



Matulaitis Home Remembers

Memorial Prayer Service

November 20, 2025



We Remember

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Helen Thomas
Paul Trifone
Henry Viens
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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

A Memorial Remembrance

Welcome

Poem: "The Broken Chain" by Ron Tranmer

Hymn: "In the Sweet By and By"

**A reading on the Endurance of Friendship
& Love Beyond Death** from *The Inner Voice of Love*
by Fr. Henri Nouwen

Readings from Holy Scripture:

1 Corinthians 13

Isaiah 43

Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Remembrance Ceremony

Poem & Prayer: "Rest in Peace" by Grace Easley

Responsorial Poem: "To Honor You"
by Connie F. Kiefer Byrd

Hymn: "Nearer My God to Thee"

Recovering Hope & Moving Forward:
A Message & Prayer for Those in Bereavement

Blessing & the Lord's Prayer



"To Honor You" by Connie F. Kiefer Byrd

To honor you...

I get up every day and take a breath,
and start another day without you in it.

To honor you...

I laugh and love with those who knew your smile
and the way your eyes twinkled with mischief
and secret knowledge.

To honor you...

I take the time to appreciate everyone I love;
I know now there is no guarantee of days or hours
spent in their presence.

To honor you...

I listen to music you would have liked, and sing
at the top of my lungs with the windows rolled down.

To honor you...

I take chances, say what I feel, hold nothing back,
risk making a fool of myself, dance every dance.
You were my light, my heart,
my gift of love from the very highest source.
So every day, I vow to make a difference,
share a smile, live, laugh and love.
Now I live for us both,
so all I do, I do *to honor you.*



Recovering Hope & Moving Forward:

A Message and Prayer for Those in Bereavement

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, anniversaries and holidays – especially the first of each after a death – can be particularly hard to experience. As we journey through our goodbyes, and then those moments that remind us again of our loss, poignantly stirring up our grief afresh, we are also reminded in these moments that love endures and goes on, despite all the feelings of grief inside us. We go on, trusting in the promise and hope of the Resurrection, even as we bear our sorrow and grief, the ache of our loss.

The human spirit is astounding in its resiliency and its ability to recover hope. We recall these words of Scripture that give voice to a heart in grief: “My soul is downcast. But this I will call to mind, therefore I will hope: the Lord’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, God’s compassion is not spent; they are renewed each morning – great is Your faithfulness! The Lord is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in the Lord” (Lamentations 3:20-24).

Nothing can make these moments easy, but prayer can offer a path to walk through these days with greater peace and opportunities for healing and hope.

Final Blessing:

Immortal God, holy Lord,
Father and Protector of all You have created,
we raise our hearts to You today for those who have passed out of this mortal life.

In Your loving mercy, Father of all,
be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company,
and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty.

We ask You this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who suffered and died for us
that we might live with Him in Your sight forever.
Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

May the love of God and the peace
of the Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen, bless, and console you.