



Rev. William Wallace MacKinney

September 27, 1934 - July 30, 2016

William MacKinney, age 81 of Shoreview passed away July 30, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. William was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, the child of Rev. Archie and Doris MacKinney. Born into a pastor's family, he learned early the value of living for the Lord. He graduated from high school in North Syracuse, New York. In 1958 he graduated from Bethel University followed by his Seminary degree in 1962. Included in his education was a 5 month abroad term in Israel. While in seminary he met his wife Karin Carlson and they married in 1964. Together, they served churches in Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. He was faithful to God, his wife and his family. He then had a career in fund raising and chaplaincy for a retirement facility. He was also volunteer police chaplain for the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department for 17 years. He was a man of prayer and study. He started every morning, without fail, with devotions and prayer. Even when he was weak with pain or discouragement, he never wavered from his commitment to spend time with the Lord. Daily, his children, grandchildren and great grandson were prayed for and they knew it. He reminded them often and they never doubted his love. He led a meaningful life and taught his children and grandchildren "The essence of life is knowing and serving the Lord." In addition to living for the Lord, he also passed on the value of education, and working hard. College was expected and encouraged, and being a life-long learner was modeled to his family. With every task he began, whether it was mowing the lawn, fixing an antique chair or making his famous rice pudding, it was done with

enthusiasm and dedication to quality. He was a beloved pastor, welcoming, warm and enthusiastic. He was approachable and kind to those whom he counseled and taught. He enjoyed singing, woodworking, fixing things, and worldwide travel. After retiring from full time ministry, he never quit teaching and evangelizing to anyone he encountered. Even on his hospital bed he would show interest in the health care staff's lives and talk to them about the Lord. His spirit of indomitable cheerfulness in the face of cancer, pain and suffering was a wonder to all who encountered him. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Karin; children Karla MacKinney, Paul (Michelle) MacKinney and Jeremy MacKinney. His grandchildren include Noah Rolf, Rachel (Akshay) Singh, Anna Rolf and Connor William MacKinney; great grandson Elijah Singh. Also surviving are siblings Archie (Shirley) MacKinney Jr., and Carolyn Raffensperger and many nieces and nephews. Gathering 4-7 PM Friday, August 5 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy. 96 W., Shoreview. Memorial service 11 AM Saturday, August 6 (gathering begins at 10 AM) at GRACEPOINT CHURCH, 2351 Rice Creek Road, New Brighton. Family burial in North Isanti Baptist Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Salem Baptist Foundation, Bethel University or Union Gospel Mission. Bill will be remembered for his commitment to the Lord, and his family. His passion was to "finish well." His beautiful singing voice lives on in his recordings. He has finally joined the heavenly choir. His legacy lives on in his children, grandchildren and great grandson. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Sending love to Aunt Karin and cousins Karla, Paul, and Jeremy and their families and friends. Love, Marilyn Raffensperger (Fritz's wife)

Marilyn Raffensperger - August 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Dear family, We are sad to hear of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of grief. Love, Peter, Lauren, Beth and Jacob Raffensperger

Peter Raffensperger - August 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ We are sending our deepest love, sympathy and prays to your family. I am so happy that I got to hear Pastor MacKinney and Karin when they were at Mona Shores Baptist Church. He will be singing in Heaven with all of our LORD'S angels.

Larry and Judy French - August 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Bill helped save our marriage and he was always there for us. Karla, you are still thought of and still think of you as one of our adopted daughters. May our LORD give all of your family all of HIS LOVE, PEACE, and keep you in HIS LOVING ARMS!! With all of our love and prayers, Larry and Judy French

Larry and Judy French - August 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ When I think of Bill I am reminded of what a purpose driven life is supposed to look like. We are all human as he would say, and make errors along the way, but his heart always meant well. He promoted biblical truth in everything he spoke. He was in deed enthusiastic about family and his reason for being here on earth. When he was in our presence we were all aware of his special gifts. He was in my opinion a good and faithful servant that finished well. I had hoped that we could be grandfather team mates in seeing Connor and his future sister grow up, but it was not part of God's plan. We miss him now, and will in the future, but as he said to me, I plan on seeing you later.

Jerry Scott - August 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

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AB

“ What a privilege it was to know Bill and Karin! Bill was a wonderful jovial host who served a "sermon" with breakfast! In fact, his whole life was so focused on saving souls. He was a good example of not giving up and keeping on. He was a joy.

Alan and Miriam Burchell - August 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We will greatly miss, Bill. Still remember my first chapel at Bethel and hearing Bill sing. Thank you Jesus.

Don & JoAnn Wright - August 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Karin and family... Oh how Gerrie and I relish the many times that Bill played a significant role in our lives. We retain fond memories of our dinner in your home together with Dan and Yvonne Madvig a few years back. So great to be together for, what turned out to be, our last time sharing fellowship. Bill was a dear friend, wonderful husband and father, a great pastor and, most importantly, a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. He certainly did "finish well." We covenant to hold you all in our prayers in the days and weeks to come. May the peace of Christ keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. All our love, Bob & Gerrie Wall

Bob & Gerrie Wall - August 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Bill was a good man. Karin, I'm so sorry for your loss. I had hoped that Bill could sing at my funeral, but he's home "över molnen" before me. Things are so different with him gone.

Gordon C. Krantz - August 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We have know Bill since his early teen age years in North Syracuse, NY. Always that special young man who matured into an extraordinary older man who served the Lord faithfully to the end. We loved to hear him sing...have his CD to keep as a remembrance, so we are thankful for that. Our prayers will be directed now to Karin, his loving and faithful wife.

Don and Anita Kingsley Schoenwald - August 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Dear Karin, Karla and All, I am very grateful for Bill's influence in my life. He was loving and strong and carefully tended his flock. Rest in peace, Bill. May happy memories support you in your loss. Love, Karen West Hebert*

Karen West Hebert - August 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM