



Dean Kopp

October 3, 1927 - February 22, 2017

In Memory of Dean Kopp

Dean Kopp, 89, of Greenwood, Indiana, passed away surrounded by his family. Dean was born and raised in Gnadenhutten, OH. He served in the Navy. He was stationed on the Destroyer USS Vesole during the end of World War II. USS Vesole was deployed in the Pacific and made port calls in Japan after the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Upon returning from the Navy he met his life's love, Joan, who lived in Jewett, OH. Joan's best friend, Marguerite, was dating and married Dean's older brother "Bob". Dean and Joan met on a blind date and were married in December 1949. He attended and graduated from Mount Union College with a degree in Business. Dean began to work for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company after graduation, and work took him and Joan from Ohio, to Michigan, to Kentucky as he opened several stores for the company. During this time Mark and Michael were born to them. The family moved to Louisville, KY. These were some of the happiest days for their family as they made life-time friends while living there. Dean joined Disney Tire Company and became an investor/partner leading an expansion of the company's operations to Indianapolis, IN. He remained with the company until he retired in 1990, and was part of locating and building a new permanent facility for the company on the west side of Indianapolis. Dean joined his son, Mark, at Envirotech Construction after his retirement in 1990 serving as salesman, estimator, and advisor. Dean remained with the company another 10 years after Mark sold the business. Dean was very

happy being a vital part of Envirotech Construction helping his son build the business, and then assisting Mark's good friend, Mike Boles, who bought and moved the company to Brazil, IN.

Dean loved people and would strike up a conversation with anyone he would meet. Over the years he was very generous with his money, giving to help several ministries, missionaries, and evangelists. He came to realize that he was a sinner in need of a savior and trusted Jesus Christ during his later adult years. He was a faithful member of Open Door Baptist Church, singing in the choir, and serving as a deacon.

Dean loved sailing. He purchased a sailboat and made it available to his sons and grandchildren on many family outings. He loved sports and his favorite teams were the Indianapolis Colts, Purdue Boilermakers, and Cincinnati Reds. Dean also loved investing in the stock market, and he found great joy in analyzing and tracking various companies. Dean loved to share his investing insights with his grandchildren and friends.

Dean later would be called on to serve as primary care giver of his wife Joan who developed dementia. He faithfully provided for the needs of the home and his wife for several years. This led them to move into a skilled nursing facility in Greenwood after physical demands forced them both to require further assistance.

Dean was preceded in death by his father, William, his mother, Alice, his brother, Robert "Bob", his sister, Mildred Haverfield. He is survived by his wife, Joan, of Greenwood, IN., sons and daughter in laws, Mark and Patti, Utah, and Dr. Michael and Karen, Indiana, his eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jon and Beth, Utah, Jenny, South Carolina, Joe and Kaytlynn, Utah, Daniel and Sarah , Idaho, Emily and Mark, Florida, Josh and Bobbi, Utah, Stephen and Jess, Georgia, and David, Indiana, and his seven great-grandchildren, Karis, Andrew, Parker, Caleb, Shepherd, Amelia, and Katelynn. He is also survived by his twin sister, Jean of Massillon, OH., and multiple nephews and nieces and their spouses, and great-nieces and great-nephews. A memorial service will be held March 4th, 2;30 PM, at Open Door Baptist

Church, 5360 W. 16th Street, Speedway, IN. Memorial gifts can be made to the ministries of his grandchildren, Gospel Grace Church, Salt Lake City, UT., Kaysville Bible Church, Kaysville, UT., and Maranatha Baptist Church and Christian Academy, Oakwood, GA.

Services are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.

Previous Events

Service -Open Door Baptist Church, 5360 W. 16th Street, Speedway, IN.

MAR 4. 2:30 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean Kopp.* ”



March 02, 2017 at 02:15 PM



“ *Jean, Carol, Susie & Joyce purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dean Kopp.* ”



Jean, Carol, Susie & Joyce - March 01, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *Theresa Schwartz, Mary Bradley, Ann Rank-Smith purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Dean Kopp.* ”



Theresa Schwartz, Mary Bradley, Ann Rank-Smith - March 01, 2017 at 08:12 AM

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“ I believe Mr. Kopp to be an outstanding person in every way. I worked and was friends with Dean's son Mark. We both worked at the City of Indianapolis back in the '70's.. Although I never met Dean, I got a good understanding of his values and beliefs through this son.

Sincerely, Bob Harris

bob harris - February 28, 2017 at 08:08 AM

MK

Bob, Thank you for these extremely kind words. I hope you are doing well. If we can ever get together in the future that would be great to catch up. Mark

Mark William Kopp - March 17, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean Kopp.



February 27, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean Kopp.



February 27, 2017 at 10:20 AM