

A lasting memorial has been given to



Good Samaritan Church

in memory of

Milton Duane Bjerke

May 15, 1926—Grand Meadow MN

November 16, 2012—Richfield MN

Milton grew up on the family farm with four siblings. He graduated from Elkton MN High School and then enlisted in the US Navy, serving as a Motor Machinist Mate Third Class on the USN LCI L (70) 7th Fleet Pacific Theatre during WWII. He loved being on the sea and other related experiences of the Navy.

After returning from the service, Milton received an Associate Degree from Austin Junior College in Austin MN on the G.I. Bill.

June 11, 1950, Milton and Eva Mae Douty were married in the Methodist Church in Dexter MN. They were married 62+ years, living most of those years in Austin MN raising four children—Marcia, Duane, William and Mary Beth.

Milton was a family man and worked selflessly for more than 33 years at the G.A. Hormel Meat Packing Plant. After retiring from Hormel, he and Eva Mae moved to Edina MN, and worked at Windwood Condominiums. He then took a job at Good Samaritan UMC as Evening Host/Security/Custodian.

When asked why he took the job at Hormel rather than being a lifetime Navy man or using his degree to teach History, he replied, at that time, the job at Hormel was the best job to allow him to care for his family and provide an education for his children. He never regretted his choice.

Milton loved life, his family, helping friends and neighbors and always had time to “chat.” His philosophy was *“For everything under the sun, there is a reason or there is none. If there is one, try to find it, if there is none, never mind it”*

No words can express how much we miss our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who found perfect peace November 16, 2012.

