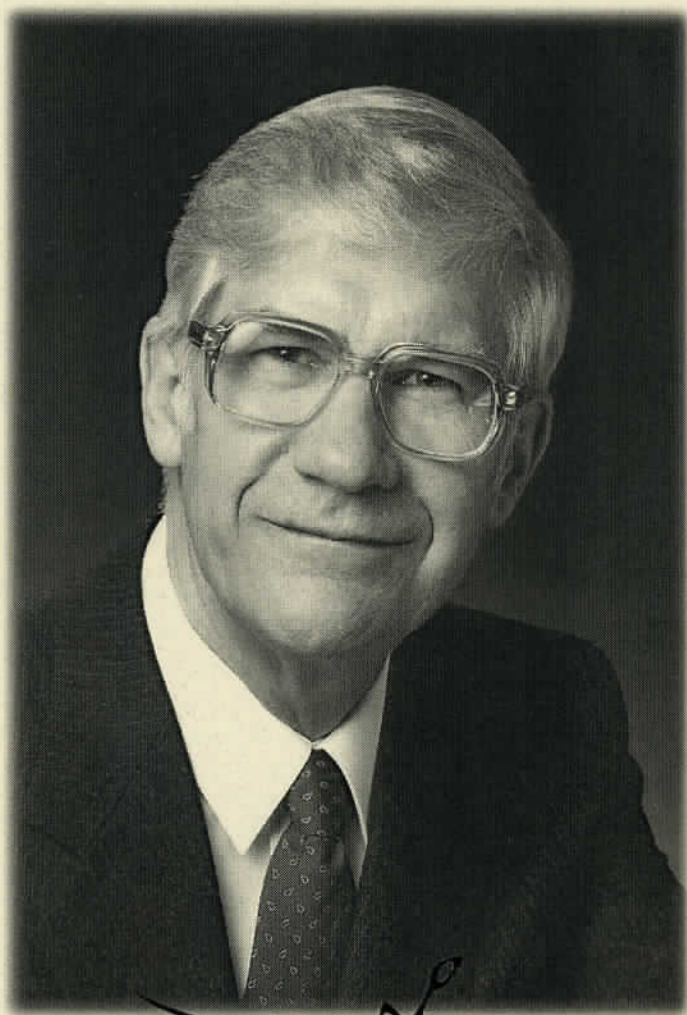


*Rev. Lyle T. Christianson*



*In Memory of*  
***Lyle T. Christianson***

Born  
**Crookston, Minnesota**  
**June 8, 1926**

Died  
**Arden Hills, Minnesota**  
**April 16, 2014**

Memorial Service  
**Centennial United Methodist Church**  
1524 West County Road C2  
Roseville, Minnesota  
11:00 AM Saturday, May 3, 2014

Officiant  
**Pastor Brian Hacklander**

Private Interment  
**Roselawn Cemetery**

Died April 16 at age 87. Lyle grew up on a farm near Crookston, Minnesota, and ran the farm while still in high school after his brothers were drafted and his father had passed. He served in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps in Germany, and then attended Hamline University where he studied physics and math. He began graduate school in physics. However, after one semester, he "felt the calling" and soon enrolled at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. There he obtained his Divinity Degree and met Dorothy Anne, who became his beloved wife and partner for nearly 62 years. He studied further at Union Seminary in New York City, where his professors included Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich, both of whom had profound influences on his theology. He returned to Minnesota where he began a long ministry in The United Methodist Church, serving congregations in Long Prairie, Bemidji, Roseville, and Golden Valley. He served as Metro East District Superintendent and as Conference Council Director. He was a delegate to several General Conferences of The United Methodist Church, where he worked to shape church policy. Following retirement from full time work in 1991, he was the Field Director of the Metro-West Builders Union for many years, assisting new and existing churches on building projects. He and Dorothy Anne were Regional Directors with Educational Opportunities, and they led many trips abroad. He was particularly interested in Middle East peace issues, and traveled to the Middle East on eight occasions. He served as chair of the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers and continued to work on peace issues throughout the rest of his life. He was a Trustee at Hamline University and received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 2005. He was included in the Hamline book "150 Lives that Make a Difference," which profiled individuals from Hamline's past and present who have acted as compassionate citizens of the world or who have worked to make their part of the world a better place. He is survived by his wife Dorothy Anne, children Diane (John Tolson), David (Kate Winsor), Janet Johnson (Gary), and Paul (Laura Smith), grandchildren Kristin (Ben), Matthew, Heather, Luke, Nicholas, Rachel, Brittany, and Cole, brother Wallace, nieces, nephews and cousins, including relatives in Denmark; he was very proud of his Danish heritage. Memorial service at Centennial United Methodist Church (1524 County Rd C-2 W, Roseville) on Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 am. Visitation at Roseville Memorial Chapel (2245 Hamline Ave N.) on Friday May 2 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Private interment at Roselawn Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the Lyle and Dorothy Anne Christianson Scholarship Fund at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Hamline University, or Northern Pines Assembly Grounds.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Pastors: Brian Hacklander, Ken Rice, Whitney Starkey  
Organist: Robert Nienaber  
Soloist: Kim Wagner  
Funeral/Memorial Coordinator: Mary Ford  
Ushers: Ken Erickson, Dick Klaus, Vance Morey, Dick Woodcock  
Greeters: Thelma Boeder, Wendy Magnuson  
Guest Book Attendants: Jean Fredenburg, Jean Malzer  
Audio: Vicki Griffin  
Reception: Cindy Mackintosh, Jean Rieke

