



## Clayton Kaufman

May 2, 2012

Kaufman, Clayton of St. Louis Park, died April 30, 2012 at the age of 85 after defying Parkinson's Disease for over a quarter century. Born in Minneapolis, he graduated from North High School, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and graduated in 1949 from the University of Minnesota with a BA degree in Journalism. He was a proud and active supporter of the University. Clayton joined WCCO Radio in 1951 as a news writer and reporter, replacing Harry Reasoner. He wrote for all of the well-known newscasters of the time, including Cedric Adams, Bob DeHaven and Stu McPherson. In his 39 years with WCCO, he advanced through many key positions including Promotions Director, National Sales Manager, Station Manager, Vice President and General Manager, and Senior Vice President for Radio. Clayt won many industry awards for outstanding promotion campaigns and also created and managed the highly successful WCCO Radio Good Neighbor travel tour program, which continues today--almost 50 years later. In 1994, Clayton received the Distinguished Alumni award from the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, on the occasion of CLA's 125th anniversary. In 2007 he was inducted into the Minnesota Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Clayton was active in Twin Cities Dunkers and served on the boards of directors and advisory boards of numerous organizations including the Minnesota Medical Foundation, Struthers Parkinson's Center, Golden Valley Golf and Country Club, and St. Louis Park Dollars for Scholars. In 2001, he married Susan Dorfman Schur. Susan and Clayton traveled widely together, including their

favorite destination of Hawaii. Susan provided Clayton great joy and comfort for the last 15 years. He was pre-deceased by his college sweetheart and first wife, Nancy Lee Karon, and his parents, Nathan and Rose Kaufman. He is survived by his wife, Susan Schur Kaufman; sister, Shelley Segal; sons, Dixon B. Kaufman (Katina) of Madison, WI, Douglas R. Kaufman (Shelley) of Eden Prairie and Dan S. Kaufman (Jennifer) of Woodbury; stepdaughters, Erica (David) Rydzewski (Sudbury, MA) and Diana Schur (Denver, CO); 7 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 2nd, 1:00 pm. at Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Avenue S., Minneapolis. Shiva at his late residence on Wednesday evening from 6 to 10 PM. Memorials to the Minnesota Medical Foundation, designated for the Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Research and Development Fund, #1871, at MMF, P.O. Box 64001, St. Paul, MN 55164-0001, or to the charity of donor's choice. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ To the entire Kaufman family - our sincere condolences. I enjoyed getting to know Mr. Kaufman, he was a an upstanding man. The Johns family

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*Paula Johns,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Paula Johns** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Aunt Sue, I'm so sorry to hear about Clayt's passing. I enjoyed his warm personality and seeing how happy he made you. We will continue to treasure having your photo together in our wedding album! Sending hugs and our deepest sympathy to you. Love, Pam and Russ

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*Pam Seligman,*

*San Mateo, California*

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**Pam Seligman** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Dear Family. I'm sorry to learn of Clayt passing...my deep condolences. Clayt and I grew up together on Oliver Ave north eighty years ago.....we kept in touch over the years...even playing golf together at Golden Valley...my very best to each of you,,,

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*Arthur Weisberg,*

*Miami, Florida*

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**Arthur Weisberg** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Dear Susan and family, So sorry to hear of Clayt's passing. He will be dearly missed. I so enjoyed working with him on the Parkinson's Golf Planning committee.*

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*Darla Hildebrandt,*

*Elk River, Minnesota*

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**Darla Hildebrandt** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *I am sorry to hear of Clayt's passing. I enjoyed getting to know him over the past year on the golf committee. He will be missed.*

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*Carrie Oman,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Carrie Oman** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Susan and Family, I only knew Clayton for a few short months, but in that short time I learned of his dedication to work, family, golf and life. Even though I was the one who was there to assist him, he would always greet me by asking if he "could get me something". He will be missed.

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*Colleen Hartman,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Colleen Hartman** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Susan, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I adored Clayt and he was a wonderful friend who taught me about living life to the fullest and will be missed dearly. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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*Angela Bernhardt,*

*Medina, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Angela Bernhardt** - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Susan and family, I am sorry for your loss; my thoughts are with you all as you mourn your loss. I feel privileged to have worked with Clayton; he was so willing to do so much on his own and not afraid to express his need for independence! It was fun discussing sports with him and cheering the TWINS! Ginny Revak (caregiver)

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May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Susan and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Clayt's passing. He was a wonderful mentor to many of us, and will be dearly missed by all the staff of Golden Valley Golf and Country Club. Our Deepest Sympathy Cathy Pentz and the Staff of GVGCC

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May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Clayt was a good friend and supporter to Park Nicollet. Clayt provided leadership, inspiration and support to the Park Nicollet Struthers Parkinson's Center and was on the Struthers golf and bridge challenge committee since the start - We'll be celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the golf tournament this year and will truly miss him. Blessings to all of you and know that we're thinking of you all. Take good care, Park Nicollet Foundation

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*Park Nicollet Foundation,*

*St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Park Nicollet Foundation** - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM