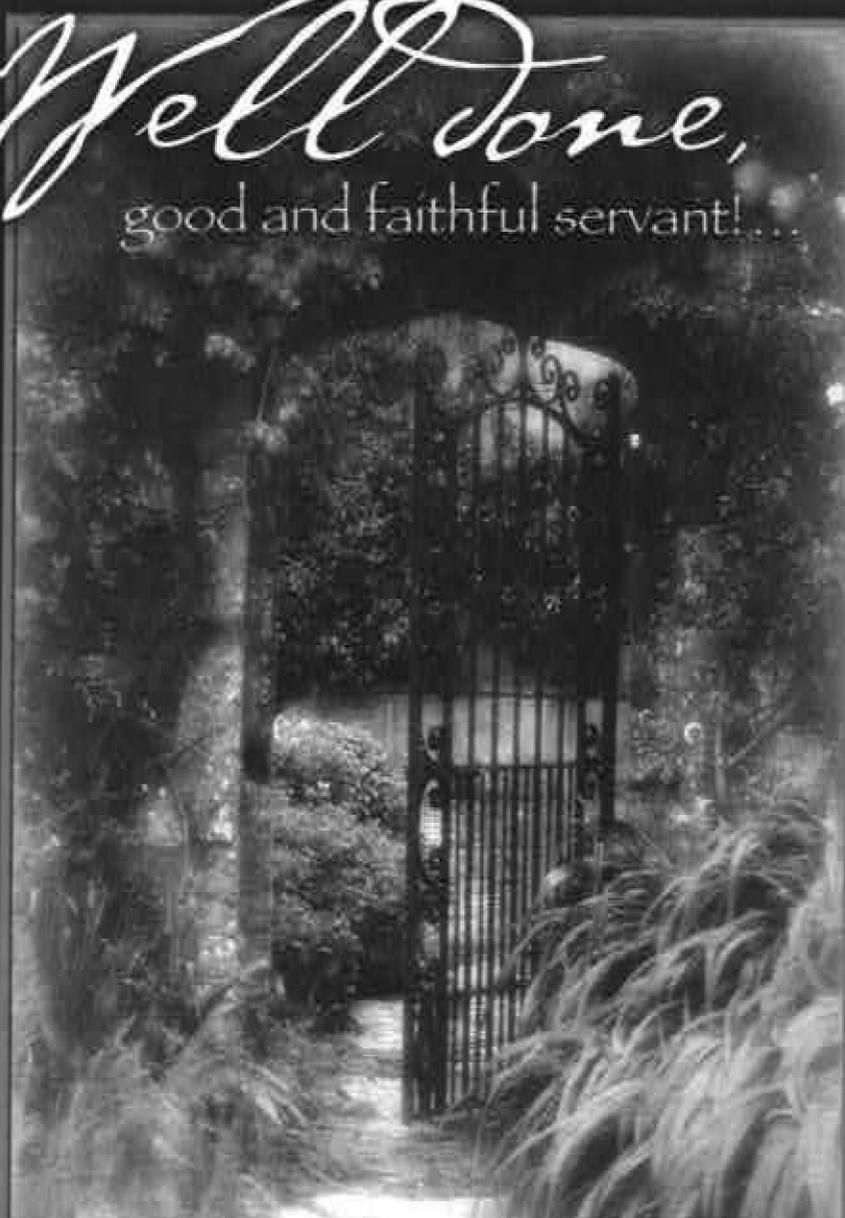


Well Done,
good and faithful servant!...



Come and share
your master's happiness!

Matthew 23:21 (RV)



Victory in Christ
for
DUANE FRANKLIN ENNS

June 27, 1956—December 11, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN
A Church of the Lutheran Confession
Saturday, January 24, 2026

SERVING US TODAY:

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, officiant
Sue Nelson, organist

+ ENTRANCE OF THE FAMILY +

Opening Responsive:

from Ecc. 7:2; Ps 90, 46, Rom 6:23 and Ps 116

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ASSEMBLY: "AMEN."

P: It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting,

A: for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.

P: LORD, teach us to number our days

A: That we may get a heart of wisdom.

P: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble;

A: they are soon gone, and we fly away.

P: God is our refuge and strength,

A: A very present help in trouble.

P: The wages of sin is death,

A: but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD

A: Is the death of His saints.

P: Prayer

Hymn #552 "Abide With Me"

1. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Reading of the Obituary

Comfort from the Word of God:

John 3:16-18 - God's salvation is only through faith in His Son, Jesus

John 11:21-27 - Even in death, the Christ-believer lives!

Job 19:23-27 - Like Duane, believers have always held to the comforting truth of a Risen Savior that will raise our bodies on the Last Day.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 - Jesus won the victory over death for Duane.

and he, along with all Christ-believers, will rise to glory on the Last Day

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18—As we mourn the death of a Christ-believer, we comfort one another with the promise of the resurrection when Jesus returns on the Last Day.

Revelation 7:9-17 - Duane and all believers in Christ share in the glories of heaven because the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, has washed away all their sins.

Hymn #457 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Sermon Text: John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

"Jesus Finished the Project of Saving Duane "

+ Prayer, Lord's Prayer and Benediction +

*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.*

Closing Hymn #200 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

3. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

4. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

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*Duane's family thanks you for being with us today.
Your presence is a source of comfort.
Please remain after the service to visit
and enjoy a meal provided by the congregation.*

Duane Franklin Enns

June 27, 1956 – December 11, 2025

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalms 139:13-14

Duane Franklin Enns was born to Frank and Adeline (nee Wotschke) Enns on June 27, 1956 in Billings, MT. Shortly after his birth, Adeline and Frank brought their newborn son to Jesus through the water and word of Holy Baptism at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Billings. Duane would later confirm his baptismal vows and on May 17, 1970 became a communicant member of Grace Luther Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, the city to which his mother and brothers moved in 1962. He had many friends and extended family in the area, including the Wotschke family farmstead, where his maternal grandparents and family resided.

After high school, Duane attended Austin Vo-Tech in Austin, MN, to study carpentry and become a journeyman carpenter. Upon graduating, he founded his own

homebuilding company, Enns Construction, which built residential homes from the ground up. Eventually, he joined the Carpenters Union Local 322 and was employed by a local contracting company until he retired in 2016. Duane loved working with his tools and saws to build furniture or tackle remodel projects. He was adept at performing repairs and rebuilds as needed, to the delight of his wife and appreciated by his daughters, family members, and friends throughout the years. Some of his handy work can be seen in his home, at his church (Grace Lutheran, Fridley), and in his family's cabin.

***Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
Psalms 127:3***

On October 7, 1989, God joined Duane together and Mitzi Mae Malin in the bonds of holy wedlock. He blessed their marriage with two children, Tessa Elizabeth and Anna Kristine. Duane enjoyed family and always looked forward to family events.

During his oldest daughter's hockey playing days, Duane took on the role of the St. Louis Park Girls Hockey program coordinator, helping to facilitate players and coaches for his daughter's hockey team. He helped to recruit and build the program, bringing much success, which led to an achievement award presented to him by the hockey association - something he was very proud of.

Recently, however, he was the biggest fan of his basketball-playing granddaughter, Zariah, and his grandson, Levi, who played in a toddler soccer league this fall. Chronic pain and his illness did not stop Duane from managing to attend many of his granddaughter Zariah's games over the past year and most of his grandson Levi's "games" this fall. He was and will always be their number one fan.

Duane's daughters and grandchildren were the joy of his life. He was a devoted father, loyal husband, and a good friend to many. He traveled through life with an easygoing, fun spirit and always made a point to include and think of others when coordinating events. He was a friend to many. His generous heart, sharp insights, and big smile will be missed by all who knew him.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25

On December 11, 2025 the Lord called the soul of His redeemed child, Duane, from this world of sin and death to be with Him in heaven. The time of Duane's earthly pilgrimage was 69 years, 5 months and 14 days. Duane is survived by his wife, Mitzi; daughters Tessa Enns and Anna Enns-Broz; sons-in-law Federico Ocampo and Austin Broz; grandchildren Zariah Enns and Levi Broz; and his older brother, Dale Enns. Duane is preceded in death by his mother, Adeline (Wotschke) Enns; his younger brother, Dean Enns; and his father, Frank Enns.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:13