

Dave spent lots of hours watching old westerns. Every vintage western or movie based on early American history that includes a church or other worship assemblage scene always has one of these three traditional hymns. So, I had no choice but to include them on this list!

***“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”***  
***“Bringing in the Sheaves”***  
***“Shall We Gather at the River”***

***“Children of the Heavenly Father”***

This one is a favorite of my family. A great traditional Scandinavian hymn!

***“Ave Maria”*** by Franz Schubert

Another of Dave’s classical favorites. This is another piece that is popular for weddings, however it seems appropriate to use here.

***“The Prayer”***

When putting this list together, I came across this song performed by Pentatonix. Decided it would be a perfect ending to this Celebration of Life and Going Home Service.

***“The Great Adventure”*** by Steven Curtis Chapman

This song was incredibly special to my sister, Sharon Seneker, and her family and was played while getting ready for road trips. She wanted it used as the recessional for her funeral when she died of cancer on March 21, 2008. I had never heard this song before her funeral. It is now one of my favorite pieces of contemporary Christian music.

***“Ghost Riders in the Sky”***

One of Dave’s Top 10 favorite songs of all time. He really liked this version performed by Johnny Cash and this instrumental version performed by Neil LeVang. I also like the Marty Robbins version of this song but may save that one for my own funeral.

***“Happy Trails to You”*** by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans

As you have likely figured out by now, Dave was a fan of old westerns and the songs by the Sons of the Pioneers. Roy and Dale were my heroes growing up so another commonality in our long eclectic relationship.

***“O Holy Night”***

Yes, this is a Christmas song! It is also #1 on his list of favorite songs so needs to be included in this musical tribute. I have selected the rendition performed by Pentatonix because Dave enjoyed listening to this acapella group.

***“Battle Hymn of the Republic”***

This piece is included as a tribute to Dave’s patriotism and military service. This rendition performed by the United States Army Field Band is a way to honor his participation and dedication to the Drum and Bugle Corp as well as his many years of dedicated service as a “Weekend Warrior” in the ND Army National Guard.

***“Hallelujah”***

You may recognize this piece from the movie “Shrek.” It is included in this musical tribute because not that long ago Dave was in his usual spot holding down his recliner and had the TV on the YouTube channel. He was going through a period of waking and dozing but every time I checked on him this song was being performed by a different performer or group. I love this song but hearing it over the course of two hours tended to make it a bit ad nauseum. I have included two renditions, one by Pentatonix and one by a group called Brooklyn Duo. Ironically, I did not hear either of these in that two-hour series of YouTube videos!

***“Time to Say Goodbye”***

Not sure where this one fit as to genre but seems an appropriate close to this musical tribute. Also, this performance by Brooklyn Duo gives it that classical music feel that Dave really enjoyed and could immerse himself in it for hours.

***“The Calling”*** by Marcus Warner and featuring Claudia White

This dramatic piece was one Sydney wanted to use at her high school graduation in May 2017. Unfortunately, her classmates were not patient enough to listen to it long enough to see just how appropriate it would have been to use for such a milestone event. It is her contribution to this musical tribute to her dad and its emotional sense of transcending the spiritual realm seems a perfect fit to this medley.

***“Andrew’s Song”*** by End of Silence

Another piece Sydney suggested for this musical tribute. It is a very fitting piece for a memorial service and saying a final goodbye to her dad.



# A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO DAVID E. JENKINS

JANUARY 22, 1938 ~ AUGUST 7, 2024

*Dave was a very private person and did not like being the center of attention. This was one of many reasons he did not want a traditional funeral. Listening to music and being involved with it was particularly important to him. This musical tribute reflects his interests and his life. The following pieces may not be played in the order listed. The list is more to categorize each group of selections and provide an explanation as to why they were included and what they meant to us.*

Dave spent his early childhood as a Methodist. This hymn is a homage to those roots.

*Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless may we be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory;  
Till in heaven we take our place.  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

CHARLES WESLEY  
(Methodist Hymn Writer and Preacher)



If Dave had a favorite music genre, it would be classical music, especially when performed with piano and strings.

## **“Canon in D”** by Johann Pachelbel

This is an exceedingly popular piece for wedding processions. So, why not for a Celebration of Life and Going Home service?

## **“The Rose”** by Bette Midler

This song was the one we used for our wedding processional on July 19, 1986.

## **“On Eagle’s Wings”**

One of my favorite contemporary hymns. Eagles are also strong symbols of patriotism and loyalty. So, very fitting as the opening hymn in our tribute for David.

Following are many traditional hymns and gospel songs.

You may recognize the voices of Johnny Cash and Tennessee Ernie Ford in many of the selections. These were two of Dave’s favorite singers. While he was not a fan of Elvis Presley, he did enjoy his gospel music and always felt that was what “The King” did best, so you may hear that voice from the past as well. You may recognize Alan Jackson and Ricky Scaggs, more contemporary performers that Dave liked listening to.

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**“On the Wings of a Snow-White Dove”**

**“Ain’t No Grave That Can Hold My Body Down”**

**“Where We’ll Never Grow Old”**

**“I’ll Fly Away”**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**“The Old Rugged Cross”**

**“When We All Get to Heaven”**

**“Six White Horses”**

**“The Old Account”**