



Kasper C. Marking

May 21, 1924 - August 30, 2012

Dr. Kasper Carroll Marking departed this world on August 30, 2012. He was 88 years old, and had lived in Texas since 1988 – first in Corpus Christi and since 2007 in Elmendorf. He follows into the next world his recently departed, beloved wife of 60 years Jamie Christine, and is survived by sons Chris Jong Suk, Nick, Greg Margo, Tim, Tom Cathy and daughter Raissa, plus six grandchildren and four, soon-to-be five, great-grandchildren. Kasper was born May 21, 1924 in tiny Edgemont, S.D. on the South Dakota/Wyoming border. The youngest boy in a boisterous family of 11, he played football and basketball and pole vaulted in high school, and boxed in the Golden Gloves. After serving in the Pacific with the 11th U.S. Army Airborne Division in World War II, he took advantage of the GI Bill to earn a bachelor's degree from Portland State University in 1951. Kasper was always an energetic, outspoken proponent of the importance of Education, and in fact made that his life's work. After obtaining his master's degree from St. Bonaventure University in 1954, he carved out a successful career in academia spanning four decades – starting as a high school teacher in Priest River, ID, earning a Doctorate in Education from Washington State University along the way, and ultimately serving as Chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire. He retired from academia in 1988. Kasper brought his love of education home to his family as well, and with Jamie bequeathed upon their six children a love of reading and respect for knowledge, thought and curiosity that they all share to this day. He had been in ill health the last few years, after previously

overcoming cancer, and Jamie's death last March hit him extremely hard. Kasper died peacefully in his own bed at home in Elmendorf, with his daughter Raissa at his side.

A memorial service will be held for him at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South in San Antonio, TX at 1:00 pm on Saturday, Sept 29th.

Donations may be sent to: St. Francis Mission Among the Lakotas, P.O. Box 499, St. Francis, SD 57572, Attn: Father Hatcher.