

Renter, Carl

The Rev. Carl A. Renter, 88, of Port Hope passed away on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, in Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe following a short illness. He was born on May 24, 1914, in Detroit to the late Frederick W. and Olga (Heinemann) Renter. Carl was a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree. While a student at WSU, he served as the youth director at Woodward Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. After the service, he went to Oberlin Theology Seminary in Oberlin, Ohio and received a bachelor of divinity degree and later received a master of divinity from Vanderbilt University Seminary in Nashville, Tenn. His first full-time pastorate after ordination was with the United Church of Christ in Goshen, Ind. While in Goshen, he served as executive secretary of the Council of Churches in Indiana. He was called to the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Detroit as their full-time chaplain, receiving his accreditation from the University of Michigan. Later he returned to the pastorate and served churches in Lawrenceburg and Wanatah, Ind., and Baroda and Buffalo, Mich. After retirement to Port Hope, Carl served the Ugly United Methodist Church. His final employment was as a greeter at the Bad Axe Wal-Mart, a job he truly enjoyed. The Rev. Renter served the United Church of Christ for 45 years. Carl was a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and the Port Hope AmVets Post. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Virginia Renter of Port Hope; a son, Frederick W. Renter and his wife, Cathy, of Eugene, Ore.; five grandchildren, Carl J. Renter, Elizabeth Renter, Clair Renter, Karen Gust and Dewayne Gilbert; five great-grandchildren, Joseph Gust, Kylie Gust, Colin Gust, Ashley Gilbert and Grant Gilbert. Carl was preceded in death by a son, Carl J. Renter Jr.; a daughter, Christine Bryce; two brothers, Frederick Renter and Franklin Renter; two sisters, Dorothy Forbes and Hildegard Adamson. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, in the United Methodist Church in Port Hope with the Rev. Clarence VanConant, pastor, officiating. Cremation took place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Interment will be in the Port Hope Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the time of service Friday at the church. Memorials may be given to the Crossroads Home for Children at P.O. Box 5156, Fort Wayne, IN 46897 or the Port Hope United Methodist Church.