

Thomas David Hedberg

1949-2022



Memorial Service

11 am, June 18, 2022

Under the care of Concord Friends Meeting

11 Oxbow Pond Road

Canterbury, NH

Before the meeting begins, there will be a slide show of pictures from Thomas's life in the meeting room and on Zoom. The music includes Jean Sibelius's "Finlandia" (A Song of Peace), Louis Armstrong's "Wonderful World", and an Ecuadorian version of "Hallelujah" on panpipes.

Welcoming comments (Heidi Babb)

Song: Strauss, *Horn Concerto 1*, 2nd mvt. (Sara Smith)

Lynda's Poem for Thomas: (Sara Smith)

Quaker silent worship (Ruth Heath)

Please wait for the microphone to speak

Song: Simple Gifts (led by Ruth Heath)

Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'Tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
It will be in the valley of love and delight.

Refrain:

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend, we will not be ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight
'Til by turning, turning, we come 'round right.

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'Tis the gift to be fair,
'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air.
To walk every day in the path we choose,
'Tis the gift that we pray we never, never lose.

'Tis the gift to be knowing, 'Tis the gift to be kind,
'Tis the gift to wait to hear another's mind,
That when we speak our feelings we might come out true,
'Tis the gift for me and the gift for you.

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'Tis the best gift of all,
Like the warm spring rain bringing beauty when it falls,
And as we use this gift we might come to believe
It is better to give than it is to receive.

A Quaker Memorial Meeting

Quakers gather for worship in silent expectation as a memorial to a Friend who has died. We believe that in the silence all people can experience God directly. Our memorial meeting has no pastor, no altar, no sermon, and no choir. Any ministry that occurs comes from those in attendance, including you, who feel led to speak or share a song, or a reading.

Today, we encourage you to share any thoughts or stories¹ you have about our Friend we are saying goodbye to, or things that are especially meaningful to you. It is helpful if you stand to speak and the microphone will be brought so that others can hear you better. If you are on Zoom, unmute before speaking. Please leave a few moments of silence between messages so that all have the opportunity to reflect on the previous message.

The memorial service will last approximately an hour, or until all who wish to speak have had a chance to do so. Meeting will close with the (actual or virtual) holding of hands, if you wish. (Hand sanitizer will be available.) There will be an opportunity for informal visitation afterwards at Lynda's home at 2 Old Tilton Road in the center of Canterbury where Tom's favorite foods will be served.

In lieu of flowers, donations are invited to either:

- Your local foodbank, or
- American Friends Service Committee – NH
<https://bit.ly/3HsXdd3>

1 If you wish to share a memory after the meeting, you may send it to MemoriesOfTom@ConcordFriendsMeeting.org