



Reverend Donald William Stoughton

October 16, 1926 - January 15, 2013

October 16, 1926 to January 15, 2013 Donald W. Stoughton, 86 years old, died Tuesday, 01-15-13, after a long battle with dementia. He died with family present and was well attended to by a wonderful team of Hospice nurses. His death was a good one. Donald married the love of his life, Adele True Stoughton of Jersey City, New Jersey and was married for greater than 64 years. They had three children; John W. Stoughton, Paul E. Stoughton (deceased) and Donna J. Stoughton. Others remaining are John's wife, Mary Hinds; grandchildren, Laura Boothman, Eliza Stoughton, Augusta Stoughton, Eric Stoughton, and a great grandchild, Aiden Boothman. Donald was born to Clarence C. Stoughton and Hilda Spitz Stoughton in Staten Island, New York. He had a younger sister, Jeanne Stoughton Dagher, now deceased. Adele and Donald met at Wagner College in Staten Island. Donald went on to Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, where he graduated and went on to Hamma Theological School in Springfield, Ohio, where he was ordained as a Lutheran pastor. His first church calling was to Trinity Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. He then moved to Chicago to take a calling at Ridge Lutheran Church. After that, he headed the Lay Training program at Hamma Theological School in Springfield, Ohio. In 1964, he and Adele moved their family to Indianapolis for a calling at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on the east side of Indianapolis. He retired in 1988 after 24 years with his Gethsemane family. In their retirement, Don and Adele traveled and spent long, lazy summers at the family lake cabin in Belgrade, Maine, with his family that loved him deeply. Above all, we will remember his humanitarianism. Motivated by justice and equality for humanity, he touched many lives, affecting strangers, friends, and family. A memorial service will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 526 E. 52nd Street, Indianapolis, IN on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 1:00 pm. No flowers, please. Donations can be made to Horizon House Day Shelter, Wheeler Mission, or Gleaner's Food Bank, all of Indianapolis. Don's body has been donated to the Indiana University Medical School for the use of medical students in their education. Final arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel.