



Paul Monson

October 30, 2008

Monson, Paul Odean of Edina, MN, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2008. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 1959. He graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in 1963 and served in parish ministry for 40 years: in Mondovi, WI (1963-1965), Rosholt, WI (1966-1970), as campus pastor at UW-Stevens Point (1966-1969), First English Lutheran in Faribault, MN (1970-1988), and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis (1988-2003). In his retirement, he served interim ministries at St. Luke's Lutheran in Bloomington, and Elim Lutheran in Robbinsdale. Most recently, Paul was working part-time as the Congregation and Community Liaison for Plymouth Christian Youth Center in north Minneapolis. In his active retirement, he reveled in his grandchildren. On his last report to the Minneapolis area synod office, he wrote, "Grandfatherness rules the roost!" He enjoyed being an active member of the communities where he lived. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Carl Monson. He is survived by two children, Todd (Ruth) Monson of Jamestown, ND, and Lisa (Keith) Ruehlow of Amery, WI, and their mother, Deanna M. Monson (nee Fitch) of Mound, MN; grandchildren: Luke Monson of Fargo, ND, Marie Monson of Jamestown, ND, Sarah Ruehlow and Anna Ruehlow of Amery, WI, Funeral services will be held 11:30 AM, Saturday, November 1, with visitation starting at 10:00 AM at Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th Street, Minneapolis. Interment at Lakewood Cemetery. He was actively involved with and would appreciate memorials to: Plymouth Christian

Youth Center, Listening Point Foundation, YMCA Camp Widjiwagan,
Wilderness Canoe Base, Central Lutheran Clothes Closet. More information
may be found at www.caringbridge.org (enter: paulmonson). Washburn-
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