandoah High School and married his loving wife, Linda Jane Schmidt on June 15, 1974. He worked at Chrysler Corp. for 6 years before retiring from MoorMan's Mfg./ADM Nutrition Alliance after 28 years. In his younger years, he enjoyed hunting and playing softball in the Church League and the New Castle Men's League. He enjoyed the years he raised hogs and cattle on the farm in rural Middletown where he and Linda lived for 33 years, also raising their wonderful children there. Bob also enjoyed racing at Mt. Lawn and Anderson. Having raced himself for a few years, he helped his son, Todd start racing and continued for several more in which he was a part of the CIKA, ARCA, USAC, and NAMARS racing series.

Bob became a Christian in 1984 when he asked Jesus into his heart. He was a member of Union Congregational Church of Avon Park, FL, where he worked with the youth for a couple of years. He attended Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church for many years and in the past three years attended Cadiz Christian

Church when he was home from Florida during the summer months. Bob and Linda enjoyed their retirement home in Sebring, Florida for 8 months out of the year, where Bob fished and played golf. He got his first "Hole-in-One" in December 2015 while playing in Florida. He was also a member of the Tri County Golf Club. Bob was a loving, joyful man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 42 years, Linda (Schmidt) Sears; son, Todd (wife: Debra) Sears of Woodburn; daughter, Joni (husband: Mick) Jagers of Middletown; grandchildren, Ava and Logan Jagers and Dalton Sears; sister, Pat (husband: Bud) Kendall of Middletown; nieces and nephews, Jessaca Sears, Jared Kendall, Stephanie Rodgers, Samantha Sears and Parker Rodgers; an uncle, aunts and cousins. He is also survived by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack and Ruth Schmidt of New Castle.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Lana Sears.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Cadiz Christian Church in Cadiz with Pastor Jeff Johnson officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions be made to American Cancer Society, Cadiz Christian Church Children's Building Project or Autism Research Institute. <https://www.autism.com/donations>

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Robert Sears.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cadiz Christian Church  
4894 West State Rd 38  
New Castle, IN 47362  
<http://www.cadizchurch.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Family, I enjoyed when we played independent basketball and softball. I have a lot of fond memories of Bob. So sorry for your loss.  
Don Shaw

don shaw - November 05, 2016 at 01:20 PM



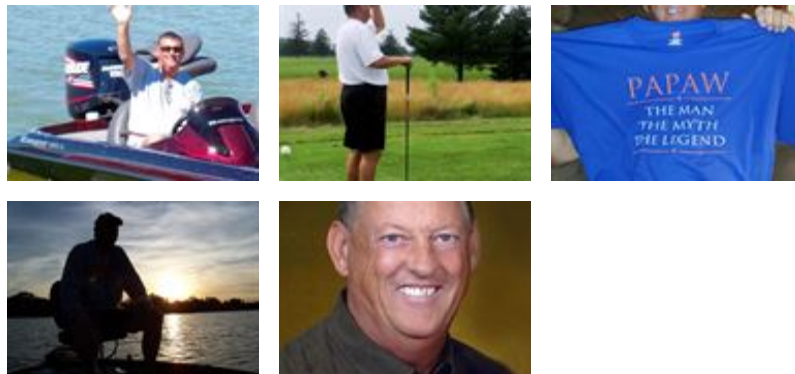
“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Sears.



November 04, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ 264 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 02, 2016 at 02:29 PM

SG

“ Linda, Todd & Joni.....I was so sad to hear of Bob's passing. I am so glad I got to work with him at the golf course a couple years ago, he always made me smile. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. RIP, Bob. <3

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**Stacy Ginley** - October 24, 2016 at 01:02 PM

JA

“ We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Cindy can remember him as a young boy riding on the school bus and always laughing and having fun. She also remembers what a support he was to her cousin Lana when his brother Bill passed away. What a good brother-in-law he was. We hope his wife and children will find peace and comfort soon.

*Prayers,*

*Cindy and Jim Van Alst*

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**Jim and Cindy Van Alst** - October 23, 2016 at 09:41 AM

LD

“ God Bless Bobs family Bob was a great friend for many years we played softball together for years almost everyday I will never forget him Lonnie Davis see you in Heaven old friend.

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**Lonnie Davis** - October 21, 2016 at 03:16 PM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of bobby's passing. I have some great memories from the time when they lived across the street from us in Sulphur. Especially when he would come over and sweet talk my mom into making no-bake cookies. Prayers and thought to the entire family.

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**Peggy Weisheit** - October 20, 2016 at 04:20 AM

LC

“ *Linda & Richard Craig lit a candle in memory of Robert Louis Sears*



Linda & Richard Craig - October 19, 2016 at 04:01 PM

LI

*We are praying for you guys! We love you and are sending hugs! From Richard & Linda Craig*

Linda - October 19, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Sears.*



October 18, 2016 at 07:54 PM

TC

“ *Prayers & hugs to Linda & your family. May God ease the pain in your hearts with memories of Bob as a great husband, Dad & Grandpa!💕 From Tim & Brenda Chapman*

Tim & Brenda Chapman - October 18, 2016 at 07:32 PM

CL

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. He was more than a "boss" he was a friend for many years. You and your family are in our thoughts & prayers.*

Carl & Doris Long - October 16, 2016 at 09:13 PM

LJ

“ I am Bobs aunt, have great memories of growing up with Bob, Billy and Pat. The Jones family sending love and prayers to all of Bobs family.

Linda Holcomb ( Jones) - October 16, 2016 at 06:59 PM

SH

“ Linda, our thoughts and prayers are you and your family.  
The Thurston Family  
Steve, Shawn, Emily & Jared



Shawn - October 16, 2016 at 06:22 PM

DR

“ I'm so sorry about your loss Joni Jagers, thoughts and Prayers for each and everyone of you 🙏



Donna Rudd - October 16, 2016 at 02:07 PM

RR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Wishing you peace and comfort that only God can give. So sorry to hear of your loss!



Ron & Melody Radford - October 16, 2016 at 01:21 PM

VH

“ In his high school years he played basketball on our court in sulphur springs. We will miss him.

vicki hinshaw - October 16, 2016 at 12:53 PM

MG

“ Bob(taterhead)Sears was one of my best friends in the world. I am amazed we lived past our youth, he drove very fast when we were teens, I was always a very scared co-pilot. We played lots of softball and golf together. Ms Linda you were the best thing ever for taterhead, I am so sorry for your loss. Taterhead RIP and may God Bless you and your family. Mike (taterhead 2) Griggs 812-345-3428

Mike Griggs - October 16, 2016 at 10:38 AM

BH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I will always have fond memories of working for Bob on his hog farm as a teenager.

Brent Holcomb - October 16, 2016 at 06:26 AM

DM

“ Duane Matthews lit a candle in memory of Robert Louis Sears



Duane Matthews - October 14, 2016 at 10:15 AM

WM

“ *Wilma Massengale lit a candle in memory of Robert Louis Sears*



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**Wilma Massengale** - October 13, 2016 at 11:04 AM

MS

“ *Mark and I are so sorry to have read about the loss of such a great man. Our retirement home is right across the street at Highland Ridge and we have had the great pleasure of meeting both Linda and Bob. Linda we can not even begin to express our sincere sympathy enough. We do know however that he loved you deeply. We will definitely miss him. Thoughts go out to the entire family.*

*Mark and Diane Steullet*

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**Mark and Diane Steullet** - October 13, 2016 at 07:36 AM

RG

“ *Sadden to hear of Bobs passing. I had laugh after laugh with him at Highlands Ridge, He called me Shelby county from Kentucky. May God be with you and family.*

*Ray Gardner*

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**Ray Gardner** - October 12, 2016 at 01:52 PM

BS

*Sweet Sister Linda, Todd and Joni I am lifting you up in prayer. I know the Lord will be near you during this traumatic time of loss.*

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**Brenda Shaffer** - October 18, 2016 at 05:05 PM