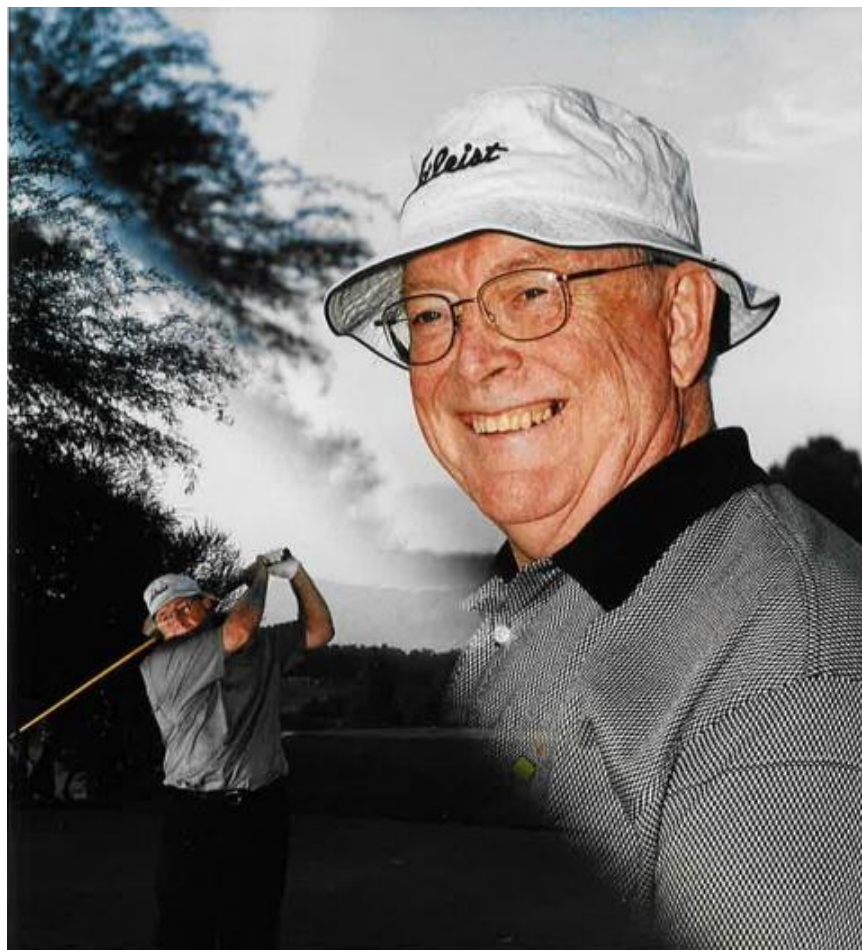


The Celebration of Life
of
Bernard A. “Bernie” Duignan

St. John’s Episcopal Church
November 4, 2023
11:00 am



Obituary of Bernard A. “Bernie” Duignan

July 23, 1937 – July 29, 2023

Bernie was born July 23, 1937, in Butler, PA. His mother Dorothy and father Bernard moved the family, sister Francis and brothers John and David as World War II was ending, to the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Bernie attended Mary Knoll High School and remained in touch with his reunion group the rest of his life. He attended San Jose State on the mainland and eventually landed in San Diego where his sister Francis was residing. He married Nancy and produced three wonderful children, Brian, David and Diane.

He eventually found his calling in the Hospitality/Foodservice Industry. Fortunately, Bernie never met a stranger and was at the top of his field when he retired.

He leaves second wife Karen, children Brian, David and Diane, step-children Tim and Lori, grandchildren Melanie, Kevin, Samantha, Jordan, Caroline, Kory and Ashleigh, and one great-grandchild, Marco. He was predeceased by his sister Francis and his brother David.

Bernie had one hobby – golf. He played lots of customer golf all over the United States, as he traveled extensively for business, and loved a game with his children and grandchildren. His favorite memory was a family vacation of golf and fun on the Big Island of Hawaii at the Wiakoba Resort. He also enjoyed bowling.

Bernie passed into a new life on July 29, 2023.

He loved to dance and to tell stories.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen***

Baptismal Remembrance

Sprinkling of Holy Water and Placing of Pall

Processional (please recite)

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.

And everyone who has life,

and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;

and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him

who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,

and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,

and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,

we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit,

for they rest from their labors.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,

We remember before you this day our brother Bernie. We thank you for giving him to us, his family, and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those have gone before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People ***Amen.***

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Bernie's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Remembrance

David Duignan

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

David Duignan

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 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.

What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 46 *(please respond where bold)*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
***he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.***

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 4:16-5-9

Ashleigh Heinichen

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

The Gospel

John 6:37-40

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to the people, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Homily

Remembrance

Tim Heinichen

The Apostles Creed *(please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say:

***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 to the dead.

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 People

For our brother Bernie, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Bernie, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Bernie, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Remembrance

Diane Duignan

The Great Thanksgiving *(please respond where bold)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
People ***therefore let us keep the feast.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. We offer Holy Communion under both forms of bread and wine by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). Please indicate, with a nod of your head, yes or no, if you desire communion under both forms. If you do not want to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant Let us pray

***Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us
with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and 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 in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

The Commendation

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
People ***where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People ***Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Bernie.
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.

People ***Amen.***

The Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you
that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for
ever and ever. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Dismissal

Celebrant We now take Bernie to his final place of rest
(you are invited to follow the procession to the columbarium)

The Committal

Celebrant In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Bernie, and we commit his body to its resting place, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Niche

Celebrant O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a tomb in the garden: Bless, we pray, this niche, and grant that he whose body is to rest here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The ashes are placed in the Columbarium

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:
People **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Celebrant May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and happiness: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to join the family for a reception in Nale Hall.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to St. John's Episcopal Church

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant /Preacher
Readers/Remembrances

The Rev. Roger Haenke

David Duignan

Ashleigh Heinichen

Tim Heinichen

Diane Duignan

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