



## William Patrick Klaus

October 29, 1938 - October 5, 2015

William Patrick Klaus, Age 76, of St. Louis County.

Beloved Husband of Patricia A Klaus. Retired school teacher of the Riverview Gardens

School District. Served his country in the United States Air Force. Left with precious and fond memories are his children Bill Klaus, Patrick Klaus, and Theresa ( Klaus) Beck. Daughter in law Kim Klaus and son in law Steven Beck. Grandchildren Josh (Jenn), Jacob and Jordan Klaus and Nick Beck and Brandon Beck. Great grandsons Karter and Kaysin. Preceded in death by brother Karl Klaus. brother Christopher, Peter, Daniel: Sisters; Patricia Klaus, Christine Klaus. Dear Brother in law, Uncle, Cousin, Relative and friend to many.

In lieu of flower send donations to:

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital PO Box 1000 Dept 142 Memphis TN.  
38101-9908

Christian Hospital Foundation 11133 Dunn Road St.Louis MO. 63136 for  
Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Unit (CMR),

# Cemetery Details

## National Cemetery - Jefferson Barracks

2900 Sheridan Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel  
111 Taylor Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63042  
(314) 895-3900  
info@archwaychapel.com

## Memorial Service

OCT 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

OCT 12. 9:45 AM (CT)

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St. Louis, MO 63125

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ I have already laid my dad, Walter Beck, to rest and now must lay my second dad William Klaus to rest. I believe Walter had a tee time reserved and met dad Klaus with the cart and clubs and they will be playing the best rounds of golf any one could imagine. I was welcomed 20 plus years ago into the family when he gave his blessing for me to marry his daughter Theresa, the absolute apple of his eye. Over the years he made me feel that I was his son. More than a son in law. I could not have asked for a better father in law. I will miss him until I see him again. Maybe I'll join him and Walter on the course. Hopefully in Heaven everyone can play golf well, because I can't hit straight. Maybe we just get a never ending supply of golf balls and we can just play best ball. :-)  
Love you forever Dad Klaus,  
Steve Beck

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**Steven Beck** - October 11, 2015 at 10:43 PM

KF

“ With sincere sympathy on the loss of your loved one.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Kelly Family*

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**KELLY FAMILY** - October 11, 2015 at 02:29 PM

RR

“ My deepest condolences to all the Klaus family. My life was truly blessed to have met and gotten to know such a wonderful man. Bill helped to make me a better physician, father, and person. I will miss his laugh and the twinkle in his eyes. My thoughts and prayers to you all at this difficult time.

*Rafiq Ramadan, MD*

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**Rafiq Ramadan** - October 11, 2015 at 01:27 PM

BW

“ Bill will miss you very much. Always loved you and Patty. My thoughts have been with everyone. Will think of you every day. Love always Bridget Ted Mary Jim and Boys

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**Bridget Wilson** - October 11, 2015 at 01:26 PM

JO

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the Klaus family for the loss of a great man! Bill Klaus Sr. We will all miss you greatly. Love you RIP

*Joe & Cimlee*

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**joe** - October 11, 2015 at 12:49 PM

JK

“ Grandpa,

*Something I will treasure forever is the memory of walking into a room and being greeted by a warm smile and the phrase, “how’re you doing lovebug?” Looking back on our time together I will never forget your unending support for me in all of my endeavors. You were always there and I appreciate that more than you will ever know. I will miss our phone conversations and spending time together, but I know you are watching over me and forever will be.*

*Although I mostly miss you dearly, I would also like to thank you. Thank you for my grandma, who will always love you. Thank you for giving me my Aunt T & Uncle Pat. Thank you for giving me my Dad, and thank you for being you. I know without you I wouldn’t be the person I am today, and I will always be grateful for the time I was able to be with you.*

*Love always,*

*Jordan*

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**Jordan Klaus** - October 10, 2015 at 11:41 PM

DS

“ Bill

*I have known you as long as you and Pat have been married and have found you to be a wonderful, kind, loving gentleman. You were there when I lost Chuck, Carl and my Dad giving of your strength, compassion and love.*

*The memories you have shared with us are too numerous to pick just one, if I were to pick one it would be the night Marie graduated from high school when you just had to come and meet Edna you wanted so badly to meet her and would not wait till her graduation party, from that day on you always gave her a special place in your heart and life.*

*I do know you will be missed more than words will ever convey.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you safely in his arms and give you the rest you deserve from your long painful journey.*

*Love and miss you already  
Dottie, Edna and Bernie*

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**Dottie Springer** - October 10, 2015 at 05:34 PM

DC

“ Uncle Bill thank you for teaching me golf because I would not be playing this sport if it was not for you. I remember you always called me Fire plug and your little golfer. You were always like a grandpa to me and you always treated me like your grandson. I wish I could have said goodbye one last time and given you a big hug and kiss. I know that you will always be watching over me. I will miss you very much. know that I love you so much.

