Edwin L. Wang, age 89, of Missoula, Montana, formerly of Edina, Minnesota, and Sun City West, Arizona, died January 28, 2009, at home of natural causes.

He loved history and had special interest in the Lewis and Clark Expedition and Egyptian history. He was a member of the Foundation and served as president of the organization in 1985-1986.

He graduated from high school in Beatrice, Nebraska, and attended classes at Oakland Junior College, the University of California and the University of Minnesota.

Ed was devoted to his wife of 66 years, Astrid Wikander, and family.


Ed was president of the Board of Pensions for 31 years, first for the Augustana Lutheran Church, and then the Lutheran Church in America. He considered it his mission in life to provide pension and health insurance support for Lutheran pastors and church employees. He was an active member of Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina for 50 years and a part-time member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West for 20 years.

Ed is survived by his wife, three children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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(Wang was President Elect of the Foundation, 1984-1985; President, 1985-1986; and Vice President, 1995-1996.)