



Melvin Herbert Erlinger

April 29, 2011

Melvin Herbert Erlinger, went to the loving arms of his Lord on April 29, 2011. Born Oct. 14, 1921 in St. Louis, MO. to Herbert Charles and Martha Louise (Lange) Erlinger. Served in the U.S. Navy 1944-46 in the Personnel Dept., 12th Naval district Oakland & Alameda California. Received a BA in Education from Harris Teachers College, St. Louis, MO. and an MA from Washington University, St. Louis, MO. and was initiated in Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity in 1949. Was employed for 16 years by St. Louis Schools and was one of seven educators that founded the St. Louis/St. Louis County Jr. College that now serves over 40,000 students on 4 campuses. Moved to St. Petersburg in 1963 and was employed by the Pinellas County Schools at St. Petersburg High School and also volunteered at the Pinellas County Educational Foundation for 8 years and Heritage Village for 6 years. Also served as Lay Minister for Cornerstone Community Church (1987-2006). Melvin also wrote books and was published as a freelance author in various publications including the St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune, Light & Life Magazine among others. Melvin was preceded in death by his wife Ruth of 65 years. He is survived by two sons, John M. Erlinger of Houston, Texas and Paul T. Erlinger of Pinellas Park, two sisters, Shirley Richards of Hazelwood, MO. and Doris Swift of St. Charles, MO. 3 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday, May 11 from 10 A.M. until service time at 12 Noon. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Melvin Herbert Erlinger uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lori buck/911 Educator - Spoke to his groups at church posted a condolence I am so sorry for your loss, He was such a good person and I enjoyed spending time with him before my 911 programs at his church...He gave me his book, he always made me feel happy. I appreciated his love of people!!*

Lori buck/911 Educator - Spoke to his groups at church - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr Bob Bedford - Former Sr Pastor posted a condolence It was my pleasure to have Mel serve with me at Cornerstone Community Church during my years as Sr Pastor and then as the Conference Superintendent. Mel was known for his faithful service and for his unqualified support for his church. He was greatly loved and appreciated.*

Dr Bob Bedford - Former Sr Pastor - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM