



A lasting memorial has been given to

Good Samaritan Church

in memory of

Paul Wolter Gehring

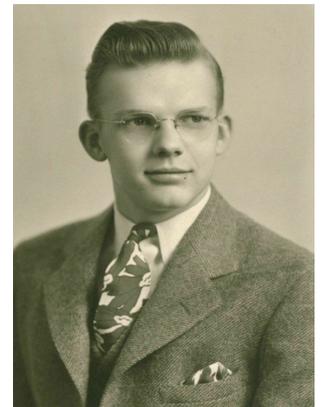
August 17, 1925—Waseca MN

November 2, 2014—Edina MN

Paul was born to Fred and Della (Wolter) Gehring. After graduating from Waseca High School in the spring of 1943, Paul enlisted in the Navy on August 11th at the age of 17. He was trained on sonar as a Soundman 2 V-6 and served in the Pacific Theatre. He was honorably discharged in November, 1946, followed by 3 years of treatment for tuberculosis (contracted aboard ship) at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis.



Paul was granted a special leave from the VA Hospital to marry his high school sweetheart, Bonnie Dahle, on January 17, 1947. In their 67 years together, Paul & Bonnie had 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.



Paul worked for Tandy Leather Company as store manager in Duluth (MN), Syracuse (NY) and Minneapolis (MN). He was honored as Distinguished Salesman 1979 by Sales & Marketing Executives International in recognition of his exceptional managerial and selling abilities. His sales performance set many company records to be admired. His strong work ethic was a defining characteristic he passed on to his children.

Paul was very musical – played French horn, loved music and Sunday mornings we would often awake to Sousa Marches playing at full blast. He was also quite artistic and this showed in the items Paul carved out of leather. His leisure time was spent golfing, hunting at the Silver Satin Lodge in Waseca (AKA “The Original Man Cave”) and playing cards. Paul was also a voracious reader and really enjoyed picking up a book.



He served his church, Good Samaritan United Methodist in Edina, in many capacities for more than 40 years and had a very strong faith.