

SOPHUS AASGAARD.

Sophus Aasgaard was born on Sunday, Mothers Day, May 12, 1929 at three thirty-eight o'clock in the afternoon at Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Doctor Calvin Hannah was the doctor. He weighed six pounds, eight and one half ounces and was as cute and red as could be. When he was one week old we took him to his first home at 5817 Hillcrest and a colored girl named Sadie Powell took care of him. This apartment was so warm and he suffered with heat rash and colic all the time we were there. In July we lived in the Jenness Home at 3415 Shanandoah while they were on vacation, this home was nice and cool so Sophus did not cry so much. On August 2nd. he took his first big automobile trip in a Chrevolet Couch to North Dakota to meet all the relatives. He was a good traveler and stood the trip fine. He was baptized on August 18, 1929 at the First Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota by Pastor J. D. Rundsvold.

He came back to Dallas on the train on November 2nd. and lived at 3453 Mc Farlin Boulevard. He spent his first Christmas at Professor Stocker's Home at Fayetteville, Arkansas. His first birthday was spent at 3451 Mc Farlin Boulevard, we had just moved to the other side of the duplex, he had a birthday cake with one candle and he ate a piece of the cake.

On June 6, 1934 Sophus had his tonsils taken out by Doctor Guy Tittle, Dallas, Texas. He suffered with asthma for several months before and after the operation. On March 12, 1935 he had an x-ray taken of his chest and found he had a large abscess on his right bronchial tube. On September 16, 1935 he started school at University Park School, Dallas, Texas. In the Spring of 1940 Sophus had a small sinus operation (cutting windows), this was done by Doctor Hugh Mc Laurin. In the Spring of 1941 we found these windows had grown together so they had to be opened again. In January 1941 Sophus left University Park School for Highland Park Junior High School.

Sophus was confirmed on April 18, 1943 at the Central Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas by Pastor Edgar C. Sovik.

Sophus was graduated from Highland Park High School May 29, 1946 and started Southern Methodist University September 1946. In September 1948 he went to Fargo to attend North Dakota State College there. He was there only one year. He came back to S.M.U. for Summer School 1949. He joined the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. On November 10, 1949 Sigma Tau conferred the honor of membership on Sophus, Alpha Beta Chapter, Southern Methodist University. On June 4, 1951 he received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at S.M.U. graduating with honors. On May 30, 1953 he received his Master of Science in Civil Engineering at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

In June 1952 Sophus went to St Louis, Missouri to work with the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad as Structural Engineer in the Architectural Department.