



## Doctor Robert Albert Sybert

September 17, 1929 - July 5, 2021

Doctor Robert Albert Sybert, a caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend peacefully passed away surrounded by his children on July 5, 2021 at the age of 91 in Powell, Ohio.

Robert (Bob) was born in Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania to Fabian Joseph Sybert and Ellen Waldron Sybert.

The oldest of four children, Bob attended Saint Mary's Catholic School and Nanty-Glo High School. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in 1951, Bob joined the Army and was stationed in Germany from 1952-1954. Bob served in the Army motor pool while in Germany because of his ability to read and speak the language. He then got his first taste of medicine serving as a lab technician and working in a 1,000 bed hospital during his tenure in the Army. When he returned to the states Bob married Dorothy Marie Mashensic of Madera, Pennsylvania and the two of them headed off to Iowa. Bob enrolled in the Des Moines Medical School where he earned his degree as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. After graduation, Bob and Dorothy (Dottie) settled in Northeast Ohio, calling Ravenna, Ohio their home for more than 45 years. Early in his medical career, Bob was on the staff at Green Cross Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls, where he delivered over 3,000 babies, one of those just happened to be his youngest son. Bob was later on staff at Robinson Memorial Hospital and had a thriving medical practice in Ravenna,

seeing upwards of 30 patients a day. While Bob's day was busy, he always made time to listen to his patients and give them his utmost care. His children hear stories and have fond memories shared with them by his patients and their families to this day. Bob was respected by the Ravenna community who supported him as he was elected and served as Portage County Coroner for 28 years.

While Bob was managing his practice and coroner duties, his loving wife Dottie was busy raising their five children; Cheryl Sybert Ehrhorn (husband Bill) of Franklin, Tennessee, Doctor Daryl Robert Sybert (wife Deborah), of New Albany Ohio, Curtis James Sybert Esq (wife Karen) of Powell Ohio, Denise Marie Gatts (husband Dewey), of Powell, and Doctor David Allen Sybert of Columbus Ohio. Bob and Dottie were loving parents who enjoyed time with their children. Many wonderful vacations to visit family in Nanty-Glo and to Myrtle Beach were enjoyed with Dottie's sister, Aunt Til and Uncle Jim alongside. Recollections of these special times together are always part of the conversation during family gatherings.

Bob and Dottie relocated to Powell, Ohio in 2015 to be closer to their children, many of whom are in the Columbus area. Their love for each other was obvious as Bob cared for Dottie prior to her death in 2017. While Bob missed Dottie every day, he kept himself active by attending the gym, spending time with friends in the neighborhood, taking drives in Dottie's beautiful Lincoln, and of course spending time with his children. Bob enjoyed telling stories of his time on the family farm, at the family feed mill and also of his time in the Army. One of his favorite Army stories was when he worked late hours in the morgue and couldn't get to the dining hall before they closed, until the day he wheeled a gurney into the dining hall. The cook decided he would allow Bob extra time and from then on had a plate waiting for him!

Bob and his stories will be greatly missed by his family. He was much loved by

his children who are comforted that he is alongside his beloved Dottie. Besides his children, Bob leaves his brother Doctor John Sybert (wife Rosemary) of Colorado, and brother-in-law John Mashensic (wife Dorothy) of Elyria, Ohio. Bob leaves many grandchildren; Christen Elizabeth Steigerwalt (husband Todd), Kellianne Marie Arias (husband Miguel), HB Thompson, Kenzie A. Gardner (husband Will) Austen N. Sybert, Oliver F. Sybert (wife Melissa), Kiersten Nicole Sybert, Kelsey Marie Sybert, Dewey Robert Gatts, Cailin Marie Gatts, Coltin Jacob Gatts, Simon Reed Sybert, Celeste Elizabeth Sybert, Carly Catherine Sybert. He also leaves great grandchildren Annie R. Gardner and James Robert Steigerwalt and many nieces and nephews. Bob's sisters Faye Jerome and Darlene Sybert preceded him in death.

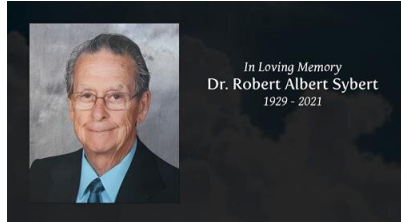
Doctor Robert Sybert was a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, a member of the Rotary Club, Elks Club, and parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church in Ravenna and later at Saint Joan of Arc in Powell Ohio.

