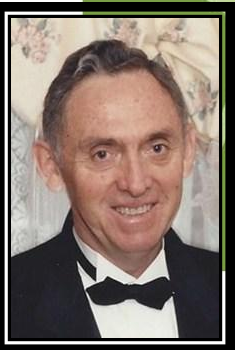


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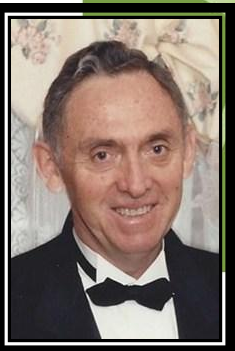
Richard J. Priem
1928-2013

Family Appreciation
December 30, 2013

By: Rich Priem
eldest son



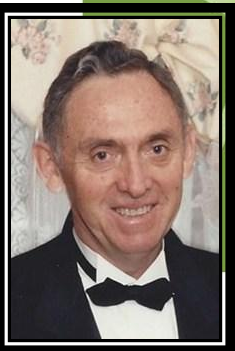
- He was There!
 - My Dad, Grampa
 - Dick Priem
- He didn't always say a lot
 - But he was there
- And everybody knew it
 - And everybody appreciated it!



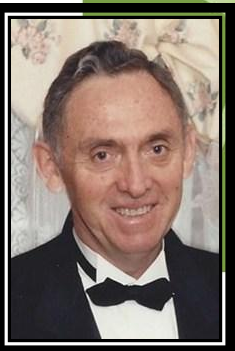
- He was there
 - The 1st time I spoke from this Alter
 - Leading the 8th grade Funeral Crew
 - Our very first assignment was
 - Great Gramma Paulovich
- He was there
 - for her Daughter, Gramma Berger
 - Who Retired into his Home
 - for a Decade
 - While she slowly faded
 - With Alzheimer's



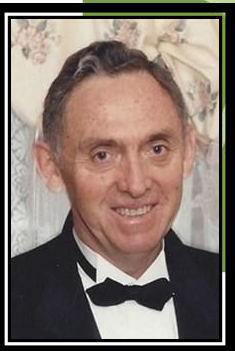
- He was there
 - for her Daughter, Kathleen
 - His Wife, my Mother
 - On the Joy Ride you get from
 - More than Half a Century of Marriage
- He was there
 - When this Church was built
 - And then the School as well!
 - And Decades of Activities
 - Building a community. . .



- He was there
 - For all Five of his Children
 - And all Ten Grandchildren
- Important things, of course
 - Graduations & Performances
 - Weddings and Children
- But little things too
 - Taking a Hike . . . Riding a Bike
 - Building a Toy . . . Fixing a Toilet
 - Working on a Project . . .



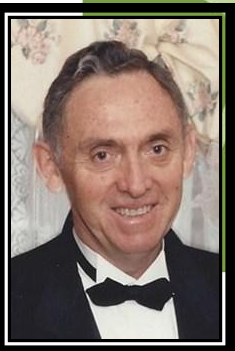
- As they say,
 - it wasn't Rocket Science
- Just plain and simple
 - Good, decent living
 - Caring for 5 Generations of Family
- Home every evening for Dinner
 - Squeezing everybody into
 - The Station Wagon
 - Whitewater Kayaking
 - Camping in the Trailer



- But, by the way, on the side
 - He **was** a Rocket Scientist
- Dr. Priem earned a Ph.D
 - In Combustion Engineering
- And he was there
 - To receive his Awards
 - After NASA put
 - a Man on the Moon



- He was there
 - For all of my Successes, and if
 - There were some failures on the way
 - He was there too!
- He saw that we had everything we needed, and
 - not a lot of stuff that we didn't need
- My wife and 3 young sons are in the Pews. I only hope I can
 - Live up to the example he set
 - as a Man, a Husband, a Father



- My Brothers and Sisters
 - My four siblings
- He was there for us, now
 - We have to be there for each other
- Mom
 - You too were always there for us
 - Know now that we will always be here for you
- Dad: I Love You
 - Your job is done. It was done well.
- Rest in Peace!

