

REV. EDWARD F. SCHMIDT

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The Rev. Edward F. Schmidt, age 87, of Bradenton, Fla., passed away Saturday, May 3 at Manatee Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Pembroke, Canada and graduated from Concordia College in Milwaukee, Wisc. in 1912 and graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. in 1916 after his vicarage in Giddings, Tex. He married Lillian Hannah Sting of Pigeon on Sept. 5, 1917. He was a minister of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and had recently celebrated 60 years in the ministry.

In 60 years of service, the Rev. Schmidt served various congregations in Canada; Posen, Mich., Cheboygan, Onaway, Leland; Good Harbor (where his father served 25 years before him), Bethlehem; Ann Arbor, and Wyoming. He was active in the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church in Bradenton during his years of retirement.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. William Gerard of Bradenton; a son, the Rev. Edward A. Schmidt of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Charles Wheeler of Muskegon; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Viola Leslie of Pigeon; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 7 at 10 a.m. from Hope Lutheran Church, Bradenton. Officiating at the service were the Rev. Paul A. Ruff, Dr. Lloyd Behnken and Vicar Douglas Meyer, with burial in Manasota Memorial Park.

Toale Brothers, south chapel, were in charge of funeral arrangements.