



CARL E. FOLEY

July 12, 1930 - January 15, 2015

OBITUARY FOR CARL E. FOLEY

FOLEY, Carl E. of Kettering died on Thursday, January 15th 2015 at 8:15 pm, of complications from Dementia. He was born July 12th 1930 in Middletown, OH. He was 84. Carl attended 5 different Elementary & Grade Schools, plus Roosevelt Jr. High in Middletown, OH. He worked after school at The Family Theater, & enjoyed 25 cent matinees on Saturdays. For grades 9-11 he moved to Detroit, MI & attended Tappan Intermediate and North McKinsey High School. At McKinsey he was part of the stage crew & had the keys to the school. He had access to the school roof & enjoyed seeing the skyline of downtown Detroit. For his senior year, his father Clyde Foley married Pat, & they moved to Allen Park, MI. He graduated from Lincoln Park High School, but was real disappointed to change schools for his last year. He even considered hitch-hiking from Allen Park to Detroit, to stay at N. McKinsey HS, but he never did. Carl continued to work after school. In Allen Park, MI, he worked for Baker Shoe Store & his fathers Used Pontiac car lot. After high school, Carl returned to Middletown, OH. He met Arlene in church, and married her on May 10th 1952. They also attended Anderson College together in Anderson, IN. Their children, Karla and Eric, were both born in Anderson. Carl's surviving family includes his wife of 62 ½ years, & their kids, plus, his sister, Lucille (Foley) Ferguson. Surviving nieces and nephews include: Jim & Janice Ferguson, Jeff & Pam Ferguson, Susan (Ferguson) & John Berretz, Kristi Ferguson, and Debbie Ferguson. Surviving half-sisters include: JoAnn

(Foley) Darin, Dorothy Foley, Cathleen "Kitty" Foley, Cora Foley, Colleen (Foley) Braley, Nancy (Foley) Byrum, and Vicki Foley. Also surviving are several great-nieces, great-nephews, & children sired by his half-sisters. His father, Clyde Foley, mother, Ida Mae Runyon Bates Foley, step-mother, Victoria Pat Foley, and half-sister, Patricia (Foley) Bernardi, predeceased Carl. Carl served in the US Air Force over in Japan. His eyes became infected with Histoplasmosis which led to Coreal Retinitis. Back in the states, Carl had bad vision in one eye, but still managed to teach Algebra & Calculus at Fairmont East HS in Kettering in the early 1970's. One student routinely fell asleep, so one day Carl put a lit firecracker under his desk. He said the entire desk came a couple feet off the floor when it exploded! Carl had to stop teaching when his other eye failed him. Shortly after losing his central vision, Carl started selling a Closed-Circuit TV System to other visually impaired individuals. The CCTV magnified printed materials onto a TV screen, so he could read and write again. In 1986, Carl received a plaque from Visualtek honoring him for \$500,000 worth of sales! Even though he was legally blind, Carl taught both his children to drive. He utilized them both as drivers during his sales career. Carl was Past President of the American Council of The Blind, a member of The Blinded Veterans Association and founded the Council of Citizens With Low Vision for the Dayton Ohio area. When he retired, Carl taught himself how to use Windows 98. He corresponded with several friends by E-mail using Zoom Text, a magnification program for the computer. Carl loved the family dogs. He took long walks with Trixie, the mutt, & Sabrina, the miniature poodle. After Carl developed Dementia, he lived at Kingston of Miamisburg. His daughter would bring her dog to visit him, hook the leash on the wheelchair, & he'd use his feet to wheel down the hall to take Radar for a walk. Carl's family wants all the staff at Kingston to know how much we appreciated their hard work for the 3 ½ years he lived there. We're especially fond of and grateful for: Becky, Peggy, & Todd (nurses); Denise, Bebe, & Regina (aides); all the Activities staff; Suzy, Mary-Beth, Tara, & Melissa at the Front Desk; Susan & Heather (social work); all the Physical/Occupational

Therapy staff; & Tammy in Billing. Forgive me if I didn't list your name, it doesn't mean you weren't appreciated, because almost everyone at Kingston was amazing! The family is also grateful for the kind nurses & chaplain from Acclaim Hospice. By now, Carl probably has his golf clubs out for a game with Anne Kirk, his daughter's best friend, who died May 3rd 2014. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Services will be Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. at the funeral home, with Dr. Dan Flory officiating. Interment will be at Woodside Cemetery with military services by Middletown Combined Honor Guard. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown 45044. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.herr-riggs.com

Tribute Wall



“ *CARL E. FOLEY*

September 13, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *I miss you poppa. Whenever you're not playing golf with Anne Kirk, you could say Hi to our beloved Star Trek Actor-Leonard Nimoy. He died about a month after you on 2-27-15.
Eternally Loving You ~*



Karla Foley - March 02, 2015 at 12:04 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of CARL E. FOLEY.*



January 20, 2015 at 01:47 AM



“ *Arlene,*

It has been a long time since days at Meadowlawn but wanted to send my condolences. You and Carl were a beautiful couple back then and sure you were to the end. You may or may not remember me but I sure remember you. God Bless

Elaine (Burgher) Taylor - January 18, 2015 at 12:43 PM

JK

“ Fairmont East High School's retired staff members extend our condolences to his family at his passing. East was a great school with many caring, helpful teachers and Carl will be remembered for his wonderful teaching moments at FEHS. John Koonts-Guidance counselor

john koonts - January 18, 2015 at 10:02 AM

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“ Uncle Carl had a beautiful smile, a patient tone, and was incredibly generous and encouraging with family and friends. He enjoyed visiting family, and during one of his business/nonprofit trips to Columbus, maybe 10 years ago, he took the afternoon off and we watched Superman at the dollar theater, bringing back his fond memories of comic books and movie matinees as a boy. I drove for him a bit the summer/fall after high school in 1983/84 before I started college, and yes, even though he was legally blind, he had to back the van out of the lower drive to street-level once, as I was too afraid I'd scrape the side against the house. Carl could laugh and go with the flow in silly situations like that. My condolences to Aunt Arlene and Cousins Karla and Eric. Though so much of Carl was lost already as Alzheimer's took over, the final goodbye and separation of soul of body leaves family and friends with heavy hearts.

Kristi - January 17, 2015 at 02:02 PM

JP

Dear Arlene and family, I am so sorry to hear about Carl. I have thought about you both often . I am so happy the four of us spent time together when you were in Florida. Love, Vernon & Jeanie.

Jeanie Plummer - January 22, 2015 at 07:24 AM

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My condolences to Arlene and the family. Carl was my first cousin and I remember that he was very kind to me as a child. The last time I saw Carl was at the Foley/ Turner family reunion in Middletown in 1994 and was surprised and impressed at his skill at horseshoes in spite of his handicap. He will be remembered as an interesting and kind person.

Phyllis Mullikin - January 22, 2015 at 02:51 PM