

# Leland Steen

**August 9, 1914 - August 20, 2000**

Leland Wesley Steen was born August 9, 1914 in Superior, WI, and died August 20, 2000 in Golden Valley, MN. Leland graduated from Augsburg College in 1938. During this time he spent several months in Norway traveling with the Augsburg Male Quartet. After graduation, he taught English and music at Oak Grove High School in Fargo, ND.



In 1942 he married Ruth Framstad in Valley City, ND. In 1943 he graduated from Augsburg Seminary and was ordained into the Lutheran ministry. Following his first parish in Moose Lake, MN, Leland served as an Army chaplain during WWII. He returned to parish ministry, and served at Oak Grove Lutheran, Richfield, MN. First Lutheran, Richmond Beach, WA. Zion Lutheran, Thief River Falls, MN. Bethlehem Lutheran, Proctor, MN, and Our Savior's Lutheran, Rockford, IL.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Golden Valley; children, Cynthia (Dennis) Jindra, Eveleth, MN; Mark (Lynnette) Steen, Duluth, MN; Tamra (George) Nelson, Mpls, MN; Deborah (David) Hall, Ventura, CA; Rebecca Bjordal, Plymouth, MN; 13 grandchildren; brothers, Royal (Jean) Steen, Superior, WI, John (Esther) Steen, Maple Grove, MN; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Conrad and Alta Steen; sister, Fay (Roy) Nygaard and grandson, Jeremy Dennis Jindra.

Leland was a gentle man of deep personal integrity. His quiet, even-tempered ways provided a model of Christ-like love for his children, family and parishioners. After a lengthy illness, Parkinson's Disease, his family finds comfort in knowing he is at peace in the arms of his Savior.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the World Mission fund at Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden

# Ruth Steen

**April 24, 1921 - June 9, 2012**

Ruth Naomi (Framstad) Steen was born April 24, 1921, in Valley City, ND., and passed away Saturday, June 9, 2012, in Eden Prairie.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with a degree in speech therapy. She was married in 1942 to Leland Steen in Valley City, N.D. Leland served as a Lutheran pastor in Moose Lake and Richfield, Minn., Richmond Beach, Wash., Thief River Falls and Proctor, Minn., and Rockford, Ill.



Ruth's love for her Lord expressed itself in service to the members of the churches where they served. After Leland retired, they moved to Issaquah, Wash., where Ruth worked at the Lutheran Bible Institute as the conference coordinator. They both retired in Casa Grand, Ariz. In 1993, they returned to Minnesota and lived at Calvary Center Cooperative in Golden Valley. Her last residence was at Pioneer Estates in Eden Prairie.

Survived by children, Cynthia (Dennis) Jindra; Mark (Lynette) Steen; Tamra (George) Nelson; Deborah (David) Hall and Rebecca (David) Brown; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Betsy Framstad of Marinette, Wis.; many relatives and friends.

Memorial service at 11 am. Tuesday, June 19, at Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, 7520 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be sent to Augsburg College or Luther Seminary in Minneapolis.