

FAMILY HISTORY

IN MEMORY of
Louis & Catherine (McCauley) Kavanaugh Sr.



About the Author: Louis Kavanaugh Jr.



Louis Alvin Kavanaugh Jr. was the sixth child of Louis Sr. and Catherine (McCauley) Kavanaugh and was born on November 14, 1945. He attended St. Peter's School for the first 8 grades and then went to St. Meinrad Seminary for one semester in the Fall of 1959. He returned home in January and attended Montgomery High school where he graduated on May 10, 1963.

After graduation he went on active duty in the Army to Fort Jackson, SC for six months active duty as part of the Indiana National Guard. He did his Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training there as well. Because he went into the National Guard when he was still 17 he only had to spend 3 ½ years so in the fall of 1966 he was discharged with an honorable discharge.

In November of 1963 when he returned from active duty, he worked as a meat cutter from December of 1963 to September of 1964 at Arnold's Key Market in Washington. In September of 1964 He enrolled in a trade school in Indianapolis for Data Processing and was on the ground floor of the computer age. Upon graduation, he worked at the Indiana State Office Building in Indianapolis starting in August of 1965, then transferred to the Vincennes District Office in March, 1966 until July of 1966 when He accepted a job in the newly established computer department for U.S. Railway in Washington, Indiana. In March of 1968, Louis accepted a position as an Electrical Accounting Machine (EAM) Operator at the Crane Naval Base and later worked his way up to computer operator working on main frame computers. He spent nearly 10 years as a computer Operator starting in March of 1970 and In November of 1980 was selected as a programmer analyst. He worked at Crane for over 40 years before retiring on April 3, 2008.

Louis married Liz Michaels on July 23, 1966 at St. Peter's Church in Montgomery. They had 5 children, Sheri, Louie III, Jim, Brian and John. Louis and Liz also have 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. His family has been the most important part of his life and he has dedicated his life to the care and well being of them. They build a home on the north edge of Montgomery where they raised their family.

Louis was also involved in the Right to Life movement for many years and served as Daviess County President and State President and the Indiana's Representative on the National Right to Life Board. He assumed the President of the Local Daviess County Right to Life in 1978 and has helped to build that organization to one of the most respected in the state.

He also broadcasted play by play games for Barr-Reeve High School on radio for WRZR Radio in Loogootee for nearly 30 years. In his retirement from Crane, he also wrote a Barr-Reeve Sports Column for the Loogootee Tribune for nearly 7 years. During his days of Sport casting he was able to cover Barr-Reeve in every State appearance they were in retiring after the 2015 Barr-Reeve Boys State Championship run.

Louis Kavanaugh Jr. has also been doing research into his family history since the early 1970's. His goal was to put together a Family History of his Dad's (Kavanaugh) and his Mom's (McCauley) side of the family for future generations of his family. Once that was started it branched out to O'Connors, Harts, Walsh and it just kept going. So many times he reached a dead end but was later to find an open door. He never found all the information he wanted but he has amassed over 400 pages in this far reaching data that he never dreamed he would find. With the completion of this extensive family history that dream has been realized.

**Dedication of this Kavanaugh/McCauley
History Book To My Parents
By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.**

I want to take this opportunity to dedicate this History Book to my Parents Louis A. Sr. & Catherine “McCauley” Kavanaugh. Mom always tried to give me information on my Grandparents and both sides of the family for that matter and I was always interested in my relatives and what relation they were to me. I always joked to some of my second cousins they were related to me but they did not want to spread that around. I also remember when I told my Uncle Bernie Kavanaugh that I was attempting to find information on the family history and his words to me were “Why do you want to do that for, you may find out we had horse thieves in the family back there.” Well for those who knew Uncle Bernie, you would not be surprised by that remark.

I began my research back in the 1970’s by listening to my uncles and aunts talk about the old days and listen to their stories about our relatives. I began by asking my aunts and uncles to put down the full names of their children, birth dates and other information. As time went on I developed three generational charts that had the Parents, Children and Grandchildren for all my uncles and aunts. As I learned more about the families and as the families grew I expanded my research, and at times, I became overwhelmed.

And you could see with the large families, my dad’s family had 11 children, my mom’s family had 8 and going on to my Great Grandparents and their children, how fast this would multiply. I have been blessed to have some cousins who were also interested in the Family History and we have shared information back and forth. They have been very helpful in putting this history together.

I have been fortunate that when the word got around that Louie Jr. was working on Family History to be the recipient of information that was sent my way. I was side tracked from the family history research because of raising five children, working to earn a living for them and being involved in the Right to Life movement. It was a hit and miss for many years and finally when I retired I was able to devote more time to it and I made some real progress.

I accumulated so much data that I have had to be selective in what I put in this limited edition of the Kavanaugh/McCauley Family History. I also ran into the problem of not having as many pictures to pick from on the McCauley side as some of those relatives had moved to St. Louis. I did the best I could to acquire pictures for all of the families involved in this family history.

In this edition, I have included pictures of family members, short bios of all the family members that I had knowledge of from my brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and grandparents. I have also included a family chart for as many families as possible which have their full name, date of birth and date of death (if deceased), date of their marriage that is if we were able to locate all that information. We also have in the bios where the deceased relative are buried. Now I know that it is hard to keep the Family History current when there are births and deaths that take place all the time so at some point we had to set a cutoff date for final collection of data.

I once again want to thank all the people who helped to supply information to me or helped in any way to put this Kavanaugh/McCauley Family History together. I want to especially thank Mary Ann Watkins on the McCauley side for her help and encouragement which kept me going. For those who view this Kavanaugh/McCauley History I do hope you enjoy it.

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What is in each chapter of the Kavanaugh/McCauley Family History?

Chapter-1 thru 1G: In these Chapters you will find information and pictures of Louis Sr. & Catherine Kavanaugh from their early days of marriage along with pictures, bios, and write ups on their 10 children. There is also info./pictures on awards their children/grandchildren received along with pictures of the home place just west of Cannelburg. The last chapter contains info./pictures on the Kavanaugh home place.

Chapter-2 thru 2G: In these Chapters you will find information, pictures and bios of John and Mary Lucy "O'Connor" Kavanaugh and each of their families. This would be my Dad's Parents, Brothers & Sisters.

Chapter-3 thru 3F: In these Chapters you will find information, pictures and bios of John E. and Bridget "Walsh" McCauley and each of their families. This would be my Mom's Parents, Brothers & Sisters. The last two chapters, 3D and 3E contain information and Pictures of my Mom's Father's family and her Mother's family information.

Chapter-4 thru 4D: In these Chapters you will find information and pictures of Timothy and Margaret "Nolan" Kavanaugh and their families. This would be my Dad's Father's Parents and his Uncle and Aunts on his Dad's Side of the Family.

Chapter-5 thru 5H: In these Chapters you will find information and pictures of Michael and Bridget "Hart" O'Connor and each of their families. This would be my Dad's Grandparents, Uncles & Aunts on his Mother's side of the Family. The last chapter, 5H contain information and Pictures of Dad's Great Grandparents on Dad's Mother's side of the family.

Chapter-6: This Chapter contains information on Catholic Churches that our ancestors attended such as St. Peters, All Saints and St. Patricks as well as some history on them.

Chapter-7: This Chapter contains information on Kavanaugh Name.

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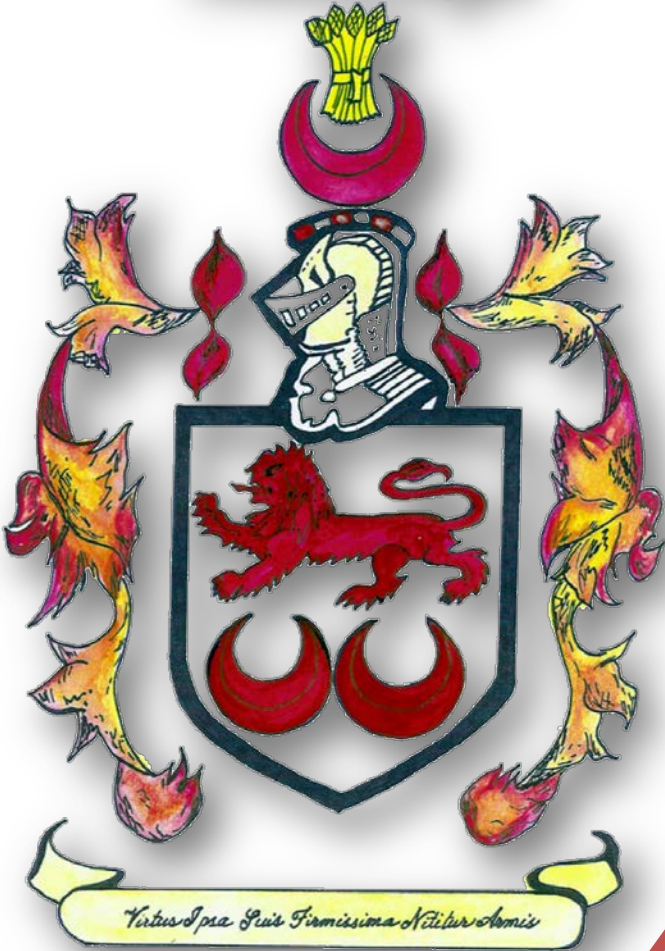
CHAPTER – 1

