



*Duane Jay Garbers*  
*January 20, 1951 – June 3, 2023*

The Funeral Service of  
*Duane Jay Garbers*

June 7, 2023; 11:00 AM  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN

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**Pre-service Music**

**Invocation**

**Opening Prayer: *Psalm 130***

**Hymn 385 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus***

**Old Testament Reading**

***Job 19:23-27*** “Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

**Epistle Reading**

***1 Peter 1:3-9*** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

## **Hymn 474 *I'm But a Stranger Here***

### **Gospel Readings**

**John 11:21-27** Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

**John 14:1-7** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

## **Hymn 54 *Beautiful Savior***

### **Sermon Text**

**Psalms 34:17-19** The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all.

## **The Reading of the Obituary**

**Psalm 23** *(read in unison)*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me 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 they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

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 those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn 351** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

**Benediction**

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**Officiant:** Pastor John J. Petersen

**Organist:** John Baumann

**Media Center:** Benjamin Springer

**Casket Bearers:** Craig Kennedy, Jayden Kennedy, Landen Kennedy  
Jon Franson, Leonitus Franson, Allen Brown

*The Garbers family extends its thanks to all who have come to be with them today. All guests are invited to gather in the gymnasium for a lunch immediately following the service.*

# Duane Jay Garbers



Duane Jay Garbers, age 72, of Mankato, passed into the arms of his loving Savior on Saturday afternoon, June 3, 2023, at the Mapleton Community Home. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1123 Marsh Street, Mankato. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the Mankato Mortuary, 1001 N. Riverfront Drive, Mankato, and one hour before the service at the church on Wednesday. Private burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Mankato. Livestreaming of the service will be available at [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org).

Duane, son of Raymond and Selma (Teigen) Garbers was born on January 20, 1951, in Trimont, MN. He was a graduate of Granada High School and completed the two-year accounting program at Mankato Vocational School. Duane worked at Cenex in South St. Paul for two years and proudly spent 37 years in the accounting and purchasing departments at Hiniker Company in rural Mankato. He married Brenda Rosen on May 18, 1975, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert (rural Ceylon), MN, and they spent their entire married years living in the Mankato area. Duane was a member of the National Association of Accountants for several years and served on several boards at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church but was best known as the very friendly beverage man at Old Country Buffet, a job he truly enjoyed. He loved playing cards, and spending time with family, grandchildren and friends was priceless to him.

Duane is survived by his wife, Brenda; two daughters, Laura (Craig) Kennedy of Owatonna and Bethany (Rev. Jon) Franson of Coffeyville, KS; and 11 grandchildren who called him Papa: Elizabeth, Jayden, and Landen Kennedy; and Kallisto, Leonitus, Chloe, Gideon, Solomon, Thalia, Michaiiah, and Avriel Franson. Duane is also survived by his brother, Jack Garbers (Phyllis Northwick) of Fairmont, and sisters- and brothers-in-law, Karen (Rev. Robert) Westad of Litchfield, Garry (Joyce) Rosen of Fairmont, and Charles (Sharon) Rosen of Welcome, MN, in addition to numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond & Selma Garbers; sister, Janice (Harry) Zufall; brother, Daryl Garbers; sister-in-law, Judy Garbers; nephews, Danny and Darin Zufall, and many other relatives.

The family extends a sincere thank you to the wonderful staff members at the Mapleton Community Home, St. Croix Hospice, Adara Home Health and Freedom Home Care for their kind and compassionate care. You truly are professionals and enabled Duane to live life to the fullest despite his many illnesses.

Because their faith is so important to Duane and Brenda, and they want others to know the true joy of a life with Christ, memorials are preferred to Mt. Olive Lutheran School Tuition Assistance Fund, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod/Peace Devotions series, or KJLY Christian Radio. Donations may also be made to the charity of your choice.

*“Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee the crown of life.” Rev. 2:10*

*To God alone be the glory.*

