

## Joseph J. Niederkorn



Joseph John Niederkorn was born March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1900 in Hastings, Dakota County, Minnesota. His father was Mathias (Matt) John Niederkorn of Wisconsin. His mother was Frieda Marie Gaeng of Germany.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1918, at the age of 18, Joseph enlisted in the National Army. He served as a private in battery C of the 47<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery Corps. He trained at Fort Totten in New York. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1918, Joseph boarded the Zeelandia in Newport News, Virginia and headed to France. The 47<sup>th</sup> CAC arrived in France right after the Mihiel-Argonne conflict and just as the Armistice was being signed. Joseph left France and headed back to the United States aboard the Madawaska on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1919. He mustered out of service on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1919.

After the war, Joseph returned to Hastings, Minnesota and lived with his parents. He worked at the Hasting Flour Mill. In the 1930s and 1940s, Joseph worked at the Hastings State Asylum, as well as the Hastings Flour Mill. He married Ruth Ann Stevens in 1920. Joseph and Ruth had seven children: Lyola Jean (1921 – 1999), Marjorie Helen (1924 – 1931), Richard Joseph (1926 – 1995), Jay Mathew (1932 – 1986), Paul John (1935 – 2003), Jeralyn Marie (1941 -) and Dennis Peter (1943 -). Joseph died in Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1981, at the age of 81. He was laid to rest at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Cemetery in Hastings, Minnesota.