



## Joseph Kays

April 6, 1930 - June 29, 2012

Joseph Leonald Kays, 82, of Bloomington, Indiana died Friday, June 29th at Bell Trace Health & Living Center.

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 7th at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Pike County, Indiana. Joe was born in Pike County, Indiana on April 6, 1930 to Oliver T. and Mary Etta (Harris) Kays. He graduated from Winslow High School in 1948 and Indiana University, School of Business, in 1952 with honors. Following graduation, ISI Lt. Joseph L. Kays served in the Air Force as an auditor during the Korean Conflict. After his Air Force service, he was employed by General Motors at facilities in both Michigan and Indiana retiring in 1987 with 32 years of service. Following retirement he returned to the Bloomington, Indiana area. Joe was a member of the church of Christ. Most recently he was a member and former elder of the North Central Church of Christ in Bloomington. Joe is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rowena Alice (Chesser) Kays, whom he married September 17, 1950. He is also survived by his daughter, Kim (Dennis) Dirks of Avon, Indiana and his son, Mark (Kim) Kays of Canton, Michigan. Survivors also include his granddaughter, Courtney Dirks, and his grandsons Jeremy (Rachel) Dirks, Steve Kays, and Tim Kays. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Wilma (Kays) Grow, and his brother Ancil O. Kays. Joe's family would like to express special thanks to all

the staff at Bell Trace Health & Living Center and the IU Health Bloomington Home Health & Hospice for the wonderful care that was given to Joe during the last five years. Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer Association of Greater Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260; Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871 ; IU Health Bloomington Home Health & Hospice, Medical Arts Building, 619 West First St., Bloomington, IN 47401 in memory of Joseph L. Kays.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My family would like to express our condolences. Jesus words are always comforting ... "All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." - John 5:2,29*

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**T Pringle** - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

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“ *Rowena and Family,  
I saw in the local newspaper that Joe had passed, and wanted to let you know that "Thoughts and Prayers" are with you and your family.  
Love.  
Bev*

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**Beverly Bazzell** - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM