

REV. LESTER A. RUEGSEGGER

1904 - 1987

The Rev. Lester A. Ruegsegger, age 83 of Traverse City, former area native and a retired United Methodist minister, passed away recently Friday, July 17 at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

He had lived in that area for the past 18 years, where he was a member of the Traverse City Ministerial Association and helped form the Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club and the Petoskey Rock and Mineral Club.

Born in Leelanau County on Feb. 25, 1904, he was the son of Harvey E. and Julia (Christiansen) Ruegsegger. On June 22, 1932 in Traverse City, he married the former Harriett B. Kennedy, who survives him.

He is also survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lamar (Louise) King of Traverse City, Delores Brubaker of Ontario, Canada and Mrs. Fred (Mary Lou) Bennetch of Pennsylvania; six sisters, Wilma Payne and Mrs. Alfred (Margaret) Swanson, both of Traverse City, Iola Cameron of Big Rapids, Mrs. Fred (Lucille) Hall of Midland, Mrs. Richard (Fern) Benson of Florida and Mrs. Earl (Beatrice) Swanson of Houghton Lake, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ward and two sisters, Carol Ruegsegger and Doris Juillett.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 20 in the Emmanuel United Methodist Church. The Revs. Steven Averill and Marvin Rosa officiated with burial in the East Kasson Township Cemetery.