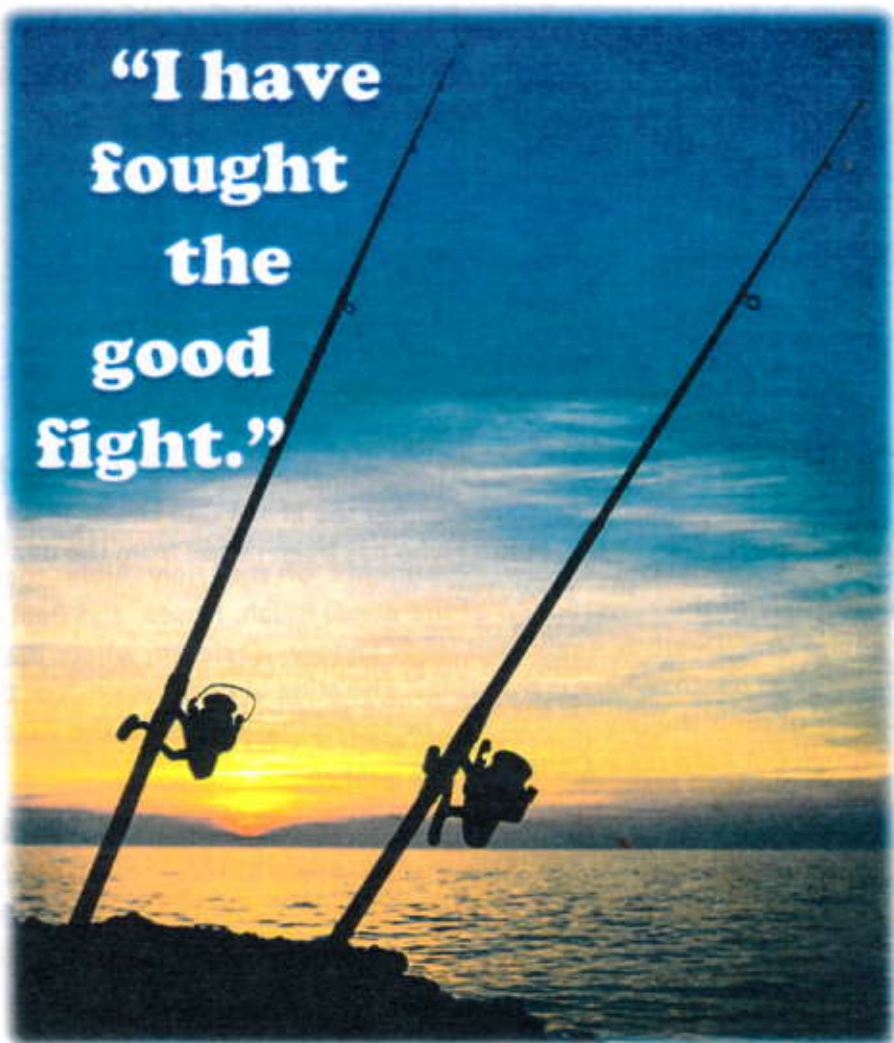


**“I have  
fought  
the  
good  
fight.”**



# **Don Lewin**

**October 15, 1934**

**to**

**January 7, 2021**

**AS WE GATHER:** Today we gather in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to remember the life of Don Lewin, and to proclaim the victory of Jesus Christ who has been raised from the dead. Both the Old and the New Testaments of the Holy Bible speak powerfully of the resurrection of the dead. Isaiah, Hosea, and Paul all remind us, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Such is the wonder of the Christian faith. When a Christian loved one is taken from us in death, we have the assurance that he or she has won the victory! Our struggle with sin and death, pain and sorrow continues, but his victory is complete! Our sense of loss can be overwhelming, but his victory is won!

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

### **OPENING SONG: "Amazing Grace"**

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

### **CALLING ON GOD:**

**PSALM 23**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People:** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

**Pastor:** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**People:** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

**Pastor:** for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**People:** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Pastor:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Don and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

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## **DON'S LIFE IN WORDS**

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### **OLD TESTAMENT:**

*JOB 19: 23-27*

"Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!"

### **GOSPEL:**

*JOHN 14:1-6*

(Jesus said), "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so,

would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**SONG:** "Just As I Am"

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Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy Blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve  
Because Thy Promise I believe  
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am Thy Love unknown  
Hath broken ev'ry barrier down  
Now to be Thine yes Thine alone  
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am though tossed about  
With many a conflict many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within without  
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am poor wretched blind  
Sight riches healing of the mind  
Yea all I need in Thee to find  
O Lamb of God I come I come

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## WORDS OF COMFORT

*Pastor Lucke*

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### **PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, give to the family of Don and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Receive our thanks for Don and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to life. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"I am But a Stranger Here"*

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I'm but a stranger here, Heaven is my home.

Earth is a desert drear, Heaven is my home.

Danger and sorrow stand Round me on every hand.

Heaven is my fatherland, Heaven is my home.

What though the tempest rage, Heaven is my home.

Short is pilgrimage, Heaven is my home.

And time's wild wintry blast Soon will be overpast.

I shall reach home at last, Heaven is my home.

There at my Saviour's side, Heaven is my home

I shall be glorified, Heaven is my home

There with the good and blest Those I loved most and best.

