



## Walter Cruver Derthick

August 29, 1922 - April 19, 2015

Walter C. Derthick 92 passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 19, 2015. He was born on August 29, 1922, the only child of Jule and Jessie Derthick of Waukesha, Wisconsin. He received a BA in English and music from Carroll University and a Master's degree in English Literature from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. He taught high school English in his early career years. For twenty five years he sold pianos and organs at Flanner & Hafsoos Music House in Waukesha. Among his many other accomplishments, he was a piano and organ teacher, church organist, choir director, piano and harpsichord tuner and repairer, and music critic. In 1980 Walter moved to Florida. He continued to tune pianos, giving private lessons, and playing the church organ in various Central Florida churches. He retired from playing a couple of years ago, after playing for the 8 am service at Maitland Presbyterian Church for many years. Walter was "Mr. Classical Music". He was a collector of sheet music, cd's, and vinyl records. In the last few years he began to study religion and theology. His favorite pastime was to listen to classical music while reading the vast number of books he was purchasing. In 2013, Walter decided to share his love of books with his church by donating his library, and continuing to donate newly purchased books after he read them, giving MPC an entire library of current titles.

Walter's memorial service will take place at Maitland Presbyterian Church on April 29, 2015 at 10 am.



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“ *Walter Derthick, a man of many talents and skills, was also a voracious reader. In his later years he amassed a sizeable collection of books which he generously donated to the Maitland Presbyterian Church library. He had wide ranging interests so the books cover many topics related to theology, church history, devotional literature, the Christian life and music. Of particular note is that the several hundred donated books have fairly recent copyright dates, resulting in a quite up-to-date church library collection. Church members and others using the library will long be thankful to Walter for his gift...indeed it will enrich the lives of many now and in the future. June Mills, MPC library volunteer*

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“ *Walter was my dearest friend of forty-five years. He enjoyed traveling. His favorite Florida places to visit were Silver Springs, St. Augustine, and walking in the waves at Daytona Beach.*  
*Joe Jankowski*

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“ *Walter especially liked pancakes, eggs Benedict, and ice cream. He enjoyed eating slowly and carrying on long conversations. He was my friend and I will miss him.*  
*Bev Reponen*

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**Bev Reponen** - April 23, 2015 at 06:59 PM