



## Rev. George L. Reed

October 27, 1929 - February 8, 2016

Rev. George Reed silently but victoriously left this world to claim his eternal reward on February 8, 2016. He was the eighth of ten children born to Howard and Fanny Smith Reed in Harrisburg, Illinois. He began preaching when he was 17 years old. After serving in the army during the Korean War, he graduated from Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana. After graduating he attended the Anderson School of Theology. His first pastoral assignment was as pastor of youth at the Maiden Lane Church of God in Springfield, Ohio. Following that assignment he went to Fairborn where he spent 20 years establishing and building a new church. His call and acceptance to become senior pastor of the Hillside Ave Church of God in Springfield came in 1977, a position from which he retired in 1992. During those years he held various offices on the local state and national level. In retirement he served as interim for five different churches and taught a senior Sunday School Bible class for many years.

He met and married Joyce Ruth Foster on June 25, 1955. God blessed them with three wonderful children: Rev. Alan Reed (Diane), Retha Stork (Keith), and Dr. Eric Reed (Grace). Alan died unexpectedly in October, 2015. They have nine grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Rev. Reed has one surviving sister, Ruth Mugge, and one brother, Donald Reed of Harrisburg, IL. He loved his family dearly and took joy in all they did. Fishing in Canada and woodworking were his greatest hobbies. He was an avid student and reader all his life.

Visitation will be at the Jackson, Lytle & Lewis Funeral Home from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, 2016. Services will be held at the Hillside Avenue Church of God, 2021 Hillside Avenue in Springfield, Ohio at 10am on Monday, February 16 with Rev. Michael Criner and Rev. J David Reames officiating. Burial following at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.

Local arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.