



Worship Leader’s Report

“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you.” - Philippians 1:3-4

Dearest in Christ,

Greetings and Blessings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

What a wonderful journey I have had the privilege of sharing with you since my first Sunday in the pulpit of Love of Christ Lutheran Church on May 22, 2022. The saying is true: "It takes a village..." I have felt myself grow in faith, ministry, and personally, during my time in service to you - and I have You to thank for that!

During my time in service to the Saints of Love of Christ, I've been part of three memorial services, each celebrating the beautiful completion of baptism of a Child of God. I've seen the tears, the smiles, and the beautiful looks of remembrance as we all stopped and listened to kind memories being shared, thank you for welcoming me alongside you.

“Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.



The 2024 Spring Fling Polka Fest

What a wonderful Spring Fling Polka Fest we experienced at the Villa Cortez on March 7, 2024, to support our mission work for North Bridge Elementary! The music, food, conversation, and auction were fantastic plus after \$1,700 in expenses, we raised **\$3,500.00!** Thanks to all who participated in this great evening. You are all appreciated. SKN

There is a fun saying in a few PC(USA) circles: "I'm sinfully proud..." usually that statement ends with "...to be Presbyterian!" but in my case I would close it with saying, "...to be part of such a wonderful cloud of witnesses as Love of Christ Lutheran Church." It may seem like a mouthful, but I cannot brag on you enough! Not only have you continued to allow a Presbyterian to continue to serve as your preacher/worship leader, but you've allowed yourselves to try new things while teaching "this guy" a few new things too! We observed our first "Longest Night/Blue" Christmas Service on December 21, 2023, with a wonderful attendance. And last year was my first time joining you for the Spring Fling Polka Fest (I'm looking forward to this year's which is just around the corner on March 7!).

Beloved, as I stated last year, I truly look forward to living out the Promise in the identity of this accepting and gracious congregation...the identity that is, the Love of Christ. Thank you for trusting in and allowing me to continue to serve you as your Worship Leader.

Shalom, Y'all!
- Bob.

Ruling Elder Bob Dymond



Love of Christ Lutheran Church 2023 Council President Report

It has been an interesting and sometimes challenging year for the Church Council, and I am immensely proud of the way they have responded to the challenges we faced. Last year we were fortunate to secure the service of Mr. Bob Dymond to serve as our Service Leader. During the past year and into this year he has proved to be an excellent leader and we are all enormously proud of him and love him dearly.

In October of 2022 we resumed our Sunday Social Hour. Although we can only schedule the social time for 30 minutes it has proved to be well attended and a wonderful opportunity to sit down with friends for coffee and fellowship.

During the year we unfortunately lost several members of our congregation. They will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Delphine Overfield resigned as our pianist in October, and we were fortunate to secure the services of our past organist, Sandy Thormahlen. Delphine did an excellent job for us; however, it is so wonderful to hear our organ every Sunday. It certainly adds warmth and comfort to our services.

Our wonderful Church Administrator, Julie Knutson, took some personal time off this year. We were extremely fortunate in securing the services of Julie's sister, Kristin. Kristin did a wonderful job for us, and we all very much appreciated the way she stepped in.

CHRIST CARE...

Reflecting Christ's love in our community of faith! His inspiration! **Please, if you...or someone you know... could use some Christ care, some concern, some prayers, or some expression of the love of Christ in his/her life, LET US KNOW.**

You may do so by calling:

the church office (956) 447-1337

We at LOC want to care for you, for your friends, and for all who want to know the love of Christ in their life.

I attended one Southwestern Texas Synod Rio Grande Conference Event during the year. This gave me the opportunity to meet Bishop Sue Briner and other congregation leaders. I will continue to attend these events as they offer a wonderful opportunity to meet other congregational leaders who face the same challenges we face.

During the year, members of the council met with Faith Lutheran to discuss ideas on ways to improve the church experience for LOC. We were not able to make any meaningful changes; however, our relationship with Faith Lutheran is good and remains strong. The air conditioning unit that cools the office and other parts of the church had to be replaced at a cost of \$12,000, which was paid by Faith Lutheran. LOC did donate \$4,000 to Faith to help with the cost of the AC unit.

Our financial position remains good thanks to the challenging work of our Treasurer, Lauren Coyle, and a strong finance committee. They have had to make budget and commitment changes and have done so in a very responsible manner.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Council President. May God continue to Bless all of us.

