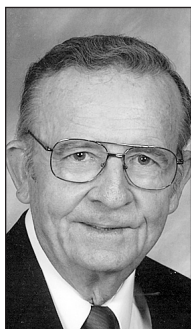


Elias Rode

September 21, 1930 - September 22, 2018



Rev. Elias Rode, age 88, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 in Boerne, Texas. He was born on Sept. 21, 1930 in Cherry Spring, Texas to Enos and Clara (Ellebracht) Rode. He was raised on the family ranch and kept it in operation to this date.

He earned his Masters of Divinity and was ordained as a Lutheran Minister on July 28, 1957 and retired in 1995. He met his wife, Dorothy, when they attended Texas Lutheran College.

Pastor Rode loved history and acted as the family historian collecting family history stories dating back to the 1800's. He was a very creative man who was able to fix things with baling wire and string and loved to garden. He planted trees in every community where he was a pastor.

He was awarded the Rural Minister of the Year in 1992 by Texas A&M Town and Country. He was a camp pastor at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville. He served in Lutheran churches in Paige, Dime Box, Houston, San Antonio and Jourdanton. For the past 17 years, he volunteered as a tutor with the OASIS program for elementary schools.

This past June, he officiated at the wedding ceremony of his granddaughter, Dylan.

Rev. Rode is survived by his wife, Dorothy Rode; daughter, Julie Rode-Hickey and her husband, Gary Hickey, and their daughters, Dylan Hickey-McWhorter (Sean) and Ellis Hickey; daughter, Sarah Nichols and her husband, Jeff, and their daughter, Elizabeth Clink (Kevin).

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Zion Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

A memorial and inurnment service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Christ Lutheran Church, 1419 Cherry Spring Road, Fredericksburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Parkinson's Disease Association, Zion Lutheran Church of San Antonio, Christ Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg, or Cross Trails Ministries of Kerrville.

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