



Gordon Gilbert Johnson

November 19, 1919 - April 1, 2011

Age 91 of New Brighton on April 1, 2011. Preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Alta. Survived by son Gregg (Lois); daughter Gayle (Sam) Ramer; grandchildren, Margaret Washenberger, Elizabeth Boyd, Nathan Johnson, Nicholas (Anna) Johnson, Natalie (Brett) Germain, Neil Johnson; great-grandson Timber Washenberger; sisters Audrey Behmyer and Lorraine (Ralph) Lundborg; nephew Glenn (Joyce) Anderson. Gordon served in four pastorates in Dalbo, MN, Milltown, WI, Montclair, NJ and Chicago, IL before going to Bethel in 1959. He became dean in 1964 and served in that capacity until 1984. Gordon helped start Bethel West in 1977 and moved to California in 1984. He was on the staff of College Ave. Baptist Church as Associate Pastor and as Interim Senior Pastor. Memorial service Friday 10:30 AM at GRACE POINT CHURCH; 2351 Rice Creek Road, New Brighton. Interment Hillside Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 4-8PM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL; 515 W. Hwy 96, Shoreview. Memorials preferred to Bethel Theological Seminary or Grace Point Church.

Tribute Wall

“ Dean, Dr. Gordon Johnson...

A man used by God to change my life forever.

His keen and deep commitment to Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and the clear communication of both, made him so powerful a man.

He was a reflector and conduit of the living God in my life.

The years I was around him at Bethel Seminary were abiding and growing years in Christ.

And, he continued to teach me.

His emphasis on preaching without notes profoundly affected me. Each time I enter the pulpit to this day, I remember his encouragements to excellence and compelling clarity of the gospel.

His reflections just recently on the surprises of God's leading in his own life were a great encouragement to me, as well.

Dr. Gordon Johnson, man of God, Christ-follower, teacher of preachers, mentor and friend, model of godly preacher and loving husband...truly a gift from God to all who knew him.

Thank you, LORD, for the gift of this man to my life /our lives.

Psalms 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His

saints."

Rev. Wendell C. Wahlin - April 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thanks be to God for the life of Gordon. His life from the late thirties on has been honored in my parents and our home.*

His wise counsel during my educational choices is remembered with gratitude. Subsequent visits have encouraged us.

Gordon's parents and mine were mutually supportive of one another. Gordon was always open to assisting.

In numerous ways Gordon was an inspiration for me as a Christian, pastor, and questor. It is difficult to find single minded Christians who challenge us as Gordon has done for me.

Paul & Doris Cousins - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM