

## SELECTED READINGS FOR REFLECTION

*If this would have been a traditional Celebration of Life service, we would have incorporated some of the following as readings from the Bible:*

**Psalms 23** “The Lord is my Shepherd...” Probably the most popular reading selected for Celebration of Life services and, understandably, a powerful passage.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** “There is a time for everything...a time to be born and a time to die...”

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work...Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves, a cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” This was the Bible reading used at our wedding service.

**Isaiah 43:1-3a** This is a signature verse used at baptisms at Sunne and is the “I have called you by name; you are mine...” passage. Verses 2 and 3, however, have a strong symbolism for anyone going through radiation and chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

**Romans 5:1-8** A passage about faith, suffering, and perseverance, ending with “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**II Corinthians 4:7-12** I call this one the “Treasures in Jars of Clay” passage. My interpretation is that when we die, we enter heaven with our “treasures,” our talents, good works, and other spiritual investments we have made on earth that can be taken with us.

*A reading from the Gospel:*

**John 14:1-14** “Let not your hearts be troubled...I go to prepare a place for you....”

*Readings to be read at the committal portion of this Celebration of Life service:*

**Romans 14:8**

**I Corinthians 15:51-57**

**John 11:25-26**

## THANK YOU!

**Thank you,** Everyone, for your support and prayers during this challenging time. Thank you to Bruce, Sue, Brian, and Sydney for the compromises made at short notice to spend as much time as possible with your dad these last three weeks and to Bruce for spending the last two nights at the hospital. It meant a lot to me that someone was there when he took his last breath at 4:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

**Thank you** to Pastor Dale Nabben and Pastor Paul Schauer for their prayers and support through this process. Pastor Dale for his hospital visits and for also being a fan of Roy and Dale. It's not often you meet someone who also had a Roy Rogers lunchbox as a kid! Pastor Paul for having been our longtime spiritual support throughout this entire journey and for his participation in this Celebration of Life for David. You can never have too many "persons of the cloth" in your corner at times like this!

**Thank you** to the nurses and staff on Sanford's Floor 7E, who gave Dave the care he needed as he made the transition from this earthly plane to his Eternal Home. Your dedication and compassion to the patients in your care cannot be measured.

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It has been a long and arduous journey, but David has now gone home.  
-Sandy Peterson Jenkins

*Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.... [He will say], “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”*

II Corinthians 5:8; Matthew 25:23

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest,  
It broke our hearts to see you go,  
God only takes the best.*

*They say that memories are golden,  
Well maybe that is true,  
But we never wanted memories,  
We only wanted you.*

*Your life was love and labor,  
Your love for your family true,  
You did your best for all of us,  
We will always remember you.*

*We sat beside your bedside,  
Our hearts were crushed and sore,  
We did our duty to the end,  
'Til we could do no more.*

*In tears we watched you sinking,  
We watched you fade away,  
And though our hearts were breaking,  
We knew you could not stay.*

*Our lips cannot speak how we loved you,  
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,  
But God only knows how we miss you,  
In our home that is lonely today.*

IN LOVING  
*Memory*



DAVID

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