



Herbert Allen Hymel

January 9, 1922 - January 18, 2022

A SERVICE OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Herbert Allen Hymel
Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:00 AM
First United Methodist Church
Lake Arthur, Louisiana

PRELUDE

GREETING

Rev. Craig Davis

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Hebert Hymel, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From the United Methodist Hymnal)

Hymn

“Amazing Grace” Verses 1, 2, 3, 6

UMC Hymnal #378

PASTORAL PRAYER

Hymn

“I’ll Fly Away”

TFWS Hymnal # 2282

Words of Remembrance

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23

John 14:1-6

WORD OF GRACE

Rev. Craig Davis

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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of love, we thank you for all with which you have blessed us even to this day: for the gift of joy in days of health and strength and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise in days of pain and grief. We praise you for home and friends, and for our baptism and place in your church with all who have faithfully lived and died. Above all else, we thank you for Jesus, who knew our griefs, who died our death and rose for our sake, and who lives and prays for us.

*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 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. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Craig Davis

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able



Herbert Allen Hymel or “Bud” as most knew him, passed away peacefully January 18, 2022, at his home at Spanish Trail Assisted Living Facility in Silsbee, Texas. He was born in Lake Arthur, Louisiana, on January 9, 1922, to Lelia Gibson Hymel and Pat Hymel.

On his paternal side, Bud was born to a family of great hunting and fishing guides. Even though he was a child of the Great Depression, happy memories of hunting ducks, gigging frogs and fishing in the rich waters of Lake Arthur with his faithful dog, Pinto, his brothers and friends sustained him all his life.

At every family gathering that special time would come when the room would grow quiet so all could hear Bud’s great stories.... especially the one about the panther stalking him in the swamp!

His maternal great grandfather was a Methodist missionary from Scotland, Dr. James L Gibson, who helped establish Lake Arthur First United Methodist Church in 1890 before the town of Lake Arthur was incorporated. Bud had clear memories of his first job as an 8-year-old child: searching for firewood and rising during pre-dawn hours to light the iron stove that warmed the Church for Sunday services. He also rang the steeple bell that called worshipers to services on Sunday mornings. All that for a monthly salary of 25 cents! And he felt rich! The habit of Sunday worship is one he maintained throughout his life.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941, Bud was drafted by the US Army. Stationed at Schofield Barracks Army Base in Oahu Hawaii Bud was trained as a rifle sharpshooter and assigned to an Anti-Aircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion. He was always humble about his contribution and had high regard for the demands of military service to protect our American freedoms. Bud was always proud that all five of the Hymel brothers served in three different branches of military service during World War II at the same time.

Bud graduated from Lake Arthur High School and married Jacqueline O'Neil, a union that would last over 80 years. Jobs were scarce in the Lake Arthur area, so the young couple moved to Beaumont, Texas to raise their family. Bud worked in the rice business most of his life and retired from the Beaumont Rice Mill. After retirement Bud and Jackie moved "home" to Lake Arthur. They treasured their years back home in Lake Arthur and their worship at Lake Arthur First United Methodist Church.

Bud and Jackie's four daughters and their husbands, Madeline Stirling and her late husband, Gardner; Dianne Sparks and her husband, Tom; Connie Boesch and her late husband, Tom; and Christy Burton and her husband, Richard; they were blessed with nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren and counting. He is preceded in death by his parents; grandchildren, Mary Ellen Sparks Lowe and Chris Sparks; and brothers and sisters-in-law; John Henry Hymel and his wife, Aline; Harold Hymel and his wife, Maxine; Harry Hymel and his wife, Jean; and Jimmie Hymel and his wife, Della.

His legacy lives on in the joy that each child brings to the family. Bud lived a full and fruitful life and leaned on his faith in God to guide his path. Well done good and faithful servant. Rest in God's perfect peace.

A life well lived is full of blessings from God and the family is deeply grateful for all. Bud was especially blessed during his later years to have been loved and cared for by so many faithful, loving friends. Dr. Jeremy Huff and his nursing staff, Dr. R.M. Williams, Ms. Della Hill, Ms. Tanzie Fowler, RN, Ms. Sonia Thibodeaux, Ms. Shannon Hale and her staff at Spanish Trail Assisted Living Facility, Ms. Maggie LeJune, RN, Altus Hospice, Ms. Stephanie Bourgeois, Altus Hospice, and Altus Hospice Healthcare Professionals, thank you, dear souls!





Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;





WAGNET HARRY STEWEL
 WW1 1914-1918
 UNITED STATES ARMY

ARTHUR "TAY" STEWEL
 WW1 1914-1918
 UNITED STATES ARMY
 (MAYNIA)



CHARLES LEO STEWEL
 WW1 1914-1918
 UNITED STATES NAVY

HARRY LEO STEWEL
 WW1 1914-1918
 US MERCHANT MARINE

JAMES STEWEL
 WW1 1914-1918
 UNITED STATES NAVY



JOHN WAGNET STEWEL
 WW1 1914-1918
 UNITED STATES NAVY





In 1890, before the town of Lake Arthur was incorporated, the First United Methodist Church was established by Dr. James L. Gibson, a Methodist missionary from Scotland. The first building was replaced with this structure in 1909. Today the great-grandson of Dr. Gibson, Herbert Hymel, or Bud as we all know him, is celebrating is 100th birthday.



Always an outdoorsman, Bud hunted the woods and fished the rich waters surrounding Lake Arthur, which in those days helped his parents feed their five hungry boys during the Great Depression. He lived just a block from the Church and as an 8- year-old child, his first job was gathering firewood for the wood stove to heat the Church for Sunday services. He lit the stove every Sunday morning at 4:30 AM and tended the fire until time to ring the tower bell calling everyone to services. His salary was a hefty 25 cents a month! He felt rich!

Bud and his four brothers grew into strong young men who would serve their country honorably in different branches of military service during World War II. Bud served in Schofield Barracks Army Base in Oahu but is very modest about his service since he wasn't present for Pearl Harbor.



He married another descendent of an early Pastor, Jacqueline Blocker O'Neil or Jackie as we know her, and they went on to have 4 daughters, all baptized here in our Church, even though they had moved to Beaumont, Texas where Bud

worked in the rice business. They returned to Lake Arthur after Bud retired and lived just up the street on New Orleans Avenue on property Jackie's family had owned since the 1880s.

Bud was a kind-hearted, quiet man of few words but when he spoke, people listened. Like his sons-in-law. Bud is famous for telling them as they exited the Church with his daughters for a honeymoon, "Whatever you do, don't bring her back!" He even told Richard about Christy, "She's always sick and she's got bad teeth but she's all yours!" None of them came back either!

Bud loved our Church and was a faithful volunteer. He did all the tasks that keep a Church operating that no one really gives much thought. It was Bud who vacuumed the Church every Monday morning. And Bud who put the trash cans out and back in every week. And wood eating bees got a regular dousing with his regular spray jobs. Bud lived so close he was always among the first on hand to clean up after our regular storms and hurricanes. As he aged and occasionally doped during Church, he insisted on sitting in a back pew, but it was ok. At least he was in a pew worshipping his Lord in his Church home!

As years went by, it was harder for Bud to hear and manage their beloved home. At age 96 he was forced to move near family in Silsbee, Texas where he lives quietly in a home-like Assisted Living Facility.











Pallbearers

Terry Hymel

Jeb Boesch

Bill Stirling

Aaron Lowe

Jacob Picard

Josh Lockler

Chad Barr

Brendon Young

Honorary Pallbearers

Aubrey Wade

Tom Sparks

Richard Burton

Richard Mack

Charles Stirling

Ken Young

Interment

Lakeview Cemetery

Lake Arthur, Louisiana

Military Honors

United States Army

Memorial Contributions

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