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Friday January 19, 2024, 1:00 pm
Greenfield Community Church, Edmonton, AB

Order of Service

Prelude	Edna Gohl, friend
Welcome & Opening Prayer	Pastor Tyler Williams
Worship in Music: <i>“Jesus Loves Me”</i>	Sara Bender, niece
Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-9 (<i>The Message</i>)	Pastor Chris Reid
Worship in Music: <i>“In the Garden”</i>	Sara Bender, niece
Eulogy	Taunya Wirzba & Timothy Goltz, children
Special Music: <i>“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”</i>	Sara Bender, niece
Tributes	Florence & Marvin Fried, sister & brother-in-law Ed Fuellbrandt, friend Isaac, Mira, and Noa Wirzba, grandchildren
Worship in Music: <i>“Because He Lives”</i>	Sara Bender, niece
Message	Pastor Tyler Williams
Video Slideshow	
Closing & Announcements	Pastor Tyler Williams
Postlude: <i>“We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace”</i>	Adrienne Sitko, friend

Luncheon to follow downstairs in the multipurpose room.

Honorary Pallbearers: Members of Don & Anne’s Life Group (Les & Gisela Klar, Sharon Lake, Barry & Karen Markel, Dick Paetzel, and Ann & Armin Wollin).

The Grain Elevator being used for the urn was designed by Don and built by Harvey Hiller with wood brought back from Cameroon.

In Our Memory Forever

Donald Gladwin Goltz (1946-2024)

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Donald Gladwin Goltz, 77, on January 10, 2024, in Edmonton, Alberta. Don was born on July 8, 1946, in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and spent his childhood on the farm in Springside, Saskatchewan. He was born into a Christian home, accepted Christ and was baptized at West Ebenezer Baptist Church, Sask. He went to a small country school (Windsor School) with horse and buggy and graduated High School in Yorkton. He received a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and a Master of Educational Administration from Bemidji University. Don was a farmer and a schoolteacher (and later a principle) and taught in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Don met Anne Petrich at North America Baptist College, where he boarded, and they got married August 9, 1969 (54 years). Their family was completed with two children, Taunya and Timothy. Don is survived by his loving wife Anne; daughter Taunya, married to Brian Wirzba, and their children Isaac, Mira and Noa, and their son Tim, married to Angela (nee Sharratt). He is also survived by his siblings; brother Doug and sister-in-law Grace Goltz; sister Florence and brother-in-law Marvin Fried; brothers-in-law Harry and Rodney Petrich, and his beloved Aunt Joyce Effa. He cherished his many nieces and nephews. He grew up in a very close-knit family, with Aunts, Uncles, and double-cousins that felt like siblings.

Don loved the outdoors and cherished camping, hunting, and fishing trips. Don also loved travelling and adventures; and with Anne and a young family spent three years residing in Cameroon and Nigeria, Africa as missionaries for the North American Baptist Conference. Later in life they spent many winters as snowbirds living in Texas and California and have a large community of friends there as well. His warm and caring nature extended far beyond his family, creating lasting bonds with many friends, neighbours, and his beloved church community.

*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the NAB Cameroon Crisis Relief Fund
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My Darling,

Fifty-six years ago, I met you and immediately noticed your beautiful blue eyes that stole my heart. Together we had two beautiful children who completed our circle. I will miss you making my morning coffee that came with a kiss, our vigorous discussions, and the Sunday morning cinnamon buns you made.

You have been my breath and it is hard to breathe now. Our journey was not supposed to end so soon, but God is gracious and I will walk through the valley with peace, holding you in my heart.

I love you.

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