



## Rev. John C. Riggs

May 10, 1926 - February 5, 2011

Rev. John C. Riggs, age 84 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, February 05, 2011, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

He was born on May 10, 1926, in Edwardsville, IL, the son of Arthur and Louise (nee Blum) Riggs.

On August 19, 1948, he married Laurene Louise Casper who survives in Highland, IL.

He was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL. He was also a member of Lee Iten American Legion Post# 439, and the IL South Conference of Retired Ministers Group.

John was born in Edwardsville, IL and graduated from Highland High School in 1944. He joined the US Army Air Corps. during WW II. He came home and attended College. He graduated from Elmhurst College in 1950 with a Bachelor's Degree. He then attended Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO. Rev. Riggs served over 55 years in ministry, as pastor of many churches. His first church, he spent 2 years in Muscaine , IO; then at Zion Evangelical and Reform Church in Chicago, IL for 2 years; then 12 years at St. John United Church of Christ in Mascoutah, IL; and 19 years in North Aurora, IL at United Congregational Church. From there he retired and moved

to Carlyle, IL for 18 years. While in retirement he served many churches as interim pastor and also was a substitute teacher in Carlyle Area Schools. He and his wife moved to Highland in 2009. John enjoyed playing golf, boating, camping, and reading.

Survivors include :

Wife - Laurene L. Riggs nee Casper, Highland, IL

Son - John C. (Lori) Riggs, Jeffersonville, IN

Son - Dr. Paul A. Riggs, Oskaloosa, IA

Daughter - Diann L. (Rev. Daniel) Gute, Calumet City, IL

Son - David L. (April) Riggs, Amarillo, TX

Son - Daniel C. (Gwen) Riggs, North Aurora, IL

Grandchild - Ben Riggs

Grandchild - Amanda Riggs

Grandchild - Wesley Riggs

Grandchild - Luther Riggs

Grandchild - Zachary (Bryn) Riggs

Grandchild - Aaron Riggs

Grandchild - Sarah (Tim) Taylor

Grandchild - Derek (Erin) Gute

Grandchild - Melinda Gute

Grandchild - Jessica Riggs

Grandchild - Nick Riggs

Grandchild - Jacob Riggs

Grandchild - Allison Riggs

Grandchild - Ava Riggs

Great Grandchild - One Due In April

Sister - Grace (Clarence) Iberg, Highland, IL

Sister - Marie Breeze, Highland, IL

Sister - Blanche Witschie, Highland, IL

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Arthur A. Riggs

Mother - Louise ----- Riggs nee Blum

Brother - Otto Riggs

Brother - Calvin Riggs

Brother - Archie Riggs

Sister - Betty Schwarz

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.