



lasting memorial has been given to  
Spirit of Hope Church  
in memory of  
**Lyle Mottinger**  
August 29, 1926 - February 5, 2014



Lyle Mottinger was born and raised in Tracy, Minnesota. After serving in the military he attended Mankato State Teachers' College, where he met his wife, Trudy. They moved to Golden Valley with their young family in 1962. Lyle and Trudy soon joined what was then Golden Valley Methodist Church. All five of their children - Steve, Keven, Eric, Karyn, and Wesley - attended Sunday School and confirmation classes. During his fifty years or more of faithful attendance as a church member, Lyle served on a variety of committees. He enjoyed attending Bible study classes.

Lyle was a teacher, coach, and school administrator in the Robbinsdale School District for almost all of his career of over 35 years. He was a member of several teaching organizations and held a variety of local, state, and national roles. Whenever there was a meeting or an event, he was almost always the first to arrive and the last to leave. When he retired from the public school system, Lyle became a student teacher supervisor for the University of St. Thomas. He also was an avid genealogist who traced his ancestry back to the Mayflower. He loved history and took great pride in his collection of historical books. Lyle served on the Board of Directors of the Golden Valley Historical Society, which is located in the "Little White Church," the original home of the Golden Valley Methodist Church.

Perhaps Lyle's greatest contribution to the church was his work as Scoutmaster of Troop 476. His leadership helped hundreds of young men become better citizens and contributing members of our community. Under his leadership more than twenty-five became Eagle Scouts. One of his former scouts was President George Bush's private physician. Over the years, Lyle's scouts have provided the church with many hours of volunteer services. He also was a Little League baseball coach for many years.



Lyle will be remembered for the values he lived by and tried to instill in his children, students, and scouts. He believed hard work was its own reward and in service to others before service to oneself. He had a strong commitment to his faith, his family, and his community.