



## Manley Kjonaas

February 23, 1917 - April 6, 2018

Manley Kjonaas,

101, of Indianapolis, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 6, 2018. He was born February 23, 1917 in Starbuck, MN, to Henry and Aase Amelia (Knudson) Kjonaas. He attended Starbuck High School and graduated from Grandview High School, WA, in 1936. He then attended Northwest Nazarene University before graduating from Washington State University in 1942 with a BS in Chemical Engineering. Manley worked for 33 years as a chemical engineer for Sinclair Research and Development Labs (ARCO) in Harvey, IL, where he was responsible for several patents. Manley married Phyllis Markham of Pullman, WA, June 1, 1942, and together they had three children and were married for over 75 years. He enjoyed wood working, travel and antique cars. He was also actively involved in the lives of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Manley was active in several churches including Hammond (IN) First Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis First Church of the Nazarene, and East 91st Street Christian Church. He was also a member of Gideons for many years.

Manley is survived by his beloved wife; children, Diane Bensch, Judith (Bob) Paine and Wayne (Debbie) Kjonaas; grandchildren, Terri (Mike) Hadrick, Eric (Lina) Spross, Craig (Rosalie) Spross, Nathan (Tara) Bensch, Kiersti (Matt) Cunningham, Tim (Kacy) Bensch, Ben Bensch, Kristen Bensch, Immani Paine and Kenyetta Paine; and great-grandchildren, Shelby, Aidan, Michael, Madeliene, Quinlyn and Alexis. He is preceded in death by his parents; twin

brother, Melvin; siblings, Tilda, Tilford, Hazel and Clara; and sons-in-law, Louis Spross and Bill Bensch.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. at East 91st Street Christian Church, 6049 East 91st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

In lieu of flowers or other gifts the family requests a memorial contribution may be made to Gideons International Processing Center, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, D.C. 20090 or online at [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org). Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel. [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

East 91st Street Christian Church  
6049 E. 91st Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46250

## Celebration of Life

APR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathies! My mom, Ona Knudson Meyer, is a cousin to Manley - we are here in Minnesota. Mom kept up with Manley via Facebook. You are in our thoughts and prayers today! Blessed be his memory.

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**Cyndi Meyer Wenzel** - April 14, 2018 at 05:39 PM

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“ We got to know Manley from helping each Sunday at Brookdale. He always had a smile and kind words to say. He will be missed.

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**Larry and Chris Biech** - April 10, 2018 at 07:28 PM