

REV. EDWARD H. REINKER 1907-1993



Rev. Edward H. Reinker, 85, former pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, died Thursday evening, Jan. 7, in Four Seasons Healthcare Center, Bad Axe, following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 27, 1907, in Cleveland, OH, the son of Albert and Caroline (Breus) Reinker. On Nov. 27, 1937, he and Dorothy Klevé were united in marriage in Cleveland, and she survives him.

Pastor Reinker graduated from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, IL, in May, 1938. In the years following he served Lutheran churches in Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska and Michigan. His first congregation was St. John of Mt. Hope, OH, 1944-1946, St. Paul of Cross Plains, IN, 1946-1948, Zion of Juniata, NE, 1948-1954, Christ of Goodrich, 1954-1966 and St. John of Kilmanagh from 1966 until his retirement from the active ministry in 1973.

He was a member of St. John Church, Lutheran Laymen's League and had been active in Unionville-Sebewaing Area Senior Citizens group and the Pigeon Senior Citizens.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy of Sebewaing; three sons, Kenneth of Cody, WY, Glen of Grand Blanc and Robert of Olympia, WA; three daughters, Mrs. Marilyn (Richard) Kiemer of Tampa, KS, Mrs. Elaine (Richard) Heston of Goodrich, and Mrs. Judith (Brian) Kraft of Sterling Heights; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Clifford Reinker of Scottsdale, AZ; two sisters, Ruth Libby of South Euclid, OH, and Mrs. Norine (Wilbert) Vernick of Chardon, OH, and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Melvin and Harold Reinker, and one sister, Elva Story, preceded him in death.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in St. John Church, Kilmanagh, with Michigan District LCMS President Rev. John L. Heins and Rev. Jeffrey Walsh officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery in Sebewaing.