

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we announce the death of our brother in Christ.

THE REVEREND KARL UMBARGER DUNN

The Reverend Karl Umbarger Dunn, 77, of Unity Lutheran Church, Hickory, North Carolina, died May 26, 2005, at Catawba Valley Medical Center. He was born August 8, 1927, in Bland, Virginia.

Pastor Dunn graduated from Newberry College in 1951 and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 1954. He was ordained on May 30, 1954, by the Virginia Synod.

He was called to the following North Carolina congregations: Mt. Zion – New Bethel Lutheran Church, Richfield, from 1954-1957; Ebenezer Lutheran Church, China Grove, from 1957-1965; Bethphage Lutheran Church, Lincolnton, from 1965-1973; and St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Hickory, from 1973-1991. He served four and one-half years as Interim Pastor of Shiloh Lutheran Church in Hickory, North Carolina, from 1992-1996.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. An Eagle Scout, Pastor Dunn was active in the Boy Scouts of America for 50 plus years. As a leader he received the Lamb Award, the Silver Beaver Award and the Claude Abernathy Award.

At the synodical level, he served on the stewardship, pastor support and Lutheran World Relief committees. He served on the boards of Lutheran Family Services and the Lutheran Children's Home. He was also a chaplain for the St. Stephens Volunteer Fire Department.

Pastor Dunn is survived by his wife Sadie R. Dunn of the home; daughters Debbie Crawford of Atlanta, Georgia; Christine DiFelicianantonio of Columbus, Georgia; Mary Mauney of Asheville, North Carolina; and Karla Bolch of Hickory, North Carolina. Also surviving are four siblings: Carol Dunn of Midlothian, Virginia; Katherine Harris of Annandale, Virginia; Guy B. Dunn Jr. of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; and David Dunn of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. Eight grandchildren also survive him.

He was preceded in death by a brother – Donald Dunn, formerly of Bland, Virginia, and a sister – Jean Chapman, formerly of Roanoke, Virginia.

Funeral services were held on May 28 at Unity Lutheran Church, Hickory, North Carolina, where he was an active member. Presiding was the Rev. Dr. Leonard H. Bolick, bishop of the NC Synod ELCA, and the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Allen. Burial was at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Hickory, North Carolina.

Memorials may be made sent to Unity Lutheran Church, 3025 Falling Creek Rd. NE, Hickory, NC 28601.