

Obituaries

Miner E. Bruner

Reverend
Miner E.
Bruner, 89, of
Logan, Utah,
passed away
Oct. 21, 2002,
at the Logan
Regional Hospi-
tal. Reverend
Bruner was

born Oct. 17, 1913, to Haver
and Mina Ree Bruner in Broad-
water, Neb. He was the
oldest son of six children.

Miner graduated from Broad-
water High School in 1931, con-
tinuing his education at
Hastings College, University of
Nebraska, and Chadron State
College. He graduated Suma
Cum Laude from San Francisco
Theological Seminary in 1943,
serving as president of his semi-
nary class.

Miner and Helen Briedenbach
were married Sept. 12, 1942, in
San Geronimo, Calif., where
Miner served as pastor for the
San Geronimo Presbyterian
Church. In 1943 Miner accepted
the pastor position at
the First Presbyterian Church in
Logan, also serving as the
Protestant Chaplin at Utah
State.

His passion for sports and
young people enabled him to
become an active community
leader, coaching little league
baseball, assisting in the estab-
lishment of Troop 1 of the Boy
Scouts of America, and enter-
taining the Logan public school
students as a magician.

During the 1960's he was
elected Moderator of Synod of
California, one of the highest
honors in the Presbyterian
Church. In recognition of his
outstanding services, he was
awarded Honorary Doctorate of
Divinity at Westminster College.
In 1984 he received the Disting-
uished Alumni Award from San
Francisco Theological Semi-
nary. Miner retired as Pastor of
the Logan First Presbyterian
Church in 1986. His love and
caring for people served him
well as he continued his work as
Minister of the Preston Commu-
nity Church through 1995.

Miner is survived by his loving
wife Helen; son, Larry Bruner
and wife, Karen of Loveland,
Colo.; daughter, Diane Bruner
Watkins and husband, Stan also
of Loveland; four grandchildren,
Eric Bruner, Princeton, N.J.,
Elise Bruner Gale and husband
Mathew, Menlo Park, Calif.,
Luke Watkins, Fort Collins,
Colo., and Kate Watkins, Santa
Cruz, Calif.

"Pop — you are the guiding
light of our family."

Surviving relatives are Ralph
and Dorothy Bruner, Aurora,
Colo., Charline Dembo, Broad-
water, Neb., and Jean Bruner,
Scottsbluff, Neb.

Visitation with the family will
be held Thursday, Oct. 24, from
6 to 8 p.m. at Allen-Hall Mortu-
ary, 34 E. Center, Logan. Funer-
al service to be conducted by
Dr. John Cushman and Rev.
Dave Hedgepeth, at 1 p.m., Fri-
day, Oct. 25, at the Logan First
Presbyterian Church, 12 S. 200
West, followed by a reception in
the church gymnasium.

The family wishes to extend
their deepest appreciation to the
many friends of Miner and

