



George Yanen

February 21, 1927 - January 21, 2017

George Yanen, age 89, of Moundsville, WV died Saturday, January 21, 2017 in Cadiz, OH at the Carriage Inn Nursing Home.

He was born February 28, 1927 in providence, OH the son of the late Robert and Sarah Markovich Yanen.

He was a retired car salesman and owner of George Yanen Auto Sales & Sam Yanen Ford Sales of Moundsville. George was a long time member of the Moundsville Country Club and was known to be hard to beat while he only carried a few clubs onto the course.

George was a 50 year member and past President of the Moundsville Lions Club. During his term as President he began the process of building the Moundsville Bridge, which became a reality for him in 1986. He was a member of the VFW Post # 437, American Legion Post #3, Eagles #499, Moose # 1087, and Elks #282 all of Moundsville.

George graduated from Cadiz High School in 1945 where he was captain of his baseball, basketball and football teams and in 2009 was inducted into Cadiz High School Hall of Fame.

After graduation he served in the US Army at the end of WWII and attended the Nuremberg Trials. When returning he followed his love of baseball and went to Texas. He was picked up by the minor leagues as a pitcher for Dallas Eagles until he damaged his pitching arm. At one time he pitched against the Dodgers & he claimed he struck out Jackie Robinson.

While in Texas, he met his wife of 65 years, Charlene Williams of Paris, TX. In 1962 he moved his family back to the Ohio Valley.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his two brothers, Samuel and Robert Yanen.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Williams Yanen; two children, Charles R. Yanen of Glen Dale and Kimberley (Dennis) Kidd of Moundsville; five grandchildren, Angela M. Kidd, Sean (Gretchen) Kidd, Callie (Brian) Earliwine, Derek M. Yanen all of Moundsville and Chad R. Yanen of Alaska; four great grandchildren, Hayden S. Kidd, Kelsey M. Kidd, Emma R. Earliwine, Bentley D. Earliwine and another great grandson on the way; two special in laws, Debbie (Bane) Yanen and Dennis E. Kidd; and several nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends on Tuesday from 4pm until the time of the funeral service at 8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville with Pastor Gregory Blair officiating.

Interment at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville
400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
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Funeral Service

JAN 24. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of George Yanen*



Grisell Funeral Homes - January 22, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *Attended Paris Jr. College with George in the early 1950's. Fun memories, though I only knew him for a short time. My sympathy to the family of a great guy.*

*Kenneth Howard
Albuquerque, NM*

Ken Howard - February 02, 2017 at 10:17 AM

“ *Dear Kim & family,
Thinking of you all during this time. Your dad was a productive individual whose priority was his family! Blessings, love, and prayers to you all!*

Rhonda, Russ & Ian Greer

Rhonda Greer - January 24, 2017 at 06:08 PM

IG

“ Dear Charlene, Kim and Chip,
Oh how I loved Uncle George! Kary, John and I have such great memories of time spent with you all! Thank you for those memories and may you all find peace and comfort in those memories as well!
Love you all! God bless!
Ingrid

Ingrid Gordon - January 24, 2017 at 12:38 PM

MF

“ Ron and I have many great memories of time spent with George. It was impossible not to laugh and have fun in his presence! Our condolences to Charlene, Kim, Chip and families.

molly faulk - January 24, 2017 at 10:54 AM

 Jack
Lightner

“ Prayer's and thoughts to the family and many friends George has.I met George at George's on second street in moundsville 25 year's ago he always had a smile and kind word and often enters my memories cause he was one of the kindest people I had ever met at that time and he use to laugh along with us when we tended to stay to long and a few of us would end up goofing around wrestling by the bar and George would laugh but not let it get out of hand.he had a way to make everyone he met feel like you had known him forever.he will be missed 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Jack Lightner - January 24, 2017 at 10:03 AM

ML

“ I'm very sorry for your loss, George and Sam were always nice to me and my son. God Bless You and May He ease your sorrow.

Mike Longo - January 24, 2017 at 09:22 AM

RR

“ *I caddied for George. Drove cars for him. Nothing but a great time when George Yanen was In your presence.*
Rich Raley

rich raley - January 24, 2017 at 03:42 AM

 Callie
Jo
Earliwine

“ *Love you Poppy*



Callie Jo Earliwine - January 23, 2017 at 10:08 PM

JK

“ *So sorry to hear about George. George and his brothers were three of the "iconic" figures of Moundsville over my lifetime. Everybody knew at least one of them.....I always enjoyed listening to George and his brother Bob's stories about their minor league baseball exploits and their other life experiences like how George was instrumental in getting the Moundsville Bridge built..... He appeared to always enjoy life and family as much as anyone and wanted to see those around him feel the same way. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family, and to the many friends George made during his time on this earth. Goodbye to the "old" car salesman.*

Jay Knapp - January 23, 2017 at 11:28 AM

GC

“ *Kim, Dennis, and Family: Such sad news that I have learned of the passing of George. He and Sam were a mainstay of Moundsville over many of years. Sending prayers and condolences to all the family in this time of need. He will be sadly missed by family, friends, and his community.*



Gary Church - January 23, 2017 at 07:40 AM



“ *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 George Yanen, 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 Army Veteran, George Yanen, 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 - January 23, 2017 at 04:59 AM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - January 22, 2017 at 04:01 PM