



Joseph Posz

September 18, 1933 - January 5, 2007

Memorial services will be held for Joseph Daniel Posz, 73, of Roswell at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at the New Mexico Military Institute Chapel. Joseph passed away Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center.

A lifelong resident of Roswell, Joseph was born on Sept. 18, 1933 to Lt. Col Joseph Albert Posz and Ruby Moen Posz. He and Nancy Thomas were married June 16, 1957; she survives him at the family home. Joseph attended New Mexico Military Institute receiving his high school diploma in 1951 receiving a Bachelors of Science degree from NMMI in 1955, and a Masters Degree from American Technological University in 1975. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Joseph was a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, serving from 1955-1976, service in West Germany 1959-1960, and two combat tours in Vietnam 1965 and 1970 (seven campaigns). Numerous service schools including the US Army Command and General Staff College. He received decorations including, the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Unit Citation, and Vietnam Unit Citation, qualified Airborne Ranger and Aviation. He belonged to the Retired Officers Association, Association of the Army, United States Cavalry Association, Military Order of the World Wars, and the NMMI Alumni Association, the VFW, American Legion, FOP, and ESGR.

Joseph served as District Magistrate Division I, Chaves County Judge from

1987-1990. He was listed in the Who's Who in the West 1982-1983, Who's Who in American Education 1992-1993, and Who's Who Among Teachers 1996 and in publications including article "A New Vehicle for Calvary," Armor Magazine 1964, article " To Train a Cavalryman" Armor Magazine 1964, article "Diamond Jubilee" New Mexico Magazine 1967, book "Military Heroes of New Mexico Military Institute" NMMI library 1994, and West Point of the West, A Family Odyssey, 2004.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, Joseph is survived by his children, Joseph Thomas Posz and his wife, Anne Carroll, of Palm Harbor, FL, Julie Anne Posz Spangler and her husband, Bruce, and John F. Posz and his wife, Coetta, both of Roswell; grandchildren, Michele and Jennifer Posz, Harley and Bruce Cody Spangler, and Derrick and Darrah Torres; great-grandchildren, Samantha Spangler and Alishia Torres; his mother, Ruby Posz Anderson; sister, Cathy Posz Johnson and her husband, David E., of Dallas, TX; and his beloved cats.

Joseph was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Albert Posz.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donation be made to the Sally Port Fund NMMI Alumni Association 101 West College Roswell NM 88201.

Tribute Wall



“ Joseph Posz

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ BOY IT WAS A surprise TO US, JOE WE WELL MISS YOU DEARLY AND I KNOW RUBY WELL TOO.NANCY MY SYMPATHIES TO YOU AND THE FAMILY AND RUBY TOO. AND KNOW YOU'LL HAVE A grading ANGLE looking DOWN. WE ARE HERE TO TAKE CARE OF MISS RUBY

sylvia. Hernandez.Aguilar - January 29, 2007 at 08:43 PM



“ With loving thoughts of all and special hugs to Julie--your dad was the cadet that Herman looked up to the most in the '50s when they were in school together, and he was our son Shaun's favorite instructor at NMMI in the '80s. Shaun is still working on the Commandant's staff. I'm always grateful for your grandmother Ruby's kindness and help when I was a young tactical officer's wife on the old Post. And your friendship has always been a joy to me. From our family to yours, remembering your father, Pam McArthur, Herman, Shaun, and Misty

Pam, Herman, Shaun, and Misty McArthur - January 13, 2007 at 12:36 PM



“ My deepest sympathies. Saki was an ally and advocate for all of us who have a stake in NMMI's promise and timeless ideals. He was a hundred-percenter.

Chuck Roberts - January 11, 2007 at 09:53 PM

CC

“ *With Deepest Sympathy. Nancy, our prayers are with you and the family at this difficult time. Saki leaves us with a huge bouquet of memories. He will be fondly remembered.*

Charles & Florence Chamberlain - January 11, 2007 at 03:09 PM

CR

“ *Thank you Saki for your service to your country. Thank you for your service and contributions to NMMI for many, many years. Our prayers and condolences to Nancy and all of your family....Doug*

Col Ronald D Tingley USAF Ret - January 10, 2007 at 10:11 AM

MC

“ *Our deepest sympathy,love, prayers,go out to you at this time.May you know that God is there for you every day,and will help to ease your pain as time goes on. Deepest sorrow, Michele & Chuck Pattison and Jennifer & Laura Chastain*

Michele/Chuck Pattison and Jennifer/Laura Chastain - January 09, 2007 at 02:20 PM

TB

“ *WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU ALL DURING YOUR TIME OF LOSS.
GOD BLESS
TIM BAKER MELANIE ESPARZA AND FAMILY*

TIM BAKER - January 09, 2007 at 11:47 AM

DG

“ *We are sorry to hear about Saki. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Duane and Helen Gray - January 09, 2007 at 10:41 AM

