

**Celebrating the Life of**  
**Ronald Neil Stellyes**

**March 25, 1939 - January 28, 2024**



Good Hope Lutheran Church, Gifford, Idaho

February 10, 2024 11:00 A.M.

## **WELCOME**

*Ryan A. Lawrence*

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Ronald Neil Stellyes, to give thanks for his life, to commend his to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P 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.

P Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth,  
who formed us from the dust of the earth,  
who by your breath gave us life, we glorify  
You.

**C We glorify you.**

P Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
who suffered death for all humanity, who  
rose from the grave to open the way to  
eternal life, we praise you.

**C We praise you.**

P Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the  
comforter of all who sorrow, our sure  
confidence and everlasting hope, we  
worship you.

**C We worship you.**

P To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and  
honor, forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

## SONG

## HOW GREAT THOU ART



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-c-la-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



## **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**

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory,  
We remember before you today our brother Ronald.  
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 faith to see that death has  
been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence  
and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to  
our heavenly home in the company of all  
your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.

## **C AMEN.**

- 1** The spirit of the Lord God is upon me  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,
- 2** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,
- 3** to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

## Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

2 My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

**New Testament 2**

***Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18:***

**6** For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

**7** But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. **8** We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, **9** persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, **10** always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

**11** For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus’s sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh.

**12** So death is at work in us but life in you.

**16** So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. **17** For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, **18** 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.



## **Gospel**

*John 14: 1-6*

**14** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** 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? **3** 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. **4** And you know the way to the place where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## **HOMILY**

Ryan A. Lawrence

## **SONG**

**Scars in Heaven**

Casting Crowns

# **THE APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

# **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**1** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**3** he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long

**PRAYER**

P Let us pray

Holy God, Holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother Ronald, whose body we now lay to rest in the company of all your saints.

And at the last, O God, raise her up to share with all the faithful 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.

**SONG**

**Amazing Grace**

\*\* Upon completion of “Amazing Grace” the service will transition to the graveside for the Commendation. Please allow the family to depart first, and follow in quiet reflection \*\*

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.



## COMMENDATION

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

P In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother Ronald 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's face shine on him with grace and mercy.

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

**C Amen.**



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

## **BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us go in peace.

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The Family would like to thank you for coming today to honor Ronald's memory and support them during this loss. You are all invited to the fellowship hall to share memories and light refreshments.

### **Presiding**

Ryan A. Lawrence

### **Readers**

Brian Lawrence

Angela Polotto

Keith Stellyes

Brant Poehner

### **Pallbearers**

Ryan Lawrence

Bradley Polotto

Keith Stellyes

Sarah Bowman

Brian Lawrence

Angela Polotto

Brant Poehner

Katelyn Poehner





# Obituary

Ronald N. Stellyes passed away at the family home on January 28, 2024 joining his wife in heaven. He was born March 25, 1939 in Lewiston, ID to Earnest and Reta Stellyes and was later joined by a sister, Joyce in 1945. He grew up on the family farm in Reubens, ID graduating from the Reubens school in 1957.

In 1961, he met his wife, Duthiel Longfellow. They were married on August 12, 1961 after a short courtship and were married 61 years. At that time, he inherited her three daughters Sandra, Dawn and Debbie and raised them as his own. They expanded their family in 1962 with another daughter, Brenda, and then a son, Gerald, in 1965 making it complete. He and his wife worked the family farm until 1986 at which time they moved to Lewiston and he worked for Funke's Custom Cabinets until he retired in 2003. They then moved back to Reubens where he worked for various farmers in the area until 2010.

Farming remained a favorite hobby as well as reading, enjoying his side-by-side, coin collecting and researching family history. One of his favorite accomplishments, besides his family, was receiving the Century Farm designation for the family farm. He was also a member of Good Hope Lutheran Church.

Ron is survived by his sister Joyce Coble of Mead, WA, his children, Sandra Lawrence (Earl) of Kendrick, ID, Dawn Polotto of Tucson, AZ, Debbie Stellyes (Keith Olson) of Clarkston, WA, Brenda Stellyes (Russ Poehner) of Batavia, OH and Gerald Stellyes (Kirsten) of Puyallup, WA. Survivors also include his eight grandchildren, Angela Polotto, Brad Polotto, Ryan Lawrence, Brian Lawrence, Sarah Bowman (Josh), Katelyn

Poehner, Brant Poehner and Keith Stellyes as well as nine great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Earnest and Reta, brother-in-law Larry Coble, son-in-law John "JT" Polotto and great grandson, Dash Hussion.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Gifford. A light lunch will be provided afterwards. Memorials in Ron's honor can be made to Good Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Fund at 28157 Settlement Road, Lenore, ID 83541.

