



Allen G. Fichtner

April 3, 1932 - July 4, 2013

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RACINE – Allen G. Fichtner passed away at his residence on Thursday, July 4, 2013. Allen was born at his Hayes County, Nebraska farm home on April 3, 1932. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, White, Nebraska, now a rural historic site. He was preceded in death by his infant sister Ruth, his father Leon, his mother Emma and his brother Lesley. He is survived by his loving wife Vivian, his daughters Gayle of Southgate, Michigan, Gwen (Andy) Thomas of Wichita, Kansas, Glenda of Crystal, Minnesota and Glynne (Scott) Draeger of Sturtevant, Wisconsin, grandchildren David and Carrie Thomas of Wichita, Kansas, sister Esther Bahr of Valley Center, Kansas, sister-in-law LaVada Fichtner of Gothenburg, Nebraska, nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Allen attended Valley District 33 rural one room school, Concordia Lutheran High School, received his Bachelor's Degree from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska and his Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska-Kearney Division.

Allen spent 40 years teaching in the Lutheran School System, serving at Zion Lutheran, Kearney, Nebraska, St. John's-Peace Consolidated Lutheran, Waco, Nebraska, Zion Lutheran Inner City, St. Louis, Missouri and Trinity Lutheran, Racine, Wisconsin. During these years he served as a principal, teacher, organist, choir director and director of Christian Education. While in Nebraska he served as chairman and also treasurer of the South Nebraska

Lutheran Teacher's Conference.

In 1959 Vivian Baade and Allen were married at Zion in Kearney. Vivian was Allen's faithful supporter and the mother of their four daughters. Vivian and Allen saw education as a vital aspect of their children's lives, seeing and supporting them through Trinity Elementary, Racine Lutheran High School, Gayle and Gwen through Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, Glenda at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa and Glynne at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

While serving Trinity from 1973-1994, Allen spent the majority of years as 4th grade teacher. He also was director of music, serving as head organist and director of the vocal and handbell choirs. He spent 7 years on the organ committee and saw the installation of the new Zimmer pipe organ. He served as superintendent of the Sunday School for a time, initiated Vacation Bible School in the parish program and organized the beginning of the present handbell choir.

After retirement, Allen pursued his horticultural interests by taking formal training at Gateway Technical Institute. He greatly enjoyed designing floral pieces and helped Vivian with their own yard gardening. He also did part time work at Commitments Christian Book Store, Sam's Club doing food demonstration and tutoring at the Racine Literacy Council. For many years Vivian and Allen worked with AAL Branch 244, later giving support to the Thrivent chapter, supported the Wednesday Optimist Club and helped plan and care for the Trinity Prayer Garden. Trinity was home for Allen's worship, Bible study and fellowship with his church family.

Allen's family – wife Vivian, daughters Gayle, Gwen, Glenda and Glynne and families and his grandchildren David and Carrie – were his pride and joy. Funeral services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2065 Geneva St. on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a visitation at Sturino Funeral Home on Monday evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and at the church on Tuesday before services from 9:30 a.m. until time of service.

For those wishing to remember Allen in a special way, memorials to Trinity

Adult Handbell Choir or to Trinity Lutheran School have been suggested.
The family wishes to thank Dr. Choi and the staff of the chemo and radiation departments at the Cancer Center of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Visitation

JUL 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
2065 Geneva Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Allen G. Fichtner*



Sturino Funeral Home - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Please accept our sympathies for your loss. Mr. Fichtner was a well-loved teacher at Trinity, and we are very grateful our sons had him for a teacher in grade 4.*

Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. May Our Lord Bless your family.

*-Jeff & Marilyn Holbus
Parent of Nick and Eric*



Marilyn Holbu - July 08, 2013 at 03:52 PM

MC

“ *Vivian, Gayle Gwen Andy David Carrie Glenda Glynne and Scott,
My prayer for you are for comfort at this time and in the days ahead. What a treasure heaven has now! May the memories that you have of Allen also provide you with peace and comfort while you are separated from.*
Love, Manette



Manette Crawford - July 08, 2013 at 03:17 PM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen G. Fichtner.



July 08, 2013 at 11:50 AM



“ Dearest Aunt Vivian and cousins Gayle, Gwen & family, Glenda, & Glynne & Scott,
I was so sorry to hear that Uncle Allen had passed away. I have many fond memories of him over the years, and always will remember him for his gentle spirit and sense of humor. May God give each of you peace and comfort as you mourn his passing.
With deep sympathy,
Cindy Miller

Cindy Miller - July 08, 2013 at 09:07 AM



“ Family of Allen:
My deepest sympathies for your loss. Thank you for allowing me to meet with you - I was the hospice consultant who came to your home - and see the love you had for Allen. May your warm and loving memories of him give you peace.
Jo Ann Brown (hospice social worker)

Jo Ann Brown - July 08, 2013 at 08:49 AM

JD

“ *Jon, Anne, Devin, Alex, Isabelle, and Zach Draeger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Allen G. Fichtner.*



Jon, Anne, Devin, Alex, Isabelle, and Zach Draeger - July 08, 2013 at 08:43 AM

DW

“ *To the family..I met Allen thru the Literacy Council. His love of teaching and dedication have been an inspiration to us. May you find comfort in knowing that his life of service was a true gift to the entire community.*
Diane Wilcox

diane wilcox - July 08, 2013 at 08:42 AM

DK

“ *Hello to all of you,
I am so very sorry to hear of Allen's passing. He was such a kind, gentle man. I will never forget how welcome he (and all of you) made us feel when we first arrived at Trinity and continued that throughout high school, college and veterinary medical school. It has been many, many years since I have been back, but I always think of you all when I am close to Racine. Rest assured that he is happily and comfortably resting in the arms of his beloved Savior. And while it is hard for those he left behind, remember that we will see him again!
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!!
Dawn (Kroncke) Kaiser
Hazen, ND*



Dawn (Kroncke) Kaiser - July 07, 2013 at 07:47 PM

CK

“ When we moved to Racine, the Fichtners became part of our lives and hearts. Allen was the one special teacher that our kids talked about the most. He was so patient and kind and your family have been in many " remember the time" conversations with our family over the years. My sadness and happiness are with you at this time. Over time, your grief will lighten but know that his happiness will be forever.

God Bless and keep you now and forever.

Love,

Coni Kroncke

Horicon, WI

formerly from: Trinity Lutheran...Racine

Coni Kroncke - July 07, 2013 at 05:58 PM

JO

Cousin Vivian and family,
I was sad to learn of Mr. Fichtner's passing. Please accept our sincere sympathy. I'm sure you know that because he was my teacher at Zion I was never able to call him Allen . . . it just didn't seem quite right! He will always be Mr. Fichtner to me. Our Lord used him to touch many lives and that we can be thankful for. We pray God will give all of you strength and comfort in the days ahead.

Jerry and Karen Ohlmann

Jerry Ohlmann - July 09, 2013 at 09:52 PM