I shall forever rest, Heaven is my home.

**BENEDICTION**

**All are invited outside  
onto Peace's patio for  
food and fellowship.**







## Gone Fishin'

By Delmar Pepper

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,  
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.  
Please send along my fishing pole  
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish, ✖  
To fill your heart with every wish.  
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,  
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,  
But you will come and bring your smile.  
That won't be long you will see,  
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,  
Be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missin'  
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'

Donald R. (Don) Lewin  
Oct. 15, 1934 - Jan. 7, 2021

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, peacefully passed away and went to his heavenly home.

Don grew up on a farm in a rural area near Den, Minnesota, there he learned to appreciate and enjoy the outdoors while hunting and fishing. He was raised in a Christian home and kept his strong faith throughout his life. He graduated from Perham high school and then joined the army. He served our country in Germany from 1952 - 1955.

He continued his education at North Dakota University, then moved to California.

His employment included Edwards Air Force Base, NASA, teaching computer science at Golden State University, continuing teaching at Oregon State University, when he and his family moved to Corvallis. Worked at the Computer Science Center. Don and his wife Lore, moved to the Bay Area and his final job before he retired and returned to Corvallis was as a US Government Service Specialist.

Don continued to enjoy the outdoors with his wife, family and friends with camping, hiking, traveling, fishing and playing board games.

His wife Lore of 53 years, preceded him in death.

Don is survived by his sister, Vernita Williams, his children Ronald Lewin and wife Monique, Linda Lewin Schuerman, Mark Lewin and wife Christina and grandchildren, Eric, Kenneth, Abigail, Jonathan, Madeline and Samuel.

Don is remembered by his family and friends as a devoted, patient, generous and fun loving man.

Burial will be 10:00 am, Friday, January 15, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Followed by a Celebration of Life at 11:00 am, at Peace Lutheran Church, 2540 Applegate St, Philomath, OR. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demossturidan.com](http://www.demossturidan.com)



# REMEMBRANCE OF A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Donald Ralph Lewin was born on October 15, 1934 in Fergus Falls Minnesota. He grew up in rural Ottertail County on a farm near Dent, Minnesota. After graduating high school from Perham, Don served in the Army, stationed in Germany, from 1952 to 1955. He then attended and graduated from North Dakota State University. His academic accomplishments and work history are very impressive having worked at Edwards Air Force base in California and teaching computer sciences at Oregon State University (go Beavers!) are just a couple of accolades. But the best titles he held were that of a wonderful husband to Lore Elizabeth Mueller Lewin for 53 years and an amazing father to Ron, Linda and Mark. Don was a jokester and he loved telling witty stories or playing pranks. He had a great sense of humor and the gleam in his eyes or mischievous look on his face when he would tell a joke or play a trick on someone is one of the memories his children, family and friends hold dear to their hearts.

Don loved to fish and camp and his children can recall with great fondness and love the many fishing and camping trips Don and Lore shared with them. They also share the memories of the fun they had at Disneyland, visiting yearly while Don worked for Edwards Air Force Base, or traveling to Minnesota and how Don would stop at historical markers and educate the children on the history of places as they traveled. Don loved to play board games and spend quality time with family and friends. Years ago, Linda loved horseback riding and Don would ride with her and as Linda tells it, he probably did not enjoy it as much as she did, but he would ride with her anyway. The boys have memories of motorcycle rides and adventures where they were taught about trees, plants, animals and respect for nature.



*Mr. Don Lewin*



Throughout the many years I've heard stories of fishing expeditions, road trips across the country and nights spent camping in the great outdoors, but I also heard of the love, the family time and the many precious memories Don gave his family in everyday living and supporting his children in whatever endeavors they were a part of. His amazing touch as a father lives on in Ron, Linda and Mark. That family love spilled over and touched his grandchildren, Eric, Kenny, Jonathan, Abby, Madeline and Samuel also. Christina and I were able to be a part of that love when we became family in marrying Ron and Mark. Don was a man of great stature and profound words, level headed thinking and expert research before acting on a situation. He had patience and determination in getting things accomplished. And accomplish a lifetime of greatness he certainly did. There are memories each of you, I'm sure, can recall with a smile on your face and love in your heart about Don, his antics, his words, his time spent with you. There are memories I will hold dear as well. My last words to Dad Don was when Ron and I visited; And on our way out of the memory care facility I asked, "Dad, do you think I could get a hug?" And his response made my heart smile as he didn't remember me, but still said, "I think I can do that." I am honored to be a part of Donald Ralph Lewin's life; I am honored to be a part of his family and I am honored Linda asked me to put this writing together. I could spend a day writing of all the amazing qualities Dad had, but I know each of you already know what a great man, friend, brother, father and father-in-law he was. His lessons and teachings along with his love and his caring to and for each of us will forever be imbedded in our hearts and will branch out over time to touch others who have not had as much time with him as we all did. He leaves behind the greatest part of who he was in the hearts and minds of those who knew him best, those who were touched by him in passing and those he worked with and taught. Don didn't leave us when his soul went to heaven, he still touches us through our tears, through our memories, through our love we have for him. We will all meet again in Heaven one day and I've not doubt he will be by Lore's side, with a gleam in his eyes and a smile on his face.

I am forever grateful for being able to count him as one of my blessings in life.