



Joseph Francis Saathoff

Joseph Francis Saathoff was born March 13, 1925, to Joseph and Margaret (Fahey) Saathoff in Crofton, NE. He grew up with his two younger brothers, Bill and Jack, in Omaha, moving to Marcus, SD, in 1933 following the untimely death of his father due to pneumonia. After attending a one-room school house in Marcus, he graduated from St. Martin's Academy in Sturgis in 1943. Joe enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps in 1943 and served during WWII, the Korean War, and the Cold War. He

graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha following his military career, and assisted in the development of a model medical computer system at the University of Missouri. Pioneered by the current Director Emeritus of the U.S National Library of Medicine, Donald Lindberg, MD, the program at the University of Missouri was groundbreaking in its application of computer technology to healthcare.

Joe married Jeanne Frances Kovarik on April 18, 1953, while stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD. Joe and Jeanne raised six children in the course of his careers in the military and computer



science, and her career in nursing education. Joe was an avid athlete and musician. During retirement, Joe's greatest pleasure was in spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. A world traveler, he appreciated the opportunity to share his experience with others, whether piloting his planes or behind the wheel of his car.

Joseph Francis Saathoff, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother, uncle, friend, military officer, pilot, musician, athlete, and faithful Catholic departed this world on May 15, 2015, in Austin, TX.

Joe is survived by his brother, William; his children, Daniel Saathoff (Linda), Patrick Saathoff, Gregory Saathoff (Andrea), Mary Blackwell (Chuck), Joanne Saathoff (Dan Lupo), and Stephen Saathoff (Anna), as well as 17 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jeanne Saathoff; his infant daughter, Anne Therese; and his brother, Fr. Alexis of Conception.

In lieu of flowers, to honor Joe Saathoff's memory, please consider a donation in his name to Conception Abbey through its Development Office at 660-944-2827 or development@conception.edu.

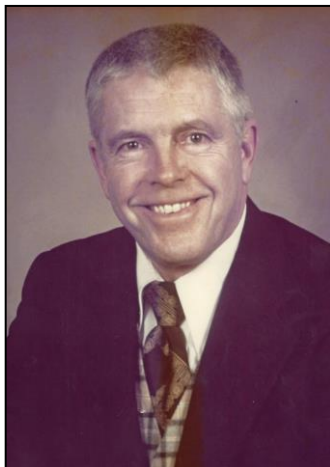


*In Loving
Memory Of*

Joseph Saathoff

1925 ~ 2015





The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*for thou art with me; Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



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Born

March 13, 1925
Crofton, Nebraska

Died

May 15, 2015
Cedar Park, Texas

Vigil

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Officiant ~ Deacon Dan Lupo

Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Martin's Chapel, Sturgis, SD

Scripture Readings

Gospel ~ John 14:1-6

Revelations 14:13 Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Celebrant ~ Father Timothy Castor

Readers ~ Maggie Lupo & Mary Blackwell

Altar Servers ~ Eli Saathoff & Seth Saathoff

Gifts ~ Ashley Saathoff ~ Caeley Saathoff ~ Joanne Blackwell

Organist

Dr. Barry Furze

Soloist

Myron Volk

Musical Selections

"On Eagle's Wings"

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

"Lord Of All Faithfulness"

"Amazing Grace"

"Song Of Farewell"

Pallbearers

Gregory Saathoff ~ Jonathan Saathoff ~ Isaac Saathoff
Kenneth Saathoff ~ Graham Saathoff ~ Geoff Blackwell

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery