

REV. JAMES P. DITTMER

1913 - 1994

Rev. James P. Dittmer, 81, formerly of Unionville, passed away Monday, Oct. 17 in Minneapolis, MN.

Born in 1913 in Wheatland, ND., he graduated from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA., in 1936 and from its theological seminary in 1939. He spent the next 17 years as a missionary for the Moravian Church in Bethel, Alaska.

He and his wife Grace were married in 1940. He served as a licensed boat captain, operating a 64-foot pilot boat to distribute supplies to missionary stations and schools in Alaska. He also piloted military ships during World War II. Later, Rev. Dittmer earned his pilot's license and flew from place to place.

He served as a pastor in Sister Bay, Wisc., then came to the Waconia, Mn., Moravian Church in 1964. He served there 10 years and in Unionville for four years, before retiring to Watertown.

Besides his wife Grace, Rev. Dittmer is survived by two daughters, two sons, including James of Beaverton, one brother and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Oct. 21 at the Waconia Moravian Church. Interment was in Zoar Moravian Cemetery, Waconia. Johnson Funeral Home, Waconia, handled arrangements.