## **LYLE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY:**

Parents: Alfred & Katherine Marie Christianson  
Stepfather: Wilhelm Johnson  
Siblings and Spouses: Harriet and Walter Beiswenger,  
Randolph and Audrey Christianson  
Step-brothers and Spouse: Roy and Marge Johnson, Ted Johnson  
Sisters-in-law and Brother-in-law: Beth Christianson,  
William C. and June Bridges

## **LYLE IS SURVIVED BY:**

Wife: Dorothy Anne  
Children and their families:  
Diane Christianson and John Tolson  
Kristin and Ben Walker, Matthew Blanchard  
David Christianson and Kate Winsor  
Heather Christianson, Luke Christianson  
Janet (Christianson) and Gary Johnson  
Nicholas Lyle Johnson, Rachel Johnson  
Paul Christianson and Laura Smith  
Brittany Christianson Smith, Cole Christianson  
Brother: Wallace Christianson  
Step-sister-in-law: Eleanor Johnson  
Many loving nieces, nephews and cousins, including  
relatives in Denmark

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Scholarship Fund at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary,  
Hamline University, or Northern Pines Assembly Grounds.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS** are invited to Fellowship Hall to greet the  
family and share in lunch immediately following the service.



A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE

*of*

Rev. Lyle T. Christianson

June 8, 1926

April 16, 2014

CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ROSEVILLE, MN

MAY 3, 2014 • 11:00 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE     *Prelude on Children of the Heavenly Father*  
Franklin Ashdown

GATHERING     The Rev. Brian Hacklander

WORD OF GRACE     The Rev. Whitney Starkey

GREETING

\*HYMN 60     *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*

PRAYER (in unison)

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 Lyle,  
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.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

## MEDITATION

The Rev. Ken Rice

## READING OF PSALM 23 (in unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth  
me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil,  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort  
me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever. (KJV)

## VOCAL SOLO

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, arr. Kim Wagner

## WITNESS TO WORLD PEACE

Mr. Tom White

## \*HYMN 431

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

## WITNESS TO INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS

Senator John Marty

## VOCAL SOLO

*Borning Cry*

John Ylvisaker

## HYMN POETRY BY LYLE

*Come Christian, Jew, and Muslim, Too*

Read by Grandchildren Kristin, Matthew, Heather, and Luke

## READING

*Desiderata*

*Max Ehrmann*

Read by Grandson Nicholas

## WITNESSES TO LYLE'S LIFE

Granddaughter Rachel, Daughters Diane and Janet

## PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION AND THANKSGIVING

## 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.

## PRESENTATION BY THE MINNESOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Rev. Judy Zabel, Twin Cities  
District Superintendent

## HYMN 711

*For All the Saints*

As is the custom of the Minnesota Annual Conference, all clergy are invited to stand to sing stanzas 1 and 2, then the whole congregation is invited to stand to sing stanzas 4, 5, and 6 (omit stanza 3).

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata* (from *Fifth Organ Symphony*) *Charles M. Widor*