

Cale "Bud" Flynn



KIWANIS CLUB OF SUBURBAN KALAMAZOO

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

C.L. "BUD" FLYNN

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Cale "Bud" Flynn was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Suburban Kalamazoo. Some individuals have been described as being "bigger than life". Bud Flynn fit this description.

After serving in the Army during World War II and attaining the rank of Major, Bud opened a restaurant in Kalamazoo called Flynn's Sooper Burger. He operated the restaurant until 1956.

Bud was very active in area basketball and fast pitch softball. Not only did he participate but Bud sponsored both men's and women's softball teams and a men's basketball team, with one of his basketball teams winning a state championship. In 1989 Bud was inducted into the Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

Our club was responsible for starting the first Little League in the area. C.L. was the organization's initial Vice-President. Bud was an avid Notre Dame sports fan but also praised the exploits of the other schools of club members.

Bud was very proud of the many accomplishments of his wife,

Grete, his children and grand-daughters.

Cale was the third President of Suburban Kalamazoo. He also served as Lt. Governor of Division 13. Cale wrote the club bulletin for many years and was always active in any club fund raiser or project. He continually encouraged club members to participate in District and International Conventions and projects.

Cale and Grete are both Hickson Award recipients, with Bud's family receiving both the International's "Tablet of Honor" and Michigan District's " Distinguished Kiwanian" awards in memoriam.

Bud's crowning achievement were the many years that he was the District Coordinator for the Kiwanis International Foundation. Bud worked very hard at raising the birthday funds and our district was always very high on the list. He inspired the Suburban club to support the International Foundation at this support continues to this day.

