

Welcome & Prayer
Pastor Joel Sutton

Eulogy: Timothy Olson

Song: "All the Way My Saviour
Leads Me" #460

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1-7
Merodie Nielsen

Solo: "I Will Rise"
KaWan Olson

Tribute from the Children:
Ross Olson

Tribute from the Grandchildren:
Luke Olson

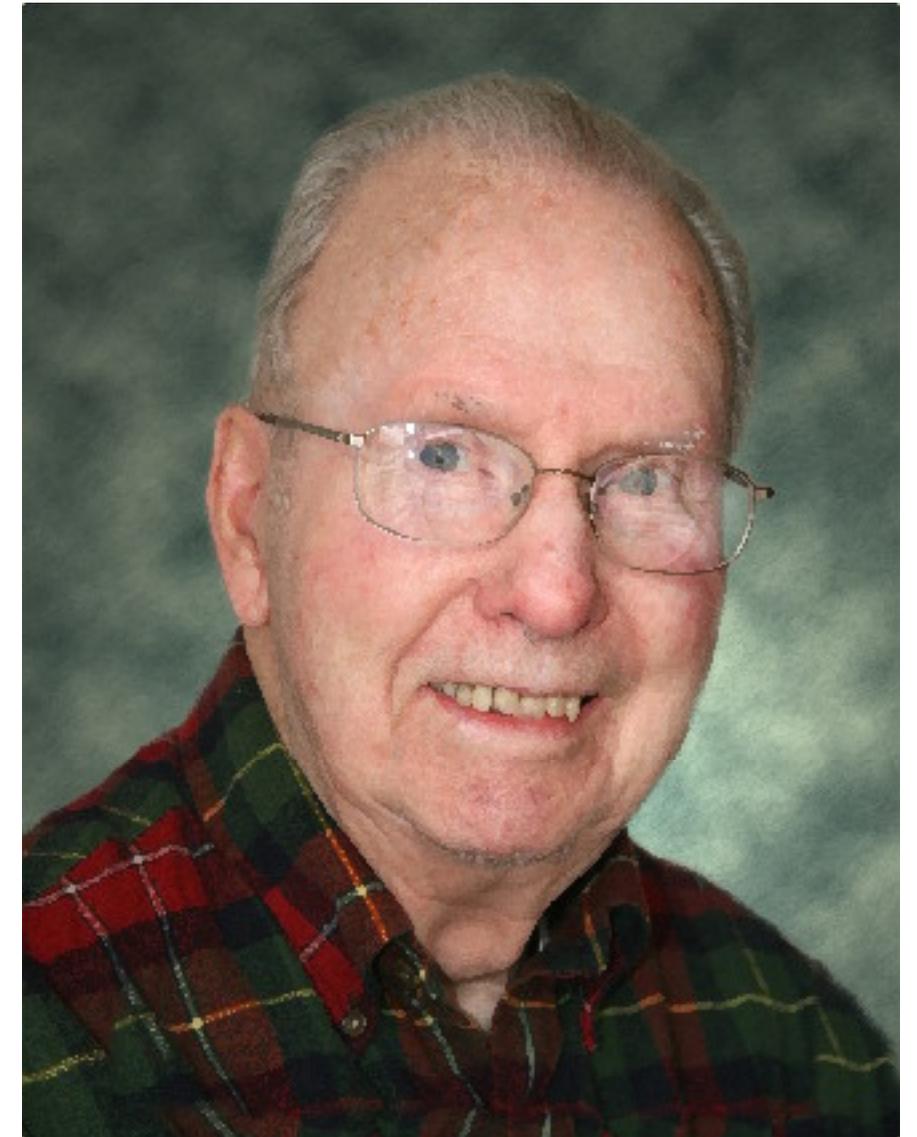
Sermon: Pastor Joel Sutton

Solo: "Finally Home"
KaWan Olson

Song: "Blessed Assurance" #345

Pianist: Tim Anderson
Organist: Rick Olson

Pallbearers
Eric Anderson
Frank Armstrong
Chris Boyum
Ryan Nielsen
Scott Nielsen
Jason Olson
Jeff Olson
Luke Olson



