



## Irving C. Njus

April 4, 1931 - December 12, 2013

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Chaplain Irving C. Njus, Col, U.S. Army Ret passed away on December 12, 2013 at the Army Residence Community in San Antonio. He was born on April 4, 1931 in Lawler, Iowa to Iver M. Njus and Clara Sanderson Njus. He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael. Chaplain Njus is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Marian Wold Njus; daughters, Cindy Atwell Bruce, Marcia Trevino Frank; sons, Ronald Mary Esther, Daniel Joanne; brother, David; sister-in-law, Betty Njus; grandchildren, Erik & Carly Atwell, Paul & Anna Trevino, Amanda Lopez John, Raul Garza III Sara, Christian, Kitty, Greg, Jenny & Ben Njus; great-grandchildren, Noah & Wyatt Garza.

Irv was a graduate of Waldorf Lutheran College in Forest City, Iowa, and Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He sang with his lovely tenor voice in the college choirs along with Marian. Irv and Marian were married on Sept 5th, 1954. God's call then led Irv to Luther Seminary in St. Paul and he was ordained on June 21st, 1959. After serving his first parish, Irv joined the Army in 1962 and served as a chaplain for 26 years. His assignments took him to Georgia, Germany, Vietnam, Kansas, New York, Kentucky, Virginia, Hawaii, and Texas. His last assignment was Command Chaplain for Health Services Command. Irv was recognized for extraordinary service to the Army as a chaplain, educator, and trainer, and mentor.

After retiring from the Army in 1988, Irving was an interim pastor at many

Lutheran churches in South and Central Texas. Irving and Marian quickly became part of these church communities and continued these relationships even after leaving.

Travel, grandkids, and 'visiting' were Irv's passions. Irv and Marian enjoyed many years of traveling across the US and the world to see sights and visit friends and family. Irv also loved meeting new people and his infectious humor quickly made strangers into friends.

"Grandpa" made each of his grandchildren and great grandchildren feel special. The cherished memories are endless: playing games, going to school, music, sport, drama events, the swimming pool gatherings badminton, "Cannonball!", trips to Hawaii and DisneyWorld, singing prayers, cream peas on toast, asking to attend 3rd grade with each of them since he never went, Norwegian jokes, and always lots of laughter.

Irv and Marian were active members of Abiding Presence Lutheran Church APLC, the Norwegian Society of Texas, and the San Antonio Retired Army Chaplains organization.

Irv taught his family and others to love and serve by his example and words. He was always there to help. He enriched our lives.

The family is thankful for the caring staff at the Army Residence Community, Warm Springs Rehab, RIOSA Rehab, and SAMMC and to Pastor Dawn Silvius and Pastor Steve Cox at APLC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Water to Thrive, P.O. Box 26747 Austin, Texas 78755, or the Irving and Marian Wold Njus Scholarship, Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation, 106 South 6th Street, Forest City, IA 50436

## SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 20, 2013 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 10:00am at Abiding Presence Lutheran

Church. Graveside Services and Interment will be on Monday, December 23, 2013 at 10:00am at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with Army Honors. You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I regret that I just found out that Chaplain Njus as passed away. He was one if not the best chaplains that I had the privilege to work for. I served as his NCOIC at Brook Army Medical Center.*

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