



A lasting memorial has been given to
Spirit of Hope Church
in memory of
Rudy and Marion Kargel

*“Ambassadors of Friendship
at Golden Valley Methodist Church”*

Rudy Kargel

August 28, 1916 - June 30, 1989

Marion Kargel

April 10, 1921

Rudy and Marion Kargel moved to Golden Valley in the fall of 1947. They raised their three children, Joan, Terry, and Colleen, all of whom were baptized and confirmed at Golden Valley Methodist Church.

Having come from a nondenominational background, Rudy and Marion attended the church for five years before becoming members. However, during this time they sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. Also at this point, Rudy volunteered to clean the church weekly.

When the new church was built it was decided to hire Rudy as a part-time custodian. He also led the church choir for two years in the absence of a director. When the second building was built, he was hired full-time. Many times he was the first person to greet members as they arrived and always had a listening ear for those who needed to share problems. He loved volleyball and organized all-church volleyball games. Children of the church enjoyed singing along with his guitar accompanying them.

Marion, in addition to serving on various committees, assisted with the monthly newsletter and did parish visitation for twelve years. Rudy and Marion served as youth counselors for eight years. They retired and moved to Arizona in 1978. Rudy passed away in 1989. Marion is currently 92 years old and moved back to Hopkins, Minnesota, in November 2011. She attends Spirit of Hope from time to time when able.



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