



## Joe Gentle Sink

July 12, 1929 - November 1, 2016

Joe was born on July 12, 1929 in Mooresville, NC. He was the son of the late Joe G. Sink and Georgia Nance Sink. He married Dolores Eisele on October 12, 1963, and they celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary a few weeks ago. Joe is survived by a loving family, including his wife Dolores; son David and wife Beth, along with their daughters Corinne and Rose; daughter Linda and husband Sander Smith, along with their children Alex, Graham, and Emma. He is also survived by his sister June Sink Rummage and her husband Wayne, as well as his brother Henry Sink and his wife Lou. Joe is predeceased by his beloved nephew Richard Sink. Numerous nieces and nephews will remember their Uncle Joe with funny stories and fond memories. Joe was a 1947 graduate of Mooresville High School and a 1951 graduate of Davidson College, where he majored in math and business and played many hands of bridge. Joe was honored to serve 22 years in the US Air Force. He enlisted following college graduation in July 1951. He completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, then entered the 2-month Aviation Cadet Navigator program in January 1952 at Ellington AFB in Texas. He received his wings and commission as a Second Lieutenant in January 1953, followed by B-29 Command Crew Training at Randolph AFB, Texas. The next assignment was Walker AFB, New Mexico as a KB-29 crew member in the 509th Air Refueling Squadron; upgrade to the KC-97G aircraft occurred in 1954. Joe remained in the 509th until 1958 when he was assigned to KC-135 school. He served as a KC-135 navigator for 5 years. His military career also included 9

months as a student at the Air Command and Staff College, many staff assignments at Bomb Wing level in the Strategic Air Command, 12 months in Vietnam, and a two-year assignment as an operations officer at the Alternate National Military Command Center with primary duty at an underground facility. Joe retired in the fall of 1973 as a Master Navigator with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After retiring from the Air Force, Joe was privileged to work in an interesting and challenging job as a computer programmer for Duke Power Company in Charlotte until his retirement in October 1986. Joe was a lifelong Lutheran and a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Troutman, NC. He requested that anyone wishing to celebrate his life do so by making a donation to the charity of their choice. The family thanks all who have offered prayers, support, meals, and love during Joe's illness. They also thank the wonderful people from Hospice of Iredell County who made it possible for Joe to spend his last eight weeks at home. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 6 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the church. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Sink family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Gentle Sink*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Joe Gentle Sink*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Joe Gentle Sink*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I was saddened to hear that Joe passed away. Joe was my supervisor at Duke Power Company in Charlotte. It was truly a blessing to work for him. He was such a wonderful person.*

**Pamela Turner Croston** - August 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Yoder family from Greensboro send their deepest sympathies to all the loved ones mourning the death of Mr. Sink. We hope many wonderful loving memories will help ease your grief, and that you will all feel God's peace.*

**Margaret (Sisk) and Colin Yoder** - November 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love you*

**John Rummage Jr** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss you neighbor..thanks for years of welcoming smiles, sharing stories, grass cuts, and the spoiling of my girls. Love, BJ, Brian, Stacy and Michele*

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November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM