

**The Memorial Service of
Thomas Andrew Demme
August 24, 1944 – July 7, 2023**

Faith Lutheran Church
Lacey, Washington

September 16, 2023
10:00 am

WELCOME

SONG "Beautiful Savior" LSB 537

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE LSB p. 204

P: Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Job 19:23–26 Sharon Altman

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

GOSPEL READING: *John 11:17–27*

HYMN "On Eagles' Wings" LSB 727

MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Amazing Grace" LSB 744

MEMORIES

Officiant: Rev. Greg Strand
Organist: Sandra Hresil
Elder: Glenn Dunnam

++ Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments ++

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+ IN MEMORIAM +

Thomas Andrew Demme was born and raised in the Pittsburgh, PA area where as a kid, he delivered dry cleaning to the Rooney family, owners of the Steelers.

****a Steeler fan forever****

Tom graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1969 then enlisted in the Army in 1970 (Vietnam era).

In 1972 Tom & Marie Antoinette Orenchak were married. They were blessed to celebrate 51 years together.

Their first home was in Frankfort, Germany. For the next 20 years they went where the Army sent them-- finally settling at Ft Lewis, WA. After retiring from the military, Tom worked for WA State for 18 years. In 2015 he began working as a part time election worker.

Tom and "Toni" have two children; Philip A., 49, (Jennifer) Demme and Elizabeth, 45, (Thomas) Moran. Their five (5) grandchildren were the love of Tom's life!! He attended as many of their activities as possible.

Known as "King of Volunteering", Tom gave back to the community in many capacities; Reserve Police Officer, Fire Arson Investigator, AARP Income Tax, Medical Reserve Corp, Medical Equipment Bank, Faith Lutheran Men of Faith, Vacation Bible School helper, Coached youth football, baseball, and basketball.

Cancer was the only thing to slow him down. He told very few people about his illness. He was going to beat it. He fought cancer for 1 year and 11 months. Finally, he lost his courageous fight.

His family misses him greatly, but we know he is in heaven happily volunteering for God.



*Thomas "Tom" A. Demme
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