

Celebration of Life for Dennis Shearer
Saturday, April 6, 2024 • 2:00 p.m.

Prelude

Gathering Prayer *In Need*

Welcome

Song *I Can Only Imagine* Susie Wolschleger

*Affirmation of faith Psalm 23 (NJKV)
The congregation responds in bold.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters.**

He restores my soul.

He leads 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 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 runs 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.

*Invocation Prayer

Almighty God, we rejoice in your promise of love, joy, and peace. In your great mercy, turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who died, who rose again, and who lives for evermore. Amen.

*Hymn *O worship the King* # 66

Family Sharing Aimee Shearer, Adam Shearer

Song *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* # 150
Sara Blaha, Carol Elmore, Mike Tyler, Becky Widdowson

Testimonies from Dennis' friends

Scripture and Message Job 19:23-27
My redeemer lives!

Hymn *Jesus, remember me* # 247

Pastoral Prayer, with Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir *Fairest Lord Jesus* Hakes/arr. C. Courtney

*Benediction

*Postlude

Dennis Shearer

Dennis (“Denny”) L. Shearer, age 76, found peace on March 31, 2024 after a valiant three year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by loved ones as he left his earthly home.

Dennis was born on August 14, 1947, in York, PA to the late Mabel and Glenn Shearer. He was raised in York, PA and attended Red Lion High School. He completed a year at Penn State, York before entering the field of Graphic Arts and Typesetting at Progressive Typographers. He spent the next 45 years working for Progressive, Waldman Graphics and University Graphics, Inc. in management positions of both Customer Service and Billing & Estimating departments. Following retirement, he worked part-time as a driver for Advance Auto Parts and volunteered as a puppy sitter for Saint Francis Service Dogs. He was a lifelong member of the church and sang tenor in the church choir. Dennis was an avid sports fan and participant throughout his life. He pitched for baseball teams as a kid, coached and watched his kids’ sporting events as a dad, and supported Philadelphia sports at all ages. Dennis was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and pet owner. He enjoyed woodworking, camping, fishing, nature, music, and games of strategy. He was a hard-working man, paid attention to detail, and had a soft heart.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Beth (Howe); his children, Aimee (Kevin Anderer) and Adam (Liz); granddaughters Josephine and Beatrice; his brothers David Shearer (Darlene) and Daniel Shearer (Sherri); sister-in-law Marjorie Howe; aunt, uncle, nieces, nephew, cousins, friends, and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Dennis’s name to Saint Francis Service Dogs (www.saintfrancisdogs.org) or Oak Grove Church of the Brethren (www.oakgrovecob.org).



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