



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

- *Leslie George Eastman* -

January 1, 1932 - June 14, 2023

PEACHTREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ATLANTA, GEORGIA
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 | 2:00 PM | SANCTUARY

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Prelude (one of the following) "Greensleeves" Traditional English Folk
"Sheep May Safely Graze" J.S. Bach
"The Call" R. Vaughn Williams
"Largo" Handel
Dr. Carol Williams, artist in residence/organist

Entrance of Family with Words of Scripture Rev. Dee Stone

Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving #61 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Royal Oak

Invocation and Welcome Rev. Jim Bell

Words of Comfort from Scripture Rev. Dee Stone

Habakkuk 3:17-19
1 Chronicles 16:32-34
Isaiah 40:31
Ecclesiastes 9:7
Romans 15:13

Special Reading "Crossing the Bar"
Alfred Lord Tennyson
Emmeline Reed, step-granddaughter

Remembrance Steve Eastman, son
Tim Borden, step-son
Max Reed, step-grandson

Hymn of Promise #638 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"
Promise

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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 | 2:00 PM
PEACHTREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Rev. Dee Stone

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. Amen

Musical Interlude

"I Vow to Thee My Country"
Thaxted/Gustav Holst
Dr. Williams

The Gospel Message

"A Proper English Gentleman"
Rev. Jim Bell

The Hymn of Resurrection

#636 "Abide with Me"
Eventide
(stanzas 1, 4 & 5)

Benediction

Rev. Jim Bell

The Postlude

"Ode to Joy"
Beethoven
Dr. Williams

Les' cremains will be interred at both the Hermon Methodist Church
Cemetery in Afton, TN, and at the family burial site in England

*Immediately following the service,
please greet the family at a reception
in Stew Wood Hall on the 2nd floor.*

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“Happy the man, and happy he alone, he who can call today his own:
he who, secure within, can say, tomorrow do thy worst, for I have lived today.
Be fair or foul, or rain or shine, the joys I have possessed, in spite of fate, are mine.
Not Heaven itself upon the past has power; but what has been, has been,
and I have had my hour.” John Dryden translating Horace

“A truly wise man has an inner joy that is like a fire; it warms the world.” The Dalai Lama

“I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.” Wendell Berry

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Les was born in Salisbury, England on January 1, 1932. He was adopted by the late Edith and George Eastman. He spent his boyhood and early youth as a child of a tenant dairy farmer on the Mountbatten Estates in Dorset and Hampshire, England. He had very little schooling until the age of 9 because of the tenant moves and the absence of schools during the bombing of southern England in WWII 1939-1946. He remembered looking for bombs in gutters, gathering shrapnel, and providing a haven for a family who fled the bombing of Southampton. At the age of 10, during the bombing of Southampton and London, he had a “job” running messages between air raid warden posts to let villagers know a bomb had been identified and to tell them to send help.

Despite these hardships, for a brief period he was given piano lessons, until his mother discovered he was skipping sessions. His younger days were spent hard at work helping his parents grow garden vegetables and raise chickens for eggs to sell for extra income. He had a paper route and found ways to supplement their meager food supplies in the post-war period with trout fishing and even sometimes poaching pheasants on the Mountbatten Estate.

At age 14, Les was offered a chance to attend college to study technical drawing and pattern making. His father refused to allow this, so he took a job at Pirelli General, where he also became an accomplished English football player in their youth division. He chose to join the Royal Navy at the age of 15, and during the process first learned of his adoption. He entered St. Vincent’s Military Naval School for Boys. During his ten-year Naval career, he advanced to Leading Seaman, with tours in Scotland, Belgium, Ireland, Italy, Sardinia, Malta, Spain/Portugal, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Russia, and Malaysia. He also served his country during the Korean War.

Following his naval career, Les undertook a variety of occupations; training as a fireman, factory supervisor, and working as an entrepreneur. He was hired as a Field Engineer by British Petroleum and also worked for the British Aircraft Corporation for a time. During these assignments he spent time in Das Island in the Persian Gulf on an Oil Exploration Team. His travels included Bahrain, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Saudi Arabia. He always had a way of making friends and having fun; for example, while in Saudi Arabia, he personally built a desert golf course. The “greens” were made by patches of oil.

Les had two sons during this time while he maintained homes in England. He later accepted a position in export sales from the Middle East to the United States for six years, which resulted in his relocation to Atlanta, Georgia. In 1980 he accepted an offer to start an American pump distribution company for Flux, a German pump manufacturer, and served as their Vice President until his retirement.

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After marrying Jan in 1998 at Peachtree Christian Church, he became more involved in the communities where they lived, in Chattanooga, Decatur, and Roswell. He also deeply enjoyed his summers on Jan's family farm and in the countryside of Greene County, Tennessee, where he was loved and admired by his new family and neighbors.

Throughout his life, Les was always incredibly determined, hardworking, and creative. Les was a truly giving man, always ready to support family and friends with a cheerful outlook and helpful advice; always ready to lend a hand with odd jobs and equipment repairs. He was self-taught in oil painting, wood turning, and house building. He loved hosting family and friends at the beautifully authentic English pub that he built in the basement of their home in Roswell – he had a true barkeep's heart, with all the care that implies.

He had an “inner joy that is like a fire, warming the world.” His memory will be forever cherished by his family and the many friends he made throughout the world.

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FAMILY

Jan Eastman, wife
Steve Eastman, son
Karen Reed, step-daughter and her husband, Tom
Tim Borden, step-son and Lynda Chumbler
Max Reed, step-grandson and his wife, Althea
Emmeline Reed Lord, step-granddaughter and her husband, Joe
Annabel Reed, step-granddaughter
Jack Yearwood, family friend

FAMILY IN ENGLAND AND SINGAPORE

Geoffrey Leighson, son and his wife, Claire
Alice Eastman, daughter-in-law
Kirsty Eastman, granddaughter
Jamie Eastman, grandson
Victoria Eastman, granddaughter
Leila Standen, great-granddaughter
Sienna Eastman, great-granddaughter
Mya Standen, great-granddaughter

Gifts in memory of Les may be directed to:

The Heritage Fund of Peachtree Christian Church
1580 Peachtree Street, NW. Atlanta, GA 30309

Hermon Methodist Church Cemetery Fund
c/o of Bobby Byrd
1205 107 Cutoff Road
Afton, Tennessee 37616

Royal Navy and Marines Charity
England
<https://www.rnrmc.org.uk/one-off-donation>

Royal Navy Motto and Prayers

Si vis pacem, para bellum (If you wish for peace, prepare for war)

Naval prayers from the Book of Common Prayer that are used every day in the Majesty's Navy.

“O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve.”

“Protect us, O Lord in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continues, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”



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