



ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

10:00AM

Prelude

Call to Worship 1 Peter 1:3-4

Invocation

Hymn *In the Garden*

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23

Words of Remembrance Bob Lunsford

New Testament Reading John 14:1-6 Jack Lunsford

Homily Rev. Tara R. Thompson

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn 280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Benediction

Postlude

The family of Ralph Lunsford thanks each of you for your presence today as we remember Ralph's completed life on earth and celebrate his joyful entry into the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Officiating Clergy: Rev. Tara R. Thompson
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Paula Nichols

635 In the Garden

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:20

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho' the night a -

still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me
 round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;

Refrain

The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
 His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we

share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

THE LAST CORPS TRIP

It was Judgment Day in Aggieland
And tenseness filled the air;
All knew there was a trip at hand,
But not a soul knew where.

Assembled on the drill field
Was the world-renowned Twelfth Man,
The entire fighting Aggie team
And the famous Aggie Band.

And out in front with Royal Guard
The reviewing party stood;
St. Peter and his angel staff
Were choosing bad from good.

First he surveyed the Aggie team
And in terms of an angel swore,
“By Jove, I do believe I’ve seen
This gallant group before.

I’ve seen them play since way back when,
And they’ve always had the grit;
I’ve seen ‘em lose and I’ve seen ‘em win,
But I’ve never seen ‘em quit.

No need for us to tarry here
Deciding upon their fates;
Tis plain as the halo on my head
That they’ve opened Heaven’s gates.”

And when the Twelfth Man heard this,
They let out a mighty yell
That echoed clear to Heaven
and shook the gates of Hell.

“And what group is this upon the side,”
St. Peter asked his aide,
“That swelled as if to burst with pride
When we our judgment made?”

“Why, sir, that’s the Cadet Corps
That’s known both far and wide
For backing up their fighting team
Whether they won, lost or tied.”

“Well, then,” said St. Peter,
“It’s very plain to me
That within the realms of Heaven
They should spend eternity.

And have the Texas Aggie Band
At once commence to play
For their fates too we must decide
Upon this crucial day.”

And the drum major so hearing
Slowly raised his hand
And said, “Boys, let’s play The Spirit
For the last time in Aggieland.”

And the band poured forth the anthem
In notes both bright and clear
And ten thousand Aggie voices
Sang the song they hold so dear.

And when the band had finished,
St. Peter wiped his eyes
And said, “It’s not so hard to see
They’re meant for Paradise.”

And the colonel of the Cadet Corps said
As he stiffly took his stand,
“It’s just another Corps Trip, boys,
We’ll march in behind the band.”

- by P.H. DuVal, Jr.'51



Ralph V. Lunsford, Sr., 93, of Beaumont, passed away Friday, May 28, 2021. He was born October 19, 1927, in Temple, to Inez Signa (Horner) and Ralph Martin Lunsford. Both parents preceded him in death.

On September 17, 1949, Ralph married Mary Ann “Sandy” Santleben. Following 51 years of marriage, she preceded him in death on February 2, 2001. Their eldest son, Ralph “Vernon” Lunsford, Jr., passed away on January 20, 2003. Ralph married Louise (Sherrill) Campbell on January 13, 2004. After 12 years of marriage, she preceded him in death on January 20, 2016.

Survivors include his son, Robert “Bob” Lunsford and wife, Laura of Kingwood; stepdaughters, Cheryl Fels and husband Don of Pearland; Carol Green and husband Dick of Boerne; grandchildren, Holly Denise Butler and husband, Jens of Fairfield, IA; Ellen Lynn Holaway of Nacogdoches; Rose Lee McCarty of Rusk; Julie Anne Bunn of Atascocita; Jeffrey Kent Overstreet of Austin; great-grandchildren, Charles Butler; Michael, Catherine, and Rebecca Holaway; Summer, Rita, and Dan Martinez; Kora (Powers) Hattenbach; Evie Bunn; two great-great grandchildren; brother, Jack Lunsford and his wife, Jan, of Bryan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ralph graduated in 1944 from Austin High School in Houston, and in 1948 from Texas A&M University where he served in the Corps of Cadets, and received a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. During the Korean War, he served as a cartographer with the US Air Force stationed in St. Louis, MO, and was honorably discharged with a rank of 1st Lieutenant.

He enjoyed a long and interesting career as a Civil Engineer, Surveyor and Pipeliner with Gulf Oil Pipeline Company.

Amongst his many engineering projects was Colonial Pipeline which extends from the Northeastern U.S. to Texas, as well as the Trans Andean Pipeline which extends from the Amazon Basin over the Andes Mountains to the southern coast of Colombia. While working in Colombia, Ralph acted as consultant for a parallel pipeline in Ecuador. He additionally managed pipeline operations in Venezuela.

Ralph enjoyed many hobbies, including travel to many locations within the U.S. and around the world. Activities included A&M football and other sports, hunting, fishing, golf, dancing, and avid reading. A loving husband and father, he enjoyed spending time with his family, and walking through the woods at the old Lunsford farmstead in East Texas.

The family would like to extend a special “thank you” to Christus Southeast Texas – St. Elizabeth Hospital, as well as Harbor Hospice House, both in Beaumont. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church or Harbor Hospice House.

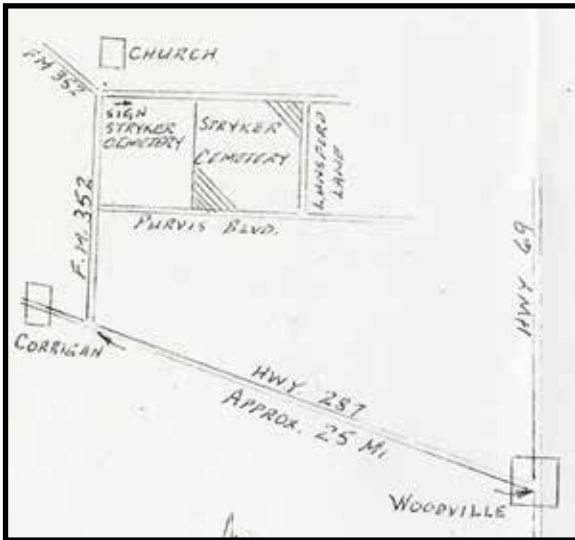


Honorary Pallbearers

David Lunsford
Randy Lunsford
Jim Lunsford
Brian Browning

Interment

Friday, June 4, 2021 2:30 p.m.
Stryker Cemetery
Corrigan, Texas



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