

# REV. PHILIP K. PRESS

1925 - 1988

The Rev. Philip K. Press, 62 of Pigeon, 20-year pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, passed away Monday, Oct. 10 in St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw.

He was born on Nov. 30, 1925 in Burke, S.D., son of the late Gerhard L. and Helen (nee Komm) Press. He received Holy Baptism on Dec. 27, 1925 and renewed those baptismal vows on his Confirmation in 1939.

Rev. Press graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw in 1943, from Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisc. in 1947 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisc. in 1951. He was a pastor in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod for 37 years, 20 of which were spent in Pigeon as pastor at St. John's. He was also a member of the Center for Reformation Research.

He married Christiana E. Peters on June 16, 1951 in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Surviving him are his wife, Christiana E. of Pigeon; three daughters, Mrs. Michael (Susan) Lewallen of Portland, Ore., Mrs. James (Christine) Brenner of Eugene, Ore. and Miss Anne Press of Riverside, Calif.; three sons, Paul Press of Brown Deer, Wisc., Peter Press of Beaver Dam, Wisc. and Thomas Press of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; one brother, Richard Press of Wayne, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Bert (Pauline) Toensing of Liverpool, N.Y., and Mrs. Don (Barbara) Stobb of Wayne.

One brother, Mark Press, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m., from St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. The Revs. John Brenner, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Bay City, and Paul Schleis, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkton, officiated, with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Pastor Press' memory to St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, Building Fund, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Library, or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Organ Fund.

Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home of Pigeon handled arrangements.

