



A lasting memorial has been given to

Good Samaritan Church

in memory of

William Holden

October 3, 1922—Pittsfield MA

December 31, 2012—Eden Prairie MN

Bill was born the youngest of 5 boys. He graduated Pittsfield HS in 1941 and joined the US Navy early in 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor was attacked. During WWII, Bill served in Brazil and on Iwo Jima as a Navy radio operator, working to locate enemy submarines. He was always proud of his Navy service and his own contribution during the war.

After the war, Bill and his brother, Lew, traveled to Minnesota to attend college on the GI Bill. Both brothers became teachers, settled in Minnesota and never left. Both raised families and planted their own roots in their new home state.

While attending Augsburg College, Bill met his bride and life partner, Helen Nyberg. They married in 1948 and together raised four children—Joyce, Julie, Jeanne and William. Helen and Bill also had five grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Bill's teaching career began in Stuartville, MN and continued in Owatonna where his devotion to education took him from teaching English, to a PhD in Education Administration and a career as a secondary school principal. He retired as principal of Owatonna Junior High in 1987.

Bill is remembered by family and friends as a happy and positive person who was quick to smile and laugh, and was always open to new experiences. He loved to travel the world and then return home to spend time at his lake cabin with family. He also loved fishing, walking, painting, theatre, music, baseball, picking berries, and working with his hands.

Most of all, Bill loved Helen and his family.

