
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
The Memorial Service for Dennis Michael Boland
Saturday, December 3, 2016 1:00 PM

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**

Opening 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

First Reading – Isaiah 61:1-3, 10

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Alleluia Verse

Gospel Reading – Luke 2:25-32

Apostles Creed

Sermon Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"LSB 801

Sermon – "Your Servant Departs in Peace"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Nunc Dimittis

Concluding Collect

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"LSB 588

Rite of Committal

Closing Hymn: "On Eagles' Wings"LSB 727

Officiant — Reverend Daniel R. Burns

Organist — Tom Hanna

Biographer — Carol Emmans

DENNIS MICHAEL BOLAND

Dennis Michael Boland was born to Katherine (Kowler) and Thomas Boland in Ft. Dodge, IA on December 6, 1932. Most of his childhood took place in Mora, MN where his mother, a nurse, found employment at the Kennebec County hospital. Dennis was to model his career after that of his mom.

Dennis attended schools in Mora and as a senior, considered himself a "nerd". He was certain that sophomore Verdell Krinkel would never date him. Encouraged by a friend, he gathered his courage and asked her. Quickly Verdell dumped her present boyfriend and the rest is history! The two were married on September 18, 1954. A stint in the U.S. Army followed.

After his discharge the couple moved to Cheyenne Wyoming where Dennis made use of the GI Bill and earned a degree in nursing. The three Boland children Debra, Daniel, and Robyn were born in Wyoming.

In 1968 the family returned to Minnesota, settling in Brooklyn Park. Dennis transitioned to the National Guard, earned his Master's degree in Nursing, and began his successful nursing career in MN. He rose to the position of President of the MN Nurses' Association, all the while balancing the welfare of MN nurses with the ultimate goal of providing the best care for patients.

It was at this time that the Bolands' joined St. Paul's Lutheran here in Osseo. Pastor Arnold Bertram brought Dennis to faith and confirmed him as an adult. Dennis and Verdell served as Marriage Enrichment instructors for classes offered by the AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans).

The Bolands' next stop was Cambridge MN where Dennis served as the Quality Assurance Officer for the MN state hospitals, again working toward the best possible care for the hospitals' residents. It was from this position that Dennis retired in 1992.

The couple purchased an RV and set the goal of visiting every state in the union and every Canadian province. Many, many miles followed, and they achieved their goal! A rollover accident convinced Verdell that she should not be driving the RV, so the search was on to find a permanent landing spot.

That spot was Harlingen TX. The climate was pleasant; they enjoyed the town's amenities, but most of all, they found a welcoming population of "nice" people. Dennis and Verdell became members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Harlingen. Retirement brought time for Dennis to pursue his passion of painting. The family is proud of his masterpieces. He also held onto his Vikings "citizenship", despite his home in Cowboy country.

Dennis, always the nurse, took excellent care of Verdell, as she developed health issues in the last few years. It was only recently that the family realized that Dennis, himself, was suffering from a number of serious illnesses. After one round of chemo, Dennis went into hospice care. God granted him a peaceful end on November 4th. Dennis Boland, the selfless, caring servant is enjoying the glories of heaven today. Praise God!

Dennis is survived by his wife of 62 years, Verdell, his children Debra Slinden, Daniel (Glory Ann) and Robyn (Jim) Edwards, grandchildren Chris, Ali, Molly, Sarah, Dennis, Krystle, Kelsey, Nicole and James.

*"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?
But thanks to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"* I
Cor. 15:57

Luncheon:

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

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.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

P: We commit Dennis’ 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.