Robert Chaloupek

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayers are offered while shawls are created.

Then the shawls are given to the sick and those needing comfort. Shawls have been distributed to many within the community and they have been mailed to numerous locations within the United States and Canada as requests for those needing prayers and comfort are filled. We are pleased to fill requests.

Contact Betty Bentson 701-371-6631
or email bettybentson@aol.com

PRAYER SQUARES

We have a "Prayer Squares" project. A square is quilted and tied with loving strings of embroidery thread. Then when one of our members of Love of Christ (or a friend) is having surgery or is in a hospital, each of us say a prayer, tie a knot, and then give the patch to them. We want our prayers with them. Contact Betty Bentson 701-371-6631 or email bettybentson@aol.com

Social Ministry & Outreach 2023 Report

The purpose of the Social Ministry & Outreach is to show compassion and assistance to those in need. Love of Christ donates to the Synod, Aurora House, RGV Food Bank, Water to Thrive, ELCA Missions and North Bridge Elementary.

Usually in February, we conduct a “Souper Bowl” Sunday when we collect cans of soup for the Aurora House. It was not held in 2023, but we did donate \$500 in March from the Lenten offering and Turkey & gravy at Thanksgiving time. Water to Thrive received \$250.00, ELCA Missions \$200 and the RGV Food Bank \$500.

The March 2023 Spring Fling Polka Fest was attended by 61 persons, and we raised \$4,100 by personal donations and from the live auction. The food was delicious, the live auction was great, and the camaraderie was excellent!

Since the WSID was not supplying the schools with school supplies this year, North Bridge asked for \$2,500 to cover the cost of backpacks, uniforms and undergarments. They shopped during the summer months to prepare for the school year. In September, North Bridge expressed a need for shoes, headphones and undergarments. Plus the \$2,500, they were given \$200 for kinder mats, \$200 for shoes and \$500 in gift cards for Walmart.

The Feast of Thanksgiving was attended by 42 people with \$1,200 raised. \$1,500 was approved for 15 HEB gift cards to be given to the needy families for Christmas and \$800 was donated to their T-Shirt fund. The Happy Stitchers donated 18 quilts, The Chandlers brought many items from Wisconsin and Carolyn Buswell donated stocking caps to North Bridge and baby hats to the hospital. The sock drive in November was successful. Thanks to all of you who have attended, donated & assisted. You are appreciated! SKN

Happy Stitchers 2023 Report

We gave away 40 large and 42 baby quilts, sheets & pillowcases to North Bridge Elementary School.

Raye Chandler brought down a trailer of different things like pillows, school supplies, shoes, blankets, clothes and many more items that were donated to North Bridge. We also gave Pastor Ed Webber 20 large quilts & 22 baby quilts.
Betty Bentson



Music, Worship, Discipleship & Prayer Report 2023

In September 2023, Dean Garnett gave his resignation (Due to health issues and his moving to Arizona). Dean had served several terms being on the Music, Worship, Discipleship & Prayer Committee on LoC Church Council. LuRae Schwartz accepted the position to finish out the 2022-2024 term.

Delphine Overfield, our church piano player, decided to resign playing piano for church service in October 2023. We were “Blessed” and very fortunate to ask Sandy Thormahlen. She accepted the organist position November 2023. Love of Christ Church is now filled with moments of sheer joy and of prayer within the majesty of the organ.

A big thank you to the congregation (men and women) who help with the Lector or Usher talents. God gives us special gifts and talents, so we can live fully for him. Please sign up to Usher or Lector for a Sunday. What great joy to see the smiles on faces, as we come together to sing, proclaim, receive and go forth!

LuRae Schwartz

Associate Member 2023 Report

Love of Christ Lutheran Church continues, and another year begins! Many things change but the Word remains as our guiding light for our beacon in a dark world seeking meaning and purpose. Ruling Elder Bob Dymond continues to challenge parishioners to be the light in that dark world, with his leadership on Sunday mornings at Love of Christ. His messages are thoughtful and heartfelt. He is willing to try new ideas such as a “Blue Christmas” service which was very effective.

We need to invite more people to take advantage of the enthusiasm that we feel during the Sunday services. Many Winter Texans look for options and we need to help them find our services and missions that we support. Some of those are North Bridge Elementary school and the Spring Fling to support their students, Happy Stitchers, and other outreach activities that the Church Council supports on behalf of the congregation. As a member of the Council, I find very dedicated people doing God’s will in our community here, and with the greater Church.

