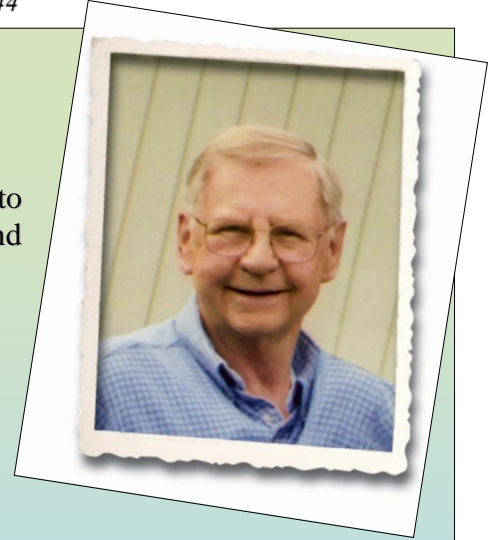


IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Richard Erling Mikkelson



Dick Mikkelson was born June 11, 1934, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Erling and Elvera Mikkelson. He and his two younger brothers, David and Dirk, spent their growing up years in Richfield and in Bloomington.

As a boy of ten, and later as a young man, he spent summers with his grandfather and father building houses and learning the construction trade. Dick loved baseball and starred as a pitcher and outfielder for Bloomington School. He was selected by a major-league farm team but chose not to follow a career in baseball and instead to follow the calling God had put on his life. Dick was active in the Evangelical Free Church as a Boys' Brigade leader, taking the youth on wilderness trips.

After graduating from high school he served in the Naval Reserve. During this time his good friend Dick Linder introduced him to Bethany Church. After a Sunday morning service, Pastor Hegre shook his hand, looked him in the eye, and said, "You should be in Bible School." His mother, who had faithfully prayed for him, was delighted with his decision to attend Bethany Fellowship Missionary Training Center. In 1957 Dick became a member of Bethany Fellowship.

He married Jeanne Hegre, daughter of founding members Ted and Lucile Hegre, on December 18, 1959. Their two children, Janelle and Todd and their grandchildren Renee, Rochelle, Jack, Andrew, and Joanna were a source of delight and happiness to him. In recent years Janelle and family have enjoyed close companionship with Dick, as they live nearby. In January he was able to fulfill a long-held dream to visit his son Todd and family in Australia.

Dick had a quiet smile, was a good listener, and was a careful planner. His time at Bethany gave him opportunities to develop the campus and to advise and help with building projects at mission sites in the Philippines and Haiti. What mattered most to Dick wasn't just bricks and mortar but rather serving people.

He will be remembered by family and friends for the care and concern he showed for others and for his willingness to help anyone in any way he could.

SURVIVED BY: Wife: Jeanne Mikkelson

Daughter: Janelle Erickson and husband David, Son: Todd Mikkelson and wife Dianna

Grandchildren: Renee Boyum and husband James, Rochelle Erickson, Jack Erickson

Andrew Mikkelson, Joanna Mikkelson

Brothers: David Mikkelson and wife Janet, Dirk Mikkelson and wife Laurene

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Wednesday, June 30, 2010, 2:00 PM. Visitation beginning at 1PM
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