



Charles F. Klaes

January 19, 1927 - November 10, 2012

Charles F. Klaes, age 85, of North Tonawanda, passed away Saturday November 10, 2012 at DeGraff Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Klaes was born January 17, 1927 in Buffalo, son of the late Charles and Pearl (nee Boehm). Mr. Klaes served our country in the U S Army during World War II and in the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Klaes retired from New York Telephone as a supervisor following a 34 year career.

Mr. Klaes was chief umpire and President of North Tonawanda Little League for 37 years, he has the distinction of having a Field named after him.

He also volunteered at Spruce school where the kindergarten children know him as "Grandpa Charlie"

Mr. Klaes is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Mary Jane (nee Lavey) Klaes; his seven children, Charles (Darlene) Klaes of Queen Creek AZ, Timothy (Amy) Klaes of North Tonawanda, Patricia (Mario) Boekestyn of Tonawanda, Michael (Lisa) Klaes of Hamburg, Barbara (Bob) Lasky of North Tonawanda, Dean Klaes of North Tonawanda and Eric (Michelle) Klaes of Pendleton; brother of the late James, Marion and Hugh Klaes; also survived by 17 grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday 2 - 4 and 6 -9 PM at the WATTENGEL Funeral Home 307 Oliver St. N. Tonawanda. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday at 10:00 AM from St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd., please assemble at church.

Interment with Military Honors, White Chapel Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorials to Niagara Hospice, 4675 Sunset Dr. Lockport 14094.

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Mrs. Klaes and family,*

I was saddened to hear of Charlie's passing. I worked with him back in the 80's. I actually planned his retirement party. He was one of the kindest and most genuine people I ever knew. Such memories! I can see him with a cigar in his mouth and using the intercom to summon one of us(supervisors). It would be something like, "Tylenda, front and center". Of course the whole office would burst out laughing as would Charlie. I also remember how much he loved his family. Often we would chat about the importance of family and love of country.

I will keep all of you in my prayers. Please know that your husband/father was a very special man. It was an honor to know him and may he live on in all your hearts.

Jane Tylenda-Mucci

Jane Tylenda - November 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Eric,Michelle,Dean,Rocky,Chuck.*

I'm sorry for your loss.My thoughts and prayers are with you ALL,and the ret of the Klaes Klan.

Keith Borders - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.*

maria fadel - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ So Sorry for your loss.. Thoughts and prayers for Sara, Dan Laura and the family.

Tricia Gehm - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this hard time. Loosing a loved one is one of the hardest things in life. I am grateful for have known Mr.Klaes he was a wonderful person & always put a smile on my face. May he rest in peace.

Linda Wankasky - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ dan, sara and family. im sorry for the loss of your grandfather. remember all the stories he told and all the laughter you shared with him. i also thank him for his service to his country. god bless...

chris allard - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To the Klaes family, I am very sorry for your loss. Grandpa Klaes was a great man. I remember when I was little seeing him at the baseball fields, I would tell my friends..I know him, he's the owner of all these teams and baseball fields. I laugh about that now but the truth is, Mr. Klaes is a legend over there. He has touched the lives of so many and will always be remembered for his kindness and generosity.

Jacob Wankasky - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ For all the kids you loved and influenced in my kindergarten classes, a surrogate father to so many and grandfather to all of them, you will always be Grandpa Charlie and a very dear and special friend to me. For all those many years, I loved you and will carry that love forever in my heart. G

Ann Finkle - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We were very sorry to hear Grandpa Klaes passed away, prayers to Grandma Stickers and the rest of the family.

BOB AND KAREN CLARKE - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM