



Curt Claus

May 28, 1926 - February 8, 2025

(Written by Curt Claus)

Born May 28th, 1926, age 98. Curt is survived by his loving daughters: Pastor Cristy Schoob (Rev. Dr. David Schoob) of Trinity Lutheran Church, West Bend WI; and Carrie Claus (Robert Claus) of Germantown, WI. He is also survived by his four grandchildren: Curt (Emily Thornton) and Nicholas Schoob and Blake and Connor (Anna Baumgartner) Claus; great granddaughter Sydney; nephew David (Suzanne) Fisher and niece Amy Fisher Moore (Nicholas Moore) and other relatives and friends. Curt was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years Betty (Fass) Claus, cherished sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Robert Fisher, his parents Curt and Florence Claus and “his best buddy Boone – we rescued each other”.

Curt was one of the few remaining graduates of the June 1944 class of Rufus King High School. He served in the US Air Force from 1944 to 1948 and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1951. He then entered a funeral service apprenticeship and became a funeral director at the former Fass Funeral Home in Shorewood from which he retired on the 50th anniversary of being licensed.

He was active in the Glendale/River Hills PTA and served on the school board. For over 60 years he was a member of the former Silver Spring

Masonic Lodge #337 F&AM, serving as master in 1990 and 1991. He continued his membership when it merged to form George Washington 1776 #337 F&AM. Curt was a 65-year member of Cudworth American Legion Post #23. He was a member of Great Lakes Sport Fishermen – his boat was The Fishin' Mortician. Curt was also a longtime member of the Shorewood Men's Club, serving as President and longtime Secretary. He also cherished his university fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho, his longtime membership in the North Shore Masonic Chapter #90 and His membership in Fox Point Lutheran Church.

Curt had fond memories of fishing Lake Michigan as well as many successful fishing and hunting trips to Montana and Ontario Canada. He reveled in his large garden and in sharing its produce. He also enjoyed following Betty as she played National Senior Women's Tennis tournaments around the country, earning several gold trophy balls.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, March 13 at 6:00pm at Fox Point Lutheran Church, 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Fox Point. There will be a visitation from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and a light dinner will be held at 6:30 following worship. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church (140 N. 7th Ave, West Bend, WI 52095) or Fox Point Lutheran Church would be deeply appreciated.

In Curt's own words: "God finally found a need for me in a different place and time. I was ready to go".

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Fox Point Lutheran Church
7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd.
Fox Point, WI 53217

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Tribute Wall

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“ Greetings to the Claus family and a very belated condolences in the loss of your father last February. Only this morning did I find out that Curt passed away almost a year ago.

I had the nice honor of living in a rental building that Curt's parents built in Wauwatosa. It was a gorgeous building and I lived in the building for 24 years and then owned the building my last 8 years. During this 24 year period, I got to know Curt very well. He was an outstanding gentleman who I enjoyed immensely.

Ironically, my father was a Commander at the Alonzo Cudworth Post. No doubt their paths crossed many times.

I will always remember Curt with great fondness and admiration. He was a superb gentleman.

With deepest sympathy~

Tracy Spoerl (A Stevens Point resident since 2012)

Tracy Spoerl - January 07 at 04:02 PM



“ PEACE be with you, LOVE the last line/quote of his obit!



Rick Gilbertson - February 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM

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“ When I was a young girl, both Curt and Betty Claus were very supportive of my dad as he tried to raise two tween/teen girls. Then when I started dating Tim Robinson, my dad called Curt and asked if he knew of the Robinson family. He and Tim’s dad were both Masons and Curt told him what he knew. My dad felt some reassurance that the Robinsons were a good family so he crossed his fingers and hoped for the best. Well that was over 52 years ago and we are still together!

Carol Bein Robinson - February 23, 2025 at 11:38 AM

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“ Whenever and Wherever I saw Mr. Claus, he would greet me with an enthusiastic "Susie!", like seeing me was the best thing that happened in his day. He had that gift to say and do the right thing to make you feel special.

Susan Otto - February 14, 2025 at 05:57 PM

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“ Curt loved joining my family and friends with our parents for the Falls Patio Players production of “Christmas Carol”. It was a tradition for several years followed by dinner at one of our homes.

Wendy Weiland Francour - February 14, 2025 at 11:17 AM

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“Curt was such a kind man. He and my dad shared many Friday evening dinners enjoying fish fry's at the Jail House. One evening a young couple sent the waitress to their table offering to buy them a drink or a dessert saying they had enjoyed watching the two of them laughing and engaged in conversation throughout their meal and it gave them so much joy to watch. They said they could only hope they enjoyed such a friendship with someone when they reached the age of Curt and my dad. ❤️

Wendy Weiland Francour - February 14, 2025 at 11:15 AM