Stanley M Olson

Born April 28, 1918
Died February 24, 2009
Aged 90 Years, 9 Months, 26 Days

Memorials to
First Evangelical Free Church
5150 Chicago Ave. So.
Minneapolis MN 55417

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Born April 28, 1918 in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Parents Kasper & Anna Olson

Died February 24, 2009 in Bloomington, Minnesota

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY

Wife of 63 years: Myrtle E. Olson

Brothers: Dr. Arnold T. Olson and Rev. Arthur Olson

Grandsons: Matthew Olson, Andrew Olson

SURVIVED BY

Children:

Ross (Karin) Olson, Merodie (Paul)

Nielsen, Timothy (Carole) Olson, Bryan (Diane)

Olson

Grandchildren:

Jeffrey (Rachel) Olson, Susan (Eric) Anderson,

Jason (Tami) Olson, KaWan Olson

Heidi (Chris) Boyum, Scott (Amy Hennen) Nielsen,

Heather (Frank) Armstrong, Ryan (Molly) Nielsen

Jill Olson, Luke (Sheena) Olson & Dawn Olson

Great Grandchildren:

Christopher, Patrick, Aizec, Annika, Laura, Helen,

Esther, Meghan, Maddie, Thöger, Wyatt, Hope,

Isaiah, Josiah, Keziah, Lydiah, Afton, Kellen,

Jasmyne, Janay

Funeral at First Evangelical Free Church of Minneapolis

4:00 pm Friday, March 1, 2009

Supper To Follow

Private Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Stan was the third son of Norwegian immigrants, born in a house off North Washington Avenue. His father worked 7 days a week cleaning railroad cars. His mother cleaned and ironed for wealthy families. They took the streetcar to church at the Bloomington Temple in south Minneapolis. During the depression they took in roomers, always gave something to homeless people (hobos) who got off the train across a field from their house and they always tithed.

He graduated from Minnehaha Academy, lettering in baseball, basketball and debate. Summers he worked on a farm near Houston Minnesota where his brother Arnold had his first pastorate. After a year at St. Olaf College, he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in history. He met Myrtle Johnson at the youth group of First Covenant and was impressed with her talk on the 1939 New York World's Fair which he had also attended. They met to compare pictures and the rest is history.

He thought he should perhaps follow his brothers into the ministry. After one term at Dallas Theological Seminary, he returned for Christmas vacation and found his father ill with tuberculosis and Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He took a job with Montgomery Wards. He and Myrt were engaged in October 1941 and on December 7, Pearl Harbor was bombed and war had begun. They were married in a private ceremony at First Covenant on February 6, 1942. Ross was born December 1 and in mid 1943, Stan went on active duty as a Naval Supply Officer, trained at Harvard. He served at the Air Station in Ottumwa, Iowa where they helped revitalize a dying church and even sang duets on the radio. He was then assigned to the USS Cape Johnson in the Pacific and while they were docked in Hawaii, joined a Navigators group.

Merodie was born February 2, 1945 while he was at sea and he got to make a quick trip home to see her. He was discharged from the Navy in early 1946 and returned to Montgomery Wards and began to take responsibilities at First Covenant Church where he taught and was Superintendent of a 1000 pupil Sunday School. He moved from Wards to Kelvinator and then was asked by his friend, Ted Skanse, to become sales manager and vice president of The Douglas Company. Tim was born February 25, 1948 and Bryan March 12, 1951. Stan resigned from Douglas so the son of the owner could have his job. He sold real estate before joining First Federal Savings and Loan where he eventually became Vice President for Marketing. The family moved from 3436 11th to 4728 17th and began attending First Free Church. After retirement, Stan headed Christian Investors Foundation at Evangelical Free Church of America home office for 10 years where his experience allowed it to grow tremendously.

He held many leadership positions at church as well as serving on volunteer boards in the community, but most enjoyed teaching and always took time to mentor younger men. His positive attitude and friendly nature always made a positive impression and allowed him to be a natural leader. His devotion to the Lord and constant study of God's Word assured that he would lead in a godly direction. His study and teaching always stressed life application of the Bible.

All this serious achievement did not prevent him from enjoying his grandchildren and great grandchildren and he had a creative playfulness that made many enduring memories. Given many talents, he invested them for the Lord Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:1-7

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.