



George Albert Noffke

April 26, 1923 - August 24, 2016

George Albert Noffke, 93, of Kankakee, passed away on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was born April 26, 1923 to Frank and Bertha Noffke on the family farm in Bonfield, Illinois. He attended Herscher High School and Bonfield Lutheran Church where he met and married the love of his life, Ruth Danker on July 28th, 1946. She preceded him in death in 2000. Also preceding him in death were his three sisters and four brothers. He is survived by his son James (Judy) Noffke of Austin, TX, his daughter Janet (Paul) Lindemann of Indianapolis, 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and many nieces & nephews.

George was a loving husband, a caring father, and a fun grandfather who cherished his family and they cherished him. He had a zest for living and enjoyed living life to the fullest. He was a steadfast friend, a community leader, and a man of deep faith.

In World War II, he served as a distinguished signalman in the US Navy in the European and Pacific Theatres. He was in the Normandy Invasion and in the Japanese Harbor (Tokyo Bay) when the Japanese surrendered and the War ended.

He worked at Illinois Bell Telephone for 37 years moving from Kankakee to Danville, then to Joliet, on to Rockford and back to Kankakee where he retired in 1982. He then had a second career with Speckman Realty for 20 years and was Realtor of the Year in 1985.

He was a member of Rotary for 36 years and president in 1983. He was also

active in Pioneers and enjoyed taking children to get new shoes with “All God’s Children Need Shoes.” He delivered Meals on Wheels and volunteered at Riverside Hospital. He served on the residents’ council at Westwood Oaks. George helped start Lutheran Churches in several cities where he lived and served as a faithful leader in those Churches. Most recently, he was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Kankakee. He lived his life in true devotion to His Lord and Savior. His kind, caring spirit touched many lives and he will be deeply missed but his spirit will remain in our hearts.

Visitation will be held on Monday, August 29, 2016 from 9:30am until the 10:30am funeral service at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church – 348 East Merchant Street, Kankakee, IL 60901 – where there is a handicap entrance on the East side of the building by the alley. Burial will immediately follow at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Bonfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lutheran Cemetery

11478 W State Route 17
Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

AUG 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *George Albert Noffke*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I've had the pleasure of knowing George most of my life. He was an example and an inspiration to all who knew and loved him!*

Marsha Casteel - August 29, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ *George and wife Ruth were two of my most admired people and I know they were devoted Christians and an inspiration to follow Christ for me. Carol (West) Januski*

Carol Januski - August 29, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *It was such a joy to get to know Mr. Noffke. He was such wonderful man. He always brightened my day. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Michelle- Receptionist at IL*

Michelle - August 29, 2016 at 08:44 AM



“ *Mr. Noffke was a friend at Rotary of Kankakee. George was one of the most kind persons I have ever known. A faithful Rotarian and a true friend. I know he will be missed. Dick Panozzo*

Richard Panozzo - August 28, 2016 at 06:08 AM

MV

“ Prayers are with you Janet and your family. i never had the pleasure of meeting your father. However, by knowing you, he must have been a wonderful person.

Hugs,
Marla Wallace Vichich

Marla Wallace Vichich - August 27, 2016 at 10:45 PM

TG

“ My Great- Uncle George was a ton of fun! I remember as a young girl going over to their house and he had an obstacle course set up in the basement for us kids to go through... his hugs were the best too!
Together with Great Aunt Ruth again in heaven
! To God be the glory!



Trish Kelm Geske - August 27, 2016 at 10:22 PM

NG

“ I had the pleasure of spending Christmas with George in Indianapolis at Jan & Paul Lindemann's home. George was passing out gifts to all the family members just like Santa Clause out of a large black hefty bag. There was lots of laughter, enjoyable family time and a very festive atmosphere. I will always remember George and I dancing with canes in the air at Andrea & Jauvon's wedding reception. What a good sport he was.



Nykula Gilliam - August 26, 2016 at 10:54 PM

CM

“ I remember George from Friday afternoon happy hour at Westwood Oaks. What a good time we had with him.
Condolences to his family, he was a wonderful man.



Cathie Miedema

Cathie Miedema - August 26, 2016 at 11:03 AM

ME

“ I got to know George & Ruth when we were members of Good Shepherd in Bourbonnais. I have many wonderful memories of the 2 of them. After Ruth passed, George & I would give each other a hug every Sunday. I miss you both!

Margo Elsey - August 25, 2016 at 08:18 PM

LB

“ My husband and I had the honor to take George to church on Saturday nights while he able to and we will truly miss him he was a wonderful faithful man.

Laurie Burke - August 25, 2016 at 06:33 PM