

## CROSSING THE BAR

BY ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!

AND MAY THERE BE NO MOANING OF THE BAR,  
WHEN I PUT OUT TO SEA,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.



GOD CALLED US HOME

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# WILLIAM L. BANKESTER

1922 - 2019



## *A Life Remembered*

William was welcomed into the kingdom of heaven on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from the New Richland Care Center in New Richland, MN. He was 96 years of age. William was born August 28, 1922 in DeQuincy, LA, the son of Warren and Hasseltine (Duck) Bankester. He lived his early life in Reeves, LA, the youngest of five children. William left LA, at the age of 18 to go to Chicago to the Moody Bible Institute where he met Alice Saha, they married in 1943. Together they went on to have three children, David, Anita and Philip. His education was interrupted by WWII when he enlisted in the US Navy serving until the end of the war. He spent two years in the South Pacific. After returning from the war he returned to Chicago and graduated from Moody and Wheaton College and Seminary. Upon graduation from Wheaton in 1952, William accepted a call to serve at the Conservative Congregational Church in Hollandale where he served as Pastor for 20 years. In 1972 they moved to Freeport, IL, serving at Zion Church for 20 years. In 1993 they moved to Mazeppa, MN for one year at the Woodville Chapel before returning to the Hollandale Church for another 20 years. His final six years were spent as a resident of the New Richland Care Center, but he continued to minister there to staff and residents.

William is survived by his children Anita (Jim) Reagan of Apple Valley, MN, David (Jane) Bankester of Puyallup, WA, Phil (Dorene) Bankester of Carbondale, IL. There are 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Alice of 72 years in 2016, three sisters and one brother. Blessed be his memory.



*In Loving Memory*

# **WILLIAM L. BANKESTER**

*August 28, 1922 - May 4, 2019*

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

10:30 AM - Saturday, May 25, 2019

Bonnerup Funeral Service

Albert Lea, Minnesota

## **OFFICIANTS**

Rev. Scott Williams

Rev. Brian Gegel

## **HONORARY BEARERS**

*William's Grandchildren*

Tamara Bankester - Tianna Pringle - Mike Van

Suzanne Billings - Aaron Bale

Adam Bale - Melissa Triplett - Lindsey Roorda

Emily Pitney - Alysha Bankester

## **MUSIC**

*Accompanist: Melissa Williams*

*Vocalists: Melissa Triplett, Emily Pitney & Alysha Bankester*

Hymn: Victory In Jesus

Special Music: He's Always Been Faithful

Hymn: What A Day That Will Be

Hymn: I'll Fly Away

## **INTERMENT**

*Private Family Committal*

Hollandale Cemetery

Hollandale, Minnesota

Military Honors Accorded By Albert Lea Veterans Organizations