

We gather here today to remember Jim Wengerzyn's
(WENG – GRIS – EM) life.

I had the privilege of knowing Jim briefly at the truck stop.
Everyone I spoke to spoke well of him.

He did what he was asked to do.

He had a good heart.

He was a father / grandfather.

He loved his daughter Tara.

He loved and served his country.

He was a very nice man.

These are all things I heard about him.

Jim lived briefly on this earth. His life touched all of our
lives.

God has seen fit to take him away from us and we must
leave his soul in God's hands.

We know that God, the Judge of all the Earth, will do right.

We who remain should comfort ourselves with the good
memories.

We should look to God for comfort in our loss.

I invite you to listen to the words of comfort from God's
Word...

John 14:1-6:

1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God,
believe also in Me.

2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it
were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare
a place for you.

3 "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.

4 "And you know the way where I am going."

5 Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where
You are going, how do we know the way?"

6 Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and
the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

John 14:27:

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not
as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your
heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in
Me will live even if he dies,
26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will
never die."

John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only
begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not
perish, but have eternal life."

Pastoral Prayer

O God,

You are present here,
You sit beside each person.

When a hand touches another,
Or arms meet arms,
Or eyes look deeply into other eyes,
Or words are spoken,

You are here—
In a handshake,
An embrace,
A gaze,

A voice.

You are present here, even if we are not sure,
For nothing can separate us from you and your
love.

It is a time of absence, a time of questions, a time of
tears.

Help us to feel your presence.

Accept our thoughts and feelings, no matter
what they are.

Help us to accept our thoughts and feelings, no
matter what they are.

Grant us the grace

to live with our memories in ways that will help
us.

Give us the peace

That knows there is hope on the other side of
crying and separation.

Give us your love as we let go of Jim

And walk through our grief.

Bless this family;

Give to them strength and peace.

Surround them with your love.

In Christ's name,

Amen.

Committal Service

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live and is full of trouble. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower, he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: and of whom may we seek for succor, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee.

Farasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom and mercy to take out of this world the soul of our Brother (or Sister) departed, we now commit his (or her) body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, and dust to dust.

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of god: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thes. 4:14-18)

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Matt. 24:44)

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto

thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen."

Unto the mercy of Almighty God we commend the soul of our (brother, sister) and commit (his, her) body to the ground. Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, and dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection from the dead through Jesus Christ our Lord, knowing that he who is the Judge of all the earth shall do right.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.