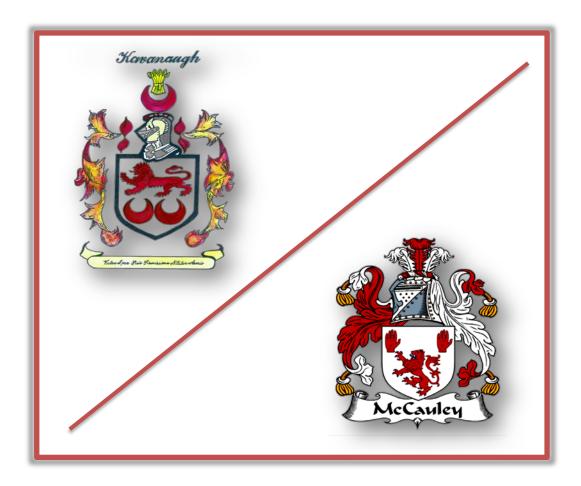
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Memories of
Louis & Catherine (McCauley)
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Above: July 4, 1936: **Wedding Day** in Front of St. Patrick's Church in Corning. Catherine and Louis Kavanaugh Sr.



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 adomed 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. The 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 is: <u>front</u>: (L-R) Alvin Doyle, Helen McCauley, Louie & Catherine Kavanaugh, Ignatius McCauley. <u>Back</u>: (L-R) Not sure who the first couple is, Evelyn McCauley, Charlie McCauley, Dorothy & Jim Mahan Sr.

Memories of Louis & Catherine's 25th Wedding Anniversary July 1961

KAVANAUGHS CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kavanaugh of Cannelburg celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, July 2nd.

They began their day with a High Mass at All Saints Church at 10 o'clock. The Rev. John Emge celebrated the Mass and the renewal of the vows and the special blessing preceded the Mass. Jean Murphy was the organist.

The former Miss Catherine Mc-Cauley and Louis Kavanaugh were married at St. Patrick's Church, Corning, on July 4, 1936 by the Rev. Forest Strange.

Mrs, Kavanaugh is the daughter of the late John and Bridget McCauley and Mr. Kavanaugh's parents are Mrs. Mayme Kavanaugh and the late John Kavanaugh.

Their attendants were Alvin and Helen (McCauley) Doyle of Indianapolis, formerly of St. Patrick's.

After the Mass a light breakfast was served to the out-of-town relatives and at the noon hour a dinner was served to Rev. John Emge, Rev. Adolph Egloff and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kavanaugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kavanaugh and family, Jerry. Anna, Richard, Mary and Barbara Doyle, all of Indianapolis,

and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kavanaugh and their ten children, John, Lee, Albert. Timothy, Mary Kay, Louis Jr., David, Charlotte Ann, Steven and Mark.

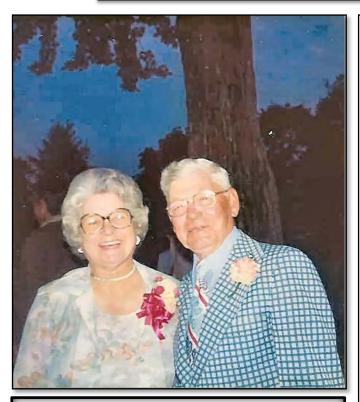
In the afternoon a reception was held in the home of the celebrants from 2:00 to 4:00.

Out of town guests present for the occasion were: Rev. John Emge, Rev. Adolph Egloff of Princeton, Dr. Harry Kavanaugh of Detroit, Mich., Joan Reitz & Rockport, Mr. and Mrs. Ignat ius McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCauly, Ruth Howard and Robert McCauly, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brothers, Mr. and Alvin Doyle, Jerry, Ann, Mary, Richard and Barbara Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. James Hanson and family, all of Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kavanaugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kavanaugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kavanaugh, all of Beech Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Mahan Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins and family. Mr. and Mrs. James A Mahan Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nolan of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hart and family, Tommie and Michael Hart, Maggie and Amelia Donahue of Loogootee; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Fuhs, Jean and Mary Kay Murphy of Montgomery. Several friends of the Cannelburg community were also present. All departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh many more happy years.



Above: taken in front of the Farm House the day of the **25**th **Wedding Anniversary** Celebration.

Memories of Louis & Catherine's 40th Wedding Anniversary 40th Anniversary - July 1976



Above: Picture taken outside of All Saints Church just after their 40th Anniversary Mass.

Couple celebrates 40th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kavanaugh observed the 40th anniversary of their marriage Saturday evening, July 3, when they renewed their vows at a Mass in All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg.

Father Michael Allen officiated. Grandsons Tim and Jeff Kavanaugh served the Mass and Steve and Mark Kavanaugh were ushers. Albert and David Kavanaugh and Louis Kavanaugh jr. sang the Mass for their parents, accompanied by Mrs. Albert Kavanaugh at the organ.

Mr. Kavanaugh, and Catherine McCauley were married July 4, 1936 at St. Patrick's Church in Corning and have resided on the Kavanaugh homestead farm for their entire married life. A pictorial review of the family, beginning with the wedding in 1936, was on display in the church hall.

The Kavanaugh children surprised their parents with a reception and luncheon in the church hall for members of the Kavanaugh and McCauley families, with the oldest son, John, proposing the toast.

The group enjoyed games and Sue Kavanaugh, Joe Boatman and Charlotte Lewinski won prizes.

The ten Kavanaugh children and 20 grandchildren were all present: Mr. and Mrs. John Kavanaugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Kay) Andres and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kavanaugh and family, Steve Kavanaugh, all of Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Charlotte) Lewinski and family, South Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kavanaugh, Louis Kavanaugh jr. and David Kavanaugh, all of Mon-Mark tgomery; Kavanaugh, Cannelburg.

Mr. Kavanaugh's eight brothers and sisters also attended: Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh. Albert Lawrenceville, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kavanaugh, Beech Grove: Dr. and Mrs. Harry Kavanaugh, Green Valley, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Dernie Kavanaugh, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kavanaugh, Fort Worth, Tex.; Rose Kavanaugh, Indianapolis: Sister Bernice Kavanaugh, Ferdinand, Sister Mary Charlotte Kavanaugh, Fort Rucker, Ala.

Mrs. Kavanaugh's sister, Mrs. Dorothy Mahan of Washington, and her sisterin-law, Mrs. Charles McCauley of Indianapolis, were also present.

Other relatives included and Mrs. Ralph Mr. Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. James Hanson, Ruth McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Omer O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brothers, all of Indianapolis; Mrs. Jane Boatman and son, Brownsburg; Sue Weisheit, Jasper; Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Connor, Montgomery.

