

He is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,
or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all he has left.
Your heart can be empty, because you can't see him,
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he's gone,
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
or you can do what he'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

— By David Harkins

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Online at firstprescos.org/watch at 8:30 and 10 a.m.
In-person Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
In-person Worship Center: 10 a.m.



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LIGHT AND LIFE FOR THE CITY

Service to Celebrate the Life of Leslie David White

August 14, 1949– August 19, 2020



Friday, September 18, 2020 • 2 p.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Order of Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

Prayer of Invocation

Solo, *“When the Sorrow Falls”*

Remembering David with Gratitude to God

Prayer of Thanks

Solo, *“Because He Lives”*

Remembering the Resurrection

1 Peter 1:3–5

Hymn, *“How Great Thou Art”* (verses 1, 3, 4)

Prayer of Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

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Officiant: Rev. Dr. John Goodale
Pianist/Soloist: Rev. Matt Holtzman
Coordinator: Rev. Linda Boyles

Leslie David White was welcomed to his heavenly home by his Lord and Savior August 19, 2020, five days after celebrating his last earthly birthday, his 71st. He had endured years of pain with grace and dignity and was prepared to “finish his race.”

David was born August 14, 1949, to Thomas R. and JoAnn (Morgan) White at Penrose-Glockner Hospital, and died peacefully there in hospice care. He was a third-generation native of Colorado Springs and except for his time in the U.S. Navy, he made this his home. He loved exploring the beauty of the state with his wife, Marni (Rychener), and with their two children, Melissa and Jeff. Camping, hiking, biking, kayaking and RV-ing were favorite ways to enjoy the outdoors. With his health in decline, he enjoyed the companionship of his faithful black pug, Honzee.

David was generous with his time and talents, using them to create, build or repair “whatever” for the home, family and friends. After retirement as a sign fabricator, he pursued old and new hobbies—photography, building model ships, a garden train, wooden jigsaw puzzles and archery.

He took pleasure in the accomplishments of his children: Melissa (Jason) Long and Jeff (Tracie) White, as well as those of the grandchildren: Jonah, Mason, Jordan and Ava Long, and Tyler and Brady White. David is survived by all of them, and by Marni, his wife of 51 years.

Preceding David in death were his parents, Thomas and JoAnn White.

David—a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle and friend—will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Stephen Ministry.