

REVEREND ERWIN H. PEGEL
January 4, 1930 - October 16, 2007

The Reverend Erwin H. Pegel entered the life everlasting Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at HospiceCare in Madison. Erwin was born on January 4, 1930 in Bad Salzflun, Germany to Hermann and Else (Koch) Pegel. He was called into the Christian ministry, graduated from the Liebenzeller Mission Seminary, ordained in 1954, and furthered his studies in Nyack, New York and the University of Pennsylvania.

He married Dora Kenklies on June 4, 1955 at the Schooley's Mountain Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. Reverend Pegel and his wife served for 13 years as missionaries in the Truk (Chuuk) Islands of Micronesia with the Liebenzeller Mission, sponsored by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Boston) predecessor of the UCC Board for World Ministries. They were blessed with five children and became U.S. citizens in 1963. In 1968 he was a pastor in Guetersloh, Germany. From 1972 until 1995, he served as pastor in Waterford, ME, Grandville, MI, and Zwingli UCC in Monticello, where he was awarded the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus in 2000. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin UCC Conference, and on various committees and study groups. Following his retirement from full time ministry in 1995, he served as an interim pastor at UCC churches throughout southern Wisconsin. Erwin will be remembered as a faithful servant of God with a lifelong passion for global mission outreach, who was respected by his parishioners and ministerial colleagues alike. He filled the family he cherished with grace and strength.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dora Pegel of Monroe; a son, Daniel (Kimberly) Pegel of Kansas City, KS; daughters, Christiane (Brian) Pegel-Olden of Vilseck, Germany and Angelika (Bruce) Pegel-Quade of Verona; a daughter-in-law, Cheri Pegel of Atlanta, GA; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Hanna Pegel and brother, Heinz Joachim (Anneliese) Pegel, all of Germany. He was preceded in death by his two sons, Donald and Martin Pegel. Erwin's family wishes to convey their gratitude for all of their friend's prayers and loving concern throughout Rev. Pegel's journey to this day.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 3, 2007, followed by a memorial service at noon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello. Inurnment will be in Highland Cemetery, Monticello. The family will greet friends following the service in Zwingli Fellowship Hall.

