



Daniel George Josoff Sr.

October 17, 1944 - January 3, 2026

Daniel George Josoff, Sr. was born on October 17, 1944, to Eli and Ruby (Grinnell) Josoff. The second of five children, Dan was raised on a farm in northeast Sarpy County, Nebraska, where faith, family, and hard work shaped the man he would become.

He attended Pleasant Hill Grade School, Indian Hills Junior High, and graduated from South High School in 1963.

Life on the farm gave Dan some of his fondest memories—damming up a small creek to create a swimming “pond” and climbing towering mounds of discarded Nabisco cookies meant for the pigs.

Those cookie hills became legendary, drawing every kid who hoped to tag along with the Josoff children after school.

Dan learned the value of work early. At 15, he began working at Foxley Feed Lot, driven there by his older brother Paul. After graduation, he joined Jensen Home Builders, where his natural gift for carpentry took hold. That passion remained with him throughout his life, even after being drafted into the U.S. Army in July 1965.

On November 16, 1962, a nervous high school senior found the courage to ask Sharon Risk out on a date. That brave moment began a 63-year journey of love and commitment. Dan and Sharon were married on April 1, 1967, at First Lutheran Church in Papillion, Nebraska. Dan often joked, “I took a Risk on April Fool’s Day.”

Gifted with skilled hands and a servant’s heart, Dan built two homes for his

family from the foundation to the roof. He considered his finest work serving as Chairman of the Building Committee for St. John's Lutheran Church in Yutan, often saying, "God gave me this talent, and I'm called to use it for others."

Dan's strong work ethic carried him through a lifetime of meaningful work. He spent 15 years with Gulf Oil as a District Manager, later served the Village of Yutan as Maintenance Supervisor, and worked in a supervisory role with Brase Electrical. He eventually returned to his first love—construction—at Creighton University, where he retired as a Planner Estimator/Engineer. Above all, Dan was most proud of the friendships he formed along the way and was known as a man who worked hard and lived with integrity.

Dan's heart and home were always open. Without hesitation, he welcomed nieces and nephews as his own, raising them with the same love and devotion he gave his children—Jennifer, Danny Jr., and Susan. Being called Dad was his greatest calling. He led with patience, consistency, and quiet strength, teaching by example through hard work, integrity, and faith. He was their steady presence, their encourager, and their safe place, finding his deepest purpose and proudest moments in the lives of his children.

Being a grandfather changed Dan in the best way. He answered the name "Ponca" with pride. His ten grandchildren were his constant blessings—the kind that didn't need words. He believed they were the best-looking grandchildren there ever were, and if anyone thought otherwise, they were simply jealous. In his eyes, his grands were perfect. He welcomed each one with open arms and a smile that said, you belong here, you are loved.

Through them, he was also blessed with the cherished title of Great Grandpa to eleven great-grandchildren, a role that brought him quiet pride and deep gratitude. He saw them all as Jesus sees His children—fully known, deeply loved, and without flaw.

Faith and service were central to Dan's life. He was a devoted member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Yutan and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Valley, Nebraska, serving on the councils of both. He served two terms as Vice

President of the Yutan School Board, was a 4-H leader, and led the youth group at St. John's. Dan also participated in multiple mission trips, using God's gift of skilled hands to serve others wherever there was a need.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Eli and Ruby Josoff; his brother, Paul Josoff; and his in-laws, Perry and Clarice Isaac. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Josoff; his children, Jennifer (Scott) Schulz, Daniel (Jennifer) Josoff, and Susan (Darin) Egr; and his ten grandchildren: Megan Mattson, Alexis Thornton, Jacob Schulz, Madison Quinn, Bailey Johnson, Liberty Koenig, Nicholas Schulz, McKinley Josoff, Laycee Josoff, and Oliver Egr. He is also survived by eleven great-grandchildren, his siblings, Michael Josoff, Mary Vampola, and Tom Josoff, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Jan. 10 at 10:30 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yutan, followed by military honors. Visitation will be Friday from 5-7 PM, also at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be left to the family for later designation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA
1007 2nd St
Yutan, NE 68073
(402) 625-2656

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Military honors will follow the service at the church

Tribute Wall

DD

“ My condolences to Dan’s family. I worked with Dan at Creighton University and he managed many construction projects for the School of Medicine. He was a man of exceptional integrity and character. A true gentleman, professional, and a joy to work with. I wish that I could be there to visit with his family and share with them my deepest condolences for their loss. I always felt blessed to have known him and shared many moments discussing our families and friends. God will welcome him to heaven with open arms!

Dale Davenport - January 09 at 02:57 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..



January 08 at 10:06 PM

TW

“ Tiffany Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Josoff Sr..

Tiffany Wright - January 08 at 10:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..*



January 08 at 08:45 PM



“ *Love, Nick, Shannon, Knox and Kash planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Josoff Sr..*

Love, Nick, Shannon, Knox and Kash - January 08 at 12:59 PM



“ *Love, Nick, Shannon, Knox and Kash purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..*



Love, Nick, Shannon, Knox and Kash - January 08 at 12:59 PM



“ *The O'Malley Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..*



The O'Malley Family - January 06 at 05:35 PM

JF

“ Jassilin Rabe and family purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..



Jassilin Rabe and family - January 06 at 04:18 PM

DF

“ Donna Josoff, Todd & Laura Hopkins & Family, Dawn Josoff Jacobsen & Family purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..



Donna Josoff, Todd & Laura Hopkins & Family, Dawn Josoff Jacobsen & Family - January 06 at 02:03 PM

DF

“ Donna Josoff, Todd & Laura Hopkins & Family, Dawn Josoff Jacobsen & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Josoff Sr..

Donna Josoff, Todd & Laura Hopkins & Family, Dawn Josoff Jacobsen & Family - January 06 at 02:03 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..



January 06 at 09:13 AM

MF

“ *Much love from the Grinvalds family. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..*



Much love from the Grinvalds family. - January 05 at 07:45 PM

DK

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Chuck and Doris Karloff*

Doris Karloff - January 05 at 07:37 PM

DR

“ *Sharon and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time, Dan was a great man and will truly be missed by many. Allen and Denise*

Denise Rowell - January 05 at 06:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..*



January 05 at 05:22 PM

SH

“ Sharon and Family: We are so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. Dan was such a wonderful man and such a shining example of God's love to all of us. He will be greatly missed. Stu and Kathy Hayes

Stuart Hayes - January 05 at 03:33 PM

NB

“ Noah, Jessica and Sawyer Brase purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..



Noah, Jessica and Sawyer Brase - January 05 at 03:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..



January 05 at 02:56 PM

TF

“ The Albrecht Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Josoff Sr..

The Albrecht Family - January 05 at 02:56 PM

TB

“ Sharon and family, we are so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Tony & Vicki Brown and family

Tony and Vicki Brown - January 05 at 01:16 PM

SW

“ *Sandy j W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Josoff Sr..*

Sandy j W. - January 05 at 11:41 AM

YM

“ *Your Cousin Mary purchased the Gracious Laven der Basket for the family of Daniel George Josoff Sr..*



Your Cousin Mary - January 05 at 11:00 AM