



Charles Perry Crosby, S.D.S.

Date of Birth *January 26, 1925*

Date of Commitment *May 20, 2001*

Date of Death *January 29, 2008*

Charles Perry Crosby was born on January 26, 1925 at Kelly Field, Texas, son of Army Chaplain Samuel Eugene Crosby and Judith Powell Crosby. He passed away under hospice care surrounded by family at home on January 29, 2008. Charles was an Army brat and grew up in San Antonio TX, Denver, CO, and El Paso TX. After completing high school in El Paso in 1943, Charles entered the Army Air Corps and became an aircraft mechanic during WWII in the Philippines and Japan. He graduated from Texas A & M in 1951. He returned to the Air Force as a commissioned officer and flew as a B-29 navigator in 1952 during the Korean War. He remained with the Air Force in various posts, including air reconnaissance during the Vietnam War, until he retired in September 1990.

Charles resided in Orangevale since 1968. He was a Eucharistic Minister at Divine Savior Catholic Church and assisted the efforts to develop the new church, which just celebrated its 20th year. Charles and his wife, Margaret, were married October 31, 1953 and have five children; Judith Zarate (Folsom), Charles Jr. (Granite Bay), Camilla Crosby (Orangevale), Melanie Tuttle (Auburn), Peter Crosby (Portola Valley), seven grandchildren, and four great grand children. Charles and Margaret actively encouraged and coached their children; supporting all their efforts in competitive swimming, water polo, rugby, endurance riding, skiing, water-skiing, and are proud of their professional careers, spouses and life choices. Charles enthusiastically supported Margaret's career as a Marriage and Family Therapist and traveled the world attending Driekurs seminars and submersing himself in the local history and culture.

Charles (and Margaret) were invited to join the Lay Salvatorians by Fr. Neil Seidel and made commitment in May of 2001. They made a trip to Africa and spent a month at the Salvatorian Seminary in Morogoro, Tanzania. Charles loved Africa and the seminary held a special place in his heart. They supported the Salvatorian Seminary in many ways and as a lasting sign of this commitment the family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Salvatorian Seminary C/O Divine Savior Church.

A Rosary Service was held on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Divine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, and the Funeral Service took place on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 11:00 AM also at Divine Savior Church. A celebration of his life followed in the Parish Hall. Charles was privately interred with Military Honors at Dixon National Cemetery.