NS

“ *Joseph Posz*

NICKIE SANDERS - January 09, 2007 at 09:10 AM

JG

“ *Nancy, at this time of the loss of your loved one, my prayers and my heart felt sympathy go out to you and to your family. May peace and strength be with you.*

Josephine Gutierrez - January 08, 2007 at 09:17 PM

DN

“ *We so much appreciated Saki and his work on the 50th especially. He certainly personified NMMI through his military career and his support of our alma mater. We were certainly surprised to learn of his passing and we express our sympathy to his family. Though we didn't have a lot of personal contact through the years we now treasure the times we did get together. We will miss Saki. We pray you will be comforted by our Lord. Don & June...*

Don & June Nicholas - January 08, 2007 at 08:07 PM

SO

“ *Nancy and family, We were saddened to hear of Saki's passing. He was a great friend to me all my life especially these last 18 years. He will be remembered as a great patriot, great parent, great teacher and a passionate supporter of NMMI. May God's blessings help you through this time.*

Seth & Kathy Orell - January 08, 2007 at 03:05 PM

JM

“ *The Matchin family would like to express our heart felt sympathies to the Posz Family. Our Families have known each other for year. Saki will be missed.*

Jim Matchin - January 08, 2007 at 11:34 AM

CB

“ *Saki was great alumnus, a great friend and a real patriot. Most important, he was a diamond in the rough.*

Charles W. Brown - January 08, 2007 at 11:29 AM

Jl

“ *Sincere condolences on the loss of a great man who was a great credit to the New Mexico Military Institute.*

John M.Henderson III - January 08, 2007 at 10:55 AM

DS

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family on their loss. We keep them close in thought and prayer.*

Dr. and Mrs.Larry Skogen - January 08, 2007 at 10:40 AM

JC

“ *I am truly shocked and saddened by Joe's passing. He was a wonderful supporter of the school and there is no other individual who knows as much history of the school. We will miss him. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

Judy Collins - January 08, 2007 at 09:54 AM

WW

“ I was privileged to have been a classmate and friend of Sake. I remember him as a cheerful and friendly person who possessed a great sense of humor. I have thought of him from time to time over the years since graduation. I am aware of the substantial contributions made by him to NMMI. My condolences and best wishes to his family.
Bill Wright, HS 1955

William D. Wright - January 08, 2007 at 09:31 AM

HK

“ I served with Saki on the NMMI Alumni Association board of directors, and enjoyed my time with him a great deal. He was an instructor at NMMi while I was a cadet. He will be missed.
harris

Harris E. Kerr - January 08, 2007 at 09:10 AM

TD

“ Saki and I were classmates and graduated high school together in 1951. He was a good friend and a fine man.

Travis R. Dickinson - January 08, 2007 at 09:02 AM

C(

“ Joe was one of the first faculty members who befriended me when I started teaching at NMMI in August 1981. My classroom was directly across the hall from Joe's on the second deck of Wilson Hall. I was teaching technical drawing and my classroom was quiet. Joe could easily be heard from across the hall so I told my class to listen to him and get credit for two courses. Joe was a great patriot. I last spoke to Joe 4/20/04 after reading his book *West Point of the West*. He touched many lives and it was an honor to know him. He will be greatly missed.

Cdr Jay R. Smith, Jr SC, USN (Ret) - January 07, 2007 at 11:57 PM

JH

“ *My fondest memories of Saki will be the funhouse he created for my brother and I every year we visited Ruby, Joe, Cathy and Saki. He was crazy, lovable, kind and a young man that I admired very much. Keeping in touch with him this last year was another special connection. I share his love of the military, America and family. He will be missed.*

Julie Dove Higgins - January 07, 2007 at 06:13 PM

TB

“ *We are so glad that we got to have some great times with Joe and Nancy at the 50th reunion and on our cruise. It is a tough loss for us all and we send our love and prayers to the family.*

Tim and Sharon Barrow - January 07, 2007 at 04:30 PM

CJ

“ *Dear Nancy and Family:
Please accept my prayers and condolences. I have lost a life-long friend. You have lost much more. Saki was a great man and a great father. He was integral to all that is good at NMMI.
Please give Ruby, my other mother, my love.
God bless all,
Bill Parnell*

Colonel W. C. Parnell USA-Ret. NMMI 55 HS 57 JC - January 07, 2007 at 02:18 PM

WF

“ *Our deepest sympathy during this difficult time.*

Wayne/Ellen Fowler - January 07, 2007 at 12:50 PM

LA

“ *Our hearts go out to the Posz family. Saki was a wonderful person and friend. He will be sorely missed.*
Larry and Betty Andrus

Lawrence Andrus - January 07, 2007 at 12:14 PM

CL

“ *Thinking of your family. Everyone at Comfort Keepers have you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Cindy Lewis - January 06, 2007 at 03:54 PM