

Elmer Elzey

The Rev. Elmer Elzey, 76, of Hedrick, a former Malcom pastor, died Friday, Jan. 18, at Ottumwa Regional Health Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hedrick, with the Rev. Walter Malke-witz officiating. Burial was in Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Ottumwa.

Memorials in his name may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Columbus, Ohio.

The son of Charles and Caroline Reisdorf Elzey, he was born Oct. 15, 1914, in Columbus. He was married to Louise Peterson June 27, 1944, in Rockdale, Tex.

Mr. Elzey graduated from Capital University in Columbus and from Evangelical Lutheran Seminary (now Trinity Seminary) in 1942. He was ordained June 21, 1942. He earned a bachelor of divinity degree in June 1950.

The Rev. Mr. Elzey first served as a home missionary, then as a pastor of churches in Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, retiring in 1984. He also served on numerous committees and boards. He was a delegate to the International Convention of the American Lutheran Church and was chairman of the Southern Conference of the church's Illinois District.

Surviving are his wife, Louise; three sons, the Rev. Ernest Elzey of Lockridge, Paul of Sully and John of Cornell, Ill.; one daughter, Rebecca Mangold of Hedrick; nine grandchildren; one brother, the Rev. John Elzey of Burnet, Texas; and one sister, Marian Darr of Warsaw, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Rosemarie.

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