



Rev. Donald B. Woodward

April 24, 2011

Woodward, Rev. Donald B. age 92 of Edina, died April 18, 2011. Survived by wife of 67 years, Mary Lou; children, Ruth Anna (Van) Miller, Martha (Pat) Ryan and Woody Woodward; 4 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and extended family. Don was a graduate of Hamline University and Garrett Theological Seminary. He was chaplain and pastor with the United Methodist Church. Prior to his ministry he was in charge of the Boys Work at the St. Paul YMCA. Don was the first chaplain of Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, one of the protestant chaplains at St. Mary's in Rochester and Director of Pastoral Care at United Hospitals in St. Paul. He was instrumental in promoting hospice programs in Minnesota. Parishes were served in Stillwater, Columbia Heights, Mound, Navarre, Minneapolis, and Sun City West, AZ. Don became Pastor Emeritus of Messiah UMC in Plymouth in 1995 where he remained involved until his death. Don's belief in peace and commitment to social justice defined his life and work. He was a Conscientious Objector in WWII. His power was in his words and he followed with action. The family wants to thank Dr. Timothy Pryor, the Methodist Hospital Hospice Program and volunteers under the guidance of Yvonne, and extraordinary health care providers, Krista, Marlene, and Joyce, as well as 7500 York and the Messiah UMC communities. Memorial service will be Mon., April 25, 11 AM with visitation one hour prior to the service at Messiah United Methodist Church, 17805 County Rd. 6, Plymouth. Memorials preferred to Woodward Scholarship Fund at Garrett Theological Seminary or Messiah United Methodist Church.

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