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There was an anniversary table helping celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mr. Louis Kavanaugh's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kavanaugh, of Detroit, Michigan; the 12th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albert Kavanaugh of Montgomery; and the 5th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lewinski of South Bend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kavanaugh.

Memories of Louis Sr. and Catherine Kavanaugh's 50th Anniversary Celebration, July 1986

50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kavanaugh Photo by Murtin Studies

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kavanaugh of Cannelburg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 5 with a special 2 p.m. mass of thanksgiving at All Saint's Catholic Church, Cannelburg. A reception will follow in Cannelburg Hall and will be hosted by their children. No invitations are being sent but an open invitation to the mass and reception is extended to all friends and relatives. They requested that gifts be omitted.

Catherine McCauley and Mr. Kavanaugh were married on July 4, 1936 at St. Patrick's Church, Corning. Their attendants were Helen McCauley Doyle and Alvin Doyle, deceased.

Their children are John of Kansas City, Mo., Lee, Albert, Louis and David, Montgomery, Tim, Mary Kay Andres, Steve and Mark of Indianapolis, and Charlotte Lewinski, St. Louis, Mo.

The above Article appeared in the local newspaper on June 26 of 1986.



Above: is the **Invitation** that was send to Family Members & Friends for the 50th Anniversary.



Above: Napkin from 50th Anniversary of 1986.

Obituary for Louis A. Kavanaugh Born: Feb. 28, 1911 - Died: March 5, 1990



LOUIS KAVANAUGH SR. CANNELBURG—Louis A. Kavanaugh Sr., 79, died at approximately 5 a.m. Monday at his home.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at All Saints Catholic Church of Cannelburg with interment in St. Peter's Cemetery, Montgomery.

Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Titzer Funeral Home, Loogootee. A parish rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 25, Montgomery, or the Daviess County Right to Life, P.O. Box 41, Washington.

He was born Feb. 28, 1911 in Daviess County to John and Mary L. O'Connor Kavanaugh. He 'married Catherine McCauley July 4, 1936 and she survives. He was a retired crane and heavy equipment operator. He was a member of 841 IUOE, All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg, and the Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife and eight sons and two daughters, John Kavanaugh, Kansas City, Mo., Lee, Albert, Louis Jr., and David Kavanaugh, all of Montgomery, Steve, Timothy and Mark Kavanaugh and Mrs. Mary Kay Andres, all of India-napolis, and Mrs. Charlotte Lewinski, Manchester, Mo., 27 grandchildren, two brothers and three sisters, Harry Kavanaugh, Tuscon, Ariz., Vincent Kavanaugh, Beech Grove, Rose Kavanaugh, Greenwood, Sisters Mary Charlotte and Bernice, both Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand. Three brothers, Frank, Bernie and Albert Kavanaugh, have died, and one brother and one sister, died in infancy.

(March 5, 1990)

In Loving Memory of



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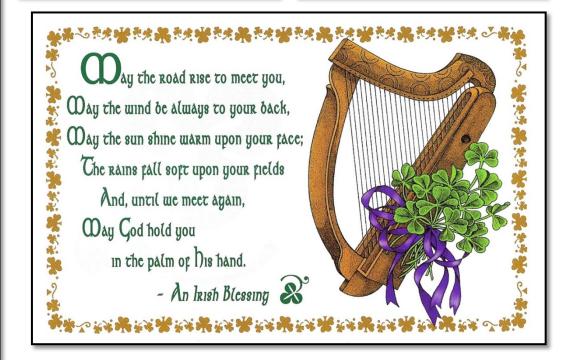
GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the Soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy precious blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LOUIS KAVANAUGH SR.

The funeral of Louis Kavanaugh Sr. was at 10:30 a.m. today at All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg with interment in St. Peter's Cemetery in Montgomery. Concelebrating the funeral mass were Deacon Donald Lahay and Fathers Joseph Claus, Paul Roos, John Emge. Joseph Erbacher, James Leffler, William Munshower and Thomas Schliessmann, Pallbearers were sons, John, Lee, Albert, Louis Jr., David, Steve, Mark and Timothy Kavanaugh. Honorary pallbearers were Allan Mackey and two sons-in-law, Jerry Lewinski and David E. Andres, and grandsons, Louis III, David A., Brian, Steve, Kevin, Mark L., Scott, Jeff and Michael A. Kavanaugh, and Shawn Lewinski



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"McCauley" Right Catherine Certificate. Kavanaugh's Birth Note the name says Catherine McCauley and not Mary Catherine or Catherine Mary McCauley. think it should be Catherine Mary but we have seen it both ways. The death certificate had it Catherine Mary. There was a mistake on this Birth Certificate which stated Catherine was born on June 3, but we always celebrated her birthday June 2nd and her Death Certificate had June 2^{nd} .

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Below: Baptismal Records for Louis Alvin Kavanaugh Sr. & Mary Catherine "McCauley" Document-1: Baptismal Record for Louis Alvin Kavanaugh who was Born on Feb. 28, 1911 and Baptized on March 5, 1911 at All Saints Church in Cannelburg. Document-2: Baptismal Record for Mary Catherine "McCauley" who was born on June 2, 1913 and was baptized on June 8, 1913 at St. Patrick's Church in Corning. These Documents were written in Latin. All of the records from these Churches now reside at St. Peter's Church in Montgomery and Father James Koressel did the research on this.

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Above: You will note the records are in Latin and may be hard to read but thanks to Fr. Jim Koressel we were able to interpret what it says and to prove that it was Louis and "not Leo" as the Birth Certificate at the Court House claims. Louis' God Parents were Lawrence and Agnes Kavanaugh which were his uncle and aunt from next door. Mary Catherine McCauley's Godparents were Joseph and Marie Ginder who were neighbors of John and Bridget McCauley. If you note on the both documents that when Louis and Catherine got married the priest then wrote on the Baptismal Document who they married, the date, the priest that married them and who stood up with them. On Louis' Record, Father John Gorman's signature was on the document as the Pastor when he was baptized and on Catherine's Father Fredrick Burget's signature was the document as Pastor. Both Priests were Pastors at the respective parishes when Louis and Catherine were baptized. In those days it was not unusual for children to be baptized very soon after birth because of the possibility of them dying in the first few weeks after birth.

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Below: The following **Tribute** was put in our Church Bulletin a week or two after Dad's passing by Father Joseph Clauss who was our Pastor at the time.

A FINAL TRIBUTE TO LOUIS KAVANAUGH, SR.

Born: February 28, 1911 Died: March 5, 1990 Funeral: March 8, 1990

(The following article was written after the Funeral on March 8, 1990)

During Lent we have been encouraging everyone to do good like Jesus did. Today we saw a lot of good being done and, personally, I had a lot of good feelings.

- 1 Good feelings about Catherine, who loved Louie for 54 years and who stood by his casket the way Mary stood beneath the Cross - heartbroken, but never ever bitter.
- 2 Lucky, Lucky, Louis! He struggled with his breathing so many times in life, but died in peace in his sleep - in his own home - in his own bed - having spent his last day and Sunday on earth, doing what he loved to do - "enjoying his
- day and Sunday on earth, doing what he loved to do "enjoying his family."

 3 The Kavanaugh Family is a unique family in many ways. Among our youth, it is more and more difficult to find someone like Mark Kavanaugh who can say, "I am the 10th child in my family." At St. Peter's, we are so lucky to have four of Louie's eight sons in our Parish: Lee, Albert, Louis, and David. Each one is a blessing for our Parish.

Louis had a good-old-fashioned respect for Priests. If you were a Priest, Louis figured you deserved a little special consideration. As a token of gratitude for all his kindness to us, eight-Priests Concelebrated his Funeral Mass. Also at least eleven Masses were offered for him from the time he died until his body was in the grave.

Nothing would have pleased Louis more, after having two blood-sisters to become Benedictine Religious Nuns - <u>Sister Mary Charlotte</u> and <u>Sister Bernice</u> - than to have a son a Priest. God didn't call any of his sons to serve Him in this way, but among his many Grandsons, if God does call one of them (and now that Louie is there having a hand in things) I know he will answer His call.

Louie will be rewarded for many things, especially for the influence he had on his children to do much good! Not all Parents seem to do that with so much ease and success.

To me, <u>Louie</u> was a <u>Light Lighter</u> and although his Light on earth has gone out, his light for right and goodness still shines in the lives of his fine family.

May eternal light shine on him forever.

AMEN



Obituary for Catherine "McCauley" Kavanaugh Born: June 2, 1913 Died: June 19, 2007

CATHERINE KAVANAUGH

CANNELBURG Catherine Mary Kavanaugh, 94, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at Washing-

ton Nursing Center.

Born June 2, 1913, in Corning, she was the daughter of John



Catherine Kavanaugh and Brid-

get (Walsh) McCauley.

She was educated in Corning schools, was a member of All Saints Catholic Church, All Saints Altar Society, Daviess County Right To Life, auxiliary member St. Peter-All Saints St. Vincent DePaul Society and the National Conference of Catholic Women. She was a recipient of the Simon Brute Society Award of the Diocese of Evansville. She was an avid Barr-Reeve Viking and Indiana Pacer fan.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Kay and Dave Andres of Indianapolis and Charlotte Ann and Jerry Lewinski of St. Louis, Mo.; eight sons and daughters-in-law, John and Donna Kavanaugh of Lee's Summit, Mo., Lee and Irma Kavanaugh, Louis Jr. and Liz Kavanaugh, David and Cleta Kavanaugh and Albert Kavanaugh, all of Montgomery, and Tim and Sue

Kavanaugh, Steve Kavanaugh Mark and Kavanaugh, all of Indianapolis; 27 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren.

husband. Louis Kavanaugh Sr., whom she married July 4, 1936, died March 5, 1990. Three sisters, Dorothy Mahan, Sister Charlotte Ann McCauley and Helen Doyle; one brother, Charlie McCauley; two infant brothers and one sister; and two great-grandchildren are also deceased.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter Catholic Church, with Rev. James Koressel as celebrant. Burial will be in St. Peter Cemetery, Montgomery.

Visitation is from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, with a rosary at 3 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at All Saints Catholic Church, Cannelburg.

Memorial donations may be made to Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 25, Montgomery, IN 47558; Daviess County Right To Life, P.O. Box 41, Washington, IN 47501; or All Saints Catholic Church.

Arrangements are being made through Ed Lee Mortuary.

Condolences may be made online at www.edleemortuary.com.

(June 19, 2007)

In Loving Memory of CATHERINE MARY KAVANAUGH

June 2, 1913



June 19, 2007

FUNERAL MASS

10:00 AM, Saturday June 23, 2007 St. Peter Catholic Church Con-celebrants; Fr. James Koressel Fr. Lowell Will, Fr. Kenneth Walker, and Fr. Joseph Erbacher

INTERMENT St. Peter Cemetary Montgomery, IN

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

Ed Lee Mortuary

CATHERINE KAVANAUGH

A Mass of Christian Burial was Kavanaugh, Shawn Lewinski, celebrated for Catherine Mike Kavanaugh at 10:30 a.m. Sat- Kavanaugh, Louis Kavanaugh urday at St. Peter Catholic III, David A. Kavanaugh, Church, with Revs. Jim Koressel, Lowell Will and Kenneth Walker as con-celebrants. Burial was in St. Peter Cementery.

Pallbearers were Mark Jenna Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh, Kevin Kavanaugh and Steven Kavanaugh. Honorary pallbearers were Julie Door, Janet Andres, Leslie Kavanaugh and

Louis Kavanaugh Sr. Parents



John and Mary Lucy "O'Connor" Kavanaugh

Parents of

- 1. Timothy
- 2. Vincent
- 3. Albert
- 4. Sister Bernice
- 5. Harry
- 6. Bernie
- 7. Louis Sr.
- 8. Frank
- 9. Katherine
- 10. Sister Mary Charlotte
- 11. Rose

Catherine McCauley's Parents



John And Bridget "Walsh" McCauley

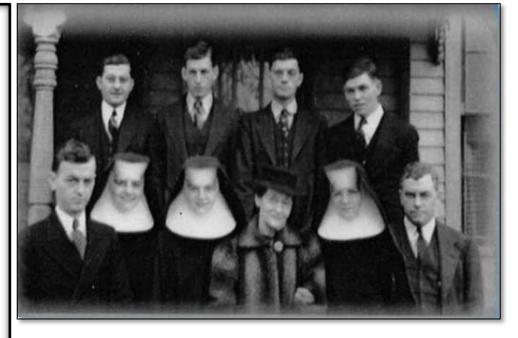
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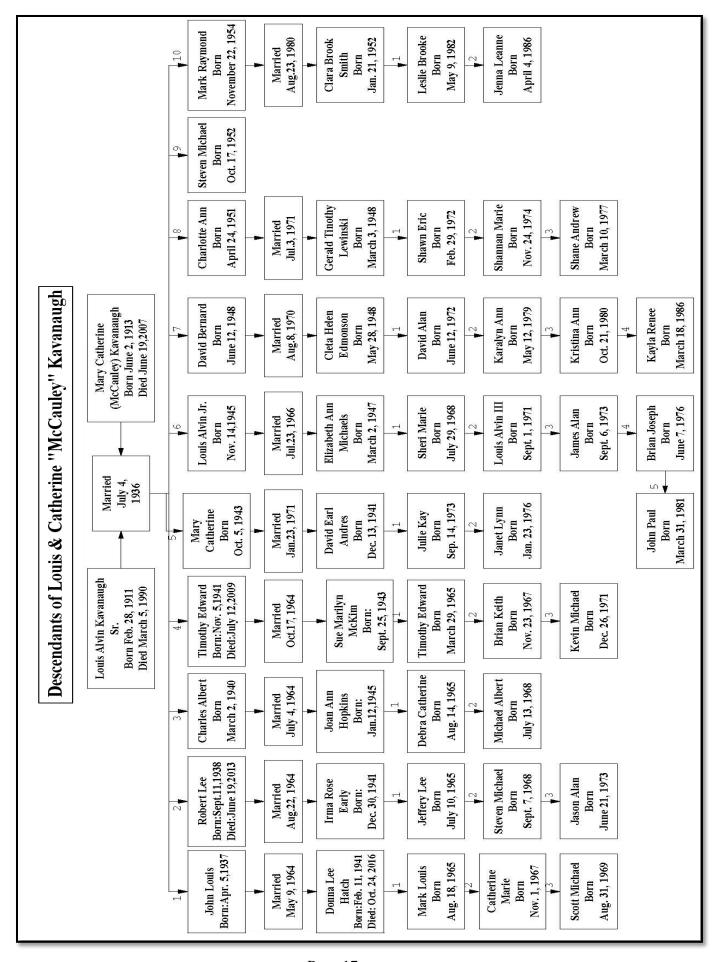
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- 2. Joseph
- 3. Timothy
- 4. Rose Amilia
- 5. Charles
- 6. Sister Charlotte Ann
- 7. Helen "McCauley" Doyle
- 8. <u>Catherine"McCauley"</u> <u>Kavanaugh</u>



Left: Catherine "McCauley" Kavanaugh's brothers & sisters: Picture taken between 1930-1934. Front: Bridget & John E. McCauley. Back L/R: Catherine Kavanaugh, Helen Doyle, Mildred (Sister Charlotte Ann) Dorothy Mahan, Charles McCauley.

Right: Louis Kavanaugh Sr.'s Brothers/Sisters: This picture was taken the day of John Kavanaugh's Funeral (Louis Sr.'s father) in front of the House in Cannelburg where John/Mary Lucy lived next to the Church. This is the only family picture taken that we can find. Pictured here in Front: Bernie. Sister Rosemond, Sister Charlotte, Mary Lucy, Sister Bernice, Albert, Back: Harry, Frank, Vincent, Louis Sr.





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Children of Louis Sr. & Catherine "McCauley" Kavanaugh

For more information on the Children see Page 1b - Children



Left: Children Of Louis Sr. and Catherine. Right To Left: Taken after Church in Summer of 1956

- 1. John
- 2. Lee
- 3. Albert
- 4. Tim
- 5. *Kay*
- 6. Louis Jr.
- 7. David
- 8. Charlotte
- 9. Steve
- 10.Mark

Grand Children of Louis Sr. & Catherine "McCauley" Kavanaugh
For more information see Page 1c - Grandchildren



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Kavanaugh family migrated here from Ireland

By Patricia O'Connor

The passing of another St. Patrick's Day last week brings to mind one of the Irish families of Daviess County who migrated here from the "Auld Country". Timothy Kavanaugh was born in Parish Clonabec, County Kildare, Ireland, and with other Irish immigrants, made his way to a new home. He picked the young state of Indiana which had come into the union in 1816, and settled in Daviess County. He and Margaret Nolan were married May 10, 1866, at St. Simon's Parish in Washington, by Father Chassic. They made their home in Cannelburg on the north side of what was to be the railroad, and Tim worked for the railroad, helping to build the levees on which the tracks would be laid. He was responsible for the section between Cannelburg and Montgomery. They hauled dirt for the levees behind teams of horses with slip scrapers to dump the dirt.

One of Tim and Margaret's boys was John, who was always interested in helping his father till the rich earth and plant the crops. Little by little, the Kavanaugh family purchased land, where they raised corn and hay, and had a sizeable herd of

When John grew up, he and his brothers, Patrick and Lawrence helped their father on the family farm, as well as starting lives of their own. On August 22, 1897, John married Mary Lucy O'Connor, better known as Mayme. They were married at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Montgomery, as All Saints Misson had not yet come into being

John and Mayme moved to another section of the family land about halfway between Cannelburg and Montgomery, on what is now the park road, where they continued to farm and raise their family. The oldest, Timothy, died of diphtheria at age four. Vincent lives in Indianapolis: Albert is deceased; Marie (Sr. Berniece, O.S.B.) is in Alabama; Harry is in Alabama; Bernard is deceased; Louis lives on the homeplace; Kathleen also died of diphtheria at age 4; Josephine E. (Sr. Mary Charlotte, O.S.B.) is in-Alabama; Francis is deceased; and Rosemary lives in Indianapolis.

Louis, who was born February 28, 1911, started to school at Cannelburg, where he went four years before transferring to St. Peter's for two years, then back to Cannelburg. He thought the nuns were a little too strict, and his Irish temperament wasn't too happy there. Louie would walk to school along the railroad track, both to Cannelburg and St. Peter's. Once in a while he



Pictured above is Louis Kavanaugh, Sr., taken on his 70th birthday, about ready to embark into a lovely birthday cake presented to him by his family.

tried to catch a freight train to rest his weary feet, but that met with stiff resistance from his father.

In school, Louis remembers L.P. Clements as principal, Ada Hopkins, Maggie O'Donaghue and Joe Friedman as teachers. He guit school in his freshman year of high school because he was mad at Maggie O'Donaghue. Gerber Seals, a fellow student, had been acting up in class and making noises, and Miss O'Donaghue had blamed Louie, and was taking it out on him. As Louie was darting out the door, Miss Maggie took a kick at him, but her long, tight skirt "tripped her up" - her feet flew 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 of the window at school, and Louie, being an amiable chap, 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 homeplace, which now belongs to Louie.

Louis Kavanaugh married Mary Catherine McCauley on July 4, 1936. She was the daughter of John and Bridget (Walsh) McCauley, of the St. Patrick's Mission at Corning. Through the years the Kavanaughs kept up the farming and raised a big garden, which gave Catherine plenty of food for the family to survive the cold Indiana winters.

Louie first got into the mining at the All Saints Continued to Page 8

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Kavanaugh family migrated here from Ireland

Parish mine, deeded to the church by the family in the early 30's, while Father Holland was there. He also worked in other mines and at odd jobs. He Continued from Page

worked for a while with his brother, Albert, in Lawrenceville, Illinois, then back to home territory where he worked 27 years for Hicks Coal Company and Richardson Coal Compay.

raising their own family, all of whom pitched in on During this time, Louis and Catherine were the farm, garden, and anything else that had to be done. was next, and after four boys, all rough and ready to face the world, Catherine and Louie were ready for a lovely daughter, now Kay Andres, of Montgomery, were next on the scene, followed by a second daughter, now Charlotte Lewinski, of St. Louis, with Steve and Mark bringing down the

David, both of

Louis, Jr. and

Indianapolis.

The family started in a six room house, which was later enlarged to accommodate their brood. First to arrive upon the scene was John, who lives in Indianapolis; next came (Robert) Lee and (Charles) Albert, both of Montgomery. Young Tim



construction, the new gym at Indiana University

on the level), a 650 ft. TV tower for Channel 2,

International Union of Operating Engineers Local

Louie still wouldn't settle down; in 1958 he started working in the construction business for 844. He worked on Federal and State highway at Bloomington, the Hazelton Bridge, the Skelton Bridge (which Red Skelton claimed wasn't quite WVUB, Vincennes, the Texaco Refinery at Lawrenceville, Marathon Refinery at Robinson,

who are really the high lights in their life.

final curtain. They live in Indianapolis. To top it all off, Louie and Catherine have 25 grandchildren both installing tanks), and on overpasses in

Evansville.

In 1979, their land was leased for coal mining,

right, Tim, Albert, Catherine, John, Louis, Sr., holding Mark, and Lee. The above family photo was taken of the Kavanaugh family several years ago while the children were still at home. Pictured front row, left

The Kavanaugh's feel Green's did an excellent job better than it was before. Last year they raised a stay young with an active interest in their family and the grandchildren. That's really what family is working together, playing together, being of mining and reclamation, and left their land Louis and Catherine aren't through yet - they and the company started in November of 1980. good crop of corn and wheat on the back section. to right, Kay, Louis, Jr., David, Charlotte and Steve. Back row, left to

they're Irish! And you can't keep a good Irishman down!

together Interested in each one's accomplish-

ments or his disappointments. But don't forget

Louis Alvin Kavanaugh Sr. was born on Feb. 28, 1911 to John Thomas Kavanaugh and Mary Lucy (O'Connor) Kavanaugh. Louis Sr. was one of 11 children born to John and "Mamie". They lived in a 2 story country house, on the second farm just west of Cannelburg. Louis Sr. married <u>Catherine</u> <u>McCauley</u> on July 4, 1936 and from that marriage was born 10 children, John Louis, Robert Lee, Charles Albert, Timothy Edward, Mary Catherine, Louis Alvin Jr., David Bernard, Charlotte Ann, Stephen Michael and Mark Raymond.

Louis Sr. and Catherine were married at St. Patrick's Church in Corning, Indiana on July 4, 1936 which is south of Montgomery between Glendale and Alfordsville. Louis and Catherine lived on the family farm for about a year. Their first child, Johnny, was born on the farm. Their second son, Lee, was born in Lawrenceville, Illinois. It was told that Dr. Briscoe Lett drove from Loogootee to Lawrenceville to deliver the Kavanaugh clan's second child. Louis and Catherine then move back to Indiana where they bought the family farm from his parents, John and Mamie. Louis Sr. and Catherine raised their 10 children on the 86 acre family farm, on county Road 100 North in Daviess County. Three more Kavanaugh's were born on the family farm, Albert, Tim and the first girl Mary Kay. Dr. Strange delivered Mary Kay. That was the only child he delivered of the Kavanaugh Clan as Doctor Lett was in the service at the time during WWII. Dr. Lett delivered the other five children of Louis and Catherine at the Daviess County Hospital. They were Louis Jr., Dave, Charlotte, Steve and Mark. In all, 8 boys and 2 girls were born to this union of Louis and Catherine.

The Kavanaugh's attended All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg. All the kids were baptized at All Saints. The older kids made their First Communion at St. Peter's in Montgomery where they attended St. Peter's Catholic School. The three youngest children made their First Communion at All Saint's in Cannelburg. All the Kavanaugh's attended St. Peter's Grade School in Montgomery and then went on to 4 years of high school at Montgomery High School. The only exception was the oldest child, John, who went to the first grade at the grade school in Cannelburg before transferring to St. Peter's in Montgomery. Other exceptions were Mary Kay and Charlotte who attended high school at the Academy at Ferdinand run by the Benedictine Nuns. Mary Kay then entered the convent and was there for eight years but left just before she professed her final vows. Albert went to St. Meinard for two years before finishing his last two years at Montgomery. Louis Jr. went one semester before transferring back to MHS. Dave, Steve and Mark all graduated from Barr-Reeve High School as Montgomery and Alfordsville consolidated in 1966 to form Barr-Reeve.

In 1961, Louis Sr. and Catherine celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a mass at All Saints and then a reception on the Family Farm which was open to all the family and neighbors. The children of Louis Sr. and Catherine put together a 40th Anniversary celebration on July 4, 1976. The celebration started with a Mass on Saturday evening at All Saints and then a Dinner at All Saints Hall just for the children and their families which now totaled 20 grandchildren along with Louis and Catherine's brothers and sisters. It just so happened that Louis Sr.'s brother Bernie Kavanaugh was married to Helen Webber on the same day back on July 4, 1936. So when Bernie and Helen Kavanaugh showed up for the Special Anniversary Celebration they were also included as Guests of Honor. Louis Sr. and Catherine also celebrated their 50th on July 4, 1986, with a Mass on Saturday afternoon at All Saints followed by a reception at All Saints Hall at Cannelburg which lasted into the night. This reception was open to all the church friends as well as family which by this point the number of grand kids had grown to 27.

Louis and Catherine lived out their lives on the family farm. Louis worked as a dragline operator before retiring at age 72. Louis's health gradually deteriorated and after several years of fighting COPD, Louis Sr. died suddenly on Monday morning, March 5, 1990, at the age of 78. He had just

come home from the hospital on Saturday and seemed to be doing well. He died peacefully in his sleep and was found by son Albert on Monday morning when he went to check on him. His viewing was at the Titzer Funeral Home in Loogootee on the following Wednesday and the funeral was at All Saints Church in Cannelburg on Thursday morning at 10:30 with burial in St. Peters Cemetery.

