

Joseph Funk, 82

March 19, 1929 - Jan. 11, 2012

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA — Joseph

David "Joe" Funk was born on a farm in Panama, to Lawrence and Barbara Funk. He was raised in Portsmouth with seven siblings. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1947. Joe worked for the Milwaukee Railroad and farmed with his parents until serving in the Army during the Korean War.



Joe married the love of his life, Carol Klington, on July 2, 1955 in Boone, and was married for 56 wonderful years. He attended Creighton University (Omaha, NE) and graduated from Iowa State in 1957 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. After accepting a job with Douglas Aircraft Corp, they piled into their new '57 Pontiac hardtop and moved to El Segundo, CA and then to Torrance, CA. After the birth of their three sons (Pat, Tim and Mike), they moved to Citrus Heights, CA which he called home for the rest of his life. In 1970, when the aerospace program was cancelled, he returned to school and earned a teaching credential from Chapman College. He taught 7th grade math for 20 years at Louis Pasteur School in Orangevale, CA until retirement in 1991. Joe was an active member of SIRS and Holy Family Catholic Church. He enjoyed golfing, RV'ing, genealogy, spending time with his family, sports, coaching, umpiring, watching westerns, playing cards, dancing, and tinkering in his garage ("Grandpa can fix anything!"). Joe was a wonderful father to his children, Patrick (Karel), Timothy (Jennifer), and Michael (Lori), a loving and fun Grandpa/Papa to Ryan (Allison), Nichole (Brett), Megan, Joseph, Bradley, Branden, and a doting Great Grandfather to Joseph Ryan.

Joe is survived by his wife, Carol; brothers, Alfred and Frank (Judy); sister, Cecelia Wegner; and cousin, Nic Windeshausen. Special thanks to his loving caretaker, Lawna Murray.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Holy Family Catholic Church. A private family burial was held at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA.

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