

The Rev. Walter Baumgartner

The Rev. Walter Baumgartner, 89, of the Mayflower Home died Tuesday, May 21, at home.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at the United Church of Christ-Congregational, with the Rev. David Bowman officiating. The body has been cremated, and burial of the ashes will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Cosby, Mo.

The son of Godfried and Anna Baumgartner, he was born Oct. 3, 1901, in Bern, Switzerland. He came to the U.S. in 1922 and worked at farming in Verona, Wis.

He studied at Lakeland Mission House (now Lakeland College) Seminary in Sheboygan, Wis., and also attended several summer sessions at the University of Wisconsin.

He was married to Ruth E. Speicher June 30, 1933, in Berne, Ind. He served pastorates in Lowell and Rice Lake, Wis.; Cosby and O'Fallon, Mo.; Abilene, Kan.; Schleswig, Iowa; and Grand Rapids, Mich. The couple had resided at the Mayflower Home since March 1989.

Mr. Baumgartner is survived by his wife; two sons, the Rev. John E. of Grand Ledge, Mich., and James W. of Inglewood, Colo.; one daughter, Barbara Ann Schmiechen of Davenport; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Richard; two brothers, Hans and Werner; two half-brothers; two half-sisters; and his parents. *H. P. May 23, 1991*