Gerhard Huggenvik

Gerhard Huggenvik (Huggy), 95, of Sun City, Ariz., formerly of Winona, passed into glory Dec. 15, 2012, at Royal Oaks Retirement Community.

Gerhard was born Oct. 28, 1917, in Mandal, Norway, to Sverra and Theodora Nilson. After the death of his father, the family made its way to the United States. His mother married Theodore Huggenvik of Northfield, Minn. Gerhard graduated from Northfield High School and St. Olaf College. During World War II, he served in the US Coast Guard. Following the war, he went to work for AO Smith Co. in New York City.

On Jan. 9, 1943, he was united in marriage to Audrey C. Froyland in Brooklyn, N.Y. Luther Northwestern Seminary was life’s next step. Pastor Huggenvik served congregations at Red Wing State Reformatory, St. Paul, Faribault and Winona. He was senior Pastor of Central Lutheran Church Winona from 1965-81. The Spirit blessed him with the gift of proclamation being known for his preaching.

Retirement allowed the Huggenviks to spend time in Winona and Sun City, where they had a social life to rival most, known as Christian friends to countless. Gerhard is survived by his three children, Mark (Barbie) of Vail, Colo., Peter (Paulette) of Winona and Suzanne Mueller (Gary) of Rochester; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Elenor McGrew (Elliott); and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at American Lutheran Church, Sun City. Memorials may be given to the Huggenvik Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave, St Paul, MN 55108.

“I Come to the Garden Alone