



Harry S. Andersen

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Pastor Harry Søren Andersen, the first Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America passed away, Fri., Dec. 4th. The Memorial Service for Bishop Andersen is Jan. 2, 2016, at Ascension Lutheran Church, Minoqua, WI, 1:00 PM Visitation,

2:00 PM Service. In 1943, Harry married his H.S. sweetheart and soul mate, Dorothy Elaine Erickson. They have 3 children: Elaine Bugge (Larry), Craig (Sharon) and Brad (Joanne).

6 Grandchildren: David & Carol Bugge; Eric & Loren; Rachel Anderson & Michael. 1 great grandchild: Nicole Anderson.

Ordained in 1952, Harry served 3 parishes in Michigan: Juhl Community, Zion Germania in

Marlette, and Trinity, Brown City. He then Served St. Stephen's on Chicago's south side for 8 yrs.

In 1968, Pastor Andersen became Assistant to the Bishop, of the WI Upper Mich. Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. In 1987, Pastor Andersen was elected 1st Bishop of Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA. He served until his retirement in 1991

Bishop Andersen was a lifelong advocate for social justice, equality, and

peace. He was a conscientious objector in World War II, an activist in the civil rights movement, a passionate preacher in the pulpit, and a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. His passion for ideas, his compassion for people of all backgrounds, and his devotion to Christ's message of acceptance, love, and forgiveness touched and inspired many lives. Bishop Andersen will be missed by all those who knew him, but his memory and spirit will live on in all of us.

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Ascension Lutheran Church

PO Box 940

Minocqua, Wisconsin 54548

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S
Minocqua, WI

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What a great life of faith and joy. I remember working with Harry on the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Synod global missions committee. When we talked about scheduling an interfaith event to which we would invite a speaker of worldwide reputation, someone said, "That sounds a bit excessive." To which Harry replied, "We can do it..." and we did. No small ideas from Harry. Thank God for his life and witness.*

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