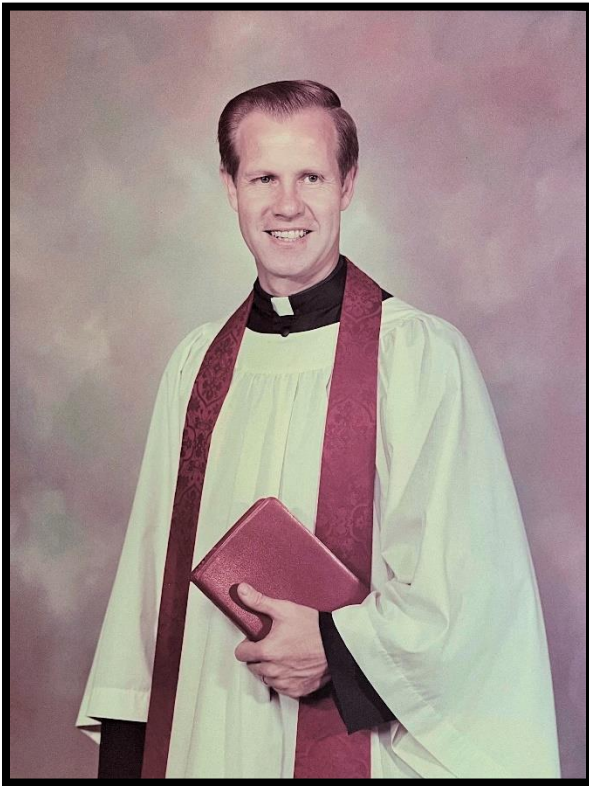


AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SUN CITY

A Celebration of Life Service
for

Reverend Paul Benson

Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 11:00 am
Rev. Lowell D. Nelson



Born

June 30, 1933

Called Home

January 1, 2022

PRELUDE

Dr. James Gerber

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Lowell Nelson

COMMENDATION

OPENING HYMN **“For All the Saints”**

CELEBRATION OF PAUL’S LIFE

HYMN **“Borning Cry”**

CELEBRATING GOD’S WORD

Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

Poem- “The Touch of the Master’s Hand”

By Myra Brooks Welch

John 17

MESSAGE

HYMN **“Living for Jesus”**

PRAYERS

HYMN **“Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

BENEDICTION

PRAYER FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

DOXOLOGY

POSTLUDE

Dr James Gerber

CELEBRATION OF LIFE!

Paul Benson obtained his new Heavenly residence on January 1, 2022. Paul was surrounded by family and friends at home when his heart played its final match.

Paul and his twin brother, Roy, were born in 1933 to the Reverend Arthur and Ellen Benson, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The boys joined their older sister, Dorothy.

Several years later, the family moved to the small farming community of Wataga, Illinois, where the twins engaged in rural activities: camping, hiking, swimming, gardening, and sports. It was in high school sports that Paul found a love for running and competition. Paul, a talented singer on many levels, was gifted with a distinguished singing voice to share the gospel.

In 1958, while going to college and working for his brother-in-law, Bob Dille, Paul started a very successful singles group called InterLutheran Young Adults. This group of 18–35-year-olds, had several hundred members in the Des Moines, Iowa area. Terry Broadwell, a local nursing student, met Paul at this single young adults' group and knew instantly she was going to marry him. Most reading this know that on August 23rd, 1959, Paul and Terry began their 62-year union in Ames, Iowa. They grew their family to six by having four beautiful children, four spouses and are blessed with eight exceptional grandchildren.

Paul was successful in marriage as well as vocation. Paul, a 3rd generation Lutheran Minister, graduated from the Augustana Lutheran Theological Seminary and interned in Spokane, Washington. Paul's first parish was an appointment to West Chicago, Illinois called St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. In 1973, an offer from Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden, Illinois was accepted by Paul, and he moved his family to a thriving 700-member church in an agricultural community. He retired from a three-point county parish in Rock Island, Illinois in September 2000. Paul and Terry then moved to Sun City, Arizona, where he served as interim pastor in seven different parishes in Idaho and Arizona. His last position was as the visitation-pastor for American Lutheran Church in Sun City.

Paul was blessed with great health throughout his life, playing tennis six days a week over the past two decades. His two earthly loves, Terry and tennis; sustained him in the final period of his life. One of the final conversations between Paul and Terry was in late December. "I am looking forward to Heaven, so I can get a new hand!" (referring to his right fingers that he lost in a farm accident as a 12-year-old boy.) Paul now has a new right hand and is playing tennis in Heaven. Paul is survived by his adoring wife, Terry. Children and grandchildren: Mark & Mary Benson (Patrick); Barbara & Dan Murrin (Ian and Anneka); Matthew & Pam Benson (Jack, Elise and Alyson), Neil & Kate Benson (Kajsa and Anna).

Memorial gifts may be directed to Brain Cancer Research or the ELCA Good Gifts ministry.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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