



Cyril A. Klee

February 13, 1927 - September 5, 2015

Cyril Klee, of Naples, Florida, and Bloomington, Indiana, died on September 5, 2015, with his goddaughter at his side. Born February 13, 1927, in Bloomington, Cy was the fifth of six children born to Joseph and Cecilia (Kluemper) Klee. Cy's early school years were spent at St. Charles, where his parents worked as caretakers. Cy followed his brothers to St. Meinrad, and eventually graduated from Bloomington High School in 1945. Cy served his country in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and the Korean War. Hitch-hiking across the country, Cy attended UCLA on the G.I. bill. He returned to Bloomington and completed his business degree at Indiana University.

Cy was the quintessential salesman with a southern charm (although "southern" in this case refers to southern Indiana). Cy began his sales career with Arvin Industries, selling car heaters to dealers throughout the Midwest. Cy's work eventually took him to the Northwest Territories, the deep South, and New England. Cy concluded his sales career with the parts division of General Motors.

A child of the depression, Cy was "as tight as paper on the wall," but he knew how to enjoy the

simple things in life. He loved tending his garden, fishing trips to Hamlin Lake, summer band concerts at IU, and those famous Naples sunsets. For years, Cy opened his home in Bloomington to graduate students at IU. Locals and international students alike shared Cy's Hoosier hospitality and delicious tomatoes.

Cy was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Herman, Rev. Joseph, and Raphael Klee; and by his sister, Alma Therese Klee, S.P. Cy is survived by his younger brother, Thomas Klee of Fort Wayne, Indiana; numerous nieces and nephews; and two stepsons.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 9 at 11 am at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Bloomington. Visitation will take place at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington on September 8 from 6-8 pm with the Rosary at 7:30. Burial will follow at St. Raphael's Cemetery in Dubois, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Sisters of Providence, St. Meinrad Seminary, or your local soup kitchen.

Tribute Wall

JB

“*Cy's friends and "family" at Courtwood Condos were saddened to read of his passing in this morning's paper and offer our deepest condolences on your loss. Cy was a longtime member of our cozy community and a dear friend. His cordial manner and warm smile brightened our days and his morning tai chi on the patio always brought a smile. He will be deeply missed.*

James and Barbara Perreault - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“*For many years I have valued my friendship with Cy and am really saddened to learn of his extended illness and passing. Cy was a master gardner and made the best bean soup I've ever eaten. He was fun and kind and I am very glad to have known him. My condolences to all the family.*

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Scheer
Marion Indiana*

Rebecca Scheer - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences are sent to Kim and Ken and all of those near and dear to Cy. His gentle, kind, and thoughtful ways, coupled with his wit and wisdom, linger in my memory, echo in my heart. He conducted himself as a gentleman in that manner of the WW II veteran from the "Greatest Generation," which reminded me tenderly of my own father. He enjoyed the simple but valuable things in life! His joy over a fresh tomato or a baby cucumber out of his carefully tended garden, was palpable. And he eagerly shared his fresh produce with family and friends. His eyes twinkled, and he had a slight southern accent that was gracious and endearing. He loved to cook and relished a cold beer for refreshment. He loved his church and faith, and as much as possible, was at St. Paul's every Sunday when in Bloomington. Goodbye dear friend, until we meet again. You are in a place of eternal joy! I am truly thankful for your life and your friendship! With love to you and your family, Marianne Ackerson

Marianne Ackerson - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Cy's passing. He was definitely one of my favorites. Loved when he came to visit. Such a knowledgeable person and loved to visit. Sorry we couldn't spend more time together distance does take a toll. Our condolences to the family.

Brenda Klee green - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM