

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see,
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh, yes, these things I too will miss.

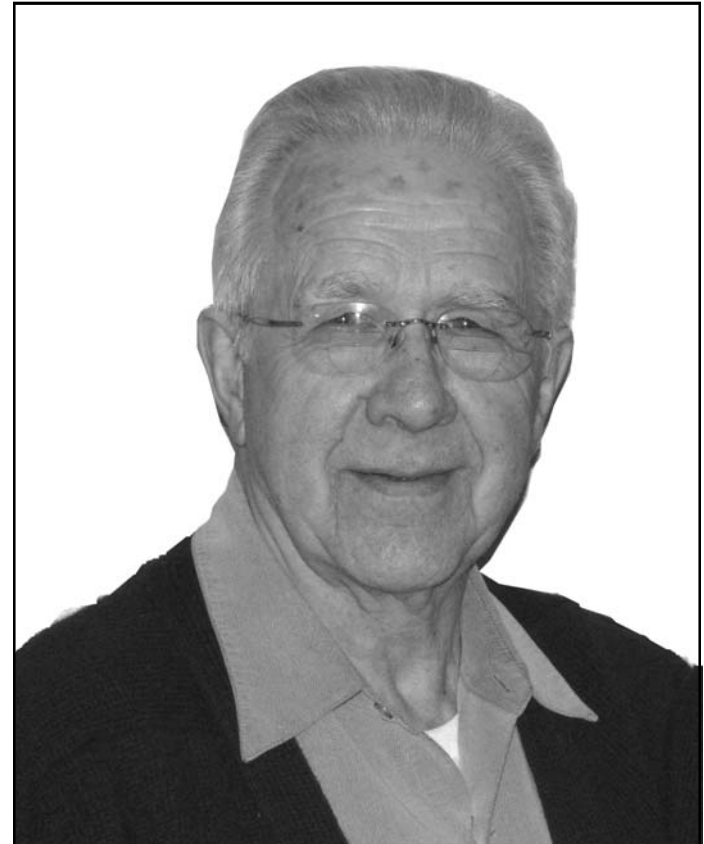
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee -
God wanted me now; He set me free.

Dale saw this poem on a program at a service that he and Vollie attended... a copy of it was with the things we found in his Bible that he had marked for his memorial service.

Thank you so much for all the expressions of sympathy, prayer and support that so many of you have given to us as a family. Words just cannot express how much it has meant to us and how very deeply we feel cared for. God bless each of you!

In Loving Memory of *Dale Albert Grover*



January 3, 1930 - February 6, 2007

“He did no miracles, but everything he said about Jesus was true.”

~ David Roper

*Memorial Services for
Rev. Dale A. Grover*

Saturday, February 17, 2007 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Coon Rapids Evangelical Free Church, Coon Rapids, MN
and

Sunday, February 18, 2007 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Boy River Log Chapel Activity Center, Boy River, MN

Prayer and Invocation *Pastor Ronn Johnson, Coon Rapids EFC
Pastor Fred Martin, Bemidji EFC*

Reading of Obituary *Pastor Ronn Johnson
Pastor Fred Martin*

Hymn “To God Be the Glory”

Words from Dale...
read by *Pastor Ronn Johnson (Coon Rapids)
Pastor Fred Martin (Boy River)*

Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Laurie Grover, flute

Words from Dale...
read by *Pastor Ronn Johnson
Pastor Fred Martin*

Eulogy *Pastor Ronn Johnson
Gene Godfrey, Boy River Log Chapel*

“In the Image of God” *Spencer Grover
Nathan Grover, piano*

“Faithful Fathering” *Charissa Grover*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Nathan, Scott, Andrew, Luke & Spencer Grover

Scripture Reading *Andrew Grover*
2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Message *Luke Grover*
2 Corinthians 5:1-21; Philippians 1:6; Ephesians 4:15

“He Didn’t Make It?” *J. Vollie Grover*

Hymn “I Know Who Holds The Future”
Grover family & Congregation

Benediction *Spencer Bower, Dale’s boyhood and lifetime mentor
Pastor Dennis Gonczy, Boy River Log Chapel
& Faith United Fellowship*

Postlude

***Please join us following the service for a time of food and fellowship.
There will be an opportunity to share your memories of Dale.***

Dad’s Bible...

It was Dad’s passion to teach and preach from the Word of God... his Bible was as familiar in his hands as any tool he ever used... he read to us from it and shared with us his love and passion for his Lord... and his desire that all would come to saving faith in Jesus.

Taped in the cover of Dale’s Bible, we found his wishes for his memorial services. Included were the words you’ll hear today, notes to his wife and children, songs to sing and scripture he wanted us to use. The epitaph on the cover of this program was his choice as well... Dad’s last entry, his final touch!

On Saturday, February 10, we gathered to plan these services. We looked over what Dad had left us and prayed that our efforts would grant his wish that God be glorified. As we read his request, “For my grave stone and funeral bulletin...” Charissa exclaimed, “That’s from the devotional God led me to...” We are convinced it is the devotional Dad must have seen as well - it is titled, “Epitaph”. It was so powerful to be able to put an exact date and place to where Dad found it: *Our Daily Bread, Friday, October 10, 2003*. An excerpt... “Like John [the Baptist], we don’t need to perform miracles to tell people about Jesus. We can tell what we have learned about Him from the Bible, what He has done to change our lives, and what He has done for others. If we faithfully pass on the good news about Jesus, we will have served our life’s purpose well.”

In lovingly probing in Dad’s Bible, we came across this note, hand written beneath Proverbs 10:24 “... and the desire of the righteous will be granted.”: *Healthy, active retirement until sudden death*. We wept as we realized God had granted Dad’s desire, and gave thanks that Dad served his life’s purpose well.

Hymns for Memorial Services
Rev. Dale A. Grover

**Song leaders & musicians: J. Roger Anderson, Pam Sturlaugson,
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TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory--great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory--great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
(Refrain)

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
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PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, Yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen Sound from His people again: Gladly for aye we adore Him.
Amen.

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I KNOW WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE

I do not know what lies ahead The way I cannot see;
Yet One stands near to be my guide, He'll show the way to me.

Chorus:
I know who holds the future And I know He holds my hand,
With God things don't just happen, Everything by Him is planned;
So as I face tomorrow With its problems large and small,
I'll trust the God of miracles – Give to Him my all.

I do not know how many days Of life are mine to spend;
But One who knows and cares for me Will keep me to the end.
(Chorus)

I do not know the course ahead, What joys and griefs are there;
But One is near who fully knows I'll trust His loving care.
(Chorus)

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