

Rev. Donald Winter, 67

July 6, 1932 - Nov. 12, 1999

DENISON - Rev. Donald Murill Winter was born July 6, 1932, to Rev. Lamar and Vanita Schmidt Winter at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, where his father was a missionary at large in that area. He was baptized in Christ at Corrine, Saskatchewan. He died Nov. 12, 1999, at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital at age 67.

His early schooling was at Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada, moving in 1946 to Stockholm Township, Kironi, where his father served St. John's in Kiron and Faith Lutheran Church in Deloit. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith April 14, 1946. After attending high school in Odebolt for one year, he entered St. Paul's Lutheran College at Concordia, MO in preparation for the ministry. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in 1957. He accepted a call to Three Lakes, WI, and had the opportunity to establish congregations in Land Of Lakes and Eagle River, WI. He accepted a call to Macomb, IL, as pastor and campus pastor of Western Illinois University. It was while he was at Macomb that he suffered a severe aneurysm. Brain surgery left him speechless and paralyzed, but through rehabilitation, he patterned a new lifestyle. At the age of 32, he was forced to give up the active ministry. He assisted with visitations, and such at the Lutheran Church in Rolla, MO, later moving to Denison in 1972. He continued his ministry at Zion in Denison. He assisted in classroom at the Sheltered Workshop. Again, ill health forced Pastor Don to resign as visitation pastor at Zion, in 1987, where he served for 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father. He is survived by his wife, Jane of 20 years; his son, David (Linda) of North Bend, WA; his son, Ben (Brenda) of Overland Park, KS; his stepdaughters, Kathy (Darryl) Solem of Seattle, WA and Janet (Mike) Brodersen of South Sioux City, NE; his stepson, Steve McMullen of Burbank, CA; six grandchildren, Lauren, Emily and Madeline Winter of Seattle, WA and Paul, Bradley and Jacob Winter of Kansas City, MO; one sister, Marlene (Milt) Giermann of Denison; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Nov. 15, 1999, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Denison, with Rev. Kurt Kaiser, Rev. Daniel Gifford and Rev. William Gatz officiating. Burial was in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Denison and Mapleton Circuit pastors and wives. Casket bearers were Dennis Andreasen, Jim Segebart, John Miller, Dennis Bergstadt, Kent Hollrah and Ron Rothe.