A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING & CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

# JOHN WILLIAM LESLIE

## 10TH FEBRUARY 1932 - 10TH APRIL 2022



PIDDINGTON'S FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORIUM 10AM TUESDAY, 19TH APRIL 2022 ENTRANCE MUSIC Tristesse by Chopin – Etude Op. 10, No. 3



**INTRODUCTION & WELCOME Rev. Brian Kirk** 

## **OPENING PRAYER Rev. Brian Kirk**

BIBLE READING Psalm 23 read by Brandi Johnson

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, 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 your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**EULOGY** Paul Leslie

**TRIBUTES** Greg Trump & Jeanette Slade

JOHN'S LIFE IN PICTURES

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR JOHNS LIFE** Rev. Brian Kirk

> **SONG OF REFLECTION** "Abide with Me" by Aled Jones



**BIBLE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-11** 

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What do people really get for all their hard work? I have thought about this in connection with the various kinds of work God has given people to do. God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

MESSAGE Rev. Brian Kirk

#### 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, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen



#### **PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

#### WORDS OF PREPARATION

#### Song of Reflection & Placing of mementos & Flowers "Goodbye" by Lionel Richie

I wanted you for life, You and me in the wind, I never thought there'd come a time That our story would end, It's hard to understand, But I guess I'll have to try It's not easy, To say goodbye

For all the joy we shared, All that time we had to spend, Now if I had one wish I'd want forever back again, To look into your eyes, And hold you when you cry It's not easy, To say goodbye



I can remember all those great times we had There were so many memories some good, some bad Yes and through it all, These memories will last, Forever

> There' peace in where you are, Maybe all I need to know And if I listen to my heart, I'll hear your laughter once more And so I got to say, I'm just glad you came my way It's not easy to say Goodbye, Goodbye

**PRAYER OF COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION** 

SONG OF REFLECTION Tristesse

**RECESSIONAL PIPER** "Highland Cathedral" Darrell Fisher

### SAFELY HOME



I AM HOME IN HEAVEN, DEAR ONES; ALL'S SO HAPPY, ALL SO BRIGHT! THERE'S PERFECT JOY AND BEAUTY, IN THIS EVERLASTING LIGHT.



All the pain and grief are over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in heaven at last.

DID YOU WONDER I SO CALMLY, TROD THE VALLEY OF THE SHADE? OH! BUT JESUS' LOVE ILLUMINED, EVERY DARK AND FEARFUL GLADE.

AND HE CAME HIMSELF TO MEET ME, ON THAT WAY SO HARD TO TREAD; AND WITH JESUS' ARM TO LEAN ON, COULD I HAVE ONE DOUBT OR DREAD?

THEN YOU MUST NOT GRIEVE SO SORELY, FOR I LOVE YOU DEARLY STILL; TRY TO LOOK BEYOND EARTH'S SHADOWS, PRAY TO TRUST OUR FATHER'S WILL.

THERE IS WORK STILL WAITING FOR YOU, SO YOU MUST NOT IDLE STAND; DO YOUR WORK WHILE LIFE REMAINETH — YOU SHALL REST IN JESUS' LAND.

WHEN THAT WORK IS ALL COMPLETED, HE WILL GENTLY CALL YOU HOME; OH, THE RAPTURE OF THE MEETING! OH, THE JOY TO SEE YOU COME!



The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support. The family warmly invite you to share light refreshments in the condolence lounge following the service.



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