
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
The Memorial Service for Marvin Edward Vollrath
Saturday, February 11, 2017 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICELSB 278

**Please note the responses of the congregation during the Service.
These responses are marked with a red box with a white "C."
You may remain seated throughout the Service**

Processional Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives".....LSB 461

Invocation

Remembrance of Baptism

Psalm: Psalm 23 'The Lord is my Shepherd'

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading – Job 19:23-27a

Epistle Reading – Romans 10:1-21

Alleluia Verse

Gospel Reading – John 3:16-18; 11:17-27; 10:11-18

Apostles Creed

Sermon Hymn: "I'm But a Stranger Here"LSB 748

Sermon "The Good Shepherd Takes Another Lamb into Eternity"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Nunc Dimittis

Concluding Collect

Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"LSB 739

Rite of Committal

Closing Hymn: "Abide with Me".....LSB 878

Officiant—Reverend Daniel R. Burns

Organist—Tom Hanna

Biographer—Carol Emmans

Luncheon:

The volunteers of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
"Lutheran Women's Missionary League"

Today's message will be posted on St. Paul's website. www.stpaulosseo.org

MARVIN VOLLRATH

Marvin Edward Vollrath was born to Charles and Augusta (Schnappauf) Vollrath on September 19, 1921. He was the youngest of the 8 Vollrath children—Alice, Walter, Edna, Ralph, Eleanor, Lorenz, Lillian and finally Marvin. The family lived on a farm in the area now known as Greenfield.

Salem Lutheran was the Vollrath family's church. It was there that Marvin was baptized into God's Kingdom and later confirmed. A one-room rural school in the neighborhood was where the Vollrath children attended. Marv went on to Rockford High School and graduated in 1939—how unusual for a farm kid in those times to graduate from high school! In fact, in recent years Marv had been honored as the "oldest living graduate of Rockford High School" at the all-school reunions.

Marv worked on the farm with his dad; his "essential service" on the farm kept him from being drafted during WWII. Lake Sarah was a popular gathering place for the youth of the area, and although Marv and Bernice Emholze were acquainted—as Marv said, "Everybody knew everybody then" this was a place for the two to get to know each other better. Despite the six-year age difference, they became a couple and were married June 26, 1946.

The ceremony took place at Salem Lutheran, and the reception was at "the home of the bride" in Osseo. Twenty-two people in the wedding party! Guests were fed in shifts, wedding etiquette in those days. Marvin was marrying the only child of Fred and Esther Emholze; of course, the wedding would be bigger than life! What an interesting dynamic—Marv from a family

of eight children and Bernice, an only child—it worked for them for 68 years!

The couple settled in a small house built on the Vollrath farm property. They were homebodies—perhaps because they did not own a car in the early years. God blessed them with the gift of three children—Gary, Paulette, and Michael. Marv farmed with his dad until 1949 when they moved—house and all—to 3rd Street in Osseo. Marvin enrolled at Dunwoody in Minneapolis, focusing on sheet metal and becoming a master plumber.

Marvin started his successful business on Osseo's Main Street, making use of his excellent plumbing skills and providing superb customer service. Family recalls Marv going out in the middle of many frigid nights to thaw someone's frozen pipes. All this was to end on January 1, 1968 when a huge, roaring fire consumed the better part of a block on Main Street. Marv was ice-fishing at the time and when he returned to town, he found that he had lost everything! Osseo Plumbing and Heating was no more. However, a skilled plumber does not go unnoticed for long. Marv was hired by Ken Berghorst and worked for him until his retirement.

Marvin's long association with the Lions' Club was an important part of his life. His membership spanned more than 60 years and included trips to Lions' events in Japan, Taiwan, Australia, among other destinations. He maintained his attendance even when Marvin and Bernice spent winters in AZ, belonging then to the Surprise Sun Village Lions. Marv was presented with the Lions' highest honor in 1993 when he was named a Melvin Jones Fellow, an award conferred for dedicated humanitarian service.

St. Paul's became the church home of the Vollraths in 1959 just as the new building was dedicated. The board of trustees was a natural for Marv; he was a guy who knew how to do anything. The move to 8th Ave brought them even closer to St. Paul's. Marvin's retirement was filled with activity—a hiking club in AZ, learning the art of stained glass, reading his magazines cover-to-cover. Marvin and Bernice made their home with Paulette in 1992 and were visited by Pastor Colgrove. After Bernice's passing, Marvin moved to Rose Arbor in Maple Grove where he welcomed visits by Pastor Burns.

Rehabbing at the Villa in Osseo, he became a favorite among the staff; they quickly created a hospice suite when Marv was in need. Never complaining, always compliant, maintaining his quick wit, marvelous memory, and strong faith—God continued to bless him to the end of his long life. And now Marv is welcomed into God's presence forever. Praise the Lord!

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?

But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”

1 Cor. 15-55-57

Marv was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice, his son, Gary, his parents, and seven siblings.

He is survived by daughter Paulette, son Michael and wife Sue, grandsons Matthew and Adam (Maria); great-grandson, Jace.

RITE OF COMMITTAL

P: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

C: The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Psalm 118:15-17

P: For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

C: So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:7-8

P: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”
John 11:25-26a

P: Let us pray: Merciful Father and Lord of life, with whom live the spirits of those who depart in the faith, we thank you for the blessings of body and soul that you granted this departed brother, whose earthly remains we lay to rest. Above all we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying

that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *I*

Corinthians 15:51-57

P: We commit Marvin’s body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself. May God the Father, who created this body, may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body, may God the Holy Spirit, who by Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His glorious resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He won for us. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him who is the resurrection and the life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of the Lord.