

AMAZING GRACE!

How sweet the sound

*'Tis grace hath brought
me safe thus far
and grace will bring me home.*

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE
In Loving Memory of
Richard Michael Zahursky
May 16, 2023

MILITARY HONORS

Taps – (played by Karlee Wood)

A Christian memorial service is a worship celebration. Although there is sadness because we no longer have our loved one with us, we meet here to celebrate the joy of victory for Rich Zahursky and for ourselves as we believe that Jesus Christ has died for us and was raised back to life. We worship together.

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VICTORY CELEBRATION

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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)*

CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

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REMEMBRANCES

*Joe Blubaum
Larry Outtrim*

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

INVOCATION

P We gather here today to receive and to share with each other the comfort and strength of our Lord.

C **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.

C **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today, Rich, our brother in Christ. We thank You for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn. Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with Rich and those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen. (*2 Thess. 2:16–17*)

CONFIRMATION VERSE

Psalm 37:5 (KJV)

(Rich was confirmed on June 28, 1953)

“Commit thy way unto the LORD; Trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.”

OLD TESTAMENT

PSALM 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING *(Josue Navarro)*

Revelation 20:1–4

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

GOSPEL PROMISE

John 14:1–6

[Jesus said,] ¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

MESSAGE

“F.R.O.G.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

John 14:1–6
Rev. Jim Sprenkle

PRAYER

P O God, our Father in Heaven:**C** **Have Mercy.****P** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:**C** **Have Mercy.****P** O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:**C** **Grant us Your peace.****P** O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.**C** **They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.****P** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**C** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.****P** Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these times. Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope. Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.

Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus. Amen.

SOLO - THE LORD'S PRAYER – *(Bruce Blubaum)*

THE COMMENDATION

P Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Richard Michael Zahursky. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge him as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed. Receive him into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

May God enable you to see Jesus as your salvation. In the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

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 every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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.

POSTLUDE

*You are invited to Join the family in the Community Room
for a reception and time of remembrance.*

*Following the reception, you are invited to join the family
at the home of Leigh Blubaum
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Remembrances to:
Ascension Lutheran Church
1440 SE 182nd Ave, Portland, OR 97233
-or-
The Oregon Food Bank

Officiant: **Rev. Jim Sprengle**
Musician: **Brad Hall**
Trumpet: **Karlee Wood**
Solo: **Leigh Blubaum**
Solo: **Bruce Blubaum**

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CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

Richard Michael Zahursky

April 2, 1939 – April 27, 2023

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Richard Michael Zahursky passed away peacefully on April 27, 2023 surrounded by his loving family.

Richard was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 2, 1939, to Michael and Suzie Zahursky. Richard, their first-born son, was a loving big brother to John, Marge, Ed and Betty Mae.

Throughout Rich's 84 years of life, his one constant love was for the Lord Jesus Christ. He was baptized at Pentecostal Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Ohio on April 16, 1939. He was confirmed at Pentecostal Evangelical Lutheran Church on June 28, 1953.

Rich graduated from Lakewood High School in 1957 then joined the US Navy on October 2, 1958. He was stationed at San Diego Naval Base in California and served on the Naval Ship USS Hopewell.

After serving 4 years, he moved north to Los Angeles, California where he met the love of his life, Karen Lee Swenningson. They were married on December 20, 1963. Their union embodied unwavering and boundless love and friendship for 60 years.

They started married life in Los Angeles and welcomed their first daughter Leigh in September 1964. They then moved to Portland, Oregon.

Rich attended Portland State University to study Business Administration. In Portland, he worked as a purchasing agent for Custom Stamping and as a manager at Central Fabricators.

They bought their first home in Milwaukie, Oregon where Paula was born in January 1968 and Janine in January 1971.

In 1975, the family moved to Gresham, Oregon. Rich and Karen became members of Ascension Lutheran Church and have been active members ever since. He served as an Elder, sang in the choir and volunteered for countless church activities. His faith never wavered, and on April 27 at 8pm he went into the arms of his Savior.

Rich started a small-parts side business in his garage, working evenings and weekends. This company became Rikar Enterprises, named after his and Karen's first initials. In 1985 he purchased Pioneer Trailer and Fabrication and operated both companies under one roof. Today the company is thriving and employs his 3 daughters, 3 sons-in-laws and 3 grandsons. It stands as a legacy and tribute to Rich and Karen's hard work and dedication to generously provide for their family.

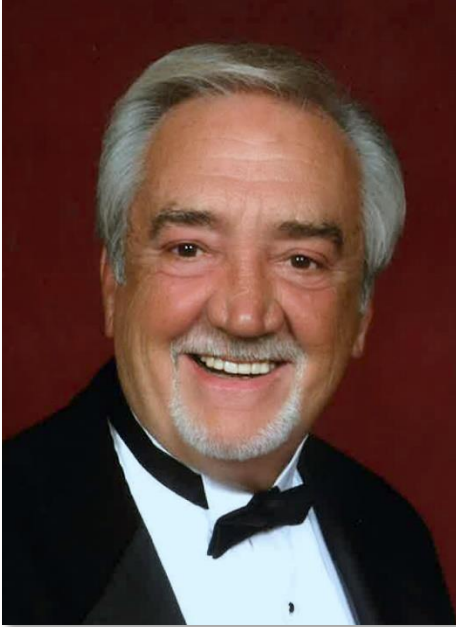
Rich and Karen have many dear lifelong friends dating back to when they first met and married, and they collected countless more at church and from their interests and business. Rich was charismatic, had a generous spirit and a kind loving heart. Rich and Karen loved to travel and took many trips all over the world, often with friends.

Rich had many interests and hobbies. He was a Rotarian. He and Karen were on bowling leagues; they square danced and played cards in a pinochle group. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, golf, and the Cleveland Browns. He also loved to sing and play the accordion and his favorite song was "You Are My Sunshine". Rich's pride and joy was his family and he loved spending time with them. He especially adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren and was a loving supportive Papa in all their lives.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife Karen, his daughters and son-in-laws; Leigh Blubaum (Scott), Paula Jacobson (Todd) and Janine Phillippi (Steven), his grandchildren Joe (Hollie), Jacob (Amber), Bryce, Brady, Karlee (fiancé Josue), Korina, Sydney, Trevor and Mason; his great grandchildren Ethan, Emma, Hunter, Lily, Bentley and Piper; his siblings; John, Ed (Maureen), Marge and Betty, and brother-in-law Aaron (Fran) and many nieces and nephews.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

By David Romano



*When tomorrow starts
without me,
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and
find your eyes,
All filled with tears for me
I wish you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things,
We did not get to say
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me,
I know you will miss me too*

*When tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand
The angel said my place was ready, In heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind, All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me, From his golden throne
He said this is eternity, And all I promised you
Today for life on earth is done, But here it starts anew
I promise no tomorrow, For today will always last
And since each day's the exact same way, There is no longing for the past
So, when tomorrow starts without me, Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me, Remember I'm right here in your heart*