Louis Sr. & Catherine Kavanaugh



*The picture **above** was taken after the 50th Anniversary Mass held at All Saints Church in Cannelburg on Saturday afternoon on July 4, 1986. A Reception followed in All Saint's Hall for family and friends.*

Kavanaugh



Family Tree for Louis & Mary Catherine "McCauley" Kavanaugh

John T. Kavanaugh's Parents
Father: Timothy Kavanaugh
 Born: Nov. 10, 1825
 Died: Aug. 29, 1893
 Native of Co. Derry, Ireland

Mother: Margaret "Nolan"
 Born: Dec. 19, 1841
 Died: Jun. 23, 1905
 Native of Co. Tyrone, Ireland
 Burried at St. Peters Cemetery

Mary Lucy O'Connor's Parents
Father: Michael O'Connor Jr.
 Born: 1852
 Died: 1935
 Arrived in USA July 1833

Mother: Bridget "Hart"
 Born: 1856
 Died: 1900
 Native of Co. Tyrone, Ireland
 Burried at St. Peters Cemetery

Father: John Thomas Kavanaugh
 Born: July 23, 1871
 Died: Dec. 11, 1940

Mother: Mary Lucy "O'Connor"
 Born: Dec. 10, 1878
 Died: July 21, 1964

Marrried: Aug. 28, 1897
 Burried at St. Peters Cemetery

Louis Alvin Kavanaugh Sr.
 Born: Feb. 28, 1911
 Died: Mar. 5, 1990

- Children
1. John Louis Born: Apr. 5, 1937 Died:
 2. Robert Lee Born: Sep. 11, 1938 Died: June 19, 2013
 3. Charles Albert Born: Mar. 2, 1940 Died:
 4. Timothy Edward Born: Nov. 5, 1941 Died: July 12, 2009
 5. Mary Catherine Born: Oct. 5, 1943 Died:
 6. Louis Alvin Jr. Born: Nov. 14, 1945 Died:
 7. David Bernard Born: Jun. 12, 1948 Died:
 8. Charlott Ann Born: Apr. 24, 1951 Died:
 9. Stephen Michael Born: Oct. 17, 1952 Died:
 10. Mark Raymond Born: Nov. 22, 1954 Died:

- Brother/Sister of Louis Kavanaugh Sr.**
1. Timothy Born: Jan. 22, 1899 Died: 1905
 2. Vincent Michael Born: Nov. 22, 1900 Died: Aug. 4, 1990
 3. Albert John Born: Oct. 12, 1902 Died: Nov. 3, 1981
 4. Sister Bernice Born: Dec. 4, 1904 Died: Feb. 22, 2007
 5. Mark Henry Born: Jan. 6, 1907 Died: May 10, 2006
 6. Bernard Joseph Born: June 2, 1909 Died: Nov. 2, 1980
 7. Louis Alvin Sr. Born: Feb. 28, 1911 Died: Mar. 5, 1990
 8. Francis Raphael Born: Feb. 12, 1912 Died: Feb. 4, 1983
 9. Katherine M. Born: Jan. 30, 1914 Died: Sep. ? 1918
 10. Sister Charlotte Born: Mar. 16, 1916 Died: Aug. 29, 2014
 11. Rosemary Ellen Born: Nov. 16, 1919 Died: Sep. 5, 2016

Father: John Edward McCauley
 Born: Dec. 2, 1868
 Died: July 3, 1944

Mother: Bridget "Walsh" McCauley
 Born: Mar. 18, 1871
 Died: May 14, 1945

Marrried May 18, 1897
 Burried at St. Patrick's

Mary Catherine McCauley
 Born: June 2, 1913
 Died: June 19, 2007

- Children
1. Marie Delorus Born: Sep. 9, 1898 Died: Aug. 16, 1986
 2. Joseph Nicholas Born: Aug. 27, 1899 Died: Sep. ? 1904
 3. Timothy Stillborn, No Record
 4. Rose Amelia Born: Oct. 12, 1903 Died Sept. 9, 1904
 5. Charles Fredrick Born: Aug. 8, 1905 Died: Dec. 1, 1972
 6. Sr. Charlott Ann Born: Oct. 26, 1907 Died: May 1, 1934
 7. Helen Bridget Born: Nov. 29, 1910 Died: Jul. 18, 1999
 8. Mary Catherine Born: June 2, 1913 Died: June 19, 2007

- Brother/Sister of Mary Catherine "McCauley"**
1. Marie Delorus Born: Sep. 9, 1898 Died: Aug. 16, 1986
 2. Joseph Nicholas Born: Aug. 27, 1899 Died: Sep. ? 1904
 3. Timothy Stillborn, No Record
 4. Rose Amelia Born: Oct. 12, 1903 Died Sept. 9, 1904
 5. Charles Fredrick Born: Aug. 8, 1905 Died: Dec. 1, 1972
 6. Sr. Charlott Ann Born: Oct. 26, 1907 Died: May 1, 1934
 7. Helen Bridget Born: Nov. 29, 1910 Died: Jul. 18, 1999
 8. Mary Catherine Born: June 2, 1913 Died: June 19, 2007

Father: John McCauley
 Born: Mar. 30, 1830
 In Pennsylvania
 Died: Aug. 07, 1870
 Died in Mardin Co.
 Buried at
 St. Rose's in Martin Co.

Mother: Mary Hagerty
 Born: May 05, 1832 In Pennsylvania
 Died: Sep. 27, 1905
 Married ??
 Burried at
 St. Martin's Cemetery

Father: Nicholas Walsh
 Born: 1834
 Died: May 28, 1904
 Native/Kilkenny Ireland

Mother: Catherine "Mahoney"
 Born: Dec. 24, 1838
 Died: Jul. 09, 1912
 Married ABT 1861
 Burried at St. Patricks

- Children of Nicholas and Catherine "Mahoney" Walsh
1. Edward P. Married Bridget Cullivan, then Ellen "Murphy"
 2. James Never Married Died at 35 Yrs Old
 3. Anastasia "Stasia" Married Roger Conlon
 4. Mary Ellen Married George Grannan
 5. Margaret "Maggie" Married Daniel Brewer
 6. Bridget Married John E. McCauley
 7. Tim Never Married Died at 28 Yrs Old
 8. Nicholas Married Hannah Murphy

Louis Alvin & Catherine Mary (McCauley) Kavanaugh Sr.

Married July 4, 1936

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Their Children

1. *John Louis Kavanaugh*
2. *Robert Lee Kavanaugh*
3. *Charles Albert Kavanaugh*
4. *Timothy Edward Kavanaugh*
5. *Mary Kay "Kavanaugh" Andres*
6. *Louis Alvin Kavanaugh Jr.*
7. *David Bernard Kavanaugh*
8. *Charlotte Ann "Kavanaugh" Lewinski*
9. *Steven Michael Kavanaugh*
10. *Mark Raymond Kavanaugh*



Above: July 4, 1936: Wedding Day in Front of St. Patrick's Church in Corning. Catherine and Louis Kavanaugh Sr.



Above: Official Wedding Picture: Louis Sr. and Catherine Kavanaugh in Center of Picture, Right is Helen "McCauley and Alvin Doyle. They married later. Flower Girls (L-R) Lavern McCauley, Mildred Mahan and Janie McCauley.

**MARY McCaULEY AND
LOUIS KAVANAUGH WED
AT ST. PATRICK'S**

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning in St. Patrick's Catholic church, Corning, when Miss. Mary Catherine McCauley became the bride of Louis Alvin Kavanaugh of Lawrenceville.

The church was crowded with friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom. The sanctuary was adorned with lovely summer flowers for the occasion. Rev. Forrest Strange, pastor of St. Patrick's celebrated the mass and pronounced the marriage vows. Music was played by Miss Mary Pettigrew who used the Lohengrin wedding march for the entrance of the bridal party and Mrs. James Mahan, vocalist, sang Ave Marie during the mass.

Miss Helen McCauley, sister of the bride was maid of honor and Alvin Doyle, close friend of the bride-groom, was best man.

The bride who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCauley of Corning, wore a beautiful gown of white bridal satin. It was made with square neck in front with clusters of pearls on each side and fashioned high in the back with buttons half way down to the waist. The long graceful sleeves came to points over the hands. Her trailing veil was held in place with a pearl tiara and she carried a bouquet of white rosebuds. Miss McCauley wore a becoming dress of pink taffeta made with tunic effect with high stand-up collar at the back. The front of the blouse was fashioned with accordion pleats and the dainty sleeves were puffed.

Three little nieces of the bride were in the bridal party. Little Wilma Jane McCauley of Indianapolis carried the ring on a white satin pillow. She wore a dress of white satin. Laverne Ann McCauley of Indianapolis and Mildred Mahan of Corning carried the veil. Their dresses were pink and blue crepe, made alike.

A wedding dance was given in the new parish house at St. Patrick's in their honor on Saturday evening and a wedding breakfast at the McCauley home following the ceremony.

They will reside at 1613 S. 11th street in Lawrenceville, where the groom is employed at Emultions, Inc.



Wedding Party Pose for Picture after Wedding Dinner. This picture is of Louis Sr. & Catherine Kavanaugh as they pose outside a restaurant south of Washington after the wedding dinner. The wedding was at St. Patrick's Church in Corning and the wedding reception was back at St. Patrick's Hall in Corning. Pictured here: front: (L-R) Alvin Doyle, Helen McCauley, Louie & Catherine Kavanaugh, Ignatius McCauley. Back: (L-R) Not sure who the first couple is, Evelyn McCauley, Charlie McCauley, Dorothy & Jim Mahan Sr.

