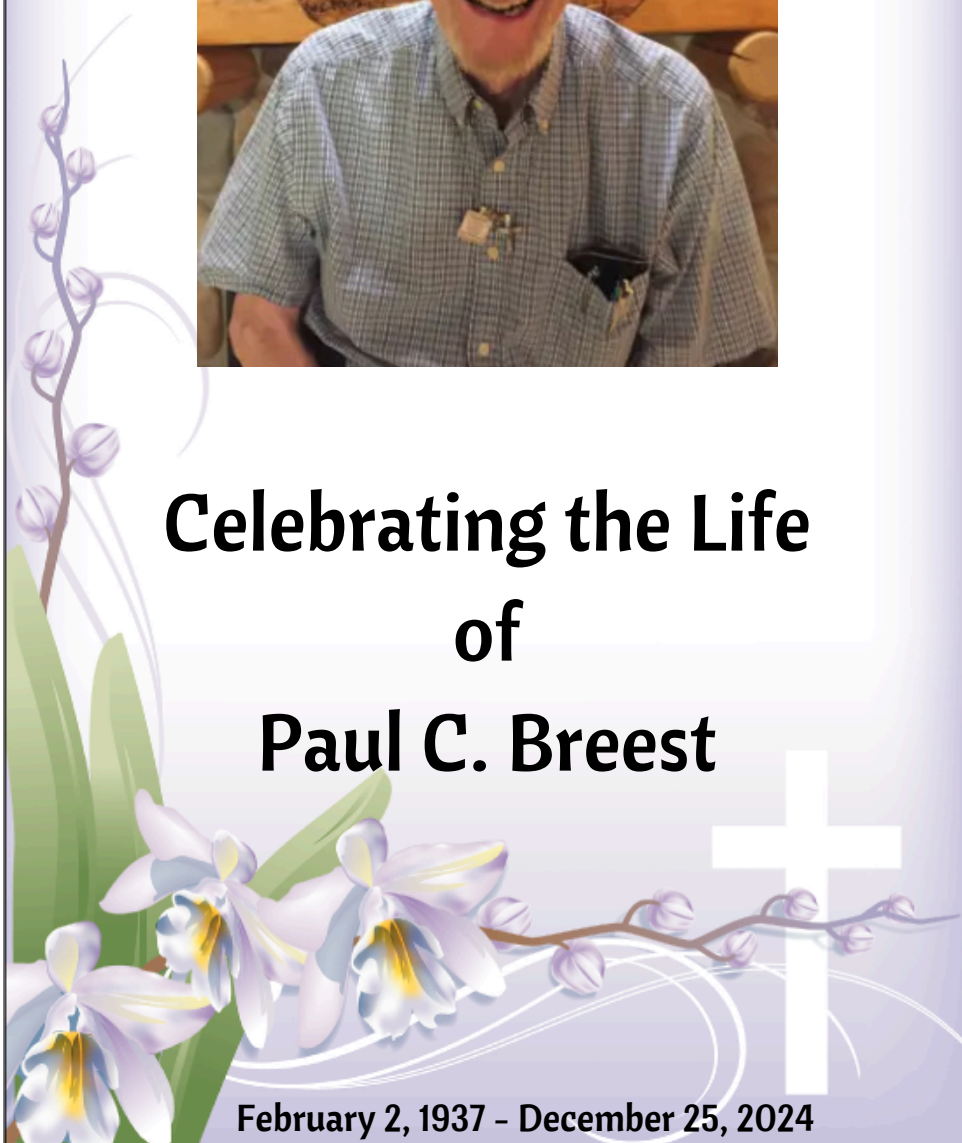




**Celebrating the Life
of
Paul C. Breest**

February 2, 1937 - December 25, 2024



A Service for the Celebrating of Life

Paul C. Breest

Thursday, January 2nd, 2025

Gathering

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, the savior of the world. We are gathered here to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our Brother, Paul, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Hymn

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
#773 Red Hymnal**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

**When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.**

**We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,**

**so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,**

we too might live a new 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.**

**Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the
dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.**

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And Also With You

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together the prayer of the day:

Heavenly Father,

We remember before you today our brother Paul. We rejoice for the fond memories as much as we mourn losing him. For his friends and relatives left on earth, it is our season to mourn. But even in our mourning we acknowledge that for Paul it is now his time of peace. For his salvation, Lord, we are deeply grateful and we give thanks with all our hearts for his witness to us. Keep us all in your grace until we, like Paul, are gathered together in Glory. We pray this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Eulogy

Jaime Meissner

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I 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 shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day

He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand

Of the Father

And He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Sung by Jenine Cramer

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

#856 Red Hymnal

Commendation

Let us commend Paul to the mercy of God The Father Son and Holy Spirit.

(Moment of Silence)

Into your hands oh merciful savior we commend your servant Paul. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Choral Benediction

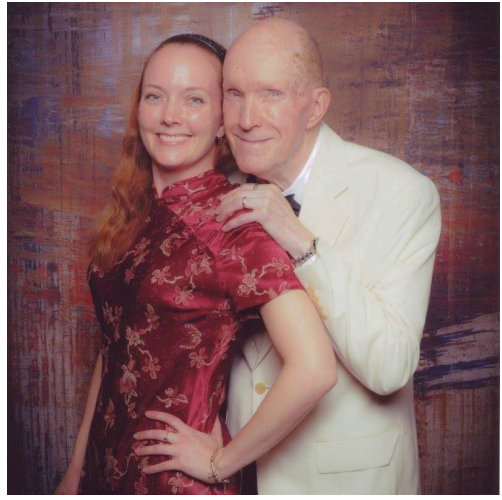
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
sung by Our Savior's Praise Singers

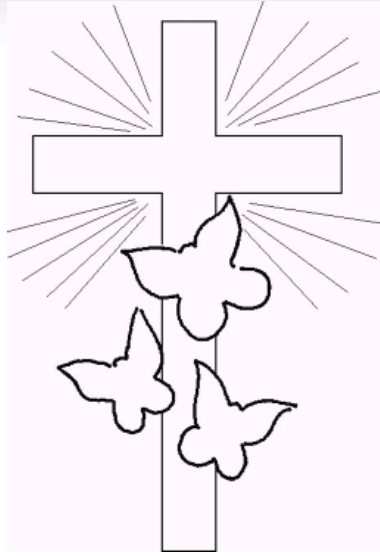
Pastor:

Let us go forth in Peace, giving thanks for God's mercy and grace,
In the Name of Christ.

Amen.

Thank you for celebrating the life of Paul with us!





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