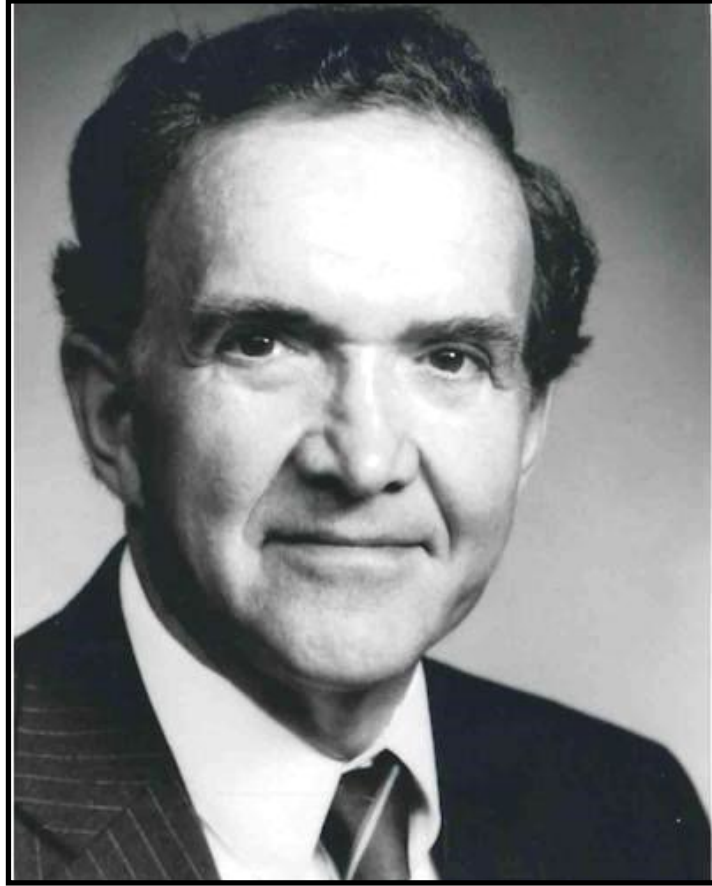


Memorial Service
Bruce Whitestone



December 16, 1922 to October 15, 2023

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11:00 a.m.

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*So you have pain now; but I will see you again,
and your hearts will rejoice,
and no one will take your joy from you.*

- John 16:22-

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Liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer

Burial Sentences - *Croft*

Words of Remembrance - *Brian Whitestone*

Hymn - Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Reading - I Corinthians 15:50-57 - *read by Hugh Whitestone*

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?” The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 23 - *sung by Choir*

The Lord is my shepherd;

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture,

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall comfort my soul,

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me

against them that trouble me;

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Reading - John 16:16, 18-23 - *read by Pam Hasson*

'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.' Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"? We do not know what he is talking about.' Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Homily - *Canon Paul Walker*

Sentence:

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

(Congregation may be seated or kneel for prayer)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;

Save us, and help us,

we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Graciously look upon our afflictions, O Lord;

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Make thy servants to be numbered with thy saints;

In glory everlasting.

ALMIGHTY GOD, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course and kept the faith; and committing our brother Bruce to thy gracious keeping, we pray that we with him, and with all those that are departed in the faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers - additional prayers are offered.

GIVE REST, O Christ, to thy servant with thy Saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting; where thou, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Anthem: Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace - *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee,
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, But the night is as clear as the day:
The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.
God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.
Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn - O God, our Help in Ages Past

O God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,

from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guard while life shall last,
and our eternal Home!

*You are invited to gather downstairs in Thompson Hall for a reception.
The family will join you shortly after the ashes are interred in the Columbarium.*



Bruce Whitestone, born Dec 16, 1922 in New York City, passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospice, Guelph on Oct 15, 2023.

Bruce is survived by his four children, Brian (Lynn), Jim (Kerry), Pam (Edward) and Hugh (Sherry) and his eleven grandchildren. Predeceased by his beloved wife of over 50 years, Phyllis Wood and by his brother, Dorsey Jr, parents Dorsey and Elvera.

It was a full life. After preparatory school at Horace Mann in New York, Bruce graduated with an economics major from Yale University, as a Phi Beta Kappa. Bruce was passionate about economic analysis, working for JP Morgan, (NY) Power Corporation (Montreal) and ultimately as Director of Research at MacDougall, MacDougall and Mactier, Inc. (Toronto).

Bruce was an avid reader, consuming many biographic, historical and economic treatises. His overflowing bookshelves are a testimony to this lifelong habit of reading. He combined his economic and historical perspectives to carve out a secondary career in politics, serving as a research director for Prime ministers Diefenbaker and Pearson. Bruce also ran as the Liberal candidate for Wellington-Dufferin-Peel in the 1985 Ontario election

Bruce's interests were varied. He routinely played the piano, was fluent in German, cultivated an interest in hobby farming, and was active member of the Anglican church where he was a Warden and member of the Parish council. Later in life, he wrote a syndicated newspaper column on economic affairs. Bruce was also famous for turning lawn mowing into an Olympic sport, using a push mower to cut over 1 acre of grass on the hottest of summer days.

More than all his professional accomplishments and interests, Bruce cared deeply for his wife, Phyllis and their family. They shared a passionate Christian faith and a love of travel, particularly to England, Scotland and Europe.

He became an enthusiastic grandfather and relished time spent with family.

Bruce was a critical thinker, always ready to follow the path less travelled, and a valued friend/confidante to many.

The death of Phyllis in 2013 left a huge void in his life, but he nonetheless soldiered on. The last few years were hard physically but he maintained a steadfast composure and grace. Bruce leaves a legacy of love, devotion, curiosity, hard work and discipline. He was a beloved father and grandfather to all and will be missed by those whose lives he touched.

We are eternally grateful to his full-time caregiver, of 8 years, Renee Cunningham, who remained his dedicated advocate and support right unto the end. Caregivers Sandra and Susan were also amazing. We appreciate the kindness and care Dad received from staff at St. Joseph's Hospice, Guelph.

Rector: Canon Paul Walker
Director of Music: Patrick Murray
Organist: Jurgen Petrenko
Choir: Brittany Harris, Autumn Debassige,
Audrey Coates, Alan Macdonald,
Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Patrick Murray



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