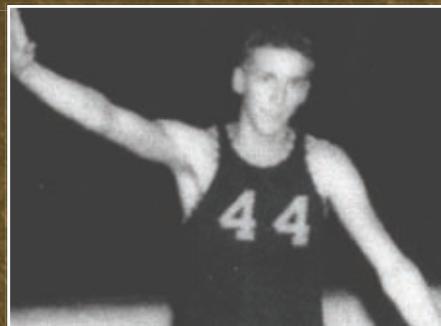
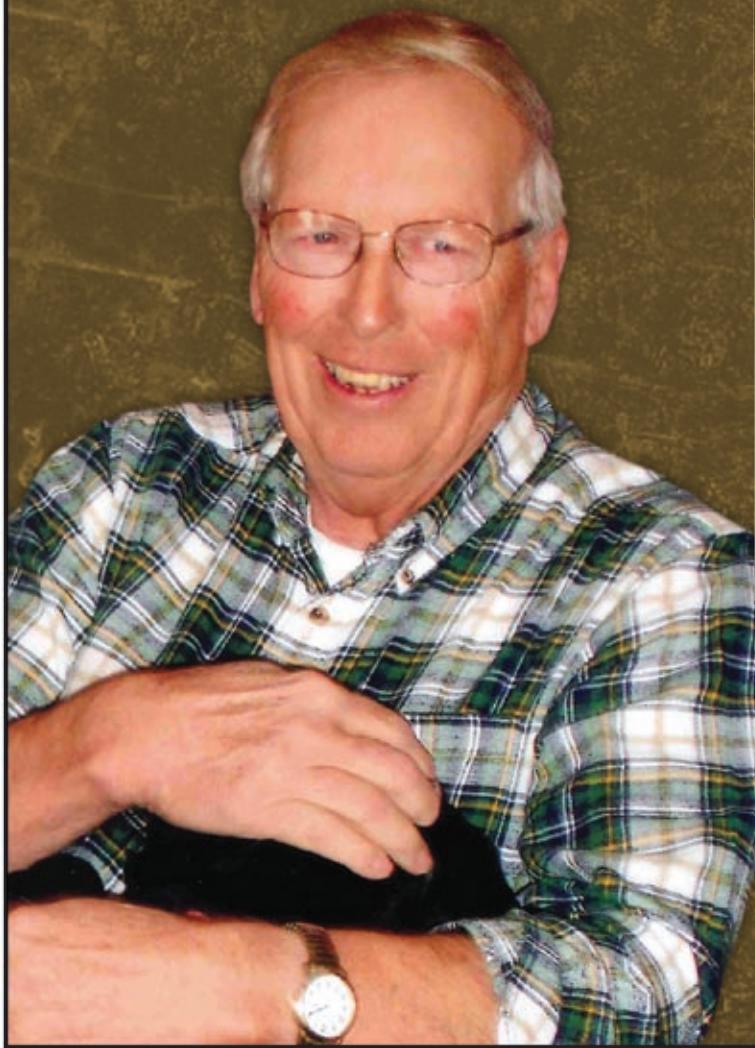


Dean Kays

November 4, 1936 - October 26, 2010



Dean's Life Story

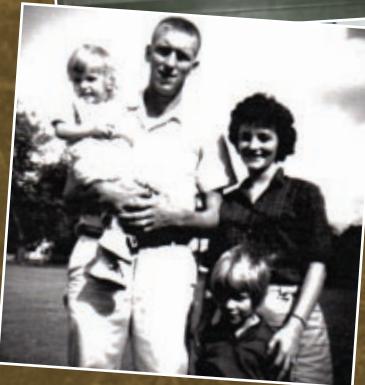
Walter "Dean" Kays was an amazing man, a man of character, of love and of honor. As a true and loyal public servant, he was a member of the Mooresville Police and Fire Department and proud to serve his community. He didn't care about recognition or praise; he was just pleased with doing his best and working hard. Beyond this distinction, however, Dean was a deeply devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, who would sacrifice whatever was necessary to make sure they had what they needed. With his thoughtful nature and his love for helping others, Dean was bigger than life and his life and his work are an inspiration to all.

