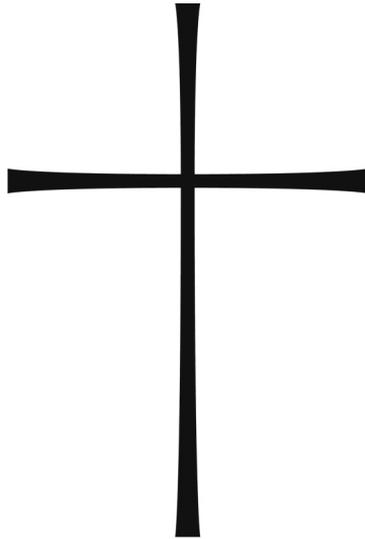


The Funeral Service of
Duane Allen Roloff
1932 - 2020



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fairmont, Minnesota
Friday, November 20, 2020 ~ 11:00 a.m.

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Stand

INVOCATION & REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In Holy Baptism Duane was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.** *Romans 6:3-5*

HYMN: LSB 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 Oh, what needless pain we bear—
 All because we do not carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

KYRIE, SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Duane and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-3a, 25 (ESV)

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

“I, I am he
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16 (ESV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation...

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE (General)

Revelation 1:5-6

P Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

C to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 15:12-17 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

HYMN: *LSB 748 I'm But a Stranger Here*

- 1 I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

- 2 What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.

- 3 Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

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SERMON: "God's (Eternal) Life Insurance"

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to the family of Duane and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks for Duane and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

P “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,
C **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**



Pastor: Rev. Anthony Bertram

Pianist: Mr. Michael Kutch

Obituary

Private Family Services for Duane A. Roloff, age 88, of Fairmont, MN, are being held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Duane passed away on Monday morning, November 16, 2020, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School or to Martin Luther High School.

Duane Allen Roloff was born on July 18, 1932, in Welcome, MN. He was the son of Clarence and Alma (Borchardt) Roloff. He attended Welcome public schools and graduated from Welcome High School in 1950. Duane furthered his education at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He also served in the Army during the Korean War for two years before earning an honorable discharge.

On October 25, 1953, Duane was united in marriage to Shirley Speckman at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. This union was blessed with three children, Denise, Robert, and Jill. The couple resided in California at Fort Ord while serving in the Army before moving to Welcome, MN, while Duane completed college. They later moved to Iowa for a year where Duane worked as an insurance adjuster. The couple then moved to Fairmont in 1958, where Duane owned and operated Roloff Insurance Agency until his retirement in 1999. Duane and Shirley shared over sixty-seven years together.

Duane was a long-time member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont where he served as past Congregation President and Treasurer. He was a member of the Jaycees when he was younger and more recently was a member of the Exchange Club and Martin County Republicans where he served as Chairman for twenty-five years.

During his free time, Duane enjoyed spending time in the outdoors including hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, and horseback riding. He loved carpentry and was able to work as a carpenter while completing college as well as assisting each of his children with remodeling projects at their homes. Duane most loved the time he was able to spend with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Shirley Roloff of Fairmont; children, Denise Mosloski of Fairmont, MN, Robert (Lindie) Roloff of St. Peter, MN, and Jill (Greg) Denton of Welcome, MN; grandchildren, Emily (Mike) Wubbena, Alexa Mosloski, Ashby Roloff, Chloe Denton, and Abbey Denton; great grandchildren, Ella, Evan, and Gavin Wubbena; brothers-in-law, Aldean Speckman, and Carroll "Lefty" Luhmann; and nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Clarence and Alma Roloff, Duane was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Duane Mosloski; sister, Sharon Luhmann; sister-in-law, Barbara Speckman; and parents-in-law, Harry and Adela Speckman.