



## Douglas E. Erickson

Douglas E. Erickson was born November 30, 1921 the son of Adolph (A.E.) and Emma (Ekstam) Erickson, in Grand Forks, ND. He graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1943, Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mpls. in 1945. Following ordination into the Lutheran Ministry he studied Chinese language and culture at Yale and Cornell Universities. In December 1946 he went as a missionary to China. He studied a year at the College of Chinese Studies, Beijing before beginning educational and evangelistic work in rural ShanTung. After the Communist take over in May 1949, he remained until August 1950 when he left for Hong Kong. There he met Joan Parkin, a missionary from England, whom he married in Yorkshire, England on July 16, 1952. They served overseas in Malaya (Malaysia) 1953-1957, and in Taiwan 1961-1966; also congregations in Columbus and Livingston, MT, and Milwaukee, WI. Returning from Taiwan, he did graduate study at UND receiving his M.A. in 1967 and Ed.D. in 1970. He served as International Student Advisor at the University of North Dakota from 1969-1985; and as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, East Grand

Qingdao, China (1987-1988). He has been active as a Hospice Volunteer and as a Senior Health Insurance Counselor (SHIC).

A member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church from boyhood, he has been a leader in the J.O.Y. senior group. He was a member of the Golden K. Kiwanis Club. He was a retired pastor of the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the E.L.C.A. He was a member of the Grand Forks Retired Teacher's Association.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; sons, Paul and wife (Karla), Iola, WI; Philip and wife (Lynn), Shoreview, MN; Mark and wife (Elaine), Grand Forks; daughters, Margit (Mrs. Mark Bobman), Unionville, CT; and Ruth (Mrs. Jack Muhs), Collierville, TN, and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Kenneth, Leonard, Gordon, and Stanley; and his sisters, Ardis and Inez Erickson.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Grand Forks.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service in Amundson Funeral Home and for the hour before the service in the church.

Burial: Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Forks.

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The family prefers memorials be directed to The St. Mark's Lutheran Church abiding memorial fund or to Altru Hospice.