



Clay E. Kifer

December 22, 1930 - August 14, 2020

Clay E. Kifer, 89, of Irwin, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 14, 2020. He was born December 22, 1930 in Hempfield Township, a son of the late George H. and Bertha I. (Buzzard) Kifer. He was a member of New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon, where he was an active member of the choir. Clay was a graduate of North Huntingdon High School class of 1948 and was a Marine veteran that served in the Korean Conflict. He worked for George H. Kifer & Son Water Hauling; and he was a retired 2nd generation caretaker and manager for over 30 years at Brush Creek Cemetery.

Throughout his life Clay had a passion for gardening. In addition to his parents Clay was preceded in death by his wife Jean A. (Gongaware) Kifer; his daughter Kimberly K. Hijek; brothers and sisters Sara Marie Kifer, Robert G. Kifer, Gladys I. Sakos, and Flora B. Kifer. He is survived by his son Jeffrey L. (Terri) Kifer of Irwin, grandchildren Rachel (Donald) Dacus, Caitlin (Travis) Fenyves, Katie Kifer, Kristen (Dylan) Hijek, and Matthew Clay Kifer; great grandchildren Caleb and Hannah Dacus; siblings, Dorothy I. Hall of Saltsburg, Ray D. Kifer of Gainesville, FL, and Larry H. (Emaruth) Kifer of North Huntingdon; his partner for the last eight years Lois Hancock; also nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 P.M. Sunday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin. A funeral ceremony will be held at 11 A.M. Monday in the funeral home. Outdoor committal service, military honors, and interment will follow in Brush Creek Cemetery. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

AUG 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Clay E. Kifer

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Clay E. Kifer

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Rachel, Caitlin and Kristen at the loss of your grandfather, Clay. He Had such love and pride for his Family particularly his grandchildren. He was the definition of a “great” man and will be remembered always. His care for others and kind words, despite his own heartache, is what we will remember always. He was so deep in his faith. And we will always remember his sense of humor particularly his “Donald Duck” voice which made our family laugh! He took such great pride in caring for the Brush Creek Cemetery as well his home. He will be missed greatly but will be remembered always. Rest in Peace Clay 🙏 Thank you for the wonderful memories. Dave & Heidi Gaia

Heidi Gaia - August 18, 2020 at 12:51 PM



Thank you for your kind words. He was a special man who is deeply missed.

Rachel Dacus - August 28, 2020 at 04:31 PM

TD

“ Clay was a humble servant of God who was always kind, considerate and respectful of others. He loved to talk about Jesus and His word. I always enjoyed his insight when we discussed the Bible. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give peace and comfort to all who knew and loved Clay. Blessings, Terry and Donna David

Terry David - August 16, 2020 at 11:57 AM

RD

Thank you! God bless you!

Rachel Dacus - August 28, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Clay E. Kifer.



August 16, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clay E. Kifer.



August 15, 2020 at 11:54 AM

EG

“ East Suburban Fellowship Group purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Clay E. Kifer.



East Suburban Fellowship Group - August 15, 2020 at 11:42 AM

BP

“ Semper Fi Marine. Thank you for your service and sacrifice. R.I.P.



Brother Marine, McKeesport, Pa. - August 15, 2020 at 11:18 AM

RD

Thank you and God bless!

Rachel Dacus - August 28, 2020 at 04:36 PM

CM

“ Clay was a wonderful and loving man. He was part of our family and like another father to us. Ben and I enjoyed spending time with him when we got to come home for a visit. There was always jokes and great conversations to be had. Clay and Mom were so wonderful together taking care of each other. Clay will be missed very much by us all. We loved him and know that he loved us.

Cathy Mickelsen - August 15, 2020 at 10:04 AM

CM

“ *Cathy Mickelsen lit a candle in memory of Clay E. Kifer*



Cathy Mickelsen - August 15, 2020 at 09:54 AM

BJ

“ *I remember Clay, as well as his brothers Bob and Larry, from church when I was a teenager. He was always a kind man and pleasant to talk with. Not all adults could carry a conversation with younger people very well, as I remember. When we reconnected years later, he was still the same Clay, same smile, same warm handshake. My condolences and prayers are with the entire Kifer family during this time of loss.*

Buddy Jewell - August 14, 2020 at 10:27 PM

RD

Thank you for sharing your fond memories of him.

Rachel Dacus - August 28, 2020 at 04:37 PM

KA

“ *My memory of Clay when we were growing up is that he would talk like Donald Duck*

karen - August 14, 2020 at 09:14 PM

RD

We all loved his Donald Duck talk! Take care, Karen.

Rachel Dacus - August 28, 2020 at 04:38 PM