



Claude Y. Soper

February 5, 1940 - February 1, 2020

CENTERVILLE, Ind. – Claude Y. Soper, age 79, of Centerville, Indiana, died Saturday, February 1, 2020, at his son's home.

Born February 5, 1940, in Richmond, Indiana, to William and Mary Marrow Soper, Claude was a life-long resident of Wayne county. He was a 1958 graduate of Centerville High School and received his associate degree from Purdue (IU East) in 1995. Claude served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and worked for Ford Visteon in Connersville where he retired from in 1997 after 24 years of service. He was a member and Past Commander of the American Legion Harry Ray Post #65, Gideon's International, Disabled American Veterans, and Centerville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Claudia E. (Jeff) Cox of Georgetown, Indiana; son, Pastor Damon L. (Deborah) Soper of Muncie, Indiana; five grandchildren, Tyler (Margie) Cox of Louisville, Kentucky, Matt (Nicki) Cox of New Albany, Indiana, Krysten (Tony) Schmidt of Fishers, Indiana, Sarah Callahan (Mark Lantz) of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Katelyn Soper (Ben Wilson) of Columbus, Indiana; eight great-grandchildren, Brendan, Claire, Brett, and Kathleen Cox, Avery Schmidt, Elijah and Noah Callahan, and Henry Wilson; sisters, Karen (Bill) Tharp of Centerville and Linda (Jeff) Climer of Richmond; brother, Mike (Cheryl) Soper of Centerville; nieces; nephews; aunts; uncles; cousins; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Lois Elen Soper; parents; and brothers, John "Jack" Soper, Robert "Bo" Soper, and William "Billy" Soper.

Visitation for Claude Y. Soper will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at Mills Funeral Home, 405 East Main Street, Centerville, Indiana. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at Mills Funeral Home with Pastor Ted Chalk officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Centerville United Methodist Church, 112 South Morton Avenue, Centerville, IN 47330.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at
www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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405 East Main Street, Centerville, IN, US

FEB **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ John And Janie Ruhl Goodrich lit a candle in memory of Claude Y. Soper



John and Janie Ruhl Goodrich - February 16 at 02:29 PM



“ Claudia and Damon, you have my deepest condolences on your fathers passing. Claude had a profound influence on my life in both working for him and playing a lot of golf. Many great memories that I treasure.

Gesue Christofaro

Gesue Christofaro - February 05 at 06:32 PM



“ Gary Siebert lit a candle in memory of Claude Y. Soper



Gary Siebert - February 05 at 07:31 AM



“ Larry Frasur lit a candle in memory of Claude Y. Soper



Larry Frasur - February 03 at 04:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about my childhood, and high school friend, Claude. My sincere condolences, to all of Claude's family. May he rest in peace.

Terrence "Terry" Dale - February 03 at 08:49 AM



“ Condolences to the Soper family. My heart goes out to you for your loss. I first met Claude at Ford in 1973 he was my boss. Always had a great sense of humor always made me laugh. We became friends until 1976 when I was laid off. Lost communication until 2016 then fortunate to make contact by phone. Claude spoke about his son Damon and daughter Claudia and of course his beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren. We spoke every week Claude had become ill Damon was there for him for Doctor visits. We spoke about how blessed he was to have the family support he with his children. Claude will greatly missed by all the lives he touched in his life. I am proud to be one.

Love always,
Gail Hubbard

Gail Hubbard - February 02 at 09:17 PM



“ It was always a blessing to us when Claude attended Sunday morning services at Center Chapel UMC in Muncie. How wonderful to hear his son, Damon, tell us during worship this morning that Claude said that he "felt very welcome and a part of our Center Chapel family". How thankful we are for the Soper family and the memories of Claude that will remain with us forever.

With love,
Nancy McGunegill

Nancy McGunegill - February 02 at 03:38 PM



“ Damon and Claudia my prayers go out to you over the loss of your father. I worked for him at Ford and became great friends. He had a great sense of humor I always got a good laugh. He was a good man who I was honored to know. Claude meant a great deal to me throughout the years. We reconnected in the last 2 years of his life. Of course it was by phone and we laughed enjoyed our conversations. I realize that Claude loved his family greatly. Claude and I talk about how blessed he was and how proud he was to have a family that cared very deeply for him. My prayers go out to your family. Claude will be greatly missed by everyone who lives he touched.

With much love forever,
Gail Hubbard

Gail Hubbard - February 02 at 07:29 PM



“ Damon, we are very sorry to hear of your father passing. He and your mother were the best neighbours we could have been associated with. He was a very giving man. He will be missed in the Abington area.

Steve/Terri Harlan

steve harlan - February 08 at 08:52 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with. You.

Rex and Val Hiatt

Rex Hiatt - February 02 at 11:55 AM



“ Knowing Lois and Claude through our Sunday School class was a real joy. One or both of them always had something to say that would make us laugh and lift our spirits. After Lois went to see our Lord, Claude became closer to all of us and was a dear friend and devoted member of the class. We have been hoping to see him back each Sunday because we all have missed him so much. He will be with us now, just in a different way.

Patty Jenkins

Patty Jenkins - February 02 at 02:09 AM



“ To the Soper family: Please accept our sympathy for Claude's passing. He was a popular leader in our Class of 1958 at CHS and a good basketball player for sure. We shall all miss his stories and memories he gave us thru the years at many reunions. May he rest in peace. Jim and Sandra Resh

Jim Resh - February 01 at 10:20 PM



“ I have so many memories of time spent with Claude and Lois so many years ago...they were wonderful and supportive friends and we shared some memorable times. My thoughts and prayers are with their children, grands and all extended family.

Lynne Sandifar - February 01 at 07:07 PM



“ Condolences to your family. Friend and beloved classmate. Will certainly be missed by the Class of '58.

Judie Schlotterbeck - February 01 at 05:41 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

David Lydick and the Staff of Doan & Mills - February 01 at 02:30 PM