



## Robert D. Zeis

February 26, 1944 - April 28, 2025

\*A public graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 1 P.M., at the New Castle Mausoleum in Elm Grove Cemetery, with full military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.\*

Robert D. Zeis, 81 of Bluffton passed away Monday, April 28, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, following a sudden health issue.

Bob was born on February 26, 1944, in Gary, Indiana to Richard M. Zeis & Mary M. (Day) Zeis-Fuller. After graduating from Oxford High School, Bob served our country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. He had a 38+ years career with the railroad, retiring from Norfolk & Southern, in the Signal Department in 2004. He was a longtime member of the V. F. W. and American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Bob enjoyed spending time outdoors and was always ready to go fishing!

On September 29, 2013, in Bluffton, Robert and Mary E. (Collins) Zeis were married.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Zeis of Bluffton along with 2 sons, Tim (Amber) Zeis and Zach Zeis, along with a stepson, Nicholas Collins, all of Bluffton. He is also survived by 3 grandchildren and siblings: Dick (Nedra) Zeis of Mulberry, IN, Bill (Christine) Zeis of Whitestown and Mark Zeis of Fowler, along with a nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in Bob's memory to Heart to Heart Hospice or The Sheperd's House of Fort Wayne and can be sent to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send condolences online to the Zeis family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **New Castle Community Columbarium at Elm Grove Cemetery**

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN 46714

# Previous Events

## **PUBLIC GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

**OCT 4.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Elm Grove Cemetery  
3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Mary so sorry on the loss of your husband. Deepest condolences!*

Susie Pinkerton - September 29, 2025 at 09:00 PM

GR

“ *He was my grandpa I loved him so much, So when he died I was there sad, crying in my sleep.*

Greyson - May 05, 2025 at 11:58 AM

DE

“ *Mary, so sorry. Prayers for healing.*

Debra - April 29, 2025 at 08:43 PM

DG

“ *Sadden to learn of Bob's passing. There were many trips we took together to Canada. There was never a dull moment with BZ in the group. No matter what size or how many fish you caught, Bob's was always one up on you. The Zeis family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



Dan Gerdom - April 28, 2025 at 09:13 PM

KN

“ *I always enjoyed my time with Bob! He loved to give me a hard time, but I would always give it back! We loved you Bob! Thank you Mary for allowing us to be apart of your life! We will miss him dearly!*

Kristi Norris - April 28, 2025 at 06:28 PM

SD

*Mary I am so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts & Prayers for the days ahead. Love & Hugs.*

**Sandra Davis** - April 30, 2025 at 06:46 AM

GR

*Hey its me again I miss you Grandpa*

**Greyson** - September 09, 2025 at 08:17 AM