*Dylan Combs*

XOXOXOXO

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**Dylan Combs** - October 10, 2015 at 12:07 PM

MP

“ I had the honor of having Uncle Bill, Aunt Patti and my mom come to Ohio for Uncle Bill's passion for Golf. In 2005, Uncle Bill realized that one of the biggest golf tournaments happened just up the road from me. He told Aunt Patti we will have to check that out and see if we can stay at the Sheraton. I told them both you have no need for the Sheraton. I have plenty of room at my condo. The next year the three of them came. Each year we had a fantastic time. On the days of practice or round of golf, I would take Uncle Bill to his drop off/ pick-up point for the golf course. Just me and him talking about anything and everything. One such day Uncle Bill said "You have good man in John and gentleman. You are good for him and he is definitely good for you. Make sure you hang on to him". Uncle Bill would call me when he was ready to be picked up at his spot. I would bring an ICE cold glass of water and some sandwich crackers... just in case. The best part of the drive home was hearing about his day at the course, what happened, who he saw. Each day I picked him up, it was like picking up a child from school who had just had the BEST DAY EVER! 2009 was our last Golf get together in Ohio. I miss those times. I will have the memories to treasure always.

*Uncle Bill if you want to come for a visit.... I still have a five star place for you (not four).*

*Aunt Patti, I love you and your family more than you all may know and you all are in my prayers each and everyday.*

*Marie E Patrick*

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**Marie Patrick** - October 09, 2015 at 11:22 PM

LK

“ You probably never knew how much I leaned on you and your guidance in my early years in the family. I could always come to you with a concern or question; you were my sounding board; No judgement, yet an amazing way of showing me all angles and leading me to make my own decision. Your support and love was unwavering, and I pray that I reciprocated mine to you. You are my brother by marriage, yet my whole brother in spirit, heart, and truth. You've taken a piece of my heart with you. I love you always,

Laura

XOXOXO

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**Laura Klaus** - October 09, 2015 at 03:44 PM

KK

“ Christmas has always been a special time of year and this had to be one of Dad's favorite times of the year. Before Bill and I were married, I was at Mom and Dad's house. All the stockings were hanging up so I ask Dad "if I get a stocking will you fill it for me?" His response "of course". So I went shopping and I found the biggest stocking, one you would hang on a door. I took it over and told him I have a stocking and showed him, the look on his face was priceless! From that moment I knew we would have a special bond and Christmas was always the highlight. I will forever have special memories that I will hold on to Christmas will indeed be one of those.

Love always,

Kim

XOXOXOXOXO

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**Kim Klaus** - October 09, 2015 at 12:15 PM

BK

“ Dad, Such a small word for a great man.

*Dad I have sat here and thought about our life as one of those good books you always read.*

*The early chapters were about how we grew together. You taking on this new life and my being like a sponge and wanting to learn all I could from you. You taught me love, respect, and how to be a good gentleman. You always lead by example. The middle chapters were about maturity. You prepared me to move on in life. I learned two very important words of wisdom at this time. 1 always treat any women you date like you are going to marry her. I knew this was a good one because I saw the love that you and Mom shared on a daily basis. 2 How will I know when I have found the one. Answer you just know. You were right again and that is how I found the love of my life Kim. Well the last chapter is just staring to be written, and our places in the book change.*

*I am sure of one thing the outcome will have a good end, because the main character in the book may move on but his influence will live on forever in all that knew him.*

*Until I see you again LOVE YOU and ENJOY THE END OF THE BOOK. Love Bill*

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**Bill Klaus** - October 09, 2015 at 09:27 AM



“ Uncle Klaus I will never forget when you walked in my office with your favorite sweater that I love so much. I am grateful Aunt Pat brought you in to see me a couple of weeks ago and I was able to give you a big hug. You will be truly missed! Love always Brandy, your personal banker

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**Brandy Pendleton** - October 08, 2015 at 07:17 PM

