



## Milford W. "Mel" Keith Jr.

June 13, 1926 - January 28, 2006

Chesterfield - Milford W. "Mel" Keith Jr., 79, Chesterfield, died January 28, 2006 at Millers Merry Manor after an extended illness. He was born June 13, 1926 in New Castle, IN, and lived in Anderson for most of his adult life. He worked as a Meat Cutter for Kroger Supermarket and in management with the Elks Lodge #209 in Anderson, where he also served as Secretary. He also served as State Secretary of the Elks Lodge for 25 yrs. He was the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash which is awarded by the Governor of Indiana. He was a graduate of New Castle High School He served in the United States Navy during WWII He was a member of the Elks Lodge #209 in Anderson where he served twice as the Exalted Ruler, Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge #77 F. & A.M., and the Madison County Shrine Club He is survived by his Daughter: Kathy & husband, Phil Butler of Buffalo, NY, stepdaughters: Shari & husband, Mike Moore of Anderson and their children, Tiffany Alderfer of Muncie & Brittany Moore of Anderson, Dawn & husband, Thom Vanderbur of Indianapolis, and their daughter, Megan Vanderbur of Indianapolis, Loreli & husband, Jeff Shreves of Anderson, and their children, Ben & Jennifer of Anderson, Christina Farlow & her son, Steven Woodcox, of Anderson; and Monica & husband, Bill Harmon of Anderson, a brother: Jack & wife, Gay Keith of New Castle, IN; granddaughter: Alicyn Butler of Austin, TX; his girlfriend, Rosella Huff, and nephews, Barry Keith, Kevin Keith, and Kent & wife, Krista Keith and their children, Audrey and Sarah Keith He was preceded in death by his parents, Milford W. Keith, Sr. and Sarah J. "Sally" Wallace

Keith; and a brother, John Keith Services will be Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 7 PM, at Robert D Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, with a member of the Elk's Lodge #209 officiating. There will be a 1000 AM graveside service on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at South Mound Cemetery - New Castle, IN. Visitation will be from 4-7 PM on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at at the funeral home's South Chapel. There will be both a Masonic and and Elks Lodge service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elks Lodge #209. [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ *Kathy, I wish to express my sympathy at your loss. May you have many precious, happy memories of your father. Sheila*

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**Sheila Dellow** - February 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I spent three wonderful years playing baseball for "Mr. Keith" when he managed Pepsi-Cola in the Madison Avenue Little League in the early 1960's. He was always encouraging, pitched batting practice tirelessly, and created an environment where my teammates and I could experience much joy and success. The memories of that period are still vivid for me, and throughout my 30-year coaching career, I have thought often of Mr. Keith's example. He gave me the confidence to play baseball beyond my neighborhood and to risk failure in an effort to improve and achieve success. As a result, I grew as a player and as a person. Volunteers like Mr. Keith are certainly underpaid, and I truly hope I conveyed my appreciation frequently and directly enough to him when I was young and when I saw him a few times thereafter. Thank you, Mr. Keith, and my sincere condolences to his family. -- Rob Shoemaker*

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**Rob Shoemaker** - February 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Kathy and Phil - Steve and I were very saddened to hear about the passing of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. Wish we could be there with you. All our love, Steve and Eilene*

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**Steve & Eilene Krasselt** - February 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your Dad. Know that we are thinking of you and your family and count on us for anything you need or anything we can do. Love, Gayle & JD and family

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**Gayle L. DiLaura** - January 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Kathy and Family - I was very sorry to hear about your Dad's passing... You shared so many stories about your Dad that I felt like I knew him personally! In a way I did - men of that generation share so many of the same wonderful qualities... they are a different and special breed! You'll be in my prayers - have a safe trip back to Buffalo.

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**Janice Owen** - January 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

OK

“ Kathy, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Your family is in my thoughts & prayers. God Bless. Oksana

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**Oksana** - January 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I didn't know Mr. Keith but I know his daughter Kathy. If she's any reflection of her father, I know he must've been a wonderful man. My condolences to his family at their loss. He and his family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you, Mr. Keith.

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**Christina Bonnette** - January 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Kathy, I was sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Know that your dad is truly in a better place and free from pain and illness. Take care of yourself.

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**Joan Flanagan** - January 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Kathy and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Kathy McLean*

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**Kathy McLean** - January 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Kathy, I didn't know him personally but your dad must have been a great guy based on how you turned out.*

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**Raymond J. Palermo** - January 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM