



Carl E. "Dusty" Rosenquist

April 19, 2012

Carl E. "Dusty" Rosenquist, 63, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died unexpectedly, Thursday, April 19, 2012 at his home. He was born December 2, 1948 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. to Robert C. and Laverne C. Welter Rosenquist. He and Susan Hoxworth Smith were married August 5, 1995 at Scott City, Mo. Dusty was raised in Kelso, Missouri attending St. Augustine School where he was instilled with a dedication to God and country, a strong work ethic, and pride in a job well done, which would guide him for the rest of his life. No doubt influenced by his upbringing, after completing elementary school, Dusty contemplated a vocation in the Priesthood. He attended St. Vincent Seminary (now the River Campus) for two years before realizing that God had a different role in mind for him. Instead of being called "Father" as a priest, he would eventually be called "Daddy." He transferred to Notre Dame High School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri where he was active in the Student Council, sports, clubs, and the annual spring musicals. (Believe it or not, Dusty was pretty light on his feet when it came to dancing in the musicals) After graduating with honors from Notre Dame in 1967, Dusty attended Southeast Missouri State University before answering another call (this one from his country) and enlisted in the Navy in 1969. While in the Navy, he received special training as a Navy Medical Corpsman, a role he remained proud of throughout his life. In fact, after completing his active duty in the Navy, he continued to serve his country in this capacity in the Naval Reserve. He achieved the rank of Master Chief, retiring from the Navy in 1994. After active duty in the Navy, Dusty

returned "home" and continued his education at Southeast Missouri State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1975. He taught elementary school in Scott City while furthering his studies with completion of a Master of Arts in Education in 1980, which opened the door to his next role as elementary school principal. He served in this capacity at Meadow Heights, St. Vincent De Paul in Cape Girardeau, Scott City Elementary, and Wright City Elementary. He achieved the advanced degree of Specialist in Education in 1988. When his support was needed to help care for ailing family members, Dusty heeded this call and moved to Poplar Bluff where he was principal at Mark Twain Kindergarten Center for ten years before retiring in 2010. Dusty was devoted to his wife and family and dedicated a large portion of his time in this capacity. He especially loved his role as "Papi" to his grandchildren. While he loved all things technical and was a self-taught computer expert, he also loved camping, fishing and "tinkering." There wasn't anything he couldn't fix with "WD-40 and a Craftsman Wrench." All who knew him appreciated his keen sense of humor and quick wit. Survivors include his mother, Laverne C. Rosenquist of Kelso, Mo.; wife, Susan C. Rosenquist of Poplar Bluff, Mo; three sons, Robby Rosenquist (Berkley) of Jackson, Mo., Ryan Rosenquist of Springfield, Mo., Bradley Smith of New York, N.Y.; a daughter, Mackenzie Smith (Kevin Robinson) of Poplar Bluff, Mo; two brothers, Roger Rosenquist (Mary) of Saint Mary, Mo., Chris Rosenquist (Karen) of Cape Girardeau, Mo; two grandsons, Jonathan and Ryan Rosenquist of Jackson. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert C. Rosenquist. Friends may visit from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, April 23, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will be at 7 PM with a Knights of Columbus prayer service immediately following by Knights of Columbus Council 6420. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kelso with the Rev. Oliver Clavin officiating. Burial will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery in Kelso. Full military rites will be provided by Missouri Honors Team. Memorial contributions may be given to Immaculate

Conception School in Jackson, Mo.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Susan, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. May God bless you and give you strength during this difficult time. Prayers to you and your family.

Dina "Thacker" Rhodes - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Dusty was a very special and amazing man who did so much for us. His kindness and support will never be forgotten and will forever will appreciated. Hugs and prayers to you guys. May God provide you with strength and peace.

Derek and Lynn Reasons - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I feel fortunate to have been able to work with Mr. Rosenquist, and my daughter was lucky to have him as a principal. He left a such a positive impression on both of us! My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Joan Lack - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Susan and Family, I am so saddened by the passing of Carl. He was a wonderful man and principal. He truly cared about those with whom he worked, about his students and about his family. He will be missed. With Deepest Sympathy, Sarah

Sarah Long - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ As a parent,I was lucky enough to have known him when he was at Meadow Heights Elementary School. He was a wonderful man. He was a wonderful person and I am truly saddened to hear of his passing. God bless you and give you comfort at this time

nancy halbrook - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family in these difficult times.

Alysia, Richard, Becca and Georgia Musser - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ With deepest sympathy...our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Cathy & DJ Robinson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr.Rosenquist. Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of great sorrow.May God bless you and give you strenght and comfort at this time.

David and Christine Robinson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM