

Melvin Leonard Heath

1911 - 1995

Melvin Heath was born November 18, 1911 in Round Lake, Minnesota of Swedish and French Canadian parents. He was raised in Round Lake and in Lansford, North Dakota, and graduated from Lansford High School in 1931.

Two years later, on October 7, 1933, he married the former Helen C. Berg in Glenburn, North Dakota. Their marriage was blessed with three sons, Roland of Lincoln City, Dennis of Salem, and Curt of Troutdale.

Mel worked for the Union Pacific Railroad from 1935 to 1974. He coached several Little League baseball teams, and was a charter member of Luther Memorial Church. In recent years, he was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church and a member of the Portland retired Christian Men's Club.

In God's loving care, Mel died May 4, 1995. Six brothers and one sister, as well as his dear wife Helen, preceded him in death.

Melvin is survived by his three sons, Roland, Dennis and Curt, 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and his sister Pearl Chambers of Portland.

He is remembered as a man who was happiest raising his family and enjoying children. He was a man of action who lived the Gospel and demonstrated his responsive faith among the people with whom he came in contact.

We surround Mel's family with our love and prayers. We mourn, but "not as those do who have no hope of the Resurrection."

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Prayers upon entering

Appropriate prayers for personal use may be found in the front of the Lutheran Book of Worship, pages 42-51. Psalms may be found between pages 215 and 289.

All in attendance at the memorial service are invited to share words of support and greet Mel's family at a luncheon served immediately following the service here at the church.

Memorial gifts and remembrances may be given to the Bethany Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

A Worship Service
to the glory of God
and in memory of His servant
Melvin Heath



Bethany Lutheran Church
Portland, Oregon
9 May 1995, 11:00 a.m.

The Order of Service

Opening Hymn "O Zion, Haste" # 397

Obituary (*with expressions of love and remembrances from the family and friends*)

Hymn of faith "My Hope Is Built in Nothing Less" # 294

The Liturgy of the Word

Salutation and Prayer page 207

First Lesson Job 19:23-27

Hymn Response # 352

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Psalm Psalm 23

Scripture Lessons: I Corinthians 10:9-13, Romans 8:31-39

Gospel John 14:1-6

Sermon

Sermon Hymn "Built on a Rock" # 365

Apostles' Creed page 209

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer pages 209 - 211

Commendation and Benediction page 211

Closing Hymn "O Master Let Me Walk With You" # 492



Organist
Minister

Alice Kreitler
Pastor Joel Schmitz
Bethany Lutheran Church