



# A lasting memorial has been given to Spirit of Hope Church

## in memory of Robert and Susannah Hoag Trudy Hoag's Mother and Father

Robert Cameron Hoag December 14, 1922 - March 29, 2006

Susannah Josephine Hoag September 10, 1920 - April 12, 1996

Susannah Josephine Curtis, sixth child of George H. and Susannah Copeland Curtis, was born in London, England, on September 10, 1920. She was educated in London and was awarded top scholarship honors, which led to her choice to attend the Neucomen School for Girls in London, preparing for service in the royal household. After graduation she worked in Buckingham Palace for a time. She also apprenticed as a tailor. A talented vocalist, she was a soloist at Albert Hall in London while still in school, and she later sang with a dance band. When World War II began, she took engineering training and was employed at the Morris Motor Company as an engineer and rate fixer, ultimately working in this capacity in the Coventry, England, plant.



Robert Cameron Hoag was the second child born to the Humboldt County, Iowa, farm family of Roland and Helen Mather Hoag, arriving on December 14, 1922. He graduated from Bradgate High School, Bradgate, Iowa, in 1941. He was a multi-sport athlete in high school and loved dancing to big band music. Following graduation, he worked for the local grain elevator until the United States' entrance into World War II. Inducted into the Army in February 1943, he was posted after training to Camp Stoneleigh, a medical rehabilitation camp in Coventry, England, as a company clerk.

In Coventry, Sue, who insisted she would never marry a "Yank," met her match in the determined Corporal Bob Hoag. They married on April 17, 1945, at St. Martins in the Fields Church. Bob returned to the United States in late 1945 and was discharged in 1946. Sue joined him in 1946. They lived in Des Moines, Iowa, where Bob graduated from American Institute of Business and Sue worked for Meredith Publishing Company. Their only child, Trudy, was born in Des Moines in September, 1948. Over the next few years, Bob worked in Des Moines and Waterloo, Iowa, for Firestone Tire Company, and later for Iowa Tire Sales. Susannah became a United States citizen in 1956. In 1957, Bob became an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service, from which he retired in 1982. Sue operated a tailoring and dressmaking business in Waterloo and designed toys. The couple were members of Grace UMC in Waterloo. Susannah passed away on April 12, 1996. After the closing of Grace Church, Bob joined Waterloo First UMC. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of El Kahir Shrine, and the Masonic High Twelve. Robert passed away on March 29, 2006, while visiting Trudy in Golden Valley.



Both Bob and Sue had an affinity for Spirit of Hope UMC. They especially enjoyed our Puppet Nativity Service. After Sue's death, Bob continued to attend our services whenever he was in Minnesota. He found a second spiritual home in this church, and he valued the friendships he formed within our congregation.

