

The Rev. John H. Rath, 73, Topeka, died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at a Topeka hospital. He was born April 19, 1931. John was the son of Gustof and Hulda Kiepke-Rath. He graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree from Concordia University, Milwaukee, WI and with a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. He served as Senior Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS from 1965 until his retirement in 1995. For the past nine years he had served Faith Lutheran Church as Pastor Emeritus. Previously, Rev Rath had served as pastor at Immanual and Christ Lutheran Churches in Lynch, NE and Spencer, NE from 1960 to 1965. During his years of ministry, he also served as Circuit Counselor on the Board of Parish Education, the Recruitment Committee, the Scholarship Committee, and the Chair of Pastor's Conference in Nebraska. John married Constance "Connie" Lossner on June 24, 1956, in San Diego, CA. He is survived by his wife, Connie; his four daughters, Catherine Gates, Sharon Lowe, Diane Shaffer, and Cyndi Spinelli; a son, Mike Rath; his fourteen grandchildren, Brett Thoms, Mandi Jo Rath, Erin Hoestie, John Hoestie, Sean Spinelli, Jamin Halladay, Luke Shaffer, Johnny Rath, Evan Spinelli, Eric Shaffer, Barbara Rath, Rachael Lowe, Sierra Spinelli, and Elissa Spinelli; five great-grandchildren. His surviving family also includes a brother, Gerald Rath and a sister, Marge Engelbrecht.

Cause of death: Complications caused from Crohm's disease.

Burial:

Mount Hope Cemetery

Topeka

Shawnee County

Kansas, USA

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