



Frank C. "Sonny" Hesselbart

December 9, 1938 - April 26, 2026

Our beloved Frank "Sonny" Hesselbart left us peacefully on Sunday, April 26, 2026, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Sonny was many things to many people -- a devoted partner, a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather and a loyal friend. He made every room a little brighter. And, he had a way of making everyone around him feel seen, valued and loved. Sonny's kindness was effortless, his wisdom hard-earned and generously shared, and his quiet strength was the kind that holds a family together without ever asking for recognition.

He lived his life with intention and purpose - and he never stopped encouraging those around him to do the same. Sonny would say, "Find your purpose. Live it fully, and Live it well." Even in his final days, he embodied this very message with grace, strength and dignity, facing what came with the same quiet courage that defined his entire life. He did not just advise us how to live - he showed us.

Sonny was born curious, and he channeled his passions in everything he did and everything he touched. This was evidenced by his strong work ethic and his successful career in engineering and business. That same drive and technical acumen also contributed to others in unique ways - be it through meticulous instruction and coaching he gave to aspiring golfers (amateur and professional alike), or through the countless hours he spent to help friends and family tackle any electrical, plumbing or household challenge that came their way.

Sonny was our light, and the world feels a little dimmer without him in it. But the warmth he gave so freely, and that wisdom he leaves behind, lives on in each of us who were lucky enough to call him ours. May we honor him by doing exactly what he asked - living with purpose, treating people with kindness and making every moment count.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 29 from 4-7 p.m. at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43614. A Mass will follow on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose Catholic Church, 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg, OH 43551. Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in his memory to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Our family is so grateful for every kind word, memory shared and prayer offered during this time. Just as Sonny would always say, "God Bless."

Cemetery Details

St. Rose Cemetery

E Indiana Avenue
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Mass

MAY 30. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Rose Of Lima (Perrysburg)
215 E Front St
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - 1 hour ago

PB

“ Paige B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank C. "Sonny" Hesselbart.

Paige B. - Yesterday at 09:43 AM

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“ I will always remember Sonny extending his wrist for me to twist so we could enjoy a pomergate margarita .we enjoyed many visits to a small secluded estuary in Mexico for fresh oyster and Sonny's remarks "it doesnt get any better than this".I will miss his company;graciousness;and personality. Most of all I will miss his friendship;see you my friend

fred - May 26 at 10:46 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank C. "Sonny" Hesselbart.



May 12 at 09:53 AM

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“ *Sonny was an intelligent, multifaceted gentleman, and a joy to be around. I'm grateful I had the opportunity to meet him.*

Sunny - May 11 at 09:18 AM

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“ *I remember Frank well. I worked with Frank on many industrial control and automation projects when he worked for H Poll Electric. A very reserved and quiet man who was well respected. We had a lot of laughs as well as pressures when working with these clients. My deepest condolences to his family.*

Rick Ulrich - May 11 at 07:46 AM