



Eric H. Seibel

June 22, 1947 - June 5, 2023

Eric H. Seibel died Monday, June 5, 2023. He will be remembered for greeting everyone with "Good Morning!" no matter the time of day, his service to the community, mentoring demeanor, quick wit, and easy laugh. He was a man of strong Christian faith, a devoted husband and father, and an inspiring music educator.

Born on June 22, 1947, Eric was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church - Perryville, where he still worships. Eric was a faithful servant of the Lord. He attended Immanuel Lutheran School and Perryville High School. He earned his undergraduate degree at Southeast Missouri State University, his graduate degree at Central Missouri State University, and postgraduate studies at Truman State University.

Eric was a band director for 42 years, passionately serving at Perryville High School for the majority of his career. He taught at several schools in Missouri, most recently at UCLS in Frohna. His love of music and students was demonstrated through his high standards, endless patience, and encouraging words to pursue their personal best in music and life. This was always accompanied with typical "dad" jokes and funny (but slowly told) stories. He always wore a tie, had a pencil in his pocket, and a random fact on the blackboard. Eric also served as the director for the Men's Choir at his church and turned pages for his wife as she played piano to accompany student

soloists and choirs.

Traveling, reading maps, and planning road trips were his other passions. As a young adult, he traveled solo throughout the United States and Canada on his motorcycle. Later, he planned vacations for his family, some with surprise locations. Eric was also a staff member of Missouri Ambassadors of Music, an organization that leads high school musicians on a tour of Europe while also performing concerts. He often collected postcards from his travels and encouraged others to send him postcards from their own adventures.

He was married 36 years to Janet (Childress) Seibel of Providence, Kentucky and blessed with one daughter, Martha of Shanghai, China. He is survived by 3 sisters: Kathryn (Doug) Gorthy of Silver City, New Mexico; Diane (Wade) Dowdy of Glenallen, Missouri; and Joyce (Brian) Schweikert of West Harrison, Indiana. He was preceded by Gilbert Seibel (father), Madeline Muench (mother), and Walter Muench (step-father).

Visitation will be Friday, June 16 from 4:00-8:00pm at Ford and Young's Funeral Home in Perryville, Missouri. The service will be Saturday, June 17 at 10:30am at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville with a brief visitation beginning at 8:00am.

Memorials can be made to United in Christ Lutheran School, Perryville High School Band Department, and Crown Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Perryville

600 Washington Lane
Perryville, MO 63775

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Visitation

JUN 17. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Perryville
Perryville, MO

Funeral Service

JUN 17. 10:30 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Perryville
Perryville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Eric H. Seibel*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Eric H. Seibel*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *From David & Connie Toney and family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Eric H. Seibel.*



From David & Connie Toney and family - June 15, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *From David & Connie Toney and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric H. Seibel.*

From David & Connie Toney and family - June 15, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric H. Seibel.*



June 14, 2023 at 09:57 AM

VL

“ Janet and Martha I am so sorry for your loss. What a truly amazing teacher and coworker Eric was. Not a day would go by that he wouldn't greet you and just make your day better. I laughed so many times at his stories and his “Dad” jokes. His kindness and generosity to everyone didn't go unnoticed. God bless you and your family.



Victoria Lohmann - June 11, 2023 at 03:09 PM

WH

“ No one was blessed with a better friend. He brightened every life he ever touched, and he will be missed. Borrowing a lyric from James Taylor, “I always thought that I'd see you again.”

Wayne Halter - June 07, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Eric H. Seibel.



June 07, 2023 at 09:16 PM



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“ *Mr Seibel was my band teacher at Perryville #32. He was a wonderful human being who truly cared about what he was doing and his students. He could always make me laugh, even during some bad days. There aren't words for my appreciation of his dedication to teaching a bunch of stubborn and unruly kids how to play our instruments and march, he and his wife were out in the hot August weather and traveling to competitions south to Charleston and north to various locations. Working with ensembles and soloists for District and State competitions. I had an admiration for Mr Seibel & Mrs Seibel when I was a young teenager, but as I've grown up and seen more of the bigger picture, I see so much more of how amazing he was and I'm sure he touched the lives of thousands of students who are not just better musicians but better people because of him. I hope he knew how much he has meant to so many of us. I used to work with his mother, Madeleine at the hospital and I could see where he got his example for doing things the right way, keeping to a standard, but at the same time having fun and laughter. You're just a lovely family and so grounded in your faith — I just don't have the words for my admiration and esteem. My world has been a better place because of Mr Seibel & I know I'm not the only one who can say that. May your memories and your faith carry you and your family as you grieve his loss. He lives on in so many students and their children... Beautiful music was his life. Thank you.*



Etta Johnson - June 07, 2023 at 08:11 PM

BB

So beautifully said , Etta. Our thots exactly. RIP, Eric.

Barbara Ann Burroughs - June 08, 2023 at 12:26 PM

JW

I taught 1 year with Eric in Green City and had so much fun joking a teasing with him. R.I.P. Eric Dr. Jim Watson

Jim Watson - March 31 at 05:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric H. Seibel.*



June 07, 2023 at 07:46 PM



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June 07, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Thank you to Mr Seibel for the many years of instilling the joy of music in our youths at Perryville High School. Loved listening to our bands performing.*

Marilyn Tucker - June 07, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *I was a student of Mr. Seibel at Green City High School. I wanted to play drums, but he encouraged me strongly to play the trombone. I went and bought a bass trombone. He called it the sewer flute. During practices he would yell more sewer flute and I knew what he wanted. Thank you Mr. Seibel for my pure enjoyment of low deep tones in my music listening years now. RIP and prayers to your family and friends.*

Mindy Long (1983 Mirenda Valentine)

Mindy Long - June 07, 2023 at 09:43 AM



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June 07, 2023 at 09:19 AM