



Cyril Birge

October 2, 2008

Dateline Jasper: Cyril L. "Cy" Birge age 93 of Jasper passed away at 5:51 A.M. Thursday October 2, 2008 at Jasper Memorial Hospital. He was born June 20, 1915 at Jasper to: Lawrence and Alvena (Palmer) Birge.

He married Antoinette "Net" Kunkel November 5, 1936. She passed away December 16, 2000. He was Manager of Gus Doerner Sporting Goods Store in Jasper-retired in 1985. Memberships include: St. Joseph Catholic Church, K of C, Die Hard Cubs Fan Club since 1932. He was a longtime Indiana high school and Big Ten Conference basketball official. He officiated three state championship games including the legendary 1954 Muncie-Milan state basketball championship game. A member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, he was a member of the 1934 JHS state finals basketball team, and class of 1934. In 1999 he received the JHS Distinguished Alumni Award. He was an avid gardener, sports fan and a published writer. Surviving: 4 daughters-Mrs. Robert (Judy) Calley of Sebastian FL., Jane Birge of Beaumont TX., Mrs. Rick (Betty) Anderson of Muncie IN., and Mrs. Jeff (Kathy) Eckerle of Jasper.

5 sons-Jerry of Owensboro KY., Jim of Long Beach CA., Bill and John of Jasper, and Bob Birge of Indianapolis

24 Grandchildren

23 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great Great Grandchildren Preceded in death besides his wife 2 brothers-Herb and Robert Birge, 2 sisters-Viola Birk, and

Margaret Sendelweck Visitation will be held from 1:00-7:00 P.M. Sunday at the

Becher & Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. There will be a parish Rosary at 4:00 P.M. Sunday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be held at 9:30 A.M. Monday October 6, 2008 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Joseph's Catholic Church or favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cyril Birge*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Betty, Rick and family, Just wanting to express my sympathy for the loss of your father. My, what an exciting life he had. Prayers out to all of you. Sandy P.S. Betty, everything went smoothly during conferences. You were missed.*

Sandy Robbins - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To The Birge Family, "A sunset on Earth, is a sunrise in Heaven." Cyril's passing is just this. What a great guy! He's left behind a wonderful legacy. I grew up with the Birge family and spent many a day at the house that Nets and Cyril built. Thus many fond memories. You're in my thoughts during this time. With Sympathy and Prayers, Sarah*

Sarah Berger Humphrey - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the Birge family. Uncle Cyril was truly one of a kind, always upbeat and fun to be around. I'm glad for the times I got to see and visit with him. I enjoyed his 90th birthday party and seeing him in July at the reunion. I will not be coming to the services but will be thinking of you and him. We will truly miss him.*

Donna McCloskey Clements - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM