



John F. Toker

April 22, 1925 - November 6, 2018

John F. Toker, 93, of Kearney, died Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Society in Ravenna. Memorial services will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney with Rev. Stephanie Swinnea officiating. Inurnment will be in the church columbarium. Memorials are suggested to the Rector's Discretionary Fund at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

John Frederick Toker was born April 22, 1925, in Livingston Manor, N.Y., to Pearl (Laird) and Joseph Toker. After graduating from high school, he served two years in the South Pacific Base Command (SOPACBACOM) as a staff sergeant in the signal corps. In 1957 he married Mary Lou Mosby in Greely, Colorado.

He earned a B.A. degree at the University of Colorado (Boulder), and both a M.A. and Ed.D at Northern University of Colorado at Greely.

Most of his teaching career was spent at, what is now, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, as a professor in the Special education Department. In addition, he helped train the staff at Bethpage Mission in Axtell, Nebraska and at the local Vocational Workshop in Kearney.

John was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney and had the honor of serving three terms on its vestry. He was one of the first laymen in the parish to serve the chalice at Holy Communion.

John was a state chairman of the Council for Exceptional Citizens (CEC), and helped sponsor the Association for Retarded Citizens at the University. He was a former Blue Lodge Mason and a member of Shrine (Demitted) at Tehama Temple in Hastings. Also, he was chairman of the local Dickens Fellowship, which was associated with the international organization's headquarters in London.

John is survived by friends too numerous to mention.

John was preceded in death by his wife and one sister.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2304 2nd Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *John F. Toker*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I first met Mr. Toker as a junior high student in Hastings NE. I was pleased to then to take an education course taught by him at Kearney State Collage. Craig Fidler*

Craig Fidler - November 13, 2018 at 01:01 PM