



A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

# ERIC BOOTH KARLEN

JANUARY 11, 1946 - AUGUST 25, 2023

**OCTOBER 6, 2023**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**GRACE RESURRECTION METHODIST CHURCH**

1200 INDIAN HILLS PKWY, MARIETTA, GA 30068

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude**

**A Collection of Eric's Favorites**

*Saxophone, Brett Joseph (nephew)*

*Piano, Ira Pittman (choir director)*

**Welcome & Invocation**

**Rev. Dr. Randy Mickler**

**Hymn**

**How Great Thou Art**

*Hymn #77*

**Reading**

**Psalm 23:1-4**

*read by Kristen Davenport (sister)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Rev. Dr. Randy Mickler**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Congregation**

*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.*

*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.*

**Special Music**

**Precious Lord**

*sung by The Kingsmen*

**Midnight Cry**

*sung by The Kingsmen*

**Reading**

**John 14:1-6**

*read by Sven Karlen Jr. (brother)*

**Words of Assurance**

**Rev. Dr. Randy Mickler**

**Reflections**

**Tyler Karlen  
Ashley Lynch**

**Hymn**

**It Is Well With My Soul**  
*Hymn #377*

**Special Music**

***Amazing Grace***  
*Led by Tyler Karlen & Brett Joseph*  
*Hymn #378 (select verses)*

**Benediction**

**Rev. Dr. Randy Mickler**

**Recessional**

**If The Lord Builds The House**

### **LITTLE DID WE KNOW**

Little did we know that morning,  
That God would call your name.  
In life, we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

**- Ron Tranmer**



### **SMILE BECAUSE HE LIVED**

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he's gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your  
back,  
Or you can do what he'd want:

Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

**- David Harkins**