



## Harold "Curly" Holbrook

September 30, 1935 - January 17, 2016

Harold (Curly) Holbrook, beloved father and friend to many, passed away in his home on Sunday, January 17, 2016. Curly was born on September 30, 1935, in Warsaw, Indiana to Isom and Elsie (Prater) Holbrook. After attending Winamac High School, Curly joined the Navy and served from 1953-1956. On January 15, 1954, he married the former Ruth Eleanor Sehstedt. They were married for fifty-three years. Upon discharge from the Navy, Curly attended barber school on the GI Bill and upon its completion he moved his family to North Judson where he has worked as a barber for over fifty years. He was truly dedicated to serving his community as their barber, friend and neighbor. Curly loved God, his family and

He is survived by a son Rick Holbrook and wife Michelle of E. Sandwich, MA, and two daughters, Susan L. Johnson and husband Dennis of Oxford, IN, and Kim H. Schoen and husband Jim of Oxford, IN.; six grandchildren; Tessa Hammelman, Melissa Goodrich (Doug), Zach Johnson, Blake Schoen (Holli), Payne Schoen (Kristie), Taylor Schoen (Jordan) and 9 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a special friend Rosanne Boisvert who filled the last 4 years of his life with love and joy. Curly is survived by one brother Cash Holbrook of Knox, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Eleanor Holbrook in 2010. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016, from 4-8 CT at the O'Donnell Funeral Home in North Judson and after 10 AM CT Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the church. There will be a celebration of life service at 11 a.m. CT on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at St. Peter Lutheran

Church in North Judson. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery immediately following the service. Memorials may be made to St. Peter Lutheran Church, North Judson.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *May he rest in peace. Great community supporter. Condolences to Susie, Kim, and Rick*

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**Dave Sheets** - June 11, 2018 at 10:47 AM

KC

“ *I went to Winamac High School with Curly & Ruth. Ruth & I were good friends but lost touch after moving & marrying. I loved them both. My Deepest Sympathy to all of your family.*

*God Bless You  
Kathryn (Schmicker) Cooper*

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**Kathryn (Schmicker) Cooper** - June 11, 2018 at 10:47 AM

TS

“ *Oh Curly, I still can't believe you're gone. We've only been here for 12 years but it didn't take long to find out what a shining light you were in the Judson community. I'll never forget the respect and kindness you showed when caring for my father in law when he needed a cut and shave... I'll never forget your stories and good nature. The world has lost a true angel sir, so it is with a heavy heart that I say rest in peace my friend. You were a good man who touched the lives of so many people. My prayers go out to your friends and family for peace in their hearts knowing you are in a beautiful place. Thank you sir for your service to our country and our community. Your legacy will live forever in the hearts of every life you touched. God bless you Curly.*

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**Tammy Schrader** - June 11, 2018 at 10:47 AM

DE

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

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**Deb Emery** - June 11, 2018 at 10:47 AM

DL

“ *Susie, Kim & Rick,  
So sorry for your dad's passing but there's a joyous reunion  
between him and  
mom in heaven. I'll never forget that even  
though I moved away, I could always come home and sit in the  
shop, drinking a coke as we visited whether about sports, fishing or  
his greatest pride - you three and the grandkids. I learned a lot from  
your dad about living the walk as a child of God. He was a very  
special friend to me, as are you three and please accept my  
condolences.  
Love to all,  
Dick*

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**Dick Liedtky** - April 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM

RK

“ *Susie, Kim, Rick. Like so many others I express my deepest  
condolence. I so appreciate your father. Thoughts of my youth,  
Bluejay basketball and visits to your fathers shop are embedded in  
wonderful memories. Curly simply will always be an inspiration to me  
and so many whom he touched. What a Wonderful Life.*

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**Rick Kriss** - April 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM

PS

“ *Curly will absolutely be missed by everyone in the NJSP school community. He was a wonderful man that touched many. I will always appreciate his kindness to myself and my sons. I will forever remember the stories shared as I sat in that chair. Thanks for everything, Curly. You were one of a kind that Judson will never be able to replace.*

*Coach*

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**Phil Shabi** - April 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM



“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF YOUR FATHER. MARK AND I ARE THINKING OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY*

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April 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM

LF

“ *I have known curly my entire life. Whenever I visited judson we had lunch and talk. He was a wonderful godly man. I will miss talking with him. Prayers and love to susan, kim, Rick and family.*

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**Lynn Fairgrief** - April 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM

WF

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Curly's passing. I want to also express my heartfelt condolences to Susie, Kim, Rick, and their families. When I reminisce about growing up in North Judson, Curly holds a prominent place in my memories. I fondly remember my brother Dan and I waiting our turns in the barber shop when we were kids, and listening to Curly talk to all the customers about the past and present North Judson teams. I was always mesmerized by the fishing magazines, advertisements around the shop, and all the pictures on his walls. I hoped that some day I would play for North Judson like the "hero's" in the pictures. I remember being excited when Curly gave us a sucker or piece of gum from his jar too. As I grew older and wasn't living in NJ, I occasionally tried to save some time to get a haircut when I visited - not because I really needed a haircut, but because I wanted a chance to talk to Curly and see if anything had changed in the shop. A couple years ago, my brother was visiting NJ from Seattle, and one of the highlights of his trip home was going to Curly's Barber Shop. I remember being envious and wished I could have been there with him. I know a lot of people feel the same way as me, and he will be missed by all of us.

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**Warren Gappa & Family** - April 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM

LL

“ Though just in this town now for almost a year my sons loved having their own babrber....Curley will be missed, just cut my boys hair 2 weeks ago.... Love from the Lindsey Family to yours

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**Laci Lindsey** - April 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM

JM

“ *Curly has been such a big part of my hometown North Judson. I recently,, 2 1/2 yrs. ago,remarried and moved. Everyone knew him, respected him and loved him. He cut my sons first hair it's and each time put the hair into a envelope knowing that mothers keep it. My son Rob Howard was at Curlys just 2 weeks before. He was so happy when he returned to North Judson. I just want the family to know how sorry I am about your loss. We all lost a wonderful person who was proud of his town. God Bless You!*

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**Janice Howard Mullikin** - April 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM

BP

“ *It was just recently I had talked with Curly on the phone. Have been very close to Curly & Ruth since they came to town. Ruth & I were more like sisters. Now they are together again & singing in the greatest choir of all--The Lords Heavenly Choir. We shall all meet again. My prayers & thoughts are with Susie, Kim & Rick & family. Always remember all the wonderful memories you created with your family. God's Blessings to all.. Love Bob & Gaylon Pastella*

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**BOB & GAYLON PASTELLA** - March 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My deepest condolences to Kim , Susie and Rick , as well as all who loved and knew Curly. May he rest in peace.*

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**Dan Commiskey** - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ The soul of Indiana took a hit when we lost Curly. You see, he was part of my childhood, as well as countless other children, but not just because we used to kick and scream in the barber chair (I hated the sound of the clippers). He symbolized time with my step-dad.as he would drive me from Medaryville to North Judson to get that haircut. My step-dad would teach my things about the countryside, identify plants and trees, even stop to taste a mint plant (one of my favorites!). These rides culminated in arriving at Curly's barbershop, where there were always local men talking sports, weather, farm prices, and a little politics. The pictures, posters, and articles always made me set goals and confirmed my dreams to be a basketball player, which I fulfilled. Curly embodied the spirit of local sports and was the greatest champion of North Judson and San Pierre sports ever. No cheer team nor school administrator could match the impact he had on the support base for the BlueJays. The trips to his barbershop usually included a treat for not making too much noise or complaining excessivelyit was either a pop out of the ice chest or a piece of bazooka bubblegum, it didn't matter the treat, it was the atmosphere of the shop that was my reward. This past year, I was visiting some relatives and was in need of a haircut (military standards), so I looked up barbers around the area and I saw Curly's barbershop listed.I called and sure enough it was him! I packed up my kids and headed to his shopI had the honor of introducing him to my children, told stories of when I was a kid, and enjoyed the best haircut of 2015.he even gave my kids a piece of candy, just like old times. I shared my tale to show the true impact of Curly, his passion for the local community and inspired conversation made him a pillar of the area and a foundation in an otherwise crazy world. We all should learn from his example and do the small things that matter. He impacted so many, but in such a natural way, you will be missed Curly.thank you for everything.

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David Skalon - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM