

RICHARD C. RABANUS

Richard (Rich) Carl Rabanus, age 77, of Mendota Heights, passed away on March 26th, 2023.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Alma Rabanus and his sister Pearl McCloskey. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Karla, son Matthew (Bhakti), son Ian and daughter Christine (Jeff), brother Herman (Rhoda) and nine grandchildren (Mackenzie, Victory, Richy, Peyton, Landon, Aliysha (Brock), Anika, Anushka and Jay).

Rich was born on March 10, 1946 in West Fargo. He was the youngest of three children. He attended West Fargo High School and went onto Moorhead State University graduating with a degree in Industrial Arts. In 1972, he married Karla Hamnes and moved to Mendota Heights, where they raised their family.

In 1968, Rich began his career at Rosemount High School, where he started the Vehicle Services Program. Rich took great pride in his profession. Over the decades, he was able to teach his automotive skills and life lessons, which he shared with thousands of students. For many years he entered into the Plymouth Troubleshooting Contest where his students won the national competition on three different occasions. Upon his retirement, Rich's educational success at Rosemount High School was handed off to his son, Ian.

After 34 years of "moulding minds", Rich declared the "educational dipstick to be full" and retired at the age of 55 from RHS. He then purchased Classic Auto Storage and ran it with his other son, Matt. Rich spearheaded the renovation of his 72,000 sq foot building, and then turned his attention to building hot rods at Rich's Hot Rod Shop. For 22 years Rich built a unique car collection.

Rich was also a member of Minnesota Street Rod Association (MSRA), Twin Cities Roadsters Club, The Amblers Car Club, and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

Rich was generous, supportive and loving. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We will love him forever.



ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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A Celebration of Life



RICHARD C. RABANUS

March 10, 1946 - March 26, 2023

A SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
RICHARD C. RABANUS

Born: March 10, 1946 † Died: March 26, 2023

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
11:00 a.m.



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.
We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified
and risen, to remember before God our brother Richard,
to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful
redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his
death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united
with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him
in a resurrection like his.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his
baptism, Richard was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's
coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

**ELW #856
vs. 1, 3**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
source of all mercy and giver of comfort,
graciously tend those who mourn,
that, casting all our sorrow on you,
we may know the consolation of your love;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WORD

Reading

Psalm 23

Reader: Mackenzie Rabanus, granddaughter

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 right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I 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
my whole life long.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

Reader: Victory Rabanus, granddaughter

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

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Thanks be to God

Time for Memories

**Greg Swanson
Jon Mathisrud**

Special Music

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 14:1-6, 27

Jesus said ... "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

Pastor John Snider

Hymn

“Borning Cry”

ELW 732

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
"I am the resurrection and the life."

Petition response:

Pastor: ... God of mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

To be sung by Congregation)

**Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW 838

vs. 1, 3

**Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

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Sending

**Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

Malotte



*We would like to thank everyone
for their love and support during this difficult time.*

*We realize how truly blessed we are to have
such wonderful family and friends
your expressions of sympathy
will never be forgotten.*

*All are warmly invited to gather
immediately following the service
for lunch and conversation
in the church Fellowship Hall.*

- The Family of Rich Rabanus



SOLOIST

Kari Hamnes Ross

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