



# Montgomery Ruritan Club

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## A Tribute to the Life of Lee Kavanaugh September 11, 1938-June 19, 2013



Lee Kavanaugh, former Montgomery Ruritan Club President and Board Member passed away suddenly on Wednesday Morning June 19, 2013 at the Daviess County Hospital in Washington Indiana after a brief illness. Lee Kavanaugh was a dedicated Member of the Club and made major contributions to the Club and to his community. Along with serving President for the Club he also served on the Board and served in various capacities as a club member and the Turkey Trot Turkey Trot Festival. He was truly a dedicated member of the club and worked on various projects in whatever tasks he was called on to do.

Members of the community had the utmost respect for his accomplishments and for his contributions the community but also to the Loogootee Schools where he taught and Coached for over 40 years. For all that knew him realized he always went at anything he took on and gave it 110%. His involvement in sports was a big part of his life but what he did for the Community and his Church and St. Vincent De Paul Society working with the less fortunate was truly remarkable. He served President of the St. Peter's St. Vincent De

Paul Society and worked at the Washington St. Vincent De Paul Store and was on St. Peter's Parish Council and was always available for any project that he was called to do around St. Peters Church or St. Peter's Cemetery. He also sang in the St. Peter's Choir with his brothers Louie and Dave and sang for many of funerals over the years.

We all know that Lee is probably best known as one of the great Jr-High Coaches around when he coached at Loogootee. He retired from Coaching in the Fall of 2011. Many area coaches felt that had a quality win if they were able to defeat one of Lee's team that he coached.

Lee will truly be missed by his Family, His Church, His Community and of course his many friends that paid their final respects while he was laid to rest. We offer our condolences to his Wife Irma and his three sons, Jeff, Steven and Jason and their families. The Montgomery Ruritan Club is truly grateful to Lee for all his efforts over the many years he served. He will always be remembered and will truly be missed. May God Grant Him His Eternal Reward!



### *Lee Kavanaugh Receives 2010 Ruritan Service Award*

*Shown to the left is Lee Kavanaugh(second from right) as he receives the 2010 Ruritan Community Service Award from Turkey Trot Chairman Dewayne Shake (Extreme Left and Elmer Graber, President (Extreme Right), Lowell Graber (Second from right) also received an Award*



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Shown to the left is Lee Kavanaugh (Center) after receiving the 2010 Ruritan Community Service Award along with his wife Irma (Right) and Son Steven (left). Not pictured are sons Jeff and Jason



*Lee Kavanaugh Gives Instructions before Start of Turkey Race*

Shown to the left is Lee Kavanaugh as he gives the final instructions to the jockeys just prior to the Turkey Race at the Annual Turkey Trot. Lee was in charge of the turkeys and made sure they were there in time for the race. He also gave the instructions to each jockey before each race. It is not sure how many years he did this but for many, many years. This was only one of the many jobs he had at the Turkey Trot along with working at the gates and taking entries at the Demo Derby to name just a few. He will truly be missed.



*Lee Kavanaugh Fires the Gun to Start the Turkey Race*

Shown to the left is Lee Kavanaugh as he fires the gun to start the Turkey Race at the Annual Turkey Trot. The Turkey Races are a big part of the Turkey Trot and Lee was definitely a big part of the Turkey Trot Festival. He was a master of getting everything ready for these races and keeping them moving. Some nights there would be 10 heats and he made sure it was done in a timely manner as other events were on the agenda. He played such an important role in the leadership of the Ruritan Club, the Turkey Trot and his Community. His shoes will be hard to fill.