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Joseph Carl Heinlein, M.D.

Passed away on February 17, 2006, in Tucson after a struggle with cancer. Joseph was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and a warm and generous friend.

Born November 3, 1931, to John and Clara Heinlein in Sidney, Nebraska, Joseph was the third of four brothers, William, John, and Rex. He spent his youth in Sidney, as did his childhood friend and wife to be, Sally Dee Lowe. He received his bachelor's degree in history at the University of Michigan, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and his M.D. at the University of Nebraska Medical School in Omaha. After graduation, Joseph married Sally in Sidney and they spent a year in Tacoma, Washington, at Madigan Army Hospital and the next three years in Germany, where Joseph served as a battalion surgeon in the U.S. Army. It was there that his first two children were born, Elisabeth and John. After his service years, the family moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Joseph completed his pediatric residency at the University of Michigan and where his two youngest children, Nancy and Joseph Jr. were born.

In 1964, the family moved to Tucson, where Joseph worked as a pediatrician until his retirement in 1996. Throughout his career helping children in the southern Arizona community, he devoted much of his time to the Children's Evaluation Center and to St. Elizabeth's of Hungary and served as a member of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

Joseph was a passionate life-long learner and spent his latter years enrolled in the University of Arizona's SAGE program. He also was an active member at Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church. An avid sports fan, he never wavered in his loyalty to Nebraska, Michigan, and, of course, the Arizona Wildcats.

He is survived by his wife Sally of Tucson, their four children: Elisabeth Bickley of Gilbert, John of Sacramento, California, Nancy Goforth of Tucson, and Joseph Jr. of Chicago, Illinois; and six grandchildren. His surviving brother Rex resides in Sugar Pine, California.

A memorial service to celebrate Joseph's life will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 25, 2006, at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams, Tucson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the TMC Foundation, 5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson, 85712 designated to Peppi's House inpatient hospice or may be sent to the charity of your choice.

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