



Donald A. Oster

January 1, 1923 - December 9, 2012

Donald A. Oster Donald August Oster, age 88, of Topeka, died Dec. 6, 2012, at Stormont-Vail Hospital. He was born Dec. 11, 1923 in Los Angeles, Calif., to Peter and Barbara Oster. He attended Los Angeles schools, the University of Southern California and Stanford University. He served in the Army from Dec. 19, 1942 until Dec. 8, 1945, and entered combat in June 1944 at Utah Beach with the 79th Infantry Division. His awards include Parachutist Wings, Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal and four battle stars. After the war, he started his employment with Santa Fe Railway in Los Angeles, later transferring to Chicago and then, in 1968, to Topeka. He retired on April 1, 1984 as Assistant Vice President - Accounting. Mr. Oster maintained that the smartest thing he ever did was marry Patricia E. Harrigan at All Souls Catholic Church in Alhambra, Calif., in 1947. They shared a great many wonderful things during their marriage, including trips to more than 50 countries. The couple celebrated their 65th anniversary on Oct. 25 of this year, with all six of their children in attendance. Mrs. Oster survives. They were blessed with four sons and two daughters: Melvin G. Oster (Karen) of Newbury Park, Calif.; Mary E. Sunderland of San Diego, Calif.; Peter J. Oster (Connie) of Ballwin, Mo.; Donald P. Oster (Celeste) and Elizabeth E. Bertels (Mark), both of Overland Park; and Christopher C. Oster (Natalia) of Seattle, Wash. They also have 10 grandchildren. His family considers him to be the most honest, fair and generous man they have ever known. He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, Shawnee Country Club, the 313th

Infantry Association, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Santa Fe Retirement Employees Club. A visitation will be 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, December 9, 2012 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614. Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Monday at Christ the King Church. Inurnment will take place at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to Christ the King Church sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Donald A. Oster

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Sorry about your loss. I would have attended Don's funeral services but I have been out of town and did not know about his passing until late this morning. I worked for him at Santa Fe for many years and was always impressed by what a smart, fair and honest boss he was.

Allan Layne - December 10, 2012 at 05:39 PM



“ I'm truly sorry for your loss. Death brings great sadness, hurt, and pain. The Bible promises that God will resurrect countless millions in a paradise right here on earth. Imagine loved ones restored with healthy bodies-reunited with their family. (John 5:28, 29) We can have full confidence in this promise because God's Word is a source of comfort to those who mourn. The Bible assures us: "God is near to those that are broken at heart and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalms 34:18)

kim - December 07, 2012 at 07:26 PM



“ Peter - Sorry to learn of your dad's passing. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I hope these wishes find you well other than the circumstances that bring them. With sympathy and best regards.

John & Lori Spain - December 07, 2012 at 10:45 AM

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“ *My condolences to the Oster family. May it help you to know that Jesus and God cares for us and know our pain when we lose someone we loved, that is why at John 5:28-29 we read: "All those in the memorial tombs will hear his (Jesus) voice and come out", yes soon you may see Mr. Donald again, doing what he loved and you enjoying him again.*

mary miller - December 06, 2012 at 06:12 PM