

Melvin "Mel" Pingel, 67, of Bella Vista died Wednesday Nov. 22, 1989, at Bates Memorial Hospital. He was born March 29, 1922, at Hinsdale, Ill., to August Pingel and Emma Mueller Pingel. He was a retired minister. Past Vice President of the Eastern District, Missouri Lutheran Synod, mission board chairman for the Eastern District, and Eastern District public relations director, he had also served many congregations during 43 years as a minister. He had been married for 44 years, and was an avid golfer. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Bentonville. Survivors include his wife, Lillian Pingel; three sons, Mark E. Pingel of Camillus, N.Y., James M. Pingel of Level Green, Penn., and Paul H. Pingel of Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter, Susan M. Duvall of Bentonville; two brothers, Edwin T. Pingel of Anaheim, Ca.; and George H. Pingel of Stockton, Minn.; a sister, Matilda Kneif of Hinsdale, Ill.; and three grandchildren' Sarah and Johanna Pingel, both of Camillus, N.Y. and Michael Duvall of Bentonville. Funeral services are 11 am Saturday, Nov 25, at Faith Lutheran Church of Bentonville by the Rev. Donald O. Wesener. Burial is in Bella Vista Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 8 pm today at Callison-Lough Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, Bella Vista Lutheran Church, or the Lutheran Hour.