

Julius Sonderman, 80

Feb. 3, 1933 - Oct. 12, 2013

OMAHA, NE — Julius, affectionately known as Dewey by family and friends, was born on February 3, 1933 to John and Josephine (Stessman) Sonderman in a farmhouse west of Portsmouth. He was the sixth of seven children, including (by age) Charles, John, Olive, Rosemary, Barbara, Dewey, and Joan. His father died at age 31 after a short illness when Dewey was 14 months old. Josephine raised their seven children with the help of her parents, many siblings and in-laws. As a result, he was very close to his aunts, uncles and many cousins throughout his life and made it a point that his children would know his extended family. Dewey at-



tended St. Joseph Catholic grade school and high school in Earling. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1951, the summer he graduated from high school. He left for Germany the same day his brother John left for Korea to serve in the US Army. He spent 39 of 48 months of military service stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. After finishing his military service, Dewey graduated from Creighton University with a degree in business administration and found employment with Western Electric, where he worked for 34 years.

Dewey met Carolyn Gilmore, the love of his life, in 1957 and they married one year later on December 27, 1958. They settled in Omaha where they became founding members and parishioners at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church. Their nearly 55 years of marriage was blessed with six children and sixteen grandchildren. Dewey loved the great outdoors and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons, sons-in-law, and grandchildren. He also spent many hours cheering at the sporting events of his children and grandchildren. He passed away on October 12, 2013 from the effects of pulmonary fibrosis.

Dewey was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Olive (Nebel), Barbara (Luebbert), and Joan (Wilkinson); brother-in-law Jim Nebel; and sisters-in-law Josephine (Charles) and Donna (John), and granddaughter Bridget Lynn Sonderman. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, son Dennis and his wife Deb and children Connor and Claire; son Mike; son Dr. John and his wife Mary and children Katelyn, Olivia, Joe and Will; daughter Maureen and husband Dr. George Emodi, and children Matt, Maggie, Michael and Andrew; daughter Kathleen and husband Matt McKay and children Bridget and Mary Kate; daughter Colleen and husband John Corrigan and children Neave, Nora, and Sean; brothers Charles, and John, and sister Rosemary and her husband Art Bowditch; and brothers-in-law Frank Luebbert and Wayne Wilkinson.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church in Omaha, NE with Rev. Robert K. English celebrant and Msgr. Jerry Stessman, Rev. Don Bruck, Rev. Marc Lim, and Rev. Kevin Schneider, S.J., concelebrants. Music was provided by vocalist Paulette Smith and pianist Paula Bonkiewicz. Readers were Olivia Sonderman, Katelyn Sonderman, Maggie Emodi, and Claire Sonderman. Presentation of Gifts was by Bridget McKay, Neave Corrigan, Nora Corrigan, and Mary Kate McKay. Honorary pallbearers were George Emodi, Matt McKay, John Corrigan, Dennis Gilmore, Don Luebbert, and Sam Virgillito. Pallbearers were Matthew Emodi, Connor Sonderman, Michael Emodi, Joe

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Sonderman, Andrew Emodi, Will Sonderman, and Sean Corrigan. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Omaha, NE with military rites by the Millard American Legion Post 374 and Millard VFW Post 8334. Memorials are suggested to Mary Our Queen Catholic School Tuition Fund.