

# Richard “Dick” Klaus

1927 – 2014

Although Dick Klaus was born in Olnay, Illinois, the family moved to Cincinnati early on and Dick attended Whittier, then Westwood School, Western



Hills High School, UC and then an MBA at Xavier. Recently he developed dementia and Alzheimers and died at Twin Towers, June 17, 2014 at the age of 86. He was a Mechanical Engineer.

Dick played the clarinet in the band at West High and UC. He is widely known in Model Railroad Club Associations and was a member of the National

Railway Historical Society. The Klaus's did a lot of vacation traveling by train. Dick was in the Army Signal Corps with a specialty in radio repair at the end of WWII.

Dick was employed by OPW Corporation and he helped to develop the automatic gasoline shut off nozzle that is used throughout the USA. That company became the Dover Corporation. He won three National Awards for design engineering and he published five articles on gray iron and liquid handling. In 1962 he founded the AEC Magneto Company specializing in magnetic tools. He invented a magneto tool used to extract broken bits from oil wells after the drill had broken off deep in the wells. His son, Bill, now runs the company. Dick has served as President of the Westwood Town Hall Performing Arts Center, President of the Woodlawn Business Association, and Treasurer of Gamble PTA. He has been active

in the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and a supporter of the Science Museum at the Union Terminal Museum. He married Carolyn, who preceded him in death this year, and they have been long time members of the Westwood First Presbyterian Church where both have been Deacons, Trustee, Elder, Church School Teachers and Choir members. Beside son Bill, they had two daughters.

Dick has been a member of Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis since 1968, 45 years.