



**Celebrating
The Life
of
George Calden**

February 22, 1915 – January 7, 2007

Russian medley UW Russian Folk Orchestra

Chalice Lighting Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Consulting Minister
Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

My Life Goes On in Endless Song #108..... Dan Broner, Organist

Reflections Rev. Max Gaebler, Minister Emeritus
First Unitarian Society

"Precious Memories" Patti Graham, from Hospice
and Sid Boersma

REMEMBERING GEORGE

Harold Tarkow Friend

Gordon Cunningham PLATO

Victor Gorodinsky Director, UW Russian Folk Orchestra
Freilachs..... UW Russian Folk Orchestra

Al Nettleton Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

Doleta Chapru The Ethnic Connection
Raisins and Almonds Jewish Lullaby Lee Burkholder
and Doleta Chapru

Rev. Richard A. De Bruyn Brother-in-law

Jack De Bruyn Brother-in-law
Deh viene alla finestra from Don Giovanni..... Jack De Bruyn
and Dan Cobb

Calden Family

What Wondrous Love #18 Dan Broner, organist

Extinguishing the Chalice Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Closing Words..... Rev. Max Gaebler

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**The family invites you to a reception
in the West Living Room
following the service.**



Some of George's favorites....

**To Life, to Life, L'chai-im!
L'chai-im! L'chai-im! To Life!
One day it's honey and raisin cake,
Next day a stomach ache
Drink L'chai-im!
TO LIFE!**

If music be the food of love, play on. - from 12th Night

George Calden, 91, died on January 7, 2007 at the end of a long fruitful life. He was born February 22, 1915 in Philadelphia, PA but spent his boyhood years in Brooklyn N.Y. He graduated in history from Brooklyn College and after serving in WW2 in the US Army Signal Corps he completed a Master's degree at Columbia University. George credited the GI Bill for enabling him to earn a PH D in clinical psychology at the University of Michigan (1951). In Ann Arbor he also found his life partner, student Ruth De Bruyn. They married in 1949 and celebrated their 57th anniversary last September.

After college George and Ruth settled in Madison where George worked as chief psychologist at the VA -TB Hospital from 1951-59. From 1950-1980 he was a clinical psychologist specializing in marriage counseling and testing for the Madison Psychiatric Associates. His book on couple communication I COUNT-YOU COUNT was published in 1976.

George was a founding member of Prairie Unitarian-Universalist Society serving several terms as lay-minister and compiling a songbook for the congregation. George was also a founding member of PLATO where he taught three courses" "American Folk Music", "Famous Composers" and "Unforgettable Videos.

George enjoyed life to the hilt. He loved to plant trees, tell jokes, dance the hambo, watch gymnastics, do crossword puzzles with his kids, discuss politics and religion, look up the origin of last names, strum his mandolin with The Ethnic Connection and play his domra with the UW Russian Folk Orchestra. He was a prolific writer, contributing to professional journals as well as writing 60 witty reminiscence stories, self-published as LEAVING TRACKS.

George is survived by his loving wife Ruth and their four children, Lisa Calden of Berkeley, CA, Dr. Martha Calden of Chicago, IL, Virginia (Ginny) Calden and Tom Calden of Madison and his brother Eugene Calden of Boynton Beach, FL. He was preceded in death by his brother Morris Calden. He is also survived by brothers-in law. Rev. Richard (Tilli) De Bruyn of Arroyo Grande, CA and Jack (Joan) De Bruyn of Raleigh, N.C.