



Daniel Etzel

April 20, 1927 - June 16, 2008

Daniel Leroy Etzel, 81, died peacefully on Monday, June 16, 2008, at Brewster Place in Topeka. The son of John and Catherine (Desch) Etzel, he was born April 20, 1927 in the Oakland neighborhood of Topeka. He graduated from Capital Catholic High School in 1945. He also attended Washburn University, Topeka, and Georgetown University, Washington, DC. He served in the US Marine Corps from June 1945 to August 1946. A loving husband, he married Rosemary Miller, who survives, on November 26, 1949, in Washington, DC. For over 40 years, Dan worked as a public servant. He worked for the Veterans Administration in Washington, DC and Topeka as well as the Topeka Air Force Supply Depot. For most of his career he was an auditor, working for the Bureau of Public Roads, or Federal Highway Administration, from 1960 to 1981, and the Kansas Department of Transportation from 1981 to 1992, when he retired. Dan was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Association of Government Auditors and the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by five children, Diane Etzel-Wise (Pat Wise), Lenexa, Cindy Swoboda (Tegan), Topeka, Dan Etzel (Sarah), Topeka, Linda Hoopes (Brad), Lawrence, and Lisa Hecker (Paul), Berryton. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren; one grandson-in-law and one great-grandson; a brother, Richard Etzel, Washington, Utah; and a sister, Cecilia Philbrick, Palm Bay, Florida; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael; five sisters and three brothers: Sr. Rose Etzel, SCL, Mary Fagan, Katherine

Burghart, Lavina Beier, Anne Etzel, Edward Etzel, Bernard Etzel, and Raymond Etzel. Dan enjoyed gardening, bargain hunting, political discussion, playing with his dogs, and tinkering with cars. Most especially, he devoted himself to caring for his family. Family will greet friends Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614. A parish rosary will be prayed Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Matthew Capital Campaign Fund, St. Matthew Food Pantry or the Alzheimer's Association sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Daniel Etzel

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Cindy, Tegan, and family--I'm very sorry to learn of the death of your father. I wish I were there with you, but I'm with my family in Iowa. I will keep you in my prayers. You are great friends and I'm sorry for my absence. God bless.

Randy

Randy Freeman - June 20, 2008 at 06:45 PM



“ Cindy, Tegan, & Lisa, Paul, and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Loosing Don's dad 2 years ago and just loosing his mom, we know how hard this is on the family. We want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless you all,
Don & Kathy

Don and Kathy McCaffrey - June 20, 2008 at 02:05 PM



“ To Diane and all the family, my sympathy on the loss of your dad.

Jan Volz Burgardt - June 19, 2008 at 11:51 AM

MI

“ I met Linda's parents when they visited her while we were both volunteers at Christian Appalachian Project in Martin KY. Mr. Etzel and I met over coffee one morning and in my opinion became fast friends. I know he will be missed by his family and all who knew him. May God be with all his loving family.
Mike

Michael - June 19, 2008 at 09:42 AM

MT

“ Lisa, Paul and kids, so sorry to hear of your loss. Should you need anything please give me a call. It sounds like his life was lived to the fullest!

Maria Turner - June 18, 2008 at 05:12 PM

TD

“ Dan, Cindy and the Eztel family, We are sorry for the lose of your Dad. I'm sure losing a parent is very hard. I'm happy to see that you were able to have one last Father's Day with you Dad. Hope that was a comfort to you. You are in our prayers and we pray that God's love will be a comfort to all of you thru this difficult time. Our sympathy's Barb, Scott, Michael, and Emily DeWalt

The DeWalts - June 18, 2008 at 10:54 AM

GK

“ I did not know Mr. Etzel but know two of his children, Lisa and Dan, and Dan's wife Sarah.

Based on what I know of Lisa, Dan and Sarah, I am sure that Mr. Etzel was a loving and caring individual who gave of himself unselfishly.

Please accept my deepest regret for your loss. I hope you are comforted by the peace Mr. Etzel now knows. He is in good hands and he is in good company. He will forever remain with you in your hearts and in your memories, and, he will continue to watch over you and help you through these next few weeks and beyond.

God Bless.

Gail

Gail Kennedy - June 18, 2008 at 09:37 AM