

LUDWIG E. JANZOW

LUDWIG E. JANZOW Resident of San Leandro from 1947- 2001 Lud Janzow (1911 - 2007) died peacefully on January 22nd in Davis, California. he was born Ludwig Edward Friedrich Janzow in St. Ansgar, Iowa, the second oldest of seven children. He grew up in the house that had originally served as the first Lutheran Church in St. Ansgar, founded by his grandfather. Lud attended Saint Ansgar High School, graduating in 1929. He then attended Concordia Teachers' College in Seward, Nebraska, partly because this was one of the only ways for the large family to afford to send him to college. Graduating in 1933, he was inspired by the skills learned in this Lutheran college to go on to a highly fruitful career of teaching and witnessing to his faith in Lutheran school. Years later, in 1986, he was honored with the Master Teacher Award from Concordia. His first teaching job was in Herington, Kansas in a one-room Lutheran school. He also taught in Brighton, Colorado before serving in the Air Force from 1942 to 1946. In 1947, he was called to teach 7th and 8th grades as well as serve as principal of St. Peter's Lutheran School in San Leandro. He served in this position until his retirement in 1976. His duties and joys at St. Peter's included serving as organist and director of adult, children's and high school choirs. Hundreds of students were influenced by him and kept in touch with him over the years. He also was influential in making St. Peter's a multi-ethnic school, enrolling many students from East Oakland at a time when San Leandro was a segregated city. His tenure also saw completion of a new school building as well as a new church. Of his teaching and his life, Lud said in an interview in 1972, "Variety is good. One thing that keeps me on my toes is when someone disagrees with me. It makes me think, examine and study...I have been fortunate as a parochial teacher to help youngsters not neglect that (spiritual dimension of life.)" As a very eligible bachelor at St. Peter's, Lud was the subject of speculation and, dare one say, scheming by the ladies of the parish. In 1951, he married a lovely widow, Lucile Aufdemberge, and upon their marriage undertook the care and nurturing of Lucile's mother and daughter, Mary as well. Lud and Lucile enjoyed forty-four years of hard work and joyful service together. After his retirement, Lud continued to teach in new arenas. He and Lucile received training in the Aid Association for Lutheran's Smart program, a pioneering program for preparing people for retirement. They organized and taught numerous small Smart groups. Lud also received training in the Laubach Literacy Method and tutored several literacy students through the Laubach program in San Leandro. He also tutored English as a second language students including students from Russia, El Salvador and China. Even after moving to Davis in 2001, he tutored one of his students by phone. While in Davis, Lud lived at Atria Covell Gardens. He remained an active member and supporter of St. Peter's in San Leandro. Lud Janzow is survived by and remembered with love by his daughter, Mary Lowry and son-in-law, Jack Lowry of Davis; his grandchildren, Elisabeth Lowry of San Francisco and Tim Lowry of Elk Grove; his sister, Clara Meyerhoff of Davis; niece, Joan Meyerhoff and her daughter, Lauren Murphy of Portland, Oregon; nephew, Paul Meyerhoff and his wife, Debra Taylor and their children, Chris and Kelly of Davis. His other brothers and sisters include Adele Dietrich of St. Ansgar, Iowa, Arthur Janzow and his wife, Mary of St. Ansgar, Iowa, Bertram Janzow and wife, Anita of Yorba Linda, California and Richard Janzow and wife, Georgia of Palos Heights, Illinois. Countless other relatives, close friends and former students will miss him. Viewing will be held at Santos-Robinson Funeral Home, 160 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro on Friday, January 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The graveside service will be private. A memorial service for Lud Janzow will be held on Saturday, January 27th, 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 294 Broadmoor Blvd., San Leandro. Memorial gifts may be sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, 1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63122-7295 or Lutheran World Relief, 700 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230. SANTOS-ROBINSON MORTUARY San Leandro 510-483-0123 www.santos-robinson.com

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