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**Bernard Meier, dedicated volunteer**

Bernard G. Meier was a believer in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a Catholic organization that helps the needy in a variety of ways. He volunteered for it in Northern Kentucky for more than 40 years, interviewing people who were seeking assistance, distributing holiday food baskets, visiting nursing home residents and hospital patients. One Thanksgiving, he got a call about a family who had nothing to eat. "He took the food off our table and took it to them," said his wife, Lois Williams Meier. "He was really devoted to the St. Vincent de Paul Society."

Mr. Meier, 77, of Taylor Mill, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday at his home.

His commitment to helping others was rooted in his strong Catholic faith, said Mrs. Williams. "It was the way his parents brought him up," she said. "He remained an altar boy even after we got married. He was just very faithful to his religion and all it meant." Mr. Meier only went through the eighth grade at St. Anthony School in Forest Hills (now Taylor Mill), but used his G.I. bill benefits from Army service in World War II to train as a lens grinder. He worked in that trade 32 years for Cincinnati Optical. "He was a good provider, a good husband and the greatest daddy who ever lived," said Mrs. Williams. "He was a very, very, very good person." Mr. Meier was a member of American Legion Post No. 203 in Latonia and St. Anthony Church in Taylor Mill, and a Kentucky Colonel.

Other survivors include sons, Bernie Meier of Taylor Mill, Michael Meier of Southgate and Tom Meier of Florence; a brother, Clifford Meier of Bellevue; a sister, Lorraine Klug of Banning, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony Church, Taylor Mill. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 tonight at Connley Brothers Funeral Home, Latonia. Burial will be in Mother of God Cemetery, Fort Wright. Memorials are suggested to St. Elizabeth Hospice Unit, 401 E. 20th St., Covington, Ky. 41014; or St. Anthony Church, 485 Grand Ave., Taylor Mill, Ky. 41015.

