



*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Online at [firstprescos.org/watch](https://firstprescos.org/watch)

Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m.

Worship Center: 9:30 a.m.



*Service to Celebrate  
the Life of  
Richard Wayne Rutherford*

*October 15, 1940 – March 20, 2020*



Friday, August 14, 2020 • 2:30 p.m.  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

# *Order of Service*

## **Prelude**

## **Call to Worship**

**Hymn, “How Great Thou Art”**

## **Psalm 23**

## **Prayer**

## **Scriptures**

## **Remembering the Life of Richard Rutherford** Family Reflections

## **Prayer**

**Solo, “On Eagle’s Wings”**

## **Celebration of the Ressurrection**

**Solo, “10,000 Reasons”**

## **Benediction**

## **Military Honors**

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Officiant: Dr. Patrick Hartsock  
Soloist/Pianist: Rev. Matt Holtzman  
Coordinator: Rev. Linda Boyles

Richard (Rich) Rutherford, MSGT, USAF, Retired, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2020, with his family by his side.

Richard was born in Decatur, Illinois, on October 15, 1940, to Virgil and Irene (Yoder) Rutherford. Shortly after his birth, the Rutherford family moved to a farm outside of Bethany, Illinois, where they raised corn and soybean crops. Richard and his sisters attended the small local schools where Richard met his wife, Gale. Growing up on a farm in Bethany with his two sisters, Ann and Jeanie, Richard developed skills that would lead to a 20-year career in the Air Force, a master carpenter position at Enercon, and his enjoyment of being a superior craftsman at home.

While in the Air Force, Richard served as a Medical Laboratory Specialist in hospitals in Ohio, Vietnam, Washington D.C., Florida, Colorado and New Mexico. During his time in Florida, Richard provided medical support to NASA astronauts for the Apollo 16 and 17 missions; Skylab 1, 2 and 3 missions; and the Apollo-Soyuz test project. Upon completion of his service in Florida, Richard was transferred to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs in 1977 where he enjoyed providing medical support for future Air Force Officers. During his career in the Air Force, he was awarded two commendation medals for meritorious service as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of Microbiology and Chemistry for Air Force Eastern Test Range at Patrick Air Force Base and for Clinical Lab Work at the Air Force Academy. Richard retired from the Air Force in 1983.

After retiring from the Air Force, Richard pursued a second 20-year career working for Enercon, using his carpentry skills to create custom bay windows that can be seen in houses all around Colorado Springs. At home, he was the consummate craftsman and enjoyed participating in the Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors association. Richard gained his woodworking skills on the family farm in Bethany and taught himself to solve problems using available resources. His gift of creative problem solving was admired by many.

Throughout his life, Richard enjoyed taking his family on road trips to see the national parks and to visit family. His favorite parks were Yellowstone National Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. After retirement, Richard and Gale continued to enjoy traveling the country, visiting national parks and their children on the east and west coasts. At home, he proudly flew the American flag every day.

Richard is survived by Gale, his wife of 56 years; their two children, Rebecca (Dale) Gassman and Robert (Courtney) Rutherford; grandsons, Hayden and Alex Rutherford; sister Jeannie (Bill) Walters; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Irene, and sister, Ann (Rutherford) Hagen.

Interment has taken place at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery.

Richard was a quiet, gentle soul who was well liked by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to UC Children’s Hospital, 40490 Briargate Parkway, Colorado Springs 80920.

