



# A lasting memorial has been given to **Spirit of Hope Church** in memory of **Wally and Marion Green**

“Broadcasting Pioneer and Congregation Ambassadors”

C. Wallace (Wally) 8-1-1921 - 6-7-2007    Marion 11-29-1924 - 9-14-2007

Wally grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was a veteran of World War II. Marion grew up in the Hamline area of St. Paul, and the two met when Wally rented a room from Marion’s parents when both he and Marion were attending Hamline University.

Wally and Marion got married and moved to Golden Valley in the early 1950’s. Wally became an advertising executive at WTCN-TV, the first TV station in the Twin Cities, where he, newsman Dave Moore, and weatherman Bud Kraehling were instrumental in developing the station, which a few years later was sold to CBS, who then changed the call letters to WCCO.

While working at WCCO, Wally, who had a pilot’s license, traveled all over the world as a producer and cameraman for two long-running travel shows, “World of Aviation,” and “Let’s Go Traveling.” Marion and their daughter Sherrie were with him when he was filming in Phnom Penh in the mid-1970’s, and they were on the last plane out of Cambodia after the end of the Vietnam War. After retiring from WCCO in 1982, Wally helped found the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting in St. Louis Park, which has a world-class collection of radio, television and broadcast equipment and program archives.

Both Wally and Marion were active in the “Little White Church,” which they were invited to join by Stan and Shirley Hanks. When the new church on Harold Avenue opened in 1959, Wally and Marion helped organize the move of the congregation to the new site. They also made a substantial contribution to the sound system in the new sanctuary that made radio broadcasts of services possible in those early years.

Wally served as president of the Methodist Union and was a lay leader. He and Marion were both active in making home visits to people they invited to join the church, Wally as a member of a group of men called “Fishermen,” and Marion with other women called the “daytime calling team.” Marion also delivered Meals on Wheels and used her social work background to help people get other services they needed.

One of Wally’s final contributions to our church was his membership on the committee that recommended the name change to Spirit of Hope. As such respected, long-time members of the congregation, Wally and Marion, in supporting the change, were influential in helping the church move forward.

