



A lasting memorial has been given to Spirit of Hope Church in memory of James and Lorys Kimpton

George and Marilyn Klouda have given a memorial to Spirit of Hope Sunday school in honor of Lorys' long time dedication to the program .

"The most important things in Lorys' life were her family, her friends and her church"

James A Kimpton

March 22, 1915

December 25, 1993

Lorys (Clark) Kimpton

March 3, 1920

January 28, 2009

James and Lorys moved to Golden Valley in 1950 and shortly joined the "little white" Golden Valley Methodist Church. Their daughter Janice actually attended kindergarten in the basement of the church. Lorys and Marilyn Klouda taught Sunday school for many years and when old enough, Janice joined them. Marilyn as well as Marge Noren remained good friends. Lorys was a member of the UMW and held the position of treasurer for many years.

James was also active in the church being an usher and serving on the church council. When the new church was built, the whole congregation walked all the way from the old church to the new one. Janice, the secretary of the MYF at that time and the president Steven Dahl carried the Chancel Cross to its new home.

Children Janice, Jeff and Mary Jo were all confirmed at GVM. Janice was married there in 1965 and Mary Jo in 1975. James and Lorys were good friends of Stan and Shirley Hanks. Janice babysat their children. Stan confirmed Janice, officiated and sang a solo at her wedding and also one at James' funeral.

Lorys especially enjoyed the music—the choir, quartet and Kathy Hunter's solos. Following a stroke in 2003, Lorys lived with Janice in Norwood-Young America transferring to Norwood UMC.

We were fortunate to have both James and Lorys as a part of our church family.



"Family, Friends and Church"

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