It has been my pleasure to be a part of the Church council, understand the workings of Love of Christ Lutheran Church, and our community. I look forward to serving in capacities to spread the light of the Word at Love of Christ!

Rex Kirchhoff

Associate Member Representative



March Birthdays

- 11 Mike Shull
- 12 Janell Hanson
- 20 Lauren Coyle
- 20 Lou Vitek
- 22 Rodger Olson
- 25 Linda Kirchhoff
- 26 Julie Knutson
- 29 Marilyn Garnett

April Birthdays

- 04 Barbara Puder
- 06 Richard Chandler
- 11 Julia Cruse
- 14 Samantha Mize
- 26 Rod Karg

May Birthdays

- 07 Linda Aune
- 09 Ross Rounds
- 10 Sharon Newcomer
- 12 Barbara Wilkinson
- 13 Jo Coyle
- 14 Bev Wolff
- 29 Gail Pierce
- 30 Jerry Aune
- 30 Don Van Deest
- 31 Adeline Olson

March Anniversaries

- 21 Bev & Chuck Wolff
- 31 Jo & Lauren Coyle

April Anniversaries

- 06 Jerry & Linda Aune
- 07 Carol & Jim Magruder
- 14 Barbara & Ed Puder
- 14 Garry & Shirley Rhoades

May Anniversaries

- 10 C.B. & Jerry Shields
- 12 Barbara & John Wilkinson

READING MACHINES

If you, or a loved one, have a vision difficulty that could be helped by the use of our reading machines, please contact Julie Knutson at the Church office (956) 447-1337. Three reading machines are available to be used by anyone in need of help. The machines are "checked out" much as a library book and returned to the office when no longer needed or if the user does not remain in the Valley during the summer months. There is no charge for this use. If you have a problem picking up the machine from the church office, please make it known to the secretary at the church office and the machine will be delivered to you. This is another ministry of the Love of Christ Church!

Welcome to our new Associate members:

AL & Janell Hanson
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Victoria Palms
602 Victoria Rd #2273
Donna TX 78537
Al 402-621-0223-c
farmerfred43@gmail.com
Janell 402-621-0224-c
janell.m.hanson@gmail.com
Summer
1607 Rd 4600
Oak, NE 68964

Drop a personal note to one of your brothers or sisters in Christ at LoC who celebrates a special occasion this month and let them know how much their presence in our family of faith at LoC means to you.

THE LIBRARY

Come and check out the Love of Christ Library! Folks have donated some great reading, videos, and audio tapes. Come and browse or come and bring your donation to the Library and be an encouragement to the folks at Love of Christ church. The Library is located in the church office.

Why People Aren't Religious Anymore: 15 Simple Reasons

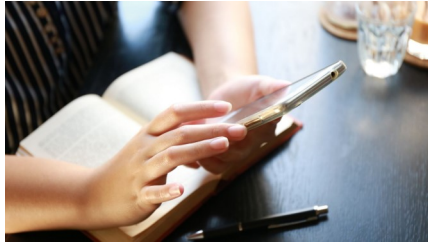
January 11, 2024 by Jane Morrison

As society evolves, so does our approach to spirituality. This article looks at the subtle yet profound shift from traditional religious adherence to a more personal, evidence-based belief system.

Science Is More Appealing Than Faith

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According to a study in Journal of Beliefs & Values, the majority of every religious group see religion and science as working together in some form in today's world.



However, in a society where technology and science reign supreme, it's not uncommon for young people to lean more toward scientific explanations than religious faith.

This trend isn't necessarily about abandoning spirituality, but rather, it's about preferring explanations grounded in science.

Valuing Individualism Over Tradition

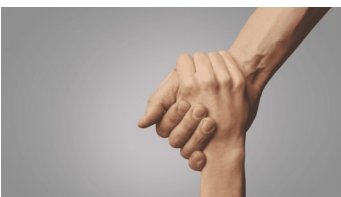
Nowadays, it's all about being your authentic self, and sometimes, old-school religious rules just don't fit into that picture. If your personal values clash with traditional teachings, it's pretty normal to start looking for spiritual fulfillment elsewhere – something that feels more 'you.'

Wide Access To Diverse Beliefs

Thanks to the internet, we're exposed to a world of different ideas and beliefs. It's like a never-ending buffet of viewpoints, and that can make folks start to wonder about what they've always believed. Having all these options at our fingertips often leads to questioning and rethinking our own beliefs.

Secular Humanism Is On The Rise

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More and more people are getting into secular humanism – the idea that you can be good without religion telling

you how. It's about believing in the goodness of humanity and doing the right thing because, well, it's the right thing to do, not because a religious doctrine said so.

Disappointed By Religious Institutions

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Let's face it, when religious institutions get mired in controversies and scandals, it can really shake your faith. It's hard to reconcile

these issues with your spiritual beliefs, and for many, this leads to a disconnect with traditional religious structures. It's a tough pill to swallow when the institutions that are supposed to be moral guides end up falling short.

Chasing Material Success

In our fast-paced, success-driven world, chasing career goals and financial security often takes center stage, leaving little room for spiritual pursuits. It's like we're so caught up in the tangible stuff – the here and now – that the spiritual side of things can get a bit lost in the shuffle.

Changing Social Values

As society evolves, so do our values and beliefs. If traditional religious views don't align with contemporary ideas about equality and inclusivity, it's natural to feel a disconnect. It's like we're constantly reassessing and redefining what we stand for, and sometimes, old religious doctrines just don't fit into this new framework.

The Need For Evidence

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We live in a world where seeing is believing. If you're someone who needs solid proof and clear facts, religion's faith-based approach might not really hit the mark. People are increasingly looking for belief systems that fit with the evidence-driven way we approach other parts of our lives.



Travel Opens Minds

Traveling and living in various cultures can significantly broaden your perspective. It's like each new place adds a piece to your spiritual puzzle, making your beliefs more fluid and adaptable. This exposure to different ways of life can sometimes dilute the rigid structures of traditional religious practices.

Questioning Religious Dogma

If you're the type who likes to question things and not just accept them because 'that's the way it's always been,' strict religious doctrines can feel pretty stifling. It's about wanting the freedom to explore, ask questions, and find your own spiritual path.

Why People Aren't Religious Anymore: 15 Simple Reasons

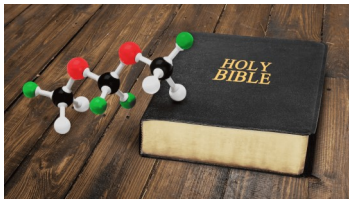
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Education Encourages Questions

The more you learn, the more you realize there's so much out there you don't know. Education tends to open your mind and make you question things, including the religious beliefs you grew up with. It sparks a deeper search for personal truths beyond traditional teachings.

Celebrity Influence

Let's not underestimate the influence of celebrities and the media in shaping our views. If the stars you admire and the shows you watch lean more towards a secular lifestyle, it's easy to find yourself drawn in that direction too. It's not necessarily about rejecting faith, but about the subtle influence of pop culture shaping our perspectives.



Finding Spirituality

Outside Religion

Some people define themselves as 'spiritual but not religious' and these people seek a spiritual connection, just not within the confines of organized religion. If you're among those exploring spirituality on your own terms, it can be a deeply fulfilling journey. It's about finding what spirituality means to you personally, outside the traditional structures of religion.

Science Vs. Religion

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For some, there's a clear divide between science and religion. If your mind leans towards logic and empirical evidence, the faith-based parts of religion might not resonate with you. It's about preferring a worldview grounded in science.

The Desire For Personal Freedom

In our culture of celebrating individuality, sticking to strict religious rules can feel limiting. If you value personal freedom and making your own choices, traditional religious practices might seem a bit too confining. It's all about crafting a spiritual path that aligns with your personal values and beliefs.

GUIDANCE: Dancing With God

Author Unknown

When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing.

When two people try to lead nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.

When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.

The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

My eyes drew back to the word Guidance. When I saw "G" I thought of God, followed by "u" and "I". "God "u" and "I" dance." **God, u and I dance.**

As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life.

Once again, I became willing to let God lead. My prayer for you today is that God's blessings and mercies are upon you on this day and everyday.

May you abide in God, as God abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting God to lead and to guide you through each season of your life.





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FATHER'S DAY POEM

A dad is someone who
wants to catch you before you fall
but instead picks you up,
brushes you off,
and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who
wants to keep you from making
mistakes
but instead lets you find your own
way,
even though his heart breaks in
silence
when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who
holds you when you cry,
scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed,
and has faith in you even when you
fail...

