



Joseph Anthony Rippinger

March 16, 1922 - May 8, 2019

Joseph Anthony Rippinger, 97, of Aurora, entered eternal life surrounded by his children and grandchildren Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at Presence Fox Knoll. He was born March 16, 1922 in North Aurora, Illinois, the son of Joseph and Josephine (Schirtz) Rippinger.

He graduated from Marmion Military Academy in 1940, attended St. Procopius College from 1940 to 1942 and graduated from North Central College in 1947. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in February, 1943. In 1944 he and his Liberator B-24 bombing crew went to occupied China, where over the next year they flew fifty eight bombing missions. Among his World War II honors were the Chinese Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Upon his return from China after the war, Joseph married Lt. Helen Wilhelm, an Army Air Corps nurse. The wedding took place on January 2, 1946, in the chapel at March Field, in Riverside, California. Joseph and Helen returned to Aurora to raise their family of five sons and one daughter.

Joe worked for Sears Roebuck for thirty eight years, retiring in 1983. He was a very active member of Annunciation Church, a Third and Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, past president of the Aurora Serra Club, a member of the Fox Valley and Marywood Garden Clubs, the Phoenix, Turner, Aurora Moose Clubs, and the Aurora American Legion Post 84. He was a lifetime member of the Abbot Marmion Society of Marmion Abbey, the

Veritas Society of Rosary High School, and the Einsiedeln Society of St. Meinrad Archabbey, as well as a lay oblate of Marmion Abbey. He was a member of the China, India, and Burma Hump Pilots Association. Joe served as a volunteer for many years in the surgical waiting area and Meals on Wheels of Provena Mercy Hospital. Joe and Helen were among the first overnight volunteers for the PADS ministry at Hessed House in Aurora. He was also a Eucharistic Minister for Provena Mercy Hospital and for the homebound at Annunciation Church. Joe's passions in life were his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was an avid gardener and for many years planted and lovingly tended the Marian grotto of Annunciation Church.

He is survived by his four sons, John (Susan) Rippinger, Fr. Joel Rippinger, O.S.B., Daniel (Adrienne) Rippinger, Tim (Georgette) Rippinger; his daughter, Mary Jo (Michael) DiRe; a daughter-in-law, Janet Rippinger; twelve grandchildren; six great grandchildren; a brother, Phil (Janice) Rippinger; a brother-in-law, John Galles; many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen Margaret Rippinger; his parents; his son, Lt. Thomas Rippinger; three brothers, John Rippinger, Francis Rippinger and James (late Alice) Rippinger, David (late Rena) Rippinger; a sister, Emilie Galles.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 13, 2019 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM, with a Liturgical Wake Service at 7:00 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500

An additional viewing will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 9:30 AM until the funeral Mass hour at 10:30 AM at Marmion Abbey Church 850 Butterfield Rd, Aurora, IL 60502. His son Fr. Joel Rippinger will officiate with interment at Marmion Abbey Cemetery.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Joseph's family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Joe and Helen Rippinger Garden Fund at Marmion Abbey, 850 Butterfield Road, Aurora, Illinois 60502.www.marmion.org/gardenfund

Cemetery Details

Marmion Abbey Cemetery

850 Butterfield Rd.
Aurora, IL 60502

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
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Wake Service

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



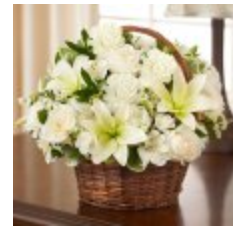
“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Anthony Rippinger



Daleiden Mortuary - May 11, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Rippinger.



May 13, 2019 at 01:54 PM

MH

“ Ripper,

Barbie and I were so saddened to learn of your father's passing so soon after the loss of your mother. We can't imagine what you and your family are going thru with the loss of two parents in just 12 days.

Looking back, I really enjoyed getting to know your Dad especially during our trips to Oshkosh. I especially enjoyed being with you two on our flight in the Concord.

In addition to being a World War II Military pilot and war hero, your Dad earned so many other outstanding accomplishments. I certainly understand why you were always so proud of him.

As a fellow pilot, I believe that your Dad made a perfect landing in heaven and your Mom was there waiting for him with open arms.

Please know that Joe, and you and your family, are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike and Barbie Hackleman

Mike & Barbie Hackleman - May 13, 2019 at 12:47 PM

JH

“ *Please accept our wishes of sympathy, and our expectation that Helen and Joe are now holding hands in heaven. What wonderful role models! Our thank you goes to their children and extended families for sharing these amazing servants with with the broader community. Fondly, Jim and Nancy Hopp*

Jim Hopp - May 13, 2019 at 10:44 AM

JM

“ *A Post Everlasting Prayer to Joseph Rippinger*
Father we entrust our brother Legionnaire Joseph Rippinger to your mercy, You loved him greatly in this life; now tha he is freed from all its cares, Give him happiness and peace forever. Amen.
Sincerely Jerome Matuch, Chaplain, Service Officer Post 1941, La Grange, IL.



Jerome Matuch - May 12, 2019 at 12:37 PM

PB

“ *Joe and Helen/Helen and Joe ...a beautiful couple...they both shared and contributed every day and made us feel better about ourselves ..I will always be grateful for my time spent with them...Thank you both for sharing yourselves ...you will both be missed by myself and countless others. Thank YOU both and rest peacefully in God's love!!!!* 😊🙏👍

Paula B - May 11, 2019 at 05:14 PM

WI

“ *Dear Rippingers,*

Your parents life on earth was filled with service to others. Now they are reaping the benefits of all they did on this earth. They are together now for eternity. May they Rest In Peace with the Lord.

Mary Jane and Paul Wilhelm

wilhelm - May 10, 2019 at 09:39 PM

DW

“ Our Condolences to all the Rippinger family. Joe was a wonderful man who lived an excellent life. He was ready to go to his next life with Helen in HEAVEN. WE will miss Your parents greatly. Their love of God and of each other was an example of what marriage should be. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.. Love Don and Mary Ellen.

Don Wilhelm - May 10, 2019 at 06:38 PM

EW

“ To all of the Rippingers. Your Mom and Dad have always been my hero 's.They serve their God and country beyond belief.I know the difference they made in my life and I'm so thankful for that.Joe seemed more like a brother than a brother in law.The memories they leave with me I will cherish for the rest of my life.Our talks on the phone were full of information and laughter and I will miss those the most.The heavens have gained two special people . Love Gene and Pat

Eugene Wilhelm - May 10, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Rippinger.



May 10, 2019 at 02:41 PM

JB

“ *Fr. Joel, Mary Jo and Michael, and family.*

My sincere condolences on the passing of Joe. He was a wonderful caring person who did so much for his family, friends, community and has been reunited with Helen. He very much enjoyed working in the garden at home and the Grotto at Annunciation. I will always cherish the memories of he and Helen. May they enjoy eternal life together.

Jim Berg

Jim Berg - May 10, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Rippinger.*



May 10, 2019 at 01:43 PM

SU

“ *Dear Rippinger family, Please accept my heartfelt sympathies on the passing of your parents. Knew them as fellow parishoners, but also knew your Mom as sweetheart, generous with her time and care. They are together, and I'll keep them in my prayers. Suzanne Theis Lawrence*

Suzanne - May 10, 2019 at 01:07 PM

RW

“ *John, Fr Joel, Dan, Tim and Mary Jo,*

Another fine tribute to your hero father. He was an amazing man now reunited with your mother. I have so many wonderful family memories and stories of both your parents that will live on. It was wonderful seeing you all last week and wish we could be with you for this service. Our love and prayers are with you all.

Bob and Jan Wilhelm

Robert C Wilhelm - May 10, 2019 at 08:47 AM