

In Loving Memory



Daniel P. Moriarty

March 24, 1924 - February 16, 2013

Family

Faith

Teacher



The Starfish Story

Original Story by Loren Easley

One day a man was walking
Along the beach when he
noticed a boy picking
something up and gently
throwing it into the ocean.
Approaching the boy, he
asked, "What are you doing?"
The youth replied, "Throwing
starfish back into the ocean.
The surf is up and the tide is
going out. If I don't throw
them back,
they'll die."

"Son," the man said, "don't
you realize there are miles
and miles of beach and
hundreds of starfish?
You can't make a
difference!"

After listening politely, the
boy bent down, picked up
another starfish, and threw it
back into the surf. Then,
smiling at the man, he said
"I made a difference
for that one."

Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, Brother and Friend

Writer.....Gelfer

Veteran



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**Daniel P.
Moriarty**

BORN

March 24, 1924
Paducah, Kentucky

DIED

February 16, 2013
Cottage Grove, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
Friday, February 22, 2013 at 11:00 am
920 Holley Avenue
St. Paul Park, Minnesota

AT THE AGE OF

88 Years, 10 Months and 22 Days

OFFICIATING

Fr. Tony Andrade

CASKETBEARERS

All of Daniel's Grandchildren

INTERMENT

St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery
St. Paul Park, Minnesota

Arrangements with Kok Funeral Home

*Friends may express their condolences to Daniel's family
with our online guestbook at www.kokfuneral.com.*

Daniel P. Moriarty

Daniel Patrick Moriarty, was born in 1924 in Paducah, Kentucky, to John and Margaret (Cargill) Moriarty. His mother died when he was four, and his father, when he was six. He was then adopted by his father's younger brother, Joseph and his wife, Elizabeth, who lived in Enderlin, North Dakota.

Dan graduated from high school in 1942 and accepted a scholarship from St. Thomas College in St. Paul. Later, in November he enlisted in the U.S. Marines and served in the South Pacific, where he fought in two battles, Guam and Iwo Jima, receiving Naval and Presidential Citations.

He returned to St. Thomas College in 1945, and married Esther I. Horst in 1946 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He graduated in 1948 with honors and began his teaching career at Morris, MN, then accepted an English position at St. Paul Park High School in 1954. In 1966 he was selected by his school board and Kent State University to study education behind the Iron Curtain in Leipzig, Germany; Prague, Bucharest, and Moscow. He was nominated for Minnesota State teacher of the year in 1967.

Also, in 1967, he joined the staff of the Minnesota Education Association, becoming an executive until he retired in 1982, when he founded "the Moriarty Clan" a world-wide family-name newsletter with subscribers in ten countries and 48 states. After two tours of Ireland, he wrote *The Moriarty Story* and became president of the Irish Genealogical Society, International.

At age 65, he became a substitute teacher in five districts for ten years and was famous for his "grandpa stories." He then became a freelance writer of eight published works and nine self-published pieces.

His focus was always on his family and loved to spend time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved animals, and was a dedicated and active member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Dan's family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Norris Square, as well as HealthEast Hospice and Dr. Todd Smith and staff at HealthEast Cottage Grove for giving their dad such wonderful care and attention.

He is survived by his children, Peggy (Gary) Nelson, Tom (Terri) Moriarty, Mary (Fran) Graves, Steve (Barb) Moriarty, Patt (Rob) Rowland, Dan (Maureen) Moriarty; grandchildren, Barb (John), Aaron (Liesl), Brian (Diana), Jeff (Lis), Greg, Michelle (Jason), Angie (Zach), Mike, Kaci, Jacob, Kelly, Scott (Kris), Sean (Jessica), Erinn; great-grandchildren, Sam, Max, Grace, Anna, Luke, Amanda, Jackson, Jillian, Deja, Zander and Gwenivere; brother, John (Dee) Moriarty; and brother-in-law, Gordon (Marietta) Horst. He is preceded in death by his wife and companion for 65 years, Esther; parents, John and Margaret Moriarty; infant son Joseph; Uncle Joe and Aunt Bess; son-in-law, Gus Hofschulte.
