A Memorial Service In Celebration of the Life of Donald W. Raw, Jr.

Saturday, August 27, 2022

11:00 AM

ENTRANCE MUSIC

The Prayer

The late Terri Beach-Holder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the life of Don Raw, Jr. **People: Thank you Holy One, for Don, who was a servant leader.**Leader: We rejoice in the kindness and compassion that Don embodied.

People: Blessed God, we celebrate this giving and generous soul you shared with us, for he touched each of our hearts, and we mourn his passing.

Leader: Like You, Don always showed up when there was a need. He went above

and beyond as he shared your love with the world.

People: Be with us as we remember, and celebrate, and say goodbye. Thank you for receiving Don, with loving arms, into your eternal peace. Amen.

*HYMN # 21

How Great Thou Art

READING After Glow

Kailee Kulik

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14: 1-3

Chris Raw

UNISON READING

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures:

He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul:

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for you are with me;

Your rod and thy staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

EULOGY Nate Raw

READING Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace Evan Raw

SPECIAL MUSIC Precious Lord Connie Fredericks-Malone

WORDS OF HOPE Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and LORD'S PRAYER

COMMENDATION

*HYMN # 502 Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in the Service

Denise Morphy, Organist Connie Fredericks-Malone, Soloist Rev. Dawn E. Garrett-Larsen, Minister Dale Zajac, Live Stream

Donald W. Raw, Jr., age 67, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 12, 2022.

Donald is survived by his wife, Marlies (Nowacki) Raw; sons, Christopher, Evan (Marguerite Archer) and Nathan (Jasmeen Rajpal); parents, Donald W. Sr. and Dorice (Stocker) Raw; sister, Kim (Kevin) Kulik; brother-in-law, Ken Holder; mother-in-law, Ellen Nowacki; and many nieces and nephews. Donald is predeceased by his sister, Terri Beach-Holder, and father-in-law, Thomas R. Nowacki, Jr.

Donald worked as the Superintendent of schools for the City of Canandaigua. He was extremely active in his community, including the First Congregational Church, Rotary, Camp Onseyawa, the Ontario County Historical Society, and countless other organizations.

To know Don would be to understand that he had a perfect heart, a beautiful soul, a keen sense of humor, and above all, a deep and all-encompassing love for his family and friends.

Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Light Hill Comfort Care Home, 5160 Parrish St. Ext., Canandaigua, NY 14424.

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Don Raw, Jr

September 30, 1954 - August 12, 2022