



Albert Yelich

October 9, 1942 - November 26, 2024

Albert Yelich, age 82, of Hobart passed away November 26, 2024. His parents were Daisy Hack and Michael Yelich Sr and his Sister was Carmmelita Steyer and brother Michael Yelich Jr. who preceded him in death. . Al was raised in Hoosier Boys Town and was the youngest boy to ever attend Boy Town. He was a graduate of Dyer Central High School were he was an All State and All American Football player and a 3 sport athlete. He was awarded a football scholarship to the University of Illinois. Due to a career ending injury he lost his scholarship and went back to Hoosier Boys Town with then wife, June Davis Yelich. They became house parents to several young men they consider their sons to this day. June and Al had three children: Kimberly Yelich, Albert Yelich (Mylissa Oakes Yelich), Andrea Yelich. They had three beautiful grandchildren, Jacob Yelich, Peyton Yelich (fiancé John Cory) and Alyson Yelich. Later in life he was blessed to meet and fall in love with his fiancé, Kathy Pejoski and was deeply loved and cared for by her and her family which included Brad (Erica) Cassoday, Chris (Crystal) Cassoday, Stacy (Ralph) Borman, Nicole (Ryun Charnetzky) Pejoski; grandchildren- Hayley and Hannah Borman, Dilynn Charnetzky, Nicholas Cassoday, Sydney Lison; great grandchildren- Wyatt and Alayna. Al had his best friend and brother Bob Schumann who preceded him in death and wife Marjorie and family that filled his life with so many wonderful memories. He had a foster brother- Billy (Vickie) Filter and many loving nieces and nephews and dear

friends he left behind. Al was a jack of all trades he could do anything he set his mind to and he would donate his talents to anyone who needed help. He became a skilled Union Electrician and he wired many buildings in our area. There was never a job too big or too scary. He was a proud IBEW Union Member of Local 697 Electricians for over 55 years and now retired. He served on various committees to help the Union Hall out. After retiring as an electrician, he worked and retired from the Merrillville School Corporations Maintenance Dept. As a hobby, he enjoyed working on small engines. Albert was a member of St. Michaels and Our Lady of Consolation Church he was an usher and a greeter. You would always see him holding a baby at the back of the church. He was like a "Baby Whisperer". He believed in getting involved in his community and giving back. He was a member of Holy Name Society, Gary Sportsmen's Club, Slovak Club, K of C and Lions Club. He stayed involved in athletics by becoming an IHSAA official and member of the Lake County Officials

Association, mentoring new officials. He was a Democratic Precinct Committeeman, past president of Schererville Town Board and Schererville Police Commissioner and helped with the Tri City Mental Health. He raised money for the Schererville K-9 Unit. He fought a long, hard battle with cancer and never complained. Please do not cry for Al but get involved and do a good deed for someone that is what he would have wanted

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held directly at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 8303 Taft Street, Merrillville, IN at 12 p.m. on December 4, 2024. Interment Chapel Lawn Cemetery. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens

8178 Cline Ave
Scherverville, IN 46375

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 4. 12:00 PM (cst)

Our Lady of Consolation
8303 Taft St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

KP

“ To a very special man in my life although we never got married for all those 18 years we both felt like we were. You were always there for me and my family we loved you very much. You will forever be in our hearts. You were so strong battled cancer 16 years I know you were tired and God saw it also. He gave you a final place to rest and not suffer any more. RIP my love I miss you so much....love you forever....Kathy

Kathy Pejoski - December 14, 2024 at 09:41 PM

MN

Al was my school mate from elementary through high school. I was fortunate enough to play with Al on Dyer Central's football team. I believe Al played on both sides of the ball; which is unheard of Today. He was friends with all. His memory is blessing. Mike Nowicki

Mike Nowicki - December 20, 2024 at 09:30 PM

MW

“ Al was a great friend to my Family & great basketball referee who mentored officials & great example of what a a referee should look like & how to manage a game before , during & after a game ! His personality & helping young officials succeed was one of the reasons I advanced in the tournament! 🙏❤️🏀

mike Waisnora - December 05, 2024 at 02:15 PM

BP

“ *Fond memories of our times together at Fr. Campana's Boys Town, 1960s. My tribute to Al and June for their care of God's children who needed a home. I thought it was the best place on earth for displaced youth and was pleased to be a part of the ministry there. May God bless Al and take him into God's rest.*
Father Joseph Perry

Bishop Joseph N Perry - December 03, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Albert Yelich.*



December 03, 2024 at 11:54 AM

CD

“ *A*
I was ,my husbands Lou's cousin .I always enjoyed visiting with him .He was a great guy .I have no doubt he will be missed greatly .My prayers are with the family

Connie Sayers Davich - December 02, 2024 at 08:08 PM

BM

“ *May the Perpetual Light shine upon him. 🙏*
Barb Moloney, Our Lady of Consolation

Barbara Moloney - December 02, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Albert Yelich.



December 02, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Kim, Albert, and Andy, Please know we are thinking of all of you and keeping you in our prayers. May your fond memories help ease the loss of your father. Much love, Paul and Karen Erickson



Paul & Karen Erickson - November 30, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ Doris Thompson and Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Albert Yelich.



Doris Thompson and Family - November 30, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Albert Yelich.



November 30, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert Yelich.*



November 30, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Albert Yelich.

November 30, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ Dawn &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Yelich.

Dawn &. - November 30, 2024 at 04:49 AM



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November 29, 2024 at 10:15 PM



“ *DEAR ANDI , I am deeply sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. If you need anything or just someone to talk to, I'm here for you. With heartfelt sympathy,
Lou*



Lou - November 29, 2024 at 10:09 PM

PN

“ *Al was such a great friend to everyone! I'll always remember him calling our house on Christmas Day to wish us a Merry Christmas! RIP Al. Give Annie and Jim a hug! 💕*

Patty Nuzzo - November 29, 2024 at 02:54 PM

TM

“ *I got to know Al so well when the two of us officiated many bb games together. Respected him so very much. He had such a tough exterior but would do anything for anyone if they needed help. Got to know his daughter Kim even more. Such a talented young woman who continues to do so much for so many. And, a great teacher and outstanding bb official.*

Thomas May - November 29, 2024 at 02:35 PM

EV

“ *I do remember Al from Hoosiers Boystown and recall him telling me of his college years in Illinois and how he had played with Dick Butkus. Said an injury prevented him from entering into the NFL. He's now in the heavenly kingdom of God where he will be safe eternally and never have another worry to deal with while he awaits others to join him along the way. May he RIP in God's arms now.*

Edwin Valle - November 27, 2024 at 06:08 PM

JC

Al was so Special and Well Liked . He was a leader and Mentor for so many young men and Women in the Northwest Indiana Spotts World . He wast the Best.

Joe Casko - November 29, 2024 at 01:18 AM



I had the privilege of working with Al on many Volleyball matches throughout most of northern Indiana. He always had good things to say about both teams no matter the score or who was winning. We shared several memorable moments, many of which cannot be related in a message of this nature. Wonderful man with a great family. He will be missed by each member of the LCAOA. Our prayers go out to his family and our love especially to Kim. Jim and Connie Lough

Jim and Connie Lough - December 01, 2024 at 01:45 PM