Donations may be sent to the Navy Seal Foundation at [www.navysealfoundation.org](http://www.navysealfoundation.org) in his memory. Condolences may be left for the family at: [www.RutherfordFuneralHomes.com](http://www.RutherfordFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Doctor Robert Albert Sybert*



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - July 08, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Doctor Robert Albert Sybert*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear David & the entire Sybert family, on behalf of the entire Susi Family we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad Bob. He lived such a full life and he & Dottie were a great couple and loved all those grandchildren & own children so much. He accomplished alot and touched so many people's lives but is now reunited with Dottie. Please remember those great times you had with your parents! We have always appreciated your friendship over the years David and know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Keep the faith & may Bob rest in peace. Sincerely, Tony, Pat, Mark, Eric & of course "Denise" Susi xo*

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**Eric Susi** - July 09, 2021 at 07:19 PM

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“ Dr. Bob and I were friends, treated each other and shared our common birthplaces - NantyGlo and nearby Johnstown, Pa. as well as Pitt. We both knew the Myrtle Beach area and shared memories. He always found time to render care for my wife Janet, suffering from the most difficult to treat Multiple Sclerosis. He was the epitome of patient care physician, whether in office, home or hospital. One thing many overlook is that he was also an aviation medical examiner who I saw quite a few times. Dr. Bob has earned his rest in Heaven. Dr. Robert D Wicks

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**Dr. Robert D. Wicks** - July 08, 2021 at 01:49 PM

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“ Dear Sybert Family,

*My husband and I would like to share our deepest sympathies with all of you. As I read the obituary I can sense your love for him. I enjoyed reading the story of how he increased awareness to not close the dining hall until he had a chance to have dinner. It was a brilliant idea to take the gurney to the dining hall for awareness that he was still working! I will keep all of you in my daily prayers.*  
*Sincerely, Jim and Diane Doucette.*

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**Diane Doucette** - July 08, 2021 at 12:26 PM

BJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the Sybert Family. How fortunate for Portage County and the Ravenna community to have this fine Doctor and family to share their lives with us for so long. My father and I spent many middle of the night calls at the funeral home with him after a traffic accident or death. We spent all 28 years he was coroner working with him.  
He was also my Dr. for many years. His soft spoken manner and his willingness to spend all the time needed with each patient was a special gift.  
He so often talked about his trips back to Pa. and the homestead there and how he loved growing up there.  
May he RIP.

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**Bill Shorts Jr.** - July 08, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doctor Robert Albert Sybert.



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July 08, 2021 at 10:52 AM

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“ Dr Sybert was the best doctor I ever had...just last night I was telling my favorite Dr Sybert memory to my daughter and grandkids. He was a  
kind and compassionate man and  
I was blessed to have him as my  
doctor for many years.

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**Nancy Brett** - July 08, 2021 at 07:30 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace, my friend. Dr. John*

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**John** - July 08, 2021 at 04:27 AM

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“ *Dr Sybert was a most wonderful man to work with, he never had an unkind word for anyone. He would help with the patient filing when it was so busy that it didn't get done. He always walked with his "girls" at the end of the day when it was dark. He always left for lunch to be with Dottie (and watch a soap opera?) My heart will always have a special place for him. He was one of a kind. Love you "Doc".*

*Sharon Boyce*

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**Sharon Boyce** - July 07, 2021 at 08:59 PM

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“ *"Dr. Bob" was not only our physician from 1976 when we got married until he retired, but a family friend. He took care of us and our children and gave us wonderful advice when we needed to see a specialist. Dr. Sybert had the ability to make us feel better just by talking with us, and was a personal friend of my father, Dr. Daniel Grayson, the dentist in Mantua. He had excellent common sense, a wonderful chuckle, and eyes that twinkled when he spoke. He made house calls to my mother-in-law here in Freedom Township when she was dying of cancer in 1979, long past the time when other physicians no longer provided this service. The world is a better place for his having lived in it, and he will be on our minds and in our hearts forever...*

*The family of Philip D. McCoy  
Phil (deceased), Amy, Sarah, and Sam*

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**Amy G. McCoy** - July 07, 2021 at 06:48 PM

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“ Prayers and sympathy for all of the Sybert family in the death of your father and grandfather.

*A very fun-loving and dedicated man! Peace be with him as he joins IDottie in heaven.*

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**Fred and Linda Reister** - July 07, 2021 at 04:49 PM