

**Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Marvin L. Petersen
August 2, 1951 – January 2, 2024
Date of Service: January 6, 2024, 11:00 am**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

+Hymn *Because He Lives* UMH #364

Psalm 23 (unison)

**The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even 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.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my 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.**

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

+Hymn *Hymn of Promise*

UMH #707

Remembering Marv

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

Family Remembrance

+Hymn *I'll Fly Away*

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Pastoral Prayer

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, the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

Special Music *Jesus is the Light of the World*

(from Oakwood 2012 recording)

Commendation

+Benediction

Postlude

Northfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Rachel McIver Morey
Deborah Binder, Piano

Marvin L. Peterson

Marvin L. Petersen, age 72 of Elko New Market (formerly of New Ulm), passed away on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at The Moments of Lakeville. Marvin was born on August 2, 1951, in Park Rapids, MN, the son of Carl and Pauline (Solma) Petersen. He was raised on a family farm near Hardwick, MN, with his brothers: LeRoy and Gerald. He attended high school in Luverne and graduated with the class of 1969; he went on to attend the University of Minnesota – Morris and graduated with his degree in Vocal Music Education in 1973.

Marvin was united in marriage to Janine Mayo on June 17, 1972 in Sherburn, MN, and their union was blessed with a daughter, Julie.

Marvin will always be remembered for his beautiful tenor voice and was a dedicated vocal music educator in Sleepy Eye Public Schools for 16 years. His passion and talent for music and vocalization extended to directing church choirs for many years, too. He later became a salesman for Jensen Motors in New Ulm for 20 years.

Marvin enjoyed traveling, fishing, and playing cards as well as spending time with his family, especially his cherished grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Janine; daughter, Julie (Brian) Meier of Elko New Market; grandchildren, Leighton and Libby Meier; brother, LeRoy (Marcia) Petersen of Moscow Mills, MO; sister-in-law, Lora Petersen of Bethalto, IL; brother-in-law, Curtis (Janice) Mayo of Sherburn, MN; sisters-in-law, Anita (Kenneth) Tumbleson of Fairmont, MN, and Marcia (Randy) Musser of Fairmont, MN; as well as other extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Pauline; brother, Gerald Petersen; parents-in-law, Glyndon and Muriel Mayo; as well as his paternal and maternal grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Interment will be held at Oaklawn Cemetery in Northfield.



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