The mid 1930s were the worst years of the Great Depression, when the economic crunch took a toll on everything from the largest factory to the smallest family. Though times were tough, hope shone on the horizon as a new president aimed to lift the country back onto the pedestal of greatness. It was a decade of transition, an era that left an indelible mark on those who lived through it. Walter Dean Kays entered this transitioning world on November 4, 1936, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was one of seven children born to Harry Allen and Ethel (Smoot) Kays. Dean, as he was called, grew up in Mooresville, Indiana with his three brothers and three sisters. He received his education in the area schools, and honorably served in the National Guard after high school.

Dean met the love of his life, Margaret "Sue" Gurley, at a party in high school. Sue was initially the one interested in Dean because he was the only one not paying attention to her at the party. It wasn't long though before the two were high school sweethearts, and were planning a life together. Despite the discouraging words from their friends and family that they were too poor and too young to marry, Dean and Sue began a lifelong journey together, exchanging wedding vows on June 16, 1956. The couple proved everyone wrong by sharing 54 wonderful years together.

Dean was a hard worker and good provider for his family. He worked





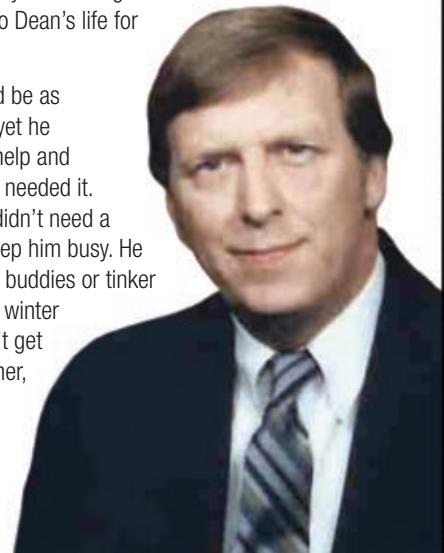
as a shipping clerk for 42 years at Link Belt before retiring in 1997. However, outside of this job, he focused on his role as a member of the Mooresville

Police and Fire Department, a job he was very proud of. He served as a volunteer fireman and was also a former Fire Chief. Because of his years of dedication to the force, Dean was later asked to be the Mooresville Police Commissioner, a highly respected (and well earned) position in the community.

Although Dean worked hard to achieve success in law enforcement, there was nothing more important to him than his wife and three children, Pat, Cindy and Julie. Each of their births added yet another incredible blessing to his life. Dean was a strong, kind father to his children, and by example, taught them the things that matter in life, like working hard to achieve your goals while treating people with

respect and kindness along the way. Dean was a very hands on father - he changed diapers, gave baths, was a taxi dad, and most importantly, made his kids feel loved. Later on, when his grandchildren came along - Dean poured the same amount of love and attention into these relationships as he did with his own children. They affectionately called him "Papaw" and he loved nothing more than to spoil them rotten. Also numbered to Dean's family was his two beloved dogs, Maggie (an old yellow lab), and Clancy (a young labradoodle). Clancy was Dean's constant sidekick, riding with him everywhere in the truck. They both brought a great deal of happiness into Dean's life for the past 2 years.

It was said that Dean could be as "stubborn as a mule" but yet he was the first one to offer help and assistance to anyone who needed it. In his leisure time, Dean didn't need a plethora of activities to keep him busy. He loved to play golf with his buddies or tinker around in his yard. In the winter months, when he couldn't get out because of the weather, Dean was glued to his TV, watching all the sporting events going on. But above all else,





he loved being at home surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren and friends.

Friends and family will remember Dean not for the things he did, but for the reason he did them. He had incredible respect for his community and for the people in his life. He never hesitated to use his skills for the greater of good. His presence in the world will be

greatly missed, but the memories he created with his family and friends will always be remembered.

Walter "Dean" Kays, 73, of Mooresville, IN passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, in St. Francis Hospital, Mooresville. He was preceded in death by his sister, Dora Barrier. Survivors include his wife, Margaret "Sue" (Gurley) Kays;

son, Pat Kays of Brownsburg; daughters, Cindy Brant of Mooresville, Julie Kays of Mooresville; brothers, James, Donald, and Bill Kays, all of Mooresville; sisters, Sue Link of Plainfield, Linda Kays of Plainfield; grandchildren: Katie Brant, Lauren Kays, and Sarah Kays.

The funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 30, in the Carlisle and Son Funeral Chapel, Mooresville, with calling there from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday, October 29. Burial will follow at the Mooresville Cemetery, and Chaplain George Watkins will officiate. Please

visit Dean's personal memory page at www.lifestorynet.com where you may share a favorite memory, view his memorial tribute video, or sign the online guest book.



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