

## **PASTOR ERWIN E. MEYER**

**1925 - 1988**

Pastor Erwin E. Meyer, age 62, of Coldwater, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19 after a lingering illness.

He was born Jan. 28, 1925 in Pigeon, son of the late Herman J. and Sarah Clabuesch Meyer. He attended St. John's Lutheran School and Pigeon High School until January of 1943, when the family moved to Utica. Upon graduation from Utica High School, he joined the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged from active service in December of 1945, then joined the U.S. Army Reserves. He retired from the reserves in 1985, as a colonel, and for most of that time, served as a chaplain.

In 1946 he enrolled in Highland Park Junior College, then after graduation entered the University of Detroit, graduating with a chemical engineering degree in 1950. He later enrolled at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. and graduated with a degree in divinity in 1954. He served two churches in Oklahoma before accepting a call to Coldwater in 1959 at St. Paul's, where he remained active until December, 1987.

On Aug. 18, 1956 he married Caroline June Conradi at Kingfisher, Okla. She survives, along with one daughter and five sons and 10 grandchildren. Carol Beth is a PFC with the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Mark E. Meyer and Timothy S. Meyer live in Ann Arbor. John C. Meyer resides in Royal Oak. Bruce E. Meyer lives in Saline and Paul E. Meyer lives in Okemos.

He is also survived by two brothers, William of Mt. Clemens and Alfred of Orlando, Fla.; four sisters, Mrs. Earl (Irene) Wangelin of Sterling Heights, Mrs. Johann Meyer of St. Joseph, Mrs. Richard (Mildred) Bahlman of Union City and Mrs. Robert (Louise) Wangelin of Washington; an uncle, Edmund Clabuesch of Fenton and an aunt, Mrs. Floyd Collision of Pigeon.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Jan. 22 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Coldwater. Burial was at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek with full military rites.