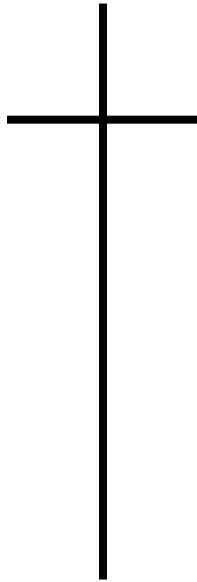


# Memorial Service of Holy Communion

*for*

## The Rev. John Haynes Johnson

*March 26, 1927 – January 19, 2022*



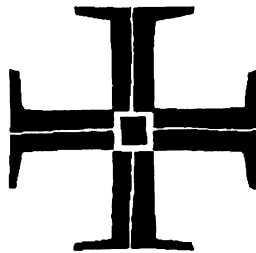
May 14, 2022 ■ 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday in the Fourth Week of Easter

Grace Lutheran Church ■ River Forest, Illinois

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

**FOR AS MUCH** as John departed this life in the Christian faith, we his brothers and sisters in Christ are gathered to worship, express our mutual grief, and seek comfort in the hope of the resurrection. We gather to worship the Lord of Life, who keeps us in fellowship with the saints of every time and place, particularly as God gathers us together in Holy Communion.

**IN THE LORD'S SUPPER** the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. We welcome all baptized Christians to the table where Christ himself is host. For those who find it difficult to walk forward for the distribution, please contact an usher so that Holy Communion may be brought to you.



### **PRELUDE**

*We stand and face the entrance to the nave.*

### **ENTRANCE RITE**

- ☐ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**
- ☐ When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We face the cross in procession as we sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, John.  
We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love  
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.  
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.  
Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life,  
that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call,  
we are reunited with those who have gone before us;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## REMEMBRANCE

# ✠ WORD ✠

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6–9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

- ℣ The LORD | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.
- ☞ **He makes me lie down | in green pastures\*  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- ℣ He re- | vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.
- ☞ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**
- ℣ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- ☞ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1–6a

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL VERSE: Revelation 7:15

Robert Hobby

They are before the throne of God, worshiping day and night within the temple, and the one who sits upon the throne will shelter them.

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-7

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

### **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

### **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Troy E. Medlin

*We stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: Thine Is the Glory**

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-  
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,  
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first system. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: 'where thy bod - y lay. death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring to thy home a - bove.' The second system has the lyrics: 'Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!'.

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

## APOSTLES' CREED

☐ Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant to all who mourn 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant us grace to entrust John to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**P** God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
to bring life and immortality to light.

We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death  
and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also,  
and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come  
shall 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.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### PEACE OF CHRIST

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord and remain standing as the table is prepared.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- Ⓟ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of his glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

- Ⓟ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving Passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,  
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought, but as we are able;  
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,  
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,  
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

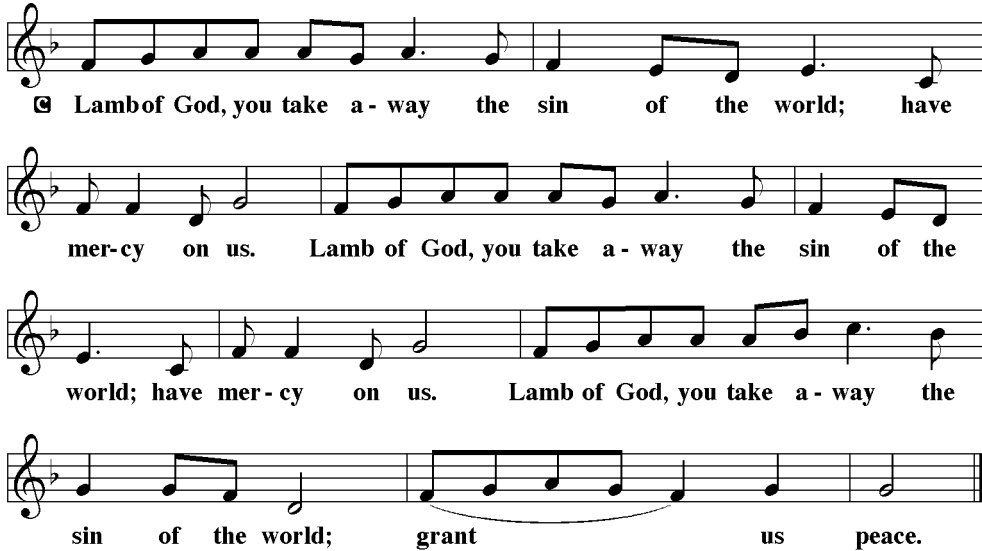
**P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



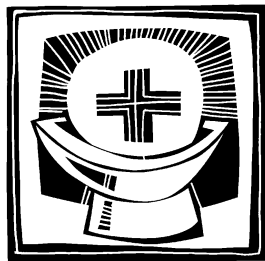
♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated host and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the host into the wine (intinction).*

*Those with a gluten allergy may ask the communion minister for a gluten-free host.*



## HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

*We stand.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love  
you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.  
Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction  
and a pledge of our inheritance of life eternal,  
where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying,  
but the fullness of joy with all your saints;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

### **COMMENDATION**

**P** Let us commend John to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

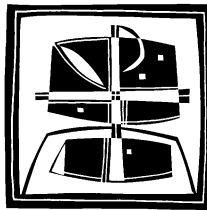
*Silence is kept.*

**P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, John.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**C** **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

*We follow in procession to the Grace Memorial Garden.*

# ✠ COMMITTAL ✠

## PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, your anointed, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all your saints. Keep John in the company of all your saints and, at the last, raise him up to share with all your faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## READING: 1 Corinthians 15:51–57

[St. Paul writes:] Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your 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.

## READING: Philippians 3:20–21

Our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## BURIAL

**P** In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, John, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him.

The Lord’s face shine on him and be gracious to him.

The Lord look upon him with favor and give him ✠ peace.

**C Amen.**



## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYER

- P** Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death.  
Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way,  
that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness;  
to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## REQUIEM

- P** Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
- C** **and let light perpetual shine upon him.**

## BENEDICTION

- P** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good  
so that you may do God's will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Let us go in peace.

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
The Rev. Michael D. Costello	<b>Cantor</b>
Marty Johnson	<b>Crucifer</b>
Pallbearer	<b>Maury Johnson</b>
Lectors	<b>Caitlin Neff and Erik Johnson</b>
Remembrance	<b>David Johnson</b>
Gift Bearer	<b>Ian Johnson</b>
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## THE REV. JOHN HAYNES JOHNSON



John Haynes Johnson was born on March 26, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois, and died on January 19, 2022. John is survived by his wife, Dolly (Dora Mae) Johnson. He is also survived by his four remaining sons, Maury (Maurice Timothy), David Alan (daughter Caitlin Rae Neff, son Ian James, grandson Cedar Haynes), Marty (Martin Duane), and Erik Haynes (daughter Aniya Jasmine). He was preceded in death by his parents, John Martin and Helene (Haynes) Johnson, three siblings, Janet Helene Nilsen, Martha Ann Sherman, and Rev. Marvin Andrew Johnson, and eldest son, Mark (John Mark).



*Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;  
and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

