

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.
He guides 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 love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

-Psalm 23



Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Because I live, you also will live.

PEOPLE: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear.**

LEADER: The eternal God is our dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God.**

Prayer

Words of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Special Music

“Because He Lives”

Dr. Lisa Elliott, Soloist

Words of Scripture

Isaiah 40:28-31

Words of Remembrance

James Tamburini - son-in-law

Bob Towne - brother

Jannay Erbe - daughter

Meditation

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

Special Music

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Dr. Lisa Elliott, Soloist

Prayer

Benediction

Presentation of the Flag

Taps

Organ Postlude

Dr. David Dorway, Organist

Please join the family for a reception in celebration of Vernon's life immediately following the service, in the Social Hall.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF REV. VERNON W. TOWNE

Rev. Vernon W. Towne lived a full life of service. First as a chaplain in the U.S Army during the Vietnam War. Then as a Presbyterian pastor for nearly 40 years at churches in Falls Church, VA, Clarks Summit, PA, Great Falls, MT and Las Vegas, NV.

The devoted and dedicated husband and father passed away peacefully in hospice care at the age of 81.

Born in Seattle, WA, he graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Political Science.

Vernon met his wife, Margaret, at Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned a Master of Divinity and later a Master of Sacred Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary. The couple, who recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary, shared not only a great love, but a committed faith. They would spend their lives ministering to others and raising their two daughters, Cheyan and Jannay.

He enjoyed spending time outdoors, hiking and canoeing. An avid bridge player, Vernon also enjoyed playing racquetball and later pickleball, going to movies, cheering for his Seattle Seahawks, and playing UNO championship matches with his family.

In retirement, Vernon added to his resume, becoming an author. After writing and delivering countless sermons, he put his decades of preaching experience into a book, "On Preachers and Preaching", that was published in 2018.

Vernon is survived by his wife, daughters, sons-in-law Jim and Harley, his brother Bob and wife Linda, his sister-in-law Rosemary, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews, not to mention his church families and friends across the country.



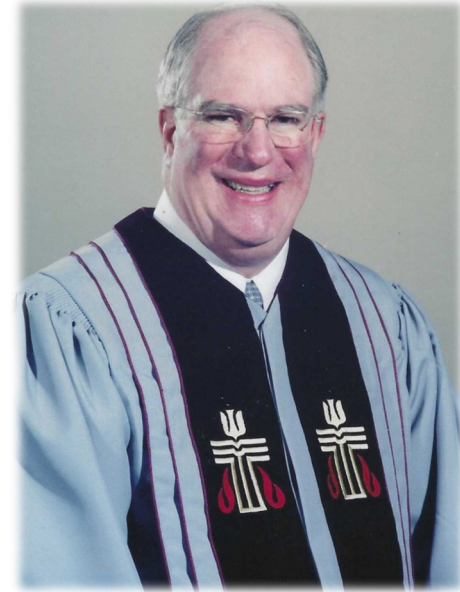
Memorials may be given in Vernon's honor and memory to:

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In celebration of the life of...

Reverend Vernon W. Towne

December 30, 1941 — March 31, 2023



"...I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." - John 11:25-26 NRSV

*Saturday, May 20, 2023
11:00 a.m. Lied Sanctuary*

Grace Presbyterian Church, Las Vegas, NV