**Pictures of Louis and Catherine “McCauley” Kavanaugh Sr.
taken in their early days of courting in the 1930’s.**



Left: Louis and Catherine in 1934, two years before they got married. I believe Mom told me this picture was taken just hours after she had some wisdom teeth pulled. Still looks pretty good here.



Above: This picture of Louis & Catherine was taken at Spring Mill Park near Mitchell and I presume it was in the 1930’s.



Left: This picture was taken of Louis Kavanaugh & Catherine McCauley on Easter Sunday in 1936. They were married on July 4, 1936.

Right: This picture was probably taken of Louie and Catherine sometime before they were married.



More Pictures of Louis Sr. and Catherine Kavanaugh



Left: Picture of Louis & Catherine while Louie was visiting down at the McCauleys.



Right: Picture of Louis & Catherine along with one of the sons in front of the Kavanaugh Farm House.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine on their way to Ferdinand to visit Louie's Sisters.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine on Mother's Day in 1958, (Charlotte's First Communion Day) in front of the Farm House.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine in front of their home on the Kavanaugh Farm.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine in front of the Christmas tree. Picture taken around 1970.



Left: Picture of Louis & Catherine while visiting Catherine's Sister Helen & Alvin Doyle in Indianapolis. Probably taken in the 1950's.

Right: Picture of Louis & Catherine while visiting Albert or Louis at St. Meinrad. Most likely taken sometime around 1960.





Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine along with daughter Kay on her Graduation from Ferdinand Academy. Picture taken in May of 1961.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine along with daughter Kay as She takes another step to becoming a Nun. Picture taken at Ferdinand. Picture taken in the Sept of 1961.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine in their living room at The Farm. I think the picture was taken in the 70's.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine, not sure when this picture was taken or where?



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine Kavanagh. I believe this was taken at one of the nieces Weddings.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine taken in their living room just before leaving for Church at Christmas.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine taken at Christmas sometime in the early 80's.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine taken in their living room.



Left: Picture of Louis & Catherine along with Dad's sister-in-law (middle) Oney Kavanaugh who was married to Louie's brother Frank. Picture taken in their Kitchen in the early 80's. Notice how Dad put his hat over his heart. He liked to do that.



Above: Picture of Louis & Catherine taken in front of their House.



Left: Picture of Louis & Catherine taken in their living room after opening presents at Christmas. Dad liked to put the bows from the presents on his head and as you can see Dad had one on his face and his hat. This was taken sometime in the 80's.

Right: This picture was taken some time in 1989 when Dad was struggling with his breathing. In late 1989 He actually got much better and was able to be up and around. He got sick in Feb. of 1990 and was in the hospital for a few days and then he returned home where he passed away suddenly just two days later on March 5, 1990. Mom was his main care giver although there were several of their children that did an excellent job of helping out during the last years of his life. Mom was always looking out for Dad.





*Above: This picture was taken for **Louis and Catherine's 50th Anniversary** in July of 1986 and this picture was used for the newspapers announcements.*

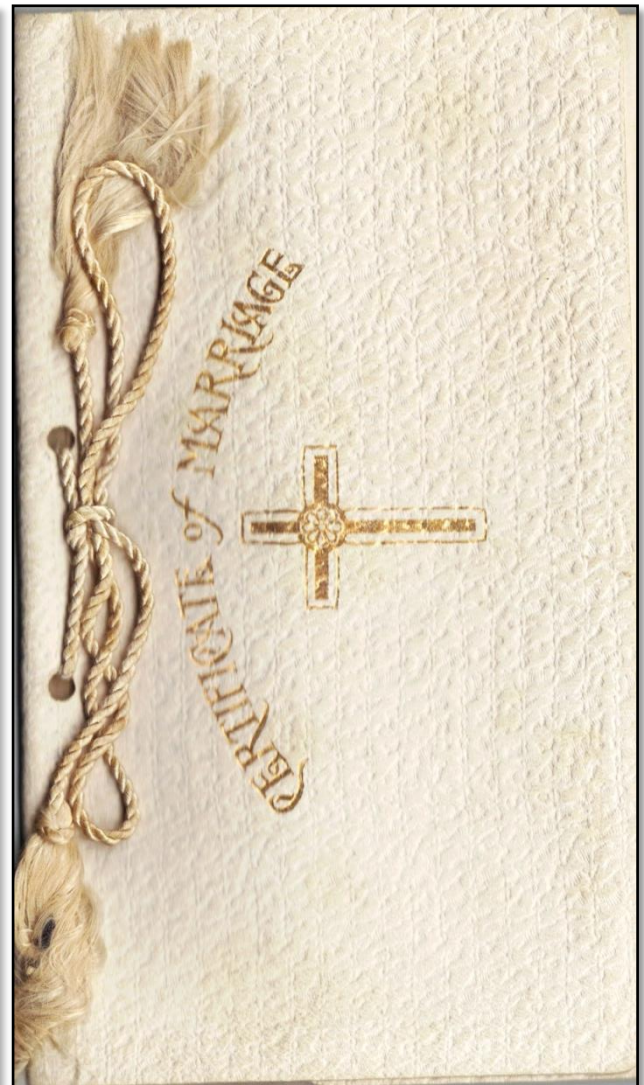
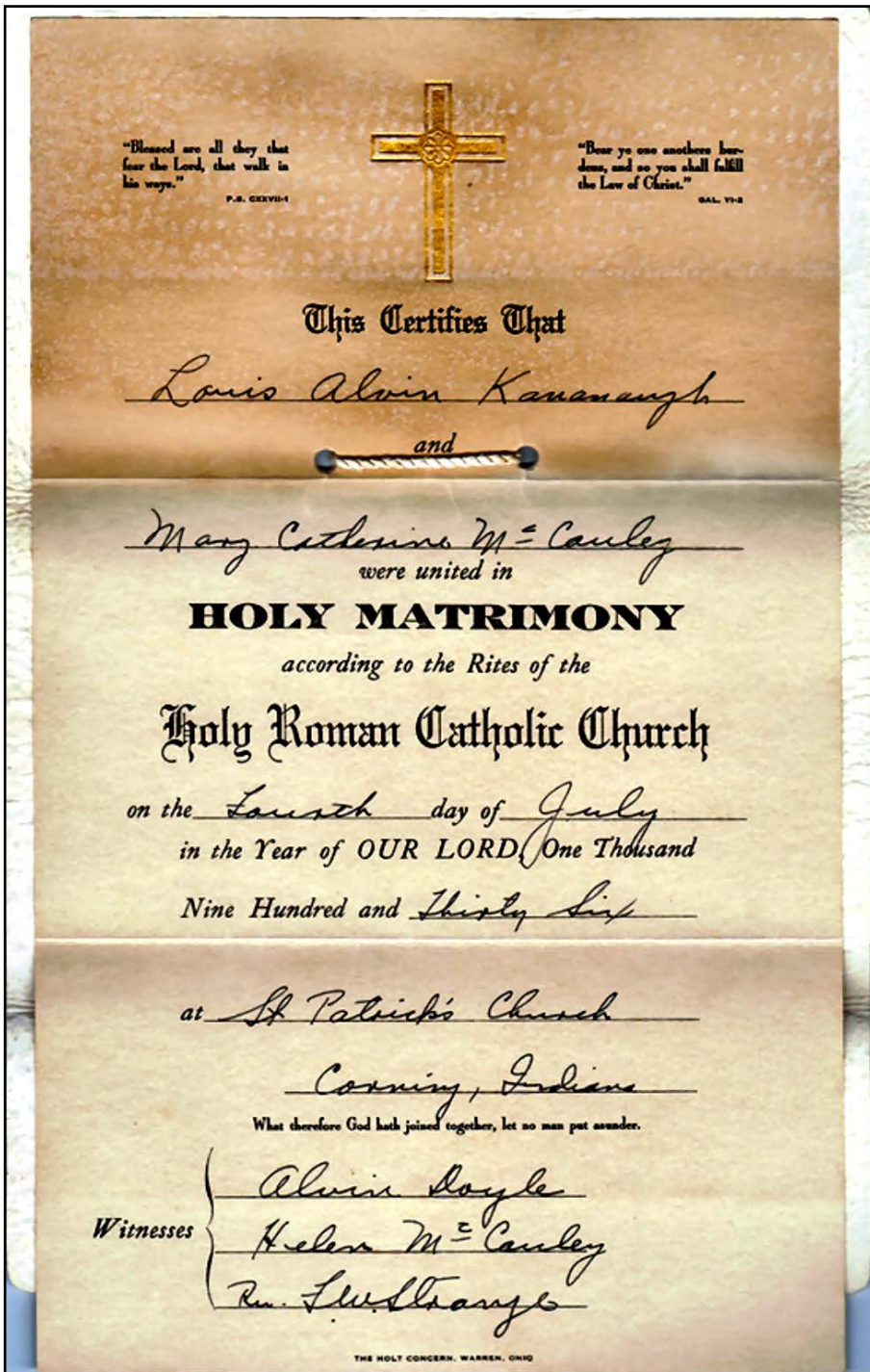


*Above: This picture was taken during **Louis and Catherine's 50th Anniversary Reception**. Dad and Mom were great dancers and they enjoyed dancing.*



*Above: These pictures of **Louis & Catherine Kavanaugh** may have been taken for All Saints Church Directory. I think this was taken in the middle 80's.*

Below: the Wedding Certificate for Louis Alvin Kavanaugh Sr. and Mary Catherine McCauley who were married on July 4, 1936 at St. Patrick's Church in Corning.



Application is hereby made for a License for the Marriage of

Louis Alvin Kavanaugh to Mary Catherine McCauley

MALE

FEMALE

- The full christian and surname of the man is Louis Alvin Kavanaugh
- Color White
- Where born Davies Co. Ind.
- When born Feb. 28, 1911
- Present residence Cannelburg, Ind.
- Present occupation Laborer
- If no occupation, what means has the male contracting party to support a family? ✓
- Is the male contracting party of nearer blood kin to the female contracting party than second cousin? no
- Full christian and surname of father John T. Kavanaugh
- His color White
- His birthplace Davies Co. Ind.
- His occupation Farming
- His residence Cannelburg, Ind.
- Full christian and maiden name of mother Minnie Marie O'Connor
- Her color White
- Her occupation Housewife
- Her birthplace Davies Co. Ind.
- Her residence Cannelburg, Ind.
- Has the male contracting party been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons within the last five years? no
- If so, is he now able to support a family and likely to so continue? ✓
- Is this his first marriage? yes
- If not, how often has he been married? ✓
- Has such prior marriage, or marriages, been dissolved? ✓
- If so, how? ✓
- When? ✓
- Is the male contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal, or any other contagious or transmissible disease? no
- Is he an imbecile, feeble-minded, idiotic or insane, or is he under guardianship as a person of unsound mind? no

- The full christian and surname of the woman? Mary Catherine McCauley
- Color White
- Where born Davies Co. Ind.
- When born June 2, 1913
- Present residence P.O. Montgomery, Ind.
- Present occupation Domestic
- Full christian and surname of father John C. McCauley
- His color White
- His birthplace Davies Co. Ind.
- His occupation Farming
- His residence P.O. Montgomery, Ind.
- Full christian and maiden name of mother Rosie Welch
- Her color White
- Her occupation Housewife
- Her birthplace Davies Co. Ind.
- Her residence P.O. Montgomery, Ind.
- Has the female contracting party been an inmate of any asylum or home for indigent persons within the last five years? no
- Is this her first marriage? yes
- If not, how often has she been married? ✓
- Has such prior marriage, or marriages, been dissolved? ✓
- If so, how and when? ✓
- Is the female contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal or any other contagious or transmissible disease? no
- Is she an imbecile, feeble-minded, idiot or insane, or is she under guardianship as a person of unsound mind? no

Signature of applicant Louis Alvin Kavanaugh

Signature of applicant Mary Catherine McCauley

State of Indiana, Daviess County, ss:

State of Indiana, Daviess County, ss:

Louis Alvin Kavanaugh does and says that he has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.

Mary Catherine McCauley does and says that she has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of July, 1936

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of July, 1936

Roscoe J. Myers
Clerk of the Daviess Circuit Court.

Roscoe J. Myers
Clerk of the Daviess Circuit Court.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 3rd day of July, 1936, a Marriage License was duly issued to

Louis Alvin Kavanaugh and Mary Catherine McCauley

which license is in words and figures following, to-wit:

State of Indiana, To-Wit: Daviess County, ss:

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That any person empowered by law to solemnize Marriages, is hereby authorized to join together as Husband and Wife,

Mr. Louis Alvin Kavanaugh and M. Mary Catherine McCauley and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Roscoe J. Myers, Clerk of the Daviess Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe by name and affix the seal of said Court, at Washington, Indiana, this 3rd day of July, A. D. 1936

[L. S.]

BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED, That on this 6th day of July, 1936 the following Certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

State of Indiana, To-Wit: Daviess County, ss:

THIS CERTIFIES, That I joined in Marriage as Husband and Wife, Mr. Louis Alvin Kavanaugh and M. Mary Catherine McCauley on the 4th day of July, 1936

Attest: Roscoe J. Myers Clerk.

Roscoe J. Myers
Pastor St. Patrick Church, Corning

This is the Application for Marriage License for Louis Alvin Kavanaugh and Mary Catherine McCauley. They applied for the license on July 3, 1936 and were married on July 4, 1936.



Above: Louis Kavanaugh Sr. Operating Dragline at Hicks Coal Company: As you can see in this picture, Dad stopped long enough for Mom to take his picture and let some of the kids up on the dragline. As I recall this was taken on a Sunday afternoon when Mom loaded all the kids (or as many that could get in the old 48 Plymouth car) and we went down south of Cannelburg in the coal country to pick up Dad after work. Not sure who the two boys were in the side of the dragline and not sure who the two kids were in the distance on the lower left of this picture but I am sure they were my brothers and sisters. I know we were all excited to get to go down this close to that big machine. Of course the dragline was not running at the time we got on it.



Above: The General pays a Visit to the Kavanaugh Farm and meets the Speaker of the House. Pictured here is the day when former IU Coach Bobby Knight (The General) paid a visit to the Kavanaugh Farm for some hunting. Shown here is the Speaker of the House Catherine Kavanaugh with her arm on Bobby's arm when Bobby was done hunting for the day. Catherine had watched a lot of IU Basketball games and probably had a few words of encouragement for The General. She even told him he should not be throwing chairs but he had a comeback on that one I am sure. I am thinking this picture was taken when Bobby was still coaching at IU.

The Story of Louis Kavanaugh Sr.

The following is an essay written by Jim Kavanaugh (Son of Louis & Liz after He interviewed his Grandfather Louis Kavanaugh Sr. This was done for a high school project. Not sure of the exact time but we think this was written in the Fall of 1989 just months before Dad passed away on March 5, 1990.

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By his Grandson Jim Kavanaugh

Louis Kavanaugh Sr. was born on Feb. 28, 1911 in his house that he still lives today. As he grew up he went to school for four years at Cannelburg before transferring to St. Peter's in Montgomery for two years and then back to Cannelburg. He thought the nuns were a little too strict and with his Irish temperament, he wasn't too happy there. He would walk to school along the railroad track, both to Cannelburg and St. Peter's. Once in a while he tried to catch a freight train to rest his weary feet but that met with stiff resistance from his father.

In school, he remembered L.P. Clements as Principal, Ada Hopkins, Maggie O'Donaghue and Joe Friedman as teachers. He quit school in his freshman year of high school because he was mad at Maggie O'Donaghue. Gerbert Seal, a fellow student, had been acting up in class and making noises and Miss O'Donaghue had blamed Louie and as he was darting out the door, Miss Maggie took a kick at him but her long tight shirt tripped her up and her feet flew up and out from under her and down she went! Louie never went back.

On his way home, he met Jim Cropp who was hauling coal and rock with his wagon and team and Jim gave Louie a job loading coal onto railroad cars. The next day, as Louie went through Cannelburg with the wagon and team, Miss Maggie was looking out the window at school and Louie being the polite gentlemen gave her a big grin and a wave of the hand. Needless to say, the classroom window blind went down in a hurry.

Louie's Dad John, died December 11, 1940 and his mother, Mayme, died July 21, 1964. John had approximately 86 acres on his home place which now belongs to Louie. Louis Kavanaugh Sr. married Catherine McCauley on July 4, 1936. She was the daughter of John and Bridget (Walsh) McCauley of the St. Patrick's Church at Corning.

Though the years the Kavanaugh's kept up the farming to survive the cold Indiana winters. Louie first got into mining at the All Saints Parish Mine, deeded to the church by the Father Holland's family in the early 30's while Father Holland was pastor at All Saints. He also worked in other mines and at odd jobs. He worked for a while with his brother, Albert, in Lawrenceville, Illinois and then back to home territory where he worked 27 years for Hicks Coal Company and Richardson Coal Company. During this time, Louis and Catherine were raising their own family, all of whom pitched in on the farm, garden and anything else that had to be done. The family started in a six room house which was later enlarged to accommodate their needs. First to arrive upon the scene was John, who lives in Missouri, next came Lee and Albert both of Montgomery. Tim was next and after four boys they had a girl, Kay Andres both living now at Indianapolis. Louis Jr and David both of Montgomery were next on the scene, followed by a second daughter

Charlotte Lewinski of St. Louis with Steve and Mark bringing down the final curtain. They both live in Indianapolis. To top it all off they now have twenty-seven grandchildren.

Louie still wouldn't settle down, in 1958 he started working in the construction business for International Union of Operating Engineers Local 884. He worked on Federal and State Highway construction, the new gym at Indiana University at Bloomington, the Hazelton Bridge, the Red Skelton Bridge (Which Red Skelton claimed wasn't quite on the level), a 650 foot TV tower for Channel 2, WVUB, Vincennes, the Texaco Refinery at Lawrenceville, Marathon Refinery at Robinson, (both installing tanks), and on overpasses in Evansville.

In 1979, the land where they lived (the Farm) was leased for coal mining and the company started in November of 1980. The Kavanaugh's feel that Green's (Coal Company) did an excellent job of mining and reclamation and left their land better than it was before.

In 1987 Louie became ill with heart and lung problems caused by emphysema and spent a great amount of time in the hospital going in and out from 1987 through 1989 until He moved a hospital bed into his house and had to be constantly looked out for. He spent many months in the bed without getting up and coming within seconds of death several times. With his strong will power he built himself up over a period of time and is now around and about trying to get better and better.