

Celebration of Life



Lyle Reid Cruickshank

May 7th, 2022
Beaurepaire United Church



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
Remembering the life of

Lyle Reid Cruickshank

May 20, 1940 – March 27, 2022

Ministers: Rev. Ryan Fea and Rev. Ron Coughlin

Minister of Music: Michael Woytiuk

To respect public health measures all present are asked to please remain seated, masked during prayers and hymns.

Prelude

Adagio
from Beethoven's Sonate Pathetique

Greeting

Prayer

Creating God, we come today to celebrate the gift that is the life of a loving husband, a dedicated father and grandfather, a teacher, coach, mentor, sportsman, global supporter of film and media, passionate community leader, a caring friend, a member of the Body of Christ in the Merging Waters Beaurepaire United Church family, and a precious child of God.

We, as family, friends, and community have come together to give thanks for the life of Lyle Cruickshank and to celebrate the ways his life has touched ours.

Loving God, you know and care for all people, whoever we are and whatever our thoughts of you. Speak your Word to us and come among us with love to give life to all, today and forever.

Amen

Hymn Voices United 82

A Light is Gleaming

Refrain:

**A light is gleaming,
spreading its arms throughout
the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness,
God's radiant love is burning bright,
living in the light.**

**When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. R**

When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
“God's light will ever stay.” *R*

And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: *R*

So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
— warming all our days. *R*

A Word of Thanks from Susan

Susan and Ian Cruickshank

Remembering Lyle

Ross Paul

Musical Reflection

I Walk the Line
by Johnny Cash
sung by Keith Whittall and Victoria Moulton

Readings

He has Achieved Success
by Bessie A. Stanley
by Lorna Leckie, Lyle's Sister

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 read by Jason Adams

Matthew 20:26b-28 read by Shawn Adams

Musical Reflection

Turn, Turn, Turn by Pete Seeger
Sung by Victoria Moulton and Keith Whittall
(Based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Remembering Lyle

Serenity Prayer

**“God, grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things that I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.”**

Paula, Devon and Ian Cruickshank share remembrances of their father

Reading

Isaiah 61:1a-&3 read by Gordon Rowe

Matthew 5:1-9 read by Gordon Rowe

Musical Reflection

You Needed Me by Pete Seeger
sung by Patti Murphy

Reading and reflection

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8
Told by Rev. Ron Coughlin

Hymn More Voices 135

Called By Earth and Sky

Refrain

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream.
Waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering
and our grace.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

sung by Wendy Hamel

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, now and forever.
Amen

Letting Go

Let us now, as a gathered community, let go of Lyle and send him into the hands of a loving God.

Into the freedom of rain and sunshine,
we let you go.
Into the rush of water against rock,
wind against pine,
we let you go.
Into the dance of stars and the planets,
we let you go.
Into the cycle of living, dying and rising again,
we let you go.
We let go: body and soul, friend and relation,
memory and loss.
We let go the hurt of the past
and look to the hope of the future.
We let go, knowing that we will always carry
part of you with us woven into the story of our lives.

Lyle, may you rest in peace and in fulfilment.
Go peacefully, go easily your way home.
Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Deep Peace
by John Rutter
sung by Wendy Hamel

Reception to follow at Villa Beaurepaire