



Orbie Glen Soden

January 29, 1942 - November 18, 2025

Orbie Glen Soden, 83, of Anderson, passed away on November 18, 2025, at Bethany Pointe Health Campus. He was born on January 29, 1942, in Tuckerman, Arkansas, the son of Ruby Jane and Orbie Campbell Soden.

Orbie was a gifted left-handed pitcher. At the young age of 18, his skills earned him a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals. During this unforgettable opportunity, Orbie had the extraordinary experience of throwing batting practice to the legendary Stan "The Man" Musial, etching a moment of personal history by pitching to one of the greatest hitters in the game.

Orbie enlisted in the Navy and proudly served his country aboard the USS Oklahoma City from August 1960 to May 1964.

After the Navy, he moved to Anderson and on August 1, 1970, married Judy, the love of his life. Orbie and Judy had two sons, Jim and Skete.

In the mid-70s, Orbie and Judy owned and operated the Palace of Sweets in North Webster.

Orbie dedicated 32 years of his life to serving the community on the Anderson Police Department, a tenure that concluded with his well-deserved retirement in 2004.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and a dedicated golfer. Orbie spent most of his post-retirement years golfing at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

He is survived by his son, Skete (Brianna) Soden and their children, Ruby, Colleen, and Bridger all of Anderson; his son, Jim (Mary) Soden and their daughter, Melissa, of Fort Wayne; two brothers, George (Kay) Soden and Charlie (Cindy) Soden; one sister, Debbie (Dave) Ricker all of Anderson; lifelong friend, Leon Wasilewski; and several nieces, nephews and golfing friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy J. Soden; his parents, Orbie and Ruby Soden; brother, Bill Soden; and nephew, Bill Soden.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, November 30, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, with open sharing at 3:00 pm, at The Community Room at Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory, 200 W. 53rd Street, Anderson, Indiana, 46013.

Donations in Orbie's name may be made to "Cops for Kids" through the Anderson Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 48.

In accordance with Orbie's wishes, cremation will take place.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Community Room at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
200 W. 53rd St.
Anderson, IN 46013

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Orbie Glen Soden.*



December 01, 2025 at 02:55 AM



“ *John W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orbie Glen Soden.*

John W. - November 29, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ *Love, Hugh and Dana, Pierce and Joanie purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Orbie Glen Soden.*



Love, Hugh and Dana, Pierce and Joanie - November 28, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *The Shelton family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orbie Glen Soden.*

The Shelton family - November 27, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orbie Glen Soden.*



November 27, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all that knew Orbie, he will be greatly missed by all the knew him. RIP Orbie*

Lisa Gentry - November 25, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Orbie Glen Soden.*



November 25, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *My condolences to Orbie's family in this time of loss. Orbie and I became friends in the 1960s and shared a mutual love for baseball and community. He will be missed by many of us whose lives he touched.*

Douglas Vermillion - November 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM