

# Edward J. Layden Sr.

**BIRTH** 23 May 1919

Cheneyville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

**DEATH** 6 Apr 2013 (aged 93)

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

**BURIAL** Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

**MEMORIAL ID** 108065780



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Edward J. Layden Sr., 93, of Hoopeston died at 6:55 p.m. Saturday (April 6, 2013) at the Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

Born May 23, 1919, at Cheneyville, Ill., he was the son of Edward and Cornelia (Fitzgerald) Layden. He married Jean Kinsella in September 1947 at Bloomington. She preceded him in death on May 3, 1958. He then married Eileen Green on Nov. 26, 1959, at Hoopeston. She survives.

Also surviving are eight children, Edward J. (Yvonne) Layden Jr. of Hoopeston, Tade (Sue) Layden of Normal, Mary Kay (James) Brown of Hoopeston, Margaret (Dr. Alan) Brewer of Faucett, Mo., Colleen Layden of Olathe, Kan., Abby (Mark) Linesch of Houston, Texas, Patrick Layden of Milwaukee, Wis., and Molly (Eric) Miller of Danville; one daughter-in-law, Barbara Layden of Phoenix, Ariz.; 24 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard P. Layden of Hoopeston; and three sisters, Ruth Marie Carter, Agnes (Dr. David) Davis and Patricia (Leonard) Newman, all of Arlington, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers (Tom and Paul), one sister (Marie Ellen McKean), one son (Michael), and two grandchildren.

Ed graduated from John Greer High School in the Class of 1937. He attended the University of Notre Dame and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He was a proud member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association and a lifetime member of the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association.

He had served in the U.S. Army.

Ed had farmed his entire life, retiring in 2004.

He was a lifelong member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, where he had served as a trustee and also served on the Parish Council. He was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He also served on the Hoopeston Area School Board from 1964 to 1973. He served on the DACC Board of Directors from 1976 to 1989 and served on the DACC Foundation Board from 1990 to 2000. Ed was inducted into the DACC Athletic Hall Of Fame in 2008 and was recognized as a Founder of DACC in 2011.

He enjoyed reading about history, with a particular interest of his grandfather's participation in the Civil War.

He was an avid sports enthusiast, with a great passion for Notre Dame. He loved and cherished his family, who will dearly miss him.

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## **Family Members**

#### **Parents**



Edward Layden 1892–1966



Cornelia *Fitzgerald* Layden 1894–1974

#### Spouses



Marietta G. *Green* Layden 1927–2020 (<u>m.</u> 1959)



Kathryn Jean *Kinsella* Layden 1920–1958

### **Siblings**



Thomas John Layden 1921–2012



John Paul Layden 1924–2010