Catherine lived over 17 years after Louis Sr. passed away, living on the family farm. She was in relatively good health and was able to stay in her home with the help of a care giver. Her health gradually declined and in the last few months she was not able to attend Sunday Mass. On June 1, 2007 just a day before her 94th Birthday she fell at home and was hospitalized with a broken foot. Catherine did not recover from the effects of the fall. On Tuesday morning, June 19th Catherine Kavanaugh passed away in the rehab unit of the Washington Nursing Center in Washington. Her viewing took place at All Saints Church in Cannelburg on Friday afternoon, June 22. On Saturday morning the funeral procession took her body to St. Peter's in Montgomery where the funeral Mass took place. She was buried in St. Peter's Cemetery beside her husband. There are now four generations of Kavanaugh's buried in that cemetery.

The following pages is the **Eulogy at the Funeral of Catherine Kavanaugh** on June 23, 2007. It was given by the son Albert Kavanaugh and was a tribute to both Mom and Dad for what they gave to their 10 Children.

EULOGY FOR CATHERINE M. KAVANAUGH

On the day of Internment - June 23, 2007
"A SEND-OFF TO HEAVEN FOR MOM & DAD"

REVEREND FATHERS --

WE ARE REMINDED AT A VERY EARLY AGE THAT ACCEPTING THE EVENTS OF LIFE AND DEATH WHICH WE CANNOT CHANGE BECOMES A REAL MEASURE OF US ALL -ON BEHALF OF THE KAVANAUGH FAMILIES, BROTHER JOHN AND HIS WIFE DONNA, BROTHER LEE AND IRMA, BROTHER TIM AND SUE, MY SISTER MARY KAY AND HER HUSBAND DAVE, BROTHER LOUIS AND LIZ, BROTHER DAVID AND CLETA, SISTER CHARLOTTE AND JERRY, BROTHER STEVE AND BROTHER MARK AND CLARA, THE 27 GRANDCHILDREN AND THE 43 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF CATHERINE KAVANAUGH -WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY IN WHATEVER FORM IT HAS TAKEN SINCE MOM'S PASSING ON TUESDAY MORNING -- WE THANK YOU INDIVIDUALLY FOR COMING THIS DAY TO CELEBRATE THE LIVING YEARS AND THIS DAY OF INTERNMENT OF OUR MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER --

CATHERINE MARY McCAULEY WAS BORN JUNE 2, 1913 TO JOHN AND BRIDGET "WALSH"
McCAULEY - SHE MARRIED LOUIS KAVANAUGH SR. ON JULY 4, 1936 -- TO THEM
WERE BORN OVER THE NEXT 17 YEARS 10 CHILDREN, 8 BOYS AND 2 GIRLS -- DAD
PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 5, 1990. --

AS A FAMILY, WHEN WE AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS THINK OF MOM AND TRY TO PUT HER LIFE, HER LIVING YEARS AND HER LEGACY IN PERSPECTIVE, WE MUST ALSO INCLUDE DAD -- NO MATTER HOW WE LOOKED AT THEM, THEY MADE A GREAT TEAM -- OLD SCHOOL IN ALL RESPECTS - THE WORDS OF A PRIEST WAS GOSPEL TRUTH NO MATTER WHAT THE SUBJECT -- IF WE GOT INTO TROUBLE AT SCHOOL OR IN PUBLIC, WE WERE IN EVEN BIGGER TROUBLE AT HOME -- DAD WORKED AS A SMALL FARMER AND PUBICALLY AS A HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AND MOM WAS A HOME MOM WHO TOOK CARE OF ALL THE HOME MAKING CHORES AND FARM BUSINESS THAT GO ALONG WITH RAISING A FAMILY OF 10 CHILDREN INCLUDING TAKING CARE OF THE FAMILY FINANCES. MOM WAS THE FAMILY DISCIPLINARIAN AND DAD WAS THE ENFORCER -- WHEN THAT CALL CAME FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRWAY AT USUALLY 5:00 O'CLOCK SUMMER, WINTER, SPRING OR FALL, "BOYS GET UP" OR KIDS ITS TIME TO HIT THE FLOOR" - WE KNEW THERE BETTER BE NO NEED FOR A SECOND WAKE UP CALL --

(EULOGY CONTINUED)

FOR US OLDER CHILDREN, ELECTRICITY AND ALL THE THINGS THAT GO WITH IT DID NOT COME TO THE FAMILY FARM UNTIL ABOUT THE SUMMER OF 1948, SO OUR LIVES THEN WOULD SEEM VERY PRIMITIVE BY TODAYS STANDARD OF LIVING — MUCH LIKE OUR AMISH NEIGHBORS, FOR MANY YEARS, WE USED ACTUAL HORSE POWER TO TIL THE GARDEN AND THE FIELDS OR PUT UP HAY- THERE WAS NO NEED TO BUY A FORD TRACTOR WITH ALL THE BOYS AROUND WHO NEEDED JOBS TO DO -- OUR EARLY FAMILY CIRCLE MUCH RESEMBLED THE TV SERIES "THE WALTON'S", BUT THEIR WERE ONLY 7 OF THEM --

FROM A VERY EARLY AGE, EACH ONE OF US HAD ASSIGNED CHORES TO DO, LIKE HAULING IN THE WOOD, COAL OR WATER, TAKING OUT THE ASHES, INDOOR PLUMBING DID NOT COME TO THE HOUSEHOLD UNTIL MOST OF THE OLDER CHILDREN HAD GRADUATED AND LEFT THE NEST - AND THERE WERE CHICKENS AND HOGS TO BE FED, COWS TO BE MILKED AND CATTLE TO BE ATTENDED TO-- THERE WAS A PECKING ORDER IN OUR HOUSEHOLD FOR JUST ABOUT EVERY TASK THAT WAS TO BE DONE-- AS WE CHILDREN GOT OLDER WE MOVED UP THE LADDER TO THE MORE PRESTIGEOUS JOBS LIKE DOING THE FEEDING AT THE BARN -- SOME HOW BROTHER LEE WAS DRAFTED BY MOM TO HELP OUT WITH MANY OF THE HOUSE KEEPING CHORES LIKE PREPARING MEALS, WASHING DISHES, DUSTING FLOORS BUT THEN WE ALL GOT OUR TURNS HELPING WITH THOSE CHORES ESPECIALLY AFTER SUPPER OR ON SATURDAYS --

ON SCHOOL DAY MORNINGS IT WAS A CONSTANT RUSH AND CHALLENGE FOR US TO GET ALL THE FARM AND HOUSEHOLD CHORES COMPLETED AND DOWN TO MEET THE BUS ON TIME- MOM WAS THE CONSTANT OVERSEER TO MAKE SURE WE WOULD AVOID THAT "LAST MINUTE RUN TO MEET THE BUS" -- IT WAS THE RULE OF THE HOUSE TO PASS INSPECTION BEFORE HEADING OUT THE DOOR TO MEET THE BUS OR BEFORE GOING TO CHURCH

-- THE HAIR HAD BETTER BE COMBED, THE CLOTHES IN TOUCH WITH THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CERTAINLY SUITABLE FOR CHURCH, AND WE SURE BETTER HAVE WASHED OUR FACE AND ESPECIALLY BEHIND OUR EARS- AFTER SCHOOL IN THE EVENING, IT WAS FARM AND HOUSEHOLD CHORES ONCE AGAIN UNLESS FOR SOME THEY HAD JV OR VARSITY BASKETBALL PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL -- SUPPER CALL WENT OUT AROUND 6:00, THE DISHES TO BE WASHED BY ALL OF US, THE FAMILY ROSARY TO BE PRAYED AND BOOKS TO BE STUDIED OR MAYBE A LITTLE TV WATCHING UNTIL IT WAS TIME TO GO TO BED AROUND 9:30 OR 10:00 AS 5:00 WOULD COME SOON ENOUGH -

MOM MADE SURE THERE WAS A ROUTINE IN EVERYTHING WE DID- SHE WAS AWFULLY GOOD AT INVENTING SUMMER TIME JOBS FOR OUR SPARE TIME LIKE SWEEPING THE YARD, WHITE WASHING THE YARD TREES, BOARD FENCES AND POSTS, PICKING BLACK BERRIES OR PULLING WEEDS IN THE GARDEN -- NEEDLESS TO SAY, SPORTS PLAYED A BIG PART IN THE LIVES OF THE KAVANAUGH CHILDREN AND FAMILY IN GENERAL- PLAYING BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND EVEN THE KAVANAUGH GAME OF CORN BALL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SEASONS WERE THE MAIN FORMS OF PAST TIME ENTERTAINMENT USUALLY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS OR AFTER SUPPER DURING THE SUMMER TIME.—

NEITHER MOM OR DAD HAD MORE THAN AN 8TH GRADE EDUCATION BUT THEY HAD A GREAT APPRECIATION FOR EDUCATION AND MADE SURE THEIR CHILDREN TOOK THEIR SCHOOLING SERIOUSLY-- ATTENDANCE WAS A MUST AND JUST NOT "FEELING GOOD" WAS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR MISSING SCHOOL -- THOSE GRADE CARDS BETTER NOT HAVE ANY LOW GRADES OR THEIR WAS A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO AND NOT BY THE TEACHER WHO IN OUR GRADE SCHOOL YEARS WAS USUALLY A NUN AND THEY WERE ALWAYS RIGHT NO MATTER WHAT THE ISSUE WAS ESPECIALLY SINCE DAD'S THREE SISTERS AND MOM'S SISTER WERE ALSO NUNS --

BY TODAY'S STANDARDS OF PARENTING, MOM AND DAD MIGHT NOT BE CONSIDERED VERY GOOD PARENTS - IN FACT, SOME MIGHT EVEN SAY ABUSIVE -- WE NEVER EVER TOOK A FAMILY VACATION, THEY DEFINITELY BELIEVED THAT "SPARING THE ROD WOULD CERTAINLY SPOIL THE CHILD," REST PERIODS OR NAP TIME DURING THE DAY WERE UNHEARD OF-- BY TODAYS MATERIAL STANDARDS, WE WERE A LARGE, POOR FAMILY DEPENDING ON HAND-ME-DOWN CLOTHES AND MUCH OF OUR FOOD WAS HOME GROWN AND CANNED-- MOM WAS VERY TALENTED AS A CLOTHES MENDER, CHEF, FOOD PRESERVER, FAMILY BOOK KEEPER, AND RELIGION TEACHER TO LIST A FEW OF HER TALENTS - MOM AND DAD TAUGHT THEIR CHILDREN BY EXAMPLE WITH THEIR WORK ETHIC, THEIR DEDICATION TO THEIR CHURCH, THEIR DAILY RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR GOD--CHURCH SERVICES AND CHURCH FUNCTIONS WERE AN ABSOLUTE MUST TO BE ATTENDED, THEY ALSO LED US BY RESPECT FOR THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA.

MOM WAS OFTEN PRIVATELY REFERRED TO BY HER SONS AS "THE GENERAL," AND "THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE," -- ON A PERSONAL NOTE, AS A TEACHER IN MY 2ND OR 3RD YEAR AT MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL, A LADY SOME YEARS OLDER THAN I WAS TAKING A GOVERNMENT COURSE TO FINISH HER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WAS ONE OF MY STUDENTS -- ON ONE GOVERNMENT TEST, THE QUESTION WAS ASK, WHO IS THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE? THE ANSWER ON THE TEST PAPER WAS CATHERINE KAVANAUGH-- I COULD NOT COUNT THAT ANSWER WRONG AS I FIGURED THIS LADY KNEW HER LOCAL HISTORY VERY WELL --

MOM WAS AN AVID SUPPORTER OF MONTGOMERY VIKINGS AND LATER BARR-REEVE VIKING TEAMS ESPECIALLY WHEN HER CHILDREN AND LATER GRANDCHILDREN WERE PLAYING --IN THE GOLDEN YEARS, SHE SPENT MANY AN HOUR AS A SPECTATOR AND UNOFFICIAL UMPIRE (FROM THE STANDS OF

COURSE) AT SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL GAMES AT THE BARR-REEVE DIAMOND OR WHERE EVER HER SONS AND LATER GRANDSONS HAPPENED TO BE PLAYING. SHE WAS ALSO AN AVID CARD PLAYER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS UP TO THE LAST MONTHS OF HER LIFE --

AFTER DAD PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 5, 1990, MOM WAS PERSUADED TO STAY ON THE FAMILY FARM THANKS TO 24n CARE FROM TWO CARE GIVERS, EVELYN FRANKEN FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS AND FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS, VIOLET HEDRICK HAS BEEN MOM'S ALMOST CONSTANT CARE GIVER, CONFIDENT AND BEST FRIEND -- IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT AN ANGEL LOOKS LIKE, VIOLET. PLEASE STAND UP. -1 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS FOR THE MANY TIMES THEY HAVE MADE PERSONAL FAMILY SACRIFICES IN ORDER TO SPEND WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS CARING FOR MOM. MOM AND DAD DID NOT DO MANY OF THE THINGS THAT ARE USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH GREAT PEOPLE BUT THEY HAVE LEFT A LEGACY IN THEIR CHILDREN, GRAND CHILDREN AND GREAT GRAND CHILDREN THAT WILL CONTINUE THEIR LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME --

