

# Rev. Joseph Gerlt, 79

1984

**AVOCA** — Services for the Rev. Joseph Henry Martin Gerlt, a pastor in Avoca for 39 years, were held Wednesday afternoon at Christ Lutheran Church in Stover, Mo. Burial was in Stover Cemetery.

The Rev. Gerlt, 79, died Sunday at a Sedalia, Mo., hospital following a long illness.

He served as pastor of

Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, from 1930-'69. He was pastor of First Lutheran Church in Harrison, Ark., from 1969 to his retirement in 1980.

He was a past chairman of the board of the Elk Horn Lutheran Home, Elk Horn.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca.