

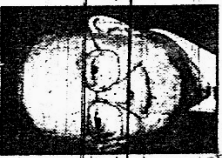
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John H. Busse, 81, retired S&L executive

John H. Busse of Ft. Mitchell, a retired savings and loan executive and community leader, died Thursday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center South. He was 81.
Mr. Busse lived by the motto "Press on." He was known for his patience, his persistence and the vigor with which he attacked life, said a son, Robert J. Busse of Charleston, W. Va.

Mr. Busse started his working life as a youngster, getting small jobs to help the family after his father died. He delivered packages by bicycle and later worked at a dairy, doing everything from keeping books to delivering milk.
He completed high school at night and attended Xavier University.
World War II interrupted his studies, and he left school six hours shy of a degree to serve in the Air Force. When he returned, the university hired him to teach accounting.

In the 1950s he became treasurer of the Public Housing Department in Covington. Mr. Busse later was named director of public housing.
He joined Citizens Federal Savings and Loan, where he retired in 1977 as executive vice president and director.
Mr. Busse served on Ft. Mitchell City Council in the mid-1960s. He was a director and treasurer of Mother of God Cemetery, director of the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home and a member of Ft. Mitchell Board of Adjustments.
He was a member of the booster organizations for the Ft. Mitchell Life Squad and Ft. Mitchell Fire Department and was treasurer for the fire department group.
After he retired he kept a country garden, traveled, and was active in Ft. Mitchell Senior Citizens and 55-Plus Senior Citizens.
He was an avid drinker at home.
"When he fixed it worked," said his wife, Grace Kell.
"He was a Father's man," said his son. "He could work with his hands." On the wall of the home hangs a certificate from Xavier University proclaiming Mr. Busse "Doctor of Public Utility," and a poem that reads in part:



John Busse

... nation alone are omnipotent.
But he tempered his work with unabashed enjoyment of his friends and family.
"He enjoyed his grandchildren. He played with them and paid attention to them. He was the most patient man you've ever seen," his wife said.

He also played poker with friends.
Mr. Busse was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church, Covington-Kenton County Lions Club, Bishop Flaget Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and Bishop Carron Council 702 Knights of Columbus.
Other survivors include another son, Dr. Lawrence J. Busse of Littleton, Colo., and three grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Blessed Sacrament Church, Ft. Mitchell. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Middendorf-Bullock Funeral Home, Erlanger. Burial at Mother of God Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Madonna Manor, 234 Amsterdam Road, Villa Hills, 41016; Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in Nazareth, Ky., 70043; or Covington-Kenton County Lions Club, Box 17641, Covington, Ky. 41017.

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