



Joseph Peter Nagel, Jr.

February 17, 1926 - April 30, 2023

Joseph P. Nagel, Jr., 97, of Hopkins, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 30th, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Joe was born on February 17th, 1926, in Wadena, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by wife, Mary F. (Koepnick) Nagel and parents, Joseph P. Nagel Sr. and Clara R. (Ronellenfitsch) Nagel. Joe is survived by his daughter Wendy K. (Nagel) Goetz and husband Michael J., grandchildren Matthew T. Goetz, Christopher J. Goetz, Emily F. Goetz, and great granddaughter Charley P. Goetz.

Joe married Mary F. Koepnick on August 2, 1966, at Incarnation Catholic Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Together they raised their only child, his beloved daughter Wendy. He was passionate about his family, living his life as a loving spouse and devoted father. Mary passed away February 11, 1998.

Joe enlisted in the US Army on September 22, 1950, and proudly served his country for six years. He served in Korea from September 21, 1951 - September 20, 1952, in support of the Korean War as an Amphibious Wheel Motor Maintenance Sergeant (MOS 1014). Upon returning to the states, Joe served as a Reservist until honorably discharged on September 24, 1956, as a Sergeant. He was employed with Goodyear Tires for 35 years, and then

enjoyed many years at Knox Lumber. Joe was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As a devout Catholic, he had unwavering Faith in God. He will be remembered for his deep devotion to his faith, as well as his love for attending Mass. Helping others came naturally for Joe, yet he was an extremely humble man.

Joe was a hard working man who was very proud of his German heritage. He had an ability to strike up a conversation with anyone who crossed his path. He truly cared about everyone with whom he encountered on his life journey. Joe was smart, perceptive and keenly present. People sought him out for his wise counsel. He was a person you could always trust to help you in a moment's notice. He also enjoyed growing tomatoes in his garden, dancing, walking and living a healthy lifestyle.

His three grandchildren brought him incredible joy, and he was enthusiastic about supporting them and attending their events. Joe could always be seen carting around his 35mm film camera; snapping pictures of landscapes and his family, a hobby he passed on to his youngest grandchild, Emily. He passed his passion for the stock market on to Christopher, and always taught him to save for a rainy day. Matthew received the gift of patience and the love of the Green Bay Packers from his grandfather! His great grandchild, Charley, was able to meet him and she brought him so much happiness. He will be remembered for his warmth, mindfulness, and joy.

Joe transitioned to heaven peacefully, surrounded by family at the Good

Samaritan Home in Robbinsdale, MN, on Sunday, April 30, at 10:10 p.m .
Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass of
Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m., at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church,
1300 Main St., Hopkins, MN, and live streamed at <https://fb.me/e/2tUxwkiOL>
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Interment will be at St Margaret Cemetery Minnetonka, MN. In lieu of flowers,
please consider a memorial donation be made to St.Gabriel the Archangel
Catholic Church in Honor of Joe. The family invites you to the church
afterwards for a luncheon.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery (Minnetonka)

Bren Rd & Shady Oak Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55343

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 10. 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Gregory K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Joseph Peter Nagel, Jr..”



Gregory K. - May 09, 2023 at 09:05 AM