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Joseph B. Laine Ph.D., age 88, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at Evergreen Retirement Community. Joe was born on February 1, 1924, in Charlotte, NC, the son of Jesse and Agnes (Murphy) Laine; he lived in Nashville and Memphis during childhood. Joe received his B.A. from Yankton College in 1949. While pursuing his Masters degree at the University of South Dakota, he met Shirley Wales and they married on August 9, 1952. She preceded him in death. Joe received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1958. After serving as faculty and debate coach at Marquette University, in Milwaukee, WI (1955-63), he took a position in the Communication Department at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh where he served as professor and chair for 25 years.

During his 50 years in Oshkosh, Joe has been an active member of the community. A former Boy Scout himself, he served as a Boy Scout and Cub Master. He was an active member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church as a server, lector, choir, and board member; and he served the Serra Club since 1983. Joe was a longtime volunteer at Father Carr's Place 2 Be and St. Vincent DePaul. After retirement, he and wife Shirley were members of the Timber Toppers Square Dance Club of Oshkosh and enjoyed traveling the US and Europe together.

He is survived by children Laura (Don) Stertz of Omro, John (Willeen) Laine of Robbinsdale, MN, James (Lora) Laine of Sun Prairie, Patricia Laine of Minneapolis, and Linda (Robert Timmerman) Laine of Otley, IA; grandchildren Joshua (Kelli) Stertz, Nathan Stertz, Bethany (Carl) Nelson, Holly Zahn, Angela Laine, Alex Murray, and Kenneth Laine; great-grandchildren, Caleb, Tanner, Claudia, Jonathan, and Jayden; sister, Dr. Agnes Laine; brother, John M. Laine; sister-in-law, Patti Wales. Joe was preceded in death by his sister Rosemary (Laine) Bratton and his parents. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and community members. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Dr. Laine on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Dr. in Oshkosh. A visitation will be held Saturday, prior to the service,



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at the church at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be at Calvary Catholic Cemetery following a luncheon at St. Raphael.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts honoring Joe may be sent to St. Vincent DePaul , Father Carr's Place 2 Be, or the Epilepsy Foundation.



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Brian Russell posted:

I was saddened to read of Joe's passing. All my memories of him are that he was a kind and considerate man. I am praying that God bless you with comfort and peace in this time of loss.

January 8 at 3:49 AM



Rose Laine Wallace posted:

Dearest Family,I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all of you and my father. He loved his brother and shared his memories of him with us all the time. I am gald that Josh was able to bring Uncle Joe to Memphis over the last couple of years. Dad really enjoyed having the both of them with him. We all enjoyed visiting with them. He was truly a wonderful man. Now I have my own memories of him and I am truly thankful for that. GOD BLESS UNCLE JOE AND AUNT SHRILEY AND ALL OF YOU.With Love,Rose Marie Laine Wallace

January 4 at 7:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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