FOR MOM IT HAS BEEN "THE LONG GOOD-BY" -- IN MORE RECENT YEARS, THE ACHES, PAINS OF AGE AND THE GRADUAL LOSING OF MOBILITY SEVERELY REDUCED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MOM -- SEVERAL TIMES, SHE FELT THE "BIG ONE" WAS ABOUT TO STRIKE HER-- SHE HAS BEEN AT DEATHS DOOR ON PREVIOUS OCASSIONS BUT EACH TIME MANAGED A STRONG RECOVERY - SHE RECENTLY REMARKED, I THINK THE GOOD LORD HAS FORGOTTEN ME AND PASSED ME BY AS MOST OF HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY HAVE PASSED ON -- SHE WAS THE LAST OF HER FAMILY TO PASS ON -- FOR MOM, HER EARTHLY BATTLES WITH THE BODILY

DETERIATION THAT ACCOMPANIES AGING ENDED ON TUESDAY MORNING, NOW SHE CAN ENJOY HER HEAVENLY VICTORY THAT SHE HAS WORKED FOR AND PRAYEO FOR STEADFASTLY ALL HER LIFE --

IN SUMMARY THOUGHTS, AS THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR LEGACY, WE THANK BOTH MOM AND DAD FOR THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES THEIR LABORS OF LIFE HAVE GIVEN US - AGAIN. I SAY THEY MADE A GREAT TEAM -- THEY TRUELY HAVE LED US BY THEIR EXAMPLES OF FAITH IN THEIR GOD, THEIR WORK ETHIC AND THEIR DEVOTION TO THEIR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY. AS MOM WOULD FREQUENTLY SUM UP THE FINAL FUNERAL SERVICE MOMENTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH WORDS FROM THE 14TH STATION OF THE WAY OF THE CROSS, "AND THEY CLOSED THE TOMB. AND ALL WENT AWAY -- AMEN. AMEN. AMEN. AMEN!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER

CATHERINE M. KAVANAUGH

Born June 2, 1913 Deceased June 19, 2007

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be So He put His arms around you
And Whispered "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer,
And saw you gradually fade away,
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands now at rest,
Life doesn't seem the same
Since you've gone away.
Each time we see your picture
You seem to smile and say
Don't cry, I'm in- God's keeping.
We'll meet again someday



"These are some Thoughts by Daughter Charlotte "Kavanaugh" Lewinski at the Funeral of her Mother Catherine Kavanaugh."

Mom's Eulogy June 23, 2007

Revered Fathers, Family and Friends,

First, I would like to thank everyone here for coming today to celebrate Mom's life. Some have traveled quite a ways to get here. Thank you for your love, support and prayers, especially over the last few months.

I have just a few memories of mom to share with you. Those of you that knew mom knew she put a lot of stock in having a big funeral. Wouldn't she be proud to see this turn out today!

At 94, mom had literally seen it all. She saw airplanes begin to fly and become a mode of travel, she saw the development of the telephone that has now become wireless, and from our first television in the 1950's that was black and white to the flat screen color TV we gave her for Christmas. She knew about computers but figured they were too complicated for her. Yet when gave her the remote for the TV and the satellite she played it like a game boy and would find the Pacers no matter what station they were on.

Mom only went to the 8th grade. She was a little self-conscience about that but she did very well in all of life's subjects just the same, especially multiplication.

As Albert mentioned earlier, education for her children was a priority. She would literally push and prod to get the brood out the door and down the lane every morning. And long before Forest Gump, mom would be on the back porch yelling, "Run, kids, Run!! There's the bus!"

She taught us respect and perseverance. Not only has this served us well in our lives, but it helped us to take care of her every weekend for the past 17 years.

Mom was a very proud person. She was proud of herself, her big family and the community she came from. Her faith in God was especially important to her. But she liked to keep things simple and that's how she dealt with life, simple. Several years ago, we took her to her first Cardinal game and got her seats on the third base side 2 rows up. At the time the pitchers were warming up there. She wanted to know when those boys were going to sit down because she couldn't see. By the end of the second inning we moved up to some empty nose bleed seats. "Oh you can see everything from here. This is much better."

Another time we took mom out to eat to a really nice restaurant as a thank you. She wasn't crazy about ordering from a menu. She liked to see what she was getting first. When her chicken plate came to the table, she looked at it and asked the waiter, "Don't you have any extra crispy?"

Mom was mom. A lady who spent her whole life in Davies County. Who, like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, felt there was no place like home.

Mom has a new home now. I'm sure daddy was there to meet her along with all the other relatives and friends from the past. There will probably be a big euchre game on the south side of Heaven and mom, I'll bet they have extra crispy chicken!

And you will be able to thank Jesus in person for the wonderful life you've had. Thank you.

Thoughts and Remembrance of Grandparents:

Below are thoughts and short stories that Brothers John, Lee and Albert remember about Grandpa and Grandma Kavanaugh. Our older brothers would be the only ones to remember our Grandparents as they died before many of us were born. I am sure Brother Tim might have remembered some stories but we waited too late to write them down.

Thoughts from John Kavanaugh:

I can remember once when I was a very little kid, don't asked me how I can remember this but, I remember Grandpa Kavanaugh (John) going into the old smoke house and I thought it would be a good trick to lock him in there. I remembered that he did not seem to get too mad about it, but I sure got a spanking when Mom and Dad got home. It has the same chain and latch then that it has now. I think Dad and Mom went to Lawrenceville, IL for some reason and Grandpa and Agnes Clare "Mahan" was watching me and my brother Lee. I know I could not have been more than three years old but I sure remember this.

I also remember another time when I think Grandpa Kavanaugh died and was being waked at the house where Grandma and Grandpa had lived there in Cannelburg. He died in early December and as we were heading up towards Cannelburg and on the road over by where the junk use to be along the road, dad got the car stuck in the mud right in the middle of road. As some of you may recall on top of that hill, the road use to go through when it rained a lot or when the road thawed out from a freeze. Well, we had to walk the rest of the way into Cannelburg and get someone to pull us out.

Thoughts from Albert Kavanaugh:

No Electricity on the Farm

I know it is hard for us to imagine this but in the early days of Louis Sr. and Catherine Kavanaugh raising kids, they did not have electricity on the Farm. Albert and Lee talk about the time when they would take a lantern to the barn out to the shop as there was no lights there. The Lights were turned on about 1940's.

Phone Lines Come to the Farm

Albert tells the story that he remembers working at the barn and Mom came running out of the house all excited and exclaiming that she had just spoke to Aunt Dorothy by phone in Washington and that was the first time she had used the phone to call anyone. That was the first time the phone lines was put in at the Farm.