



Lloyd Aloysius Casey

December 18, 1926 - October 1, 2024

Lloyd Aloysius Casey, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away peacefully among family members on October 1, 2024 in Avon, IN. He was 97 years old. "Casey" as he was known to friends, was born on December 18, 1926 in Anaheim, CA and grew up in southern California and Nevada where his father worked for the Union Pacific Railroad. He attended high school in Las Vegas until joining the US Navy in 1943 at the age of 17 (he lied about his age to enlist). Casey served in the Pacific as a radio operator on the destroyer, USS Sigsbee. After the war he attended college at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. It was on a blind date that he met his future wife, Mary Grace Wells from Baltimore, MD, where they were married in 1949. From then on known as Gracie and Casey, they moved to southern California in 1953, living in Inglewood briefly before moving to San Mateo in northern California. Casey worked a variety of jobs: salesman for Shilling Spice Co. and later, Independent Life Insurance Company. In 1962 he returned to college and earned a Master's degree in Theology from the University of San Francisco. Starting a new career with the Catholic Church as an adult educator, the family moved to Yakima, WA where he worked for St. Joseph's Church. In 1968 the family moved to Denver, CO where he worked at Holy Family parish. After a number of years, he returned to sales to help afford college for seven children, working for several firms - Globe Ticket Company, the Denver Symphony, the Denver Spurs hockey team - until ending his career with

StorageTek in Louisville, CO. Casey always had an interest in politics and ran for a State Senate seat, losing in his first bid, but winning in 1992. He served a single term in the senate, becoming known as “Senator Grape Nuts” for his preference for a breakfast cereal. He attributed his mental acuity to the vibrations caused by the chewing of Grape Nuts. These vibrations promote brain health by limiting the build-up of plaque (according to Casey). One of his legislative achievements was sponsoring a bill to make growing industrial hemp legal again in Colorado after several decades of being illegal. The bill was initially killed in the legislature, but was later approved by Colorado voters. Casey returned to the state capitol in 2013 where he was recognized by Gov. John Hickenlooper for pioneering industrial hemp legalization in Colorado. Upon retirement, he and Gracie moved to Columbus, OH to be closer to family. Together they enjoyed amateur theater and performed in several productions including Arsenic and Old Lace, Harvey, and others. Although Casey and Gracie’s children lived far apart, they gathered at regular intervals for family reunions. Some of the reunion venues included San Diego, Lake Tahoe, Glenwood Springs, Rhode Island, Columbus and others. After the death of Gracie in 2022, Casey moved to Indianapolis, IN., again to be near family. He is survived by seven children: Mark Casey (Kathy) from Spokane, WA; Kevin Casey (Jeannette) from Auburn, CA; John Casey (Barb) from Greeley, CO; Paul Casey (Nancy) from Indianapolis; Colleen Wahlen (John) from Pewaukee, WI; Chris Casey (Lisa) from Denver, CO; and Kate Casey (Rosario) from Puerto Montt, Chile. In addition, he has 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A funeral service will take place at St. Brigid of Kildare, in Dublin, OH on October 18, 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, Casey would be most honored to have people exercise their right and privilege to vote in the upcoming election.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare
7179 Avery Rd
Dublin, OH 43017-2702
(614) 761-3734

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I only met Lloyd one time and we made history together in Manderson S D when Chief Red Cloud threatened to have both of us arrested for giving away HEMP PRODUCTS to the Elders of the OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE. IT is also the same day Alex White Plume got his start in the HEMP movement.. R. I. P.

Delbert Peterson - June 08, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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“ Paul, thanks for sharing your dad with us. I loved and admired him so much. I'll never forget how special Casey was and how special he made me feel!
Alberta

Alberta Taybior - October 25, 2024 at 07:42 AM

“ Bill McNally was a good friend of both Casey and me. Bill introduced us decades ago (get old, and you tend to forget how long) for the first of myriad enjoyable luncheons. Venues changed, as did so much else as we grew older. But always, always we shared our friendship and greatly enjoyed our gatherings. Our gatherings were special times for the three of us. Our conversations ranged widely: sports, politics, news, business, religion, families, and so much else. However much we might disagree, and we did — Bill, for instance, was (and is) a Cleveland Browns fan through and through, and he and Casey, a fervid Denver Broncos follower, carried on a spirited debate and expansive wager (\$1?) based on the season's outcome. Sometimes our views came together, and sometimes they diverged. That was of no consequence: we were friends who met, talked, enjoyed, and respected one another immensely. Nothing could or did alter that. We followed Casey in his Columbus pursuits as he engaged in various ventures; myself as I retired and began anew several times; and Bill as he skillfully pursued his profession into retirement. Yes, we changed in many ways, but we never changed in the fundamental ways that counted: we were friends — first, last, and always. I am eternally indebted to Bill McNally for introducing me to Lloyd Alloysius Casey and thereby providing me with the opportunity know this remarkable, knowledgeable, insightful, humorous, and altogether enjoyable man — I am by far the better person for having known him and enjoyed our friendship. To his family, bless you and always, always remember that Casey was a devoted family man who was so proud of his offspring. To his friends, including Bill and myself, please know that we are so fortunate to have known, shared, and enjoyed this remarkable man. Quite simply, Casey was very special. And he so added to our lives. Requiescat in pace, old friend, and know that we'll tip another Jameson before long. (I'll refrain from political comments here, but please understand that Casey and I were on the same page.)

Bill & Casey, I'm not sure of the date, but I took the photograph

Chris Duckworth - October 14, 2024 at 08:13 PM

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“ *It was a pleasure to work with Gracie and Casey in several productions of the St. Brigid Players at St Brigid of Kildare Church. May they both rest in the everlasting peace of our Lord and Savior.*
Dawn Stubbs Schenck

Dawn Stubbs Schenck - October 14, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Lloyd Aloysius Casey, give you peace,
comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You
will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Navy Veteran, Lloyd Aloysius Casey, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 13, 2024 at 04:29 AM