



The Reverend Ernest M. Kosa, 96, of Sparta, NJ passed away peacefully on July 31, 2018 at home, surrounded by his loving family. Born June 12, 1922 in Somerville, NJ, Ernest lived in New Brunswick, NJ where his father was the pastor of the Magyar Reformed Church. He attended Bloomfield Academy and graduated from Bloomfield College in 1945 and Bloomfield Seminary in 1948, later earned his MBA degree from Syracuse University.

Ernest was hired as a pastor for two years in Cleveland, Ohio where he played the organ, directed the choir, took care of the youth groups and preached two services each Sunday, one in Hungarian and one in English. He was then called to be pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Sterling, NJ for two years. In October 1952, Ernest entered the U.S. Army as a Chaplain where he served for 20 years. He served in Korea and Vietnam during the wars.

Following his retirement, Ernest became the Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Administrator for Sussex County for 20 years and was involved with many county agencies, including the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice where he was Chair of the Professional Advisory Committee for over 10 years. He was also involved with the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show/NJ State Fair, Sussex County Mental Health Board, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Newton Medical Center Foundation, and Easter Seals. Because of his long-time commitment of 40 years to the County Building at the NJ State Fair, the County Building was named in his honor. He was also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 327 Stanhope, NJ and the American Legion Post 86 Newton, NJ.

Ernest is survived by Barbara, his loving wife of 63 years, his daughter Karen Rinaldi, sons Mark Kosa, Brian Kosa and his wife Karen. He is also survived by his loving grandchildren Kyle, Simone, Mitchell and Marissa. He is predeceased by his son-in-law John Rinaldi and his two sisters Lillian, Margaret and husband Imre.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Ernest's life on Sunday August, 5, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta 32 Main St. Sparta, NJ from 12:00 to 2:00 PM and 3:00 to 5:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at 5:30 PM immediately following visitation. Interment will be held on Monday 12 noon at Northern NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ernest's memory to the following organizations would be greatly appreciated:

Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice
99 Sparta Avenue
Newton, NJ 07860

Newton Medical Center Foundation
175 High Street
Newton, NJ 07860

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 327
P O Box 9
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