Unknown

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray especially for:

Bill & Gail Brandt (Faith Lutheran Church)
Renate Chamberlain
Raye Chandler
Jo Coyle
Lauren Coyle
Arlene Crawford
Pastor Sylvia De La Garza
Thelma Dutenhoeffer
Dean & Marilyn Garnett
Rita Halvorson (sister of Raye Chandler)
Karen Reij Johnson (sister of Lois Tanula)
Nancy & Rod Karg
Elaine Magnuson
Maria Mendoza
Richard Newcomer (Tom Newcomers Brother)
Tom Newcomer
Ed & Gwen Paulson (brother & Sister-in-Law
of Bette Learned)
Ed Puder
David Raabe (nephew of Bette Learned)\
CJ Robinson
Jon Schwartz
**Staff and children of North Bridge
Elementary**
Amy Van Deest
Don Van Deest
Wayne & Pat Winters
Elaine & David Wisely
(daughter and son-in-law of Lou Vitek)
Cecilia Young
Tom Young
**people experiencing violence in their lives,
all the men and women of the police, fire,
EMS, and all the men and women of the
Armed Forces and their families.**



Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May



APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
BREAKFAST
CANDY
CHARMING
COMFORT
DEVOTED
FLOWERS
FORGIVING
GIFTS

GUIDANCE
HUGS
JEWELRY
JOY
KISSES
LAUGHTER
LOVE
MATERNAL
MOM
MOTHER

NURTURE
PERFUME
PROTECTIVE
SHARE
TELEPHONE
TENDER
THE BEST
WARM
WISE



Lenten Service Schedule 2024

Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday 11:00AM

Thursday, March 28
Maundy Thursday 3:30 PM

Friday, March 29
Good Friday 12:00 PM

Sunday, March 31
Easter 11:00AM

AURORA HOUSE WISH LIST

Foods

Grocery Store Gift Card
*Fresh Fruits/Seasonal Fruits
*Fresh Vegetables
Frozen Juices
Butter/ Margarine
*Milk
*Eggs
Instant Tea (sweet & un-sweetened)
Tea bags
Coffee mate
*Coffee: regular & decaf
Soft Drinks: all flavors
Lemonade Mix
Bread
Lunch meat
Artificial Sweetener
Sugar Substitutes
Sugar
*Oatmeal
Potatoes
*Rice
*Pinto Beans
*Lentils
Olive Oil
Vegetable Oil
Cooking Spray
Red Wine Vinegar
Rice Vinegar
Bread Crumbs
Garlic Powder
Garlic Salt
Crackers
Flour
Cake Mix
Frostings
Mayonnaise
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Honey
Peanut Butter
Jam/Jelly

Household

Plastic Cups
Foam Cups 8 oz.
Antibacterial hand Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Laundry Detergent (HE Only)
Foil Paper
Parchment Paper
Plastic wrap
Coffee filters
*Garbage bags- 13-gal/ 30 gallons
*Freezer bags gallon sizes
*Ziplocs 1 gallon & 1 quart
*Paper Towels
*Toilet Tissue
Air Freshener (sprays) – all aromas
Light Bulbs
Kleenex
Windex
Disinfectant wipes
Adult size wipes
Latex Free Nitrile gloves Medium
*Clorox
Floor Cleaners (Faboloso/Pine Sol)
Powder Cleaner (Ajax)
Kitchen
Napkins

Due to Health Regulations, we cannot accept the following: any opened items such as packages of meat, medications, opened/expired bottles, boxes, canned food, cereal, rice, etc.

Office Supplies And Equipment:

Colored Copier Paper 8½ X 11
*Copier Paper 8½ X 11
Pocket Folders
Small sticky notes
Plastic File Boxes
*Manila Folders
Dividers
Highlighters
Binders with plastic cover in front

Lawn Maintenance

30W motor oil (5)
2 Cycle Weed Eater Oil
Weed Eater String: 80 or 90 gauge
Lawn Mower
Gift Cards for gas for Lawn Mower
Home Improvement Gift Cards

Meats

Fish
Beef
Poultry
Prepared Casseroles

***We use a lot**



March 2024 is dedicated to a month long “shower” to help the Aurora House replenish their stores. Love of Christ will have a box to place items in and a jar available to include cash donations.

Eleanore W. Scott-Meyer

January 10, 1940 to January 16, 2024 84 yrs. Young

Ellie was known for her love of life, centering on her family and large host of good friends. Always the avid card player, game enthusiast and cribbage player where she learned fast to never miss any pegging points while playing cribbage with her dad, brothers and many others.



Her love of cooking and entertaining large groups with her never ending arsenal of fantastic cinnamon rolls, bread, waffles, pies and homemade raspberry, and strawberry rhubarb jam.

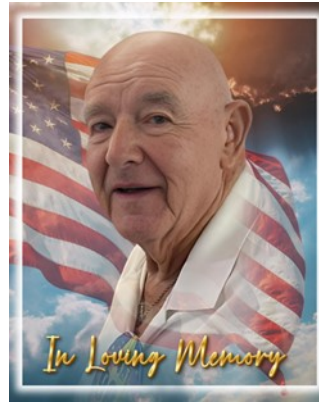
Always a hard worker, she ran circles around most of us. Working for 35+ years at UPS and also her small businesses of Scott's Flowers and Paintball Games. She loved to give you the biggest hug and warm smiles for all. Always there to help if you needed, volunteering at her local hospital and very involved in her church and community.

Ellie Peacefully passed away in her "Happy Place" in Texas, surrounded by her husband and partner in Crime Dean Meyer, beloved daughters Marianne Matzke (Lew), Cathy (Steve) Casavant, Jane (Tony) Riege, Carolyn Knutson-Border, Greg Scott bonus daughter Trina Wybierala and niece Keri Freund. Step Children Bobbie (Ann), Shawn (Molly), Jason (Amy), Andy (Jessie) Meyer

In laws Diane Meyer, Darrell Meyer, Doreen (Jay) Johnson. Bonus children Bobbie Meyer, Grandchildren Aleasha Markley, Michael (Amanda) Matzke, Todd Knutson, Rose and Andrew Border, Harmony Scott.

Great Grandchildren Noah, Madison, Kayley, Alyssa, Mya, Owen, Aleena and Dominic along with numerous adopted nieces and nephews who were very special to her in their own right.

Proceeded in death by parents Lawrence and Eunice Wybierala, Le Roy St. Aoro siblings Larry, Dick, Ted, Marion, George, Lee, Sonny and Joyce, Grandson David Knutson



Forrest Zemlicka October 28, 1932 — January 21, 2024

Forrest Clair Zemlicka, 91, passed away at his home in Weslaco, Texas on January 21, 2024. Born on October 28, 1932, in South Dakota, he lived a life full of love and dedication to his family, community, and country.

Describing Forrest as a gentleman is an understatement. His kindness and compassion were unparalleled, making him an exceptional individual in the eyes of those who knew him best. He approached life with a warm heart and touched the lives of countless individuals through his selflessness.

Forrest worked as a truck driver. His unwavering work ethic and commitment to his profession earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues and friends. Known for his punctuality and reliability, Forrest was considered one of the best in the industry.

Beyond his successful career, Forrest's proudest accomplishments revolved around his loved ones. He cherished his children above all else and was a devoted family man. With unwavering love and support, he guided them throughout their lives and instilled within them values that will endure for generations to come.

Patriotism coursed through Forrest's veins. Having served three years in the United States Air Force and an additional 20 years in the Army National Guard, he displayed unwavering dedication to his country. Recognized for his bravery and commitment to duty, Forrest embodied the true essence of a soldier.

While fulfilling military responsibilities, Forrest also found time to give back to his community through extensive volunteer work. Whether helping those less fortunate or contributing to local initiatives close to his heart, he consistently displayed generosity and selflessness.

Strong in faith, Forrest was actively involved in his church community. Serving on the church council allowed him to contribute even further by shaping essential decisions for the congregation's growth and well-being.

Forrest is preceded in death by his parents, Henry Joseph and Helen Edith (Reimer) Zemlicka, and his son, Mike Zemlicka.

He is survived by his children Rose Sterling, Joyce Kujda (John), Theresa Pedersen (Doug), David Zemlicka, Lori Pollack (Joel), and Joe Zemlicka (Gina), 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on January 29, 2024, from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM at Love of Christ Lutheran Church, 914 W 3rd St. in Weslaco, Texas. His cremated remains will be laid to rest at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at a later date.



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God's work. Our hands.



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