

George Stanford Horan

George Stanford Horan passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2011. He was born in Portland, Ore. on May 15, 1934 to Stanford and Rena (Best) Horan. George lived



in Portland until 1949 at which time he and his mother moved to Eau Claire. He attended Eau Claire Senior High School and graduated in 1953. He served in the Air Force from 1953-1957 in the Strategic Air Command and was honorably discharged in 1957. George graduated from UW-Stout in 1972 with a degree in Industrial Arts and Safety. He married Joanne Lenore Ganong on Nov. 29, 1957. They had one son, Joseph Stanford Horan.

George taught High School Industrial Arts and Drivers Education at Durand High School and Elk Mound High School. He owned and operated Horan's Driving School for 20 years. He also taught at Chippewa Valley Technical

College in the field of point reduction, traffic safety, group dynamics and bus driver safety, for 25 years.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Eau Claire for 50 years serving as chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sunday School Superintendent, and Head Usher. George was a member of Grace Lutheran Church until his death. At Grace Lutheran Church he was an active member with the Men of Grace.

He was a community leader, having received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. George was an active member of Eau Claire Optimist and sang for 20 years in the Eau Claire Male Chorus. For 25 years he was Santa for Dinner with Santa at Fanny Hill. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, and a former member of the Valley Gospel Choir.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Stanford Horan; grandparents, George and Rebecca Best; mother, Rena; stepfather, Lawrence Bennett; and an uncle, Willard Best.



He is survived by: his wife of 53 years, Joanne; son, Joseph and daughter-in-law, Debbie (Stevens) Horan; two step-grandsons, Dillon and Dalton Brown; aunt Lucy Best; uncle Irvin Best; and aunt Judy; step-brother, Larry (Barb) Bennett; and numerous cousins.

He was loved and admired by many close and dear friends.

Memorials may be donated to St. Joseph Hospice, Grace Lutheran Church or Boy Scouts of America.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. on Tuesday July 19 at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire with Pastors Rolf Nestingen and David Irgens officiating. Family and friends may call Monday from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday an hour before services at the church. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery with full Military Honors conducted by American Legion Post No. 53. George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 F and A.M. will be conducting Masonic Rites.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.cremationsociety-wi.com.

Stokes, Prock & Mundt Funeral Chapel in Altoona is serving the family.