

# *Richard Hogstad*

**Richard A. (Dick) Hogstad**, age 92, a resident of the town of Union, passed away August 5, 2014, at Mayo Clinic Health System.



He was born in Brookings, South Dakota, on April 11, 1922, to Antone Hogstad Jr. and Ebba Nesseth Hogstad. On August 5, 1950, he married Carol Radtke of Greenleaf, Wisconsin. They enjoyed 64 years of marriage.

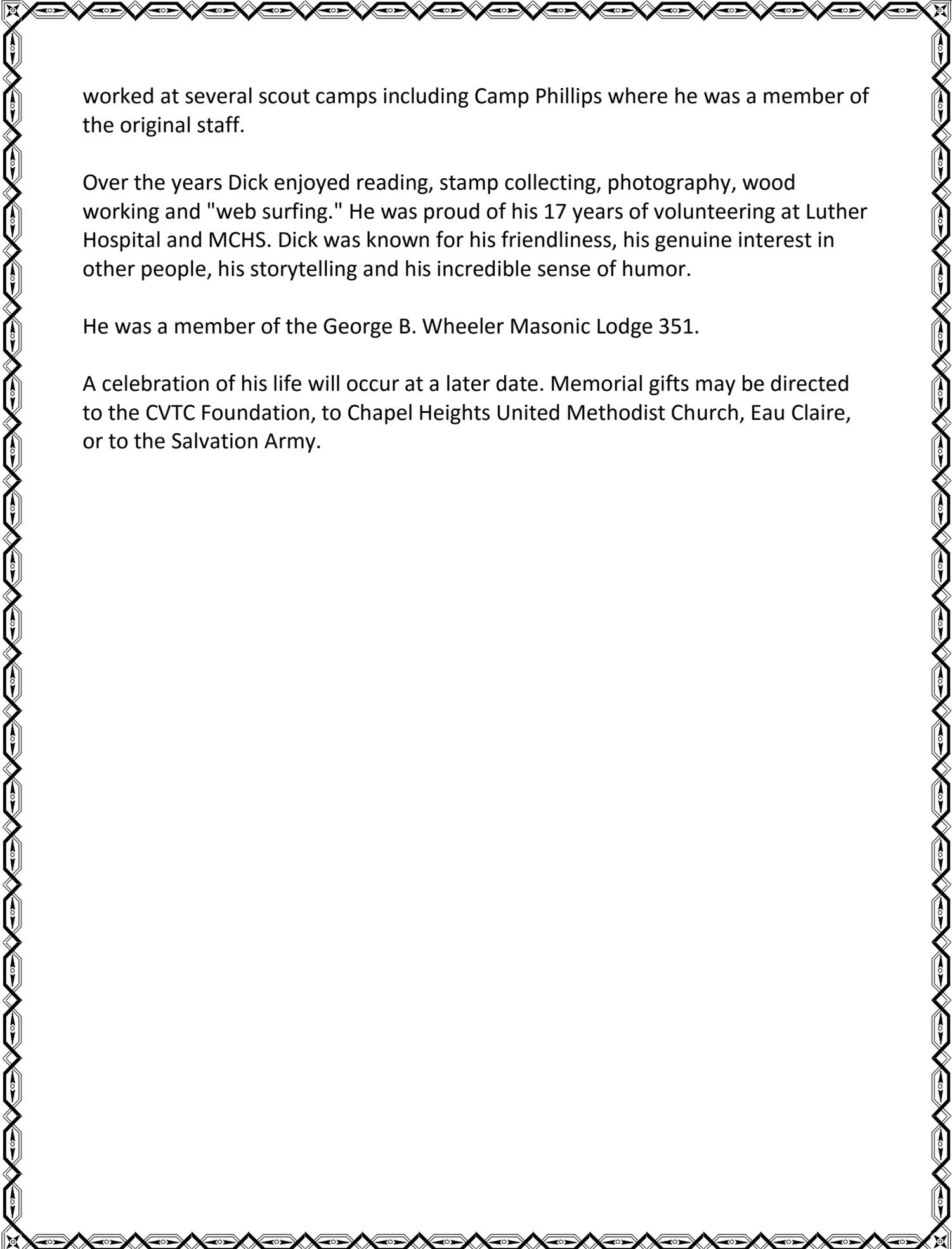
Dick graduated from high school in Big Rapids, Michigan, and earned a BS degree and two MS degrees from what is now UW-Stout. He taught industrial arts in several high schools before becoming a school counselor. Dick retired from what is now CVTC after serving 20 years as a counselor in the Trade and Industry area.

He was predeceased by his parents; an infant sister; and brothers, Robert and William.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; son, Charles (Sharon) Hogstad of Forest Lake, MN; daughters, Christine Ansari, Nelson County, VA, and Dorothy (Dodie) Hogstad of Eau Claire; four grandchildren, Rick Palaia, Christina Bennett, Steve Ansari and Emily Hogstad; and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, James (Pauline) Hogstad of Thousand Oaks, CA; and grandnephew, Jonathan Rigual, of Chippewa Falls.

Dick served with the US Army 95th Infantry Division under General Patton during the battle of the Bulge in World War II. For his service he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, and, in 2014, the French Medal of Honor.

During his younger years, Dick was active in scouting. As a youth he achieved Eagle Scout status and later served as a scout master for several troops. He also



worked at several scout camps including Camp Phillips where he was a member of the original staff.

Over the years Dick enjoyed reading, stamp collecting, photography, wood working and "web surfing." He was proud of his 17 years of volunteering at Luther Hospital and MCHS. Dick was known for his friendliness, his genuine interest in other people, his storytelling and his incredible sense of humor.

He was a member of the George B. Wheeler Masonic Lodge 351.

A celebration of his life will occur at a later date. Memorial gifts may be directed to the CVTC Foundation, to Chapel Heights United Methodist Church, Eau Claire, or to the Salvation Army.