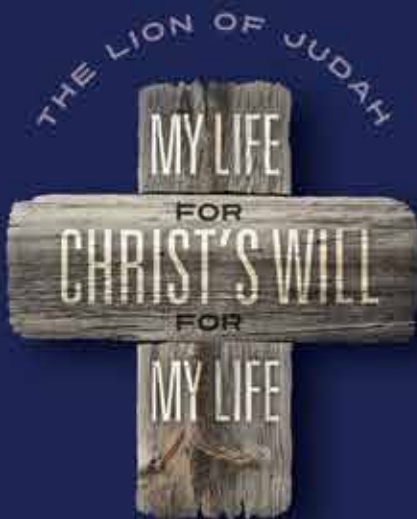


RICHARD E. WEBSTER

— A MAN OF GOD —



APRIL 17, 1952 / JUNE 15, 2024



ORDER OF SERVICE

**OFFICIATED BY REV. JOHN P. ARANA,
AND DR. PAUL LOUIS COLE**

SONGS BY BRYCE COLE

Welcome

John P. Arana

Song: In Christ Alone

Paul Louis Cole

Special Remarks

John P. Arana

Song: Don't Stop Praying

Encouragement

Close

IN CHRIST ALONE

BY KEITH GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm

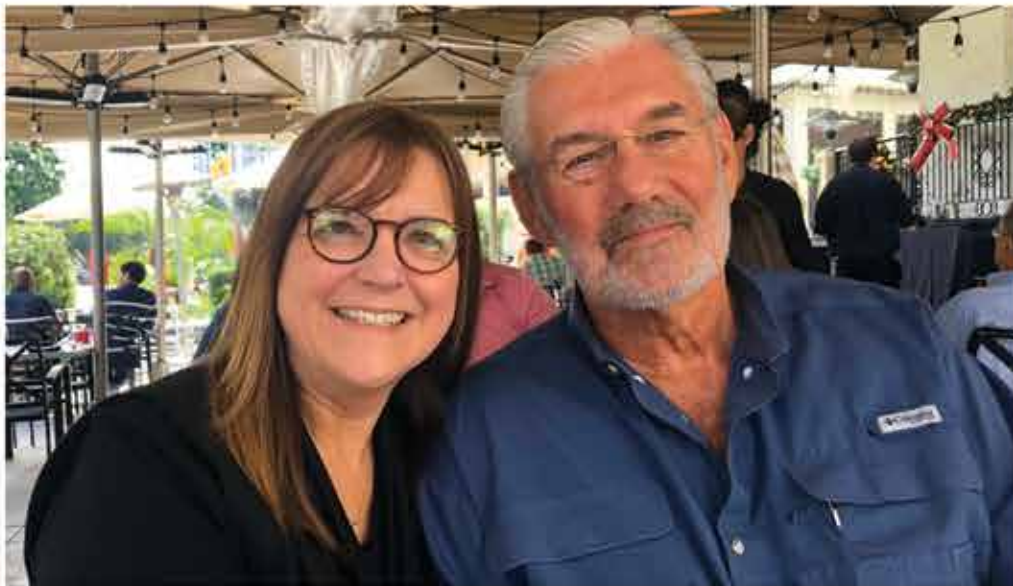
What heights of love,
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He arose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood
of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



DON'T STOP PRAYING

BY MATTHEW WEST

What's your impossible? Your "I need a miracle"?
What's got you barely hanging by a single thread?
What looks so hopeless now?
What weighs down your heart with doubt?
You beg for a breakthrough but
no sign of breakthrough yet

PRE-CHORUS

When you've cried and you've cried 'til your tears run dry
The answer won't come and you don't know why
And you wonder if you can bow your head even one more time

CHORUS

Don't stop praying
Don't stop calling on Jesus' name
Keep on pounding on Heaven's door
And let your knees wear out the floor
Don't stop believing
'Cause mountains move with just a little faith
And your Father's heard every single word you're saying
So, don't stop praying
He's close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are
crushed in spirit
The Alpha and Omega knows how your story ends

POST-CHORUS

Oh, don't stop praying
Don't stop, don't stop praying
Don't you give up now
No, don't stop praying
Don't stop praying for the prodigal
Don't stop praying for the miracle
Hallelujah, hallelujah and amen
Don't stop praying that addictions end
Don't stop praying for deliverance
Hallelujah, hallelujah and amen
Oh, don't stop praying for the sickness healed
Don't stop praying for His power revealed
Hallelujah, hallelujah and amen
No, don't stop praying for the Kingdom come
Don't stop praying that His will be done
Hallelujah, hallelujah and amen



THE MAN

Richard had a sterling character, unlimited creativity, and many gifts, including the gift of prayer. Richard prayed individually through extensive and often detailed lists he made of family, friends, and people with special needs. He prayed every morning and evening. He prayed while he was running and working out. He spent hours in his office praying. When he awoke in the night, he prayed, often all night and often for just one specific person. When Jesus took him home, they were already intimate friends. A man of God. A man of prayer.

PRAYER FOR A SPOUSE

Found in Richard's prayer diaries
Lord, Please establish my wife in the desires of your heart. Transform her through your love and grace to become a woman of God, after the image and likeness of your son, Jesus the Christ. Impart to her your great favor and anointing so that she may be clothed with strength and dignity; so that she may speak with wisdom; and that faithful instruction is always on her tongue, so that her children and her children's children and the generations to come will arise and call her blessed. Lord, give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.
Amen.



RICHARD E. WEBSTER, JR.

Richard Elbridge Webster, Jr., a Christian, husband, father, grandfather, veteran, and loyal friend, passed away on June 15, 2024, at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, Texas.

Richard was born on April 17, 1952, in Aberdeen, Washington. His family lived in Portland, Oregon, then Hoquiam, Washington. At Hoquiam High School, Richard joined baseball, tennis, and swimming teams. He graduated from Evergreen High School in 1970 after moving to Vancouver, Washington with his father.

Richard carried on a military tradition after his great-grandfather who served in the Union Army, his uncle, killed in action in the Philippines, and his father, a World War II veteran. Richard joined the Air Force in 1971 and later joined the Army.

The Air Force stationed Richard in Las Vegas and Spain. In Las Vegas, a friend invited Richard to church where he heard that Jesus Christ loved him. Richard instantly chose to follow Him and served Christ with his whole heart for the rest of his life.

In Las Vegas, Richard married Debra McLain. They had two sons in Spain, Joshua Jon Webster in 1975 and Seth Michael Webster in 1977.

Richard, separated from the Air Force in 1977 and attended Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California. There, he met John Arana, his closest friend for the next 45 years.

In 1983, Richard felt compelled to re-enter the military to see active combat. His best friend from high school, Mike Kirkham, had served in Vietnam. Richard enlisted in the Army, Mike's branch, and became a paratrooper and combat engineer with the 307th Engineers of the 82nd Airborne.

Richard was applying to special forces when he became reacquainted by mail with a college friend, Joann Cole. He had been divorced since 1980. The two agreed to meet in Washington DC in April 1986. Without any impending military conflicts, and with a desire to remarry, Richard took an honorable discharge and married Joann on October 4, 1986. They made their home in Grapevine, Texas.

In 1989, Richard's greatest prayer was answered when his sons moved in with them. For the next many years, Richard studied, worked in various jobs, and stayed active in ministry and counseling.

Christianity had led Richard to become a lifelong learner. He started college during his military service, and later earned an undergraduate degree with a double major in English Literature and Psychology, plus many certificates and licenses including Clinical Pastoral Counseling and Family Therapy, a Master of Arts in Clinical Christian Counseling and a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Asbury.

Richard was massively loyal. He prayed over long lists of family, friends, and acquaintances. He loved to work out, was a lifelong runner and occasional triathlete. He loved everything Christian, everything military, everything masculine like motorcycles, pens, and watches, as well as studying, writing, and journaling.

In 2004, Richard and Joann moved to Satellite Beach, Florida where he volunteered in ministry while working for Starbucks. They returned to Texas in October 2022.

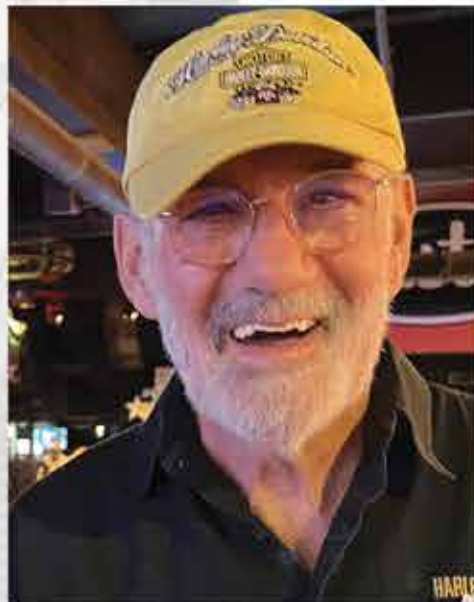
On July 1, 2023, a stroke left Richard physically and mentally intact, but without speech. Still, he surrounded himself with church, friends, and family. His death was a shock to all.

Richard is survived by his wife Joann, his sons and their families; Josh and Alisha Webster, Aria Aguirre, Ashton Huffine, Corbin Webster, Portia Webster; and Seth and Shamain Webster, Kiana Webster, Safia Webster, and Elijah Webster. He is also survived by his siblings, Charles and Linda (Webster) Boyd, Dave and

Sandy (Webster) Fimmel, and Chuck and Karen Webster, as well as their children and partners, and their children's children; Mark and Traci (Boyd) Knothe, Mason Knothe, Megan Knothe; Scott and Jennifer (Boyd) McLellan, Tyler McLellan, Hailee McLellan; Chuck and Holly Boyd, Seth Hyatt, Brayden Boyd, Rylan Boyd; Jeffery Fimmel; Tyler and Monica Webster, Jacob Webster, Olivia Webster; Chris and Katie (Webster) McGuire, Finley McGuire, Fletcher McGuire.

Friends are invited to services on Monday, July 15, 2024, 10:30 am at Oasis DFW, 801 S Collins, Arlington, Texas, and at 1:00 pm at the Dallas National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX 75211.

Richard will be interred at Dallas Veterans Cemetery which, since he was a paratrooper, the family affectionately refers to as the drop zone. His true self, his spirit, is with Jesus.



You may add a tribute to Richard or honor him through a charity, or remember him through photos here:

RichardEWebster.com