PK

“ *The best time ever was when just about everyone was involved with 3D and we were painting the swimming pool, I think everyone and his brother was doing this. We were tired, intoxicated from the paint, worked on it from dawn to dusk and finally finished, sat back for a cold one, then it just poured down rain in buckets and rained and rained then rained some more..... I am not sure, but I think Bill had it professionally done after that! Pat*

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**Patricia Klaus** - October 08, 2015 at 01:52 PM

KF

“ *Katherine Drury, Pattie, Mark, Mike, Beth, Debi and families purchased the Multicolor Bright Mixed Flower Fireside Basket for the family of William Patrick Klaus.*



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**Katherine Drury, Pattie, Mark, Mike, Beth, Debi and families** -  
October 08, 2015 at 12:19 PM

KM

“ *Uncle Bill,*

*Thank you for being such a wonderful Uncle. I have so many memories of spending time with you on my visits. You meant the word to my mother and me. When we came to visit you made us feel at home. You will be missed and forever loved. I wish I could be there to celebrate your life. Love you always.*

*Katie M*

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**Katie Markel** - October 08, 2015 at 09:34 AM

PE

“ *My Uncle Bill was like a father to me. Loving, kind and firm when I needed it. He brought out things in me that I didn't know I was capable of. I will always be grateful that my grandson got to sit on his lap.*

*Always and forever,*

*Patricia Epstein*

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**Patricia Epstein** - October 07, 2015 at 07:01 PM

GE

“ *Bill Klaus One hell of a man...Someone that could talk about anything and knew pretty much everything. This man was very smart , a open book some people might say.*

*Out going and loved everyone and im going to say everyone pretty much loved him. Even strangers.*

*HE enjoyed alot of things in life and he enjoyed seeing family and friends and so much more.*

*"Bill Klaus" The Man Im proud to say i got to know and say yes i was related to Bill Klaus.*

*The Man he was "THE MAN". No matter where he was, he was the Man. He walked into a room and every one would turn and want to go to him or if he was there , The first thing people would ask? Where is Bill? or Mr Klaus. Had to go see him and get a hug and kiss. Some times that's all you kinda got. Always someone there at his side wanting to see him and you always said good bye but in the kind until the next time. Well now he will have to wait on us. We will all be together again and until then, He will watch over us all and maybe even pull a few tricks on us. We love you Bill and we will miss you.*

*To My Family , I Love you all and im so so sorry for your loss. Your tears falling right now filled with loss and pain..In time,i hope some of them tears will be filled with good memories, cracking up on something he did or said, the memories i know you have alot of and will share them as well.*

*Thinking of you all ...love you xoxoxos*

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**Gina Bova Eastin** - October 07, 2015 at 06:31 PM



“ My favorite memory of Grandpa Klaus was when we took our Brownie troop to his house to learn about Astronomy. He was so patient with the girls and the telescopes and we all had a great time. I think I learned as much as the girls. He was an awesome man and he hugged me every time he saw me. He always treated me like I was part of his family. Heaven will be a better place with him there. Love you Grandpa. You will be missed.

*Karen Schonhoff*

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**Karen Schonhoff** - October 07, 2015 at 06:02 PM



“ Uncle Bill as the memories flow so do tears down my face. Its hard to put into words the impact you have had on my life. You are a true hero first and foremost you served our country then spent your life educating the youth as a teacher. Your three children are a testament of the life you lived. I am so honored to be called your Godchild as a Godfather your were simply the best. You were there for me every time I needed you never expecting anything in return. Any time I needed a word of encouragement you were always just a phone call away. You would always greet me with the words "Hey Pal" and just hearing those words I could say yep that's my UNCLE BILL.

*Three call you Father four call you Grandfather and several call you Uncle but all of us call you Our Hero. Thank you again for the example you set for us all. We love you and miss you. I promise to you and Aunt Patty you will never be forgotten. Your nephew your honored Godson and YOUR PAL Ronnie.*  
*Ron Monterusso*

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**Ron Monterusso** - October 07, 2015 at 04:39 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Patrick Klaus.*



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October 07, 2015 at 04:05 PM



Richard  
Griffith

“ *Uncle Bill,  
Thank you for the love you gave,  
the time you shared,  
and the knowledge you imparted.  
Especially, thank you for being you.  
We love you, Mark and Becky.*

