



Richard F Klein

October 24, 1939 - February 24, 2018

Richard F. Klein, 78 of Bloomfield passed away on February 24, 2018.

Richard is survived by his wife Elaine Klein, 3 children Judith and her husband Chris, Kimberly, Sean and his wife Christina, a sister Edna Hasselwander and one grandchild Avana. Richard worked as Groundskeeper for Glen Ridge Country Club. Richard is predeceased by his parents Frederick and Alice, and seven siblings Frederick, Jay, Patricia, Teresa, Alice and David. Richard loved animals, watching movies and socializing, he loved people. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
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Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
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Tribute Wall



“ *Think of you still and missing you always... Your great-niece Jessica*
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Jessica S. - July 12, 2024 at 04:18 PM

“Wow, so many memories of my father even though we were only together once a week, I have more memories of being with my father more than (almost) anyone else. He was one of the hardest workers I have ever known. One of 8 children who lost his mom who died at the early age of 46 - dad started working, generally a kid. He worked two jobs most of his entire life. I used to think I was a lot like my mom - but not true - I am so much like him.

Personality? Many will disagree with my memories and my appreciation for many of, what I believe, were great qualities. But, these are my memories and I can only judge him by how he was with me during my life. I recognize the older he became - people change - but most of my (not others) recollections for me from the age of birth to 16.

Most would say he was argumentative, stubborn, to the point, talked a lot (would not let a subject go) and of course he could never sit still. I would hear that if someone said something is black dad would say it was white just to (per se) argue. I disagree. I saw him as a man that loved to "learn" by continuously asking questions and challenging your point of view. Stubborn? Probably - maybe more opinionated but during those actual conversations I felt there was laughter and fun. I am so much like him and have so many of his (personality) qualities that I always admired. My parents taught me that you can remain friends even if you cannot stay married, even though my parents divorced when was two years old my mom loved him until the day she died and I know my father always respected her and our family. She never said a negative word to me about him, never. Even after the divorce they remained friends.

My dad always dressed sharp & classy, he loved - absolutely loved his cars, I remember growing up he would bring back something interesting from New York... usually purchased from the trunk of others cars :) Growing up and living in Montclair/Bloomfield almost his entire life he was extremely street smart but also had a completely different side - a special touch with plants, flowers and

lawns. While working full time at the golf course (6 days a week) he also worked and maintained a group of apartment complexes (where he lived/worked). I will never forget planting flowers with him on many of those Sunday's.

He loved his family and on my Sunday visits we were always doing something. He loved to swim (even though he had ear problems), we were always at his brothers or sisters homes, always talking & talking, we went to many amusement parks from Palisades / Coney Island and the "black top" park (as it was situated all on asphalt), the Bronx Zoo (& Turtleback Zoo - for those North Jersey people), driving all of his many, many different cars and of course animals of any kind (many, many pets).

We all need to remember my dad was human, of course he had his faults as we all do but I can only comment on my time with him and not what happened with others when I was not present. I honestly do not have any negative memories of my time with him. I knew he loved me no matter what and even in our many year of absence, I have always, always loved - and will love him. For a man that had absolutely nothing and had a rough start in life (actually almost his entire life) - my parents taught me that money does not buy happiness because it did not matter - he has left me with nothing but wonderful memories that I hope will never forget. Love and miss you, dad. Love, first daughter - Judy

Judy - March 05, 2018 at 12:38 AM

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Judy - March 04, 2018 at 10:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard F Klein.*



February 26, 2018 at 01:43 PM