

Rev. Emil Geistfeld

Mankato – Rev. Emil E. Geistfeld, 84, of Mankato, died Thursday June 3, 1999, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Services are 1 pm Monday at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Mankato, the Rev. Charles Ortloff officiating. Burial is in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Truman. Visitation is 2-6 pm Sunday at Mankato Mortuary and continues one hour before services Monday at the church. Rev. Geistfeld was born Dec. 16, 1914, to Ernst and Louise (Lichardt) Geistfeld in South Branch Township, Watonwan Township. He attended Parochial School at St. John's Lutheran School. He attended Concordia College in St. Paul and graduated in 1937. HE entered Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois and graduated in 1941. HE was ordained Nov. 15, 1942 in Danbury, Conn. HE married Viola Walter Aug. 24, 1941, in Northrop. He married Carmen Wiedenheft Aug 29, 1981 in Good Thunder. HE served in many different churches in Minnesota and the nation throughout the years, including St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Vernon Center, Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisville. He also served as visitation pastor for Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Mankato. He enjoyed woodworking and reading. The Rev. Geistfeld is survived by his wife; 4 sons and their wives, Vinton and Claire of Mountain Iron, Thomas and Theresa of Prescott, Wisconsin, Theodore and Judith of Lewisville, and Luther and Nancy of New Ulm; 2 daughters and their husbands, Ruth and Joel Hanson of Newark, Del and Faith and Scott Bergemann of Northfield; three step-daughters, Georgeann Hiller and her husband David, of Applevalley, Gail Armstrong of Gaylord, and Nancy Cloeter and her husband, Rev. Paul, of Sauk Rapids; 23 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; one brother and his wife, Victor and Viola of Truman; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, one daughter in infancy, five brothers and three sisters.

No date

Pastor Emil E. Geistfeld

Was born December 16, 1914, west of Lewisville (South Branch Township) to Ernst H. and Louise (Lichthardt) Geistfeld. He was baptized December 20, 1914, and confirmed May 20, 1928. Pastor Geistfeld attended parochial school at St. John's Lutheran School, South Branch Township, and Concordia College, St. Paul, from which he graduated June 11, 1937. He entered Concordia Seminary, Springfield, IL that fall and graduated in June of 1941. On November 15, 1942, he was ordained in Danbury, Ct. He married Viola A. Wolter on August 24, 1941, in Northrup, MN; she died March 22, 1980, in Rochester, MN. On August 29, 1981, he married Carmen A. (Kroehler) Weidenheft in Good Thunder. During his years of ministry he served at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, Racine, MN; Immanuel Lutheran, Lewiston; Grace Lutheran, Stockton, CA; Grace Lutheran, Escondido, CA; St. John's Lutheran, Atwater; St. Martin's Lutheran, Winona; St. Peter's, Vernon Center; St. Paul's Lutheran, rural Ceylon; and Zion Lutheran, Lewisville. He served as visitation pastor for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato, for a number of years. His hobbies included woodworking and reading.

Pastor Geistfeld is survived by:
His wife Carmen Geistfeld
Four sons and their wives:
Vinto and Claire Geistfeld of Mountain Iron, MN
Thomas and Theresa Geistfeld of Prescott, WI
Theodore and Judith Geistfeld of Lewisville, MN
Luther and Nancy Geistfeld of New Ulm, MN
Two daughters and their husbands:
Ruth and Joel Hanen of Newark, DE
Faith and Scott Bergemann of Northfield, MN
Three stepdaughters
Georgann and Davis Hiller of Apple Valley
Gail Armstrong of Gaylord
Nancy and Rev. Paul Cloeter of Sauk Rapids
Twenty-three grandchildren
Two great grandchildren
One brother: Victor and Viola Geistfeld of Truman
Nephews and nieces

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, five brothers and three sisters.

+ Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord +