

A Celebration of Life

John “Jack” George Nesbitt



**Celebrated on
July 9, 2022**

The Rev. Margaret Walker, Presider

Celebration of Life for John “Jack” Nesbitt

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Words of Welcome

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Remembrances

Jeff Nesbitt, son

Committal

As the ashes are put in their resting place, celebrant says,

Celebrant: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to almighty God our *brother Jack*,
and we commit *his* ashes to the ground; †
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
The Lord bless *him* and keep *him*,
the Lord make his face to shine upon *him*
and be gracious to *him*,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon *him*
and give *him* peace. **Amen.**

Flowers may be placed on the ashes by those present.

Psalm 23: The Lord's my Shepherd

Celebrant: The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
³ He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
⁴ Yea, 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.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Closing

We are thankful for Jack, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us.

We are thankful for the friendship he gave and for the strength and peace he brought.

We are thankful for the love he offered and received while he was with us.

We ask that he may go on living in his family and his friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences.

We ask that we who were close to him may now, because of his death, be even closer to each other.

May we be given the courage and confidence to continue with our lives with Jack in our hearts. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord.

People **And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.**

Celebrant: May *his* soul,
and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

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What We Have Once Enjoyed

What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.

- *Helen Keller*