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**Richard Griffith** - October 07, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ *Saying goodbye to you is going to be very hard, so that's why I will say see you soon. You were such an amazing man, so gentle, so kind and so caring. Even though i wasn't your granddaughter you always treated me as one and i will forever be grateful for that. My life will forever be blessed for having known you. Grandma Klaus, Dave and I have been thinking and praying for you. We love you and if you ever need anything please let us know.*

*RIP Grandpa Klaus*

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**Katie Alcorn** - October 07, 2015 at 03:47 PM

ST

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Sarah Tripp** - October 07, 2015 at 03:41 PM

WM

“ *May this sorrowful time allow us to reflect upon all the joy that we shared with Bill.*

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**William McLafferty** - October 07, 2015 at 03:29 PM

SM

“ *Uncle Bill you were a great man in every way. You loved your family so much!! I am so happy to have known you and even more blessed to have had you as an uncle!! We love you so much and will never forget you. Sheri Mergenthaler*

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**sheri mergenthaler** - October 07, 2015 at 01:26 PM

EG

“ *I was so happy when Uncle Bill found me almost a year ago, I just wish that I would have made more time to be with him. Even in the short time I truly got to know him I learned what a loving and wonderful man he was and I loved him. At least now he will be able to be with his brother that he missed so dearly. I am so sorry for everyone that was so close to him for their loss especially for Aunt Pat not only did you lose a husband, but you lost a best friend. I will be praying for strength and support to come.*

*Elizabeth Grace*

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**Elizabeth Grace** - October 07, 2015 at 11:41 AM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Bill well. He was a great person and an excellent teacher. I will keep him in my prayers.

*Joseph Coco*

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**Joseph Coco** - October 07, 2015 at 07:47 AM

KG

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**KGM** - October 07, 2015 at 01:56 AM

TB

“ Yesterday heaven received an amazing man, my Hero, my dad.  
Love you so much!

*My Hero*

*A firm but loving touch  
is what you gave to me.*

*You helped me learn to be strong  
and stand on my two feet.*

*But when I needed you*

*You were there all of the time.*

*You are my dad, my hero,*

*And you're the apple of my eye.*

*-Theresa Beck-*

*Loving Daughter*

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**Theresa Beck** - October 06, 2015 at 11:02 PM

JK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jacob Klaus** - October 06, 2015 at 10:58 PM

JK

“ Words can't express how I feel even today the sadness inside is crushing me. Yesterday was one of the hardest days of my life saying goodbye to my Grandfather for a final time. He was truly amazing and my mentor growing up. It's hard to think that I can't talk to him anymore or goto him for guidance during rough times. I'm going to miss you more than ever but I will see you again soon. I know you will be watching over all of us with a smile and your in a much better place than this world. I love you with all my heart and I will carry on your legacy with pride.  
*RIP WILLIAM KLAUS 10/05/2015*

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**Jacob Klaus** - October 06, 2015 at 10:53 PM

FI

“ I met Bill and his wife at the hospital where I work as a Catholic priest chaplain. His amazing and tremendous faith captured me. I saw a man filled with hope and total trust in God's will. With his wife by his bed side, I observed their love for each other. I saw smiles even in the face of suffering. Bill never missed receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and I believe that was the source of his strength. One of the nurses shared with me how wonderful and accepting Bill was and how he treats people with love and respect. What a man, a loving man Bill was! Bill and his wife even gave me a gift (piano) which I play to relieve stress after the day's work. I'm glad to have known Bill and his wonderful wife and family. I have every hope that God in his infinite mercy and love will grant Bill eternal life; strength and protection to his beloved family. May Bill our dear one rest in peace, till we meet to part no more!  
May God's peace which surpasses all understanding be with his beloved wife and family.  
Adieu!!! Farewell, Bill!!!  
- Fr. Ray NC Iwuji

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Fr. Ray NC iWUJI - October 06, 2015 at 12:56 PM

EM

“ Emily McGhee lit a candle in memory of  
William Patrick Klaus



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Emily McGhee - October 05, 2015 at 06:52 PM

AS

“ Archway Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of William Patrick Klaus



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**Archway Staff** - October 05, 2015 at 06:17 PM

TF

“ The McGhee Family sent a virtual gift in memory of William Patrick Klaus



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**The McGhee Family** - October 05, 2015 at 06:16 PM

KM

“ Kenneth And Sharon McGhee lit a candle in memory of William Patrick Klaus



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**Kenneth and Sharon McGhee** - October 05, 2015 at 06:16 PM