



Edwin Grewe

January 23, 1924 - September 7, 2009

Edwin Arnold Grewe joined the Saints triumphant when he died peacefully at home on Sept. 7, 2009, a victim of Parkinson's Disease. He was 85 years old. Ed was born to Elizabeth (Eggers) and William H. Grewe in Bartlett Twp., Minnesota on Jan. 23, 1924, the second of 6 children. He was baptized on Feb. 17, 1924 and confirmed his faith on June 13, 1937. He lived his faith until the day he died. When he was 20, his mother died. He stayed home with his father for 6 years to help care for his younger siblings before heading off to Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, IL. After graduation he went to Bethlehem-Christ Lutheran School in New Orleans, LA where he taught middle school for six years and was acting principal for two years. He was Resident Director of Bethlehem Children's Center for 15 years and Executive Director of Lutheran Social Services of the South for 10 years and manager of Peace Lake Towers (elderly housing) for ten years. He retired in 1994 and has lived in Williamsburg, Virginia for the past nine years. On August 1, 1954 Ed married Rhoda Schmidt of New Orleans and they worked as a team during much of their work in New Orleans. They had two children Melvin (Kim) and Jeane (David) Gillespie. Kristen Gillespie Wilson, Joel Gillespie, Sarah Grewe and Gabriel Grewe are their grandchildren. Ed is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Norman, Donald, & Bill, and his sister, Frieda. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and sister, Clara. A viewing will be held Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10:00 at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4897 Longhill Rd., Williamsburg. Funeral services will follow at 11:00, conducted by

Rev. Bill Harmon. The church will host a reception following the service. His body will return to Minnesota for interment at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Bartlett Twp. on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Williamsburg Area Faith in Action, 354 McLaws Cir, Ste. 2, Williamsburg, VA, 23185.

Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry to hear about Edwin's death. He was always a very special person in our family. My parents thought the world of him and would love having him and Rhoda stay at their home when they would come to Bertha. I remember as a child on the farm, also, my mom having him and Rhoda for fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and lemon chiffon pie that he would endlessly rave about, and my mom was in her glory! He was truly a special person.

He will be dearly missed by his loved ones, but he is gloriously in heaven and looking down upon all of us. He lived his life to the fullest, and he no longer will suffer from the dreaded Parkinson's disease.

Norma Jean Talley-Hukriede - September 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM