



Bruce Allen Rasmussen

September 9, 2026

December 23, 1935
birth

August 29, 2026
death

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING AND WELCOME

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A** **And also with you.**
- P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.
- A** **For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our brother, Bruce Allen.
We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life,
that we may continue our course on earth in confidence
until, by your call, we are reunited
with those who have gone before us;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- A** **Amen.**

HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(hymn) 632

WORD

READINGS

Each scripture reading will end, "Word of God. Word of life."
Please respond **"Thanks be to God."**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:3-8

Second Reading

Psalms 121

HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

(hymn) 774

Gospel

John 14:1-7

SERMON

HYMN

"I'll Fly Away"

- 1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain:

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away;
when I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

- 2 When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

Refrain

- 3 Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
to a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

Refrain

*Text: Albert E. Brumley
Music: I'LL FLY AWAY, Albert E. Brumley*

CREED

- A** We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

A I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

*Each petition will end "God of mercy,"
Please respond "hear our prayer."*

LORD'S PRAYER (1789)

A 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 and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

*Arr. Mark Hayes,
music by Charles H. Gabriel*

REMEMBRANCES

SENDING

HYMN

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"



1 & 2 (sung by soloist)

3 He has sound-ed forth the trum-pet that shall nev-er call re-treat;



he is sift-ing out the hearts of men be-fore his judg-ment seat.



Oh, be swift, my soul, to an-swer him; be ju-bi-lant, my feet!



Our God is march-ing on.



Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!



Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah! His truth is march-ing on.



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

- P** Bruce, our companion in faith,
we entrust you to God.
Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you,
in the mercy of Jesus who died for you,
in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you.
- A** **May you rest in peace and rise in glory,
where pain and grief are banished,
and life and joy are yours forever.**
- P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
and in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection
we commend your servant, Bruce Allen.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
- P** Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
A **and let light perpetual shine upon him.**

BLESSING

- P** The risen Christ give you all joy and peace in believing
that you may abound in hope.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.
- A** **Amen.**
- Let us go forth in peace.
- A** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

The congregation is invited to gather for a reception and mutual conversation and consolation.



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiding</i>
Pat Hansen	<i>assisting minister</i>
Angela Resch, <i>granddaughter</i>	
Torah Cole, <i>friend of Bruce</i>	<i>reading</i>
Dana Rasmussen,	
Kristin Resch, <i>daughters</i>	<i>remembrances</i>
Sullivan Ojala-Helmbolt	<i>soloist</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>

PALLBEARERS

Theodore Dahlén	Mike Tupper
Erik Schwarzkopf	Greg Kline
Kurt Schwarzkopf	Al Gjengdahl

MEMORIALS may be directed to:
Central Lutheran Church

ENTOMBMENT

In the Central Lutheran Columbarium at a later date.

THANK YOU

Bruce's family would like to thank you for your support, thoughts, prayers, and for your shared memories and presence today.

This service is being streamed live on the internet. www.centralmpls.org



Bruce Rasmussen

1935 – 2026



Bruce Allen Rasmussen, 90, of Minneapolis, Minnesota passed away on August 29, 2026. Born in Superior, Wisconsin, on December 23, 1935, to Edwin and Clara Rasmussen. He graduated from Superior Central High School in 1954, attended Wisconsin State College – Superior for two years, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison for three years, graduating in 1959 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. Bruce married Martha Ames in 1959, and the newlyweds moved to Minneapolis. In 1960 he trained in the U.S. Army

for 90 days followed by eight years in the Standby Reserves. In his early career he worked for Northern States Power Co. and Honeywell.

Bruce enjoyed his young family with three children. Pennies magically turned into balloons in his shoes at work – to the amazement of the kids. There were family camping trips with cousins in the Bethany Chief popup camper, and hiking at Minnehaha Falls. He had a short career in the theater with the Parkway Players at Hale School culminating in his performance as Smaug in *The Hobbit*.

Law and politics were big interests for Bruce. After moving to Minneapolis, he became active in the Young Republicans where he made life-long friends. He attended the University of Minnesota Law School and graduated with his JD in 1966. In 1971 he ran as the Republican endorsed candidate for Minneapolis Mayor. He finished 3rd in the primary after incumbent Charles Stenvig and DFL candidate W. Harry Davis. He remained a Republican his entire life.

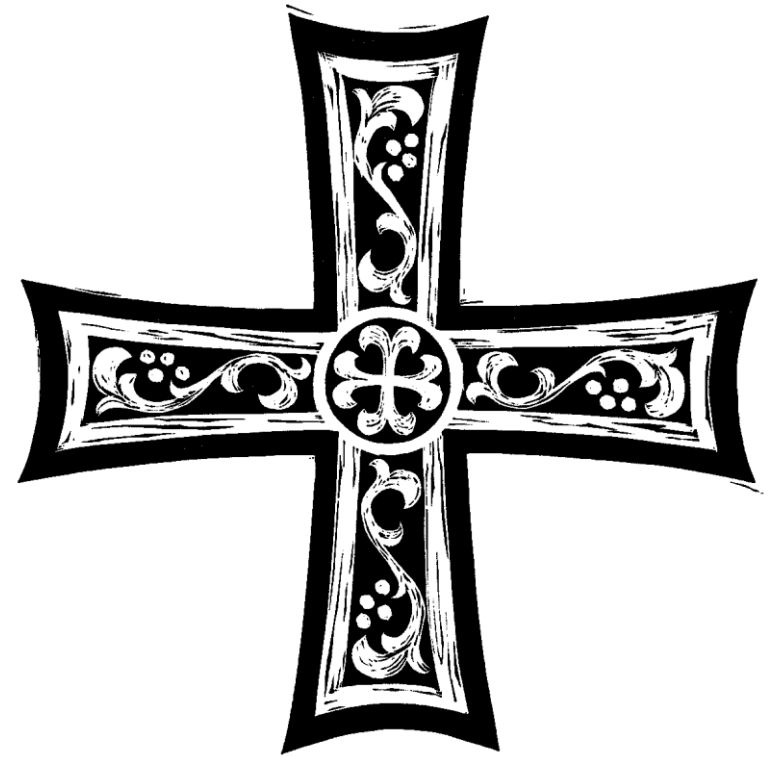
His legal career began at the State of Minnesota, then small firms and finally Bruce Rasmussen & Associates. He thoroughly enjoyed his legal work, especially the challenging cases, and he would support his client to the end no matter what. He supported many entrepreneurs and local small business owners with their legal needs.

Bruce was a big supporter of the urban neighborhoods of Minneapolis. He was an active supporter of school and neighborhood desegregation in the 1960s and '70s, he was a leader in the PTA, Central Lutheran Church and the Whittier Alliance. Around 1975 he partnered with colleagues to purchase The Merrill House, adjacent to Fair Oaks Park, and renovated it as offices for lawyers, architects and other professionals. To the family, this became known as “The Mansion” and we celebrated many New Year’s Eves and other events in the beautiful wood-paneled foyer and large formal dining room. He remained the landlord for many years.

He loved opera and old-time bluegrass music. He travelled the world with friends and family. He introduced others to the rivers and lakes of his youth in northwestern Wisconsin and created many family traditions there. He was a patron of the Black Forest Inn and Pepito’s from the early days. Bruce loved meeting with people to hear about their inventions and entrepreneurial ideas, discuss current events, history, philosophy, evolution, science and religion. He had friends from all walks of life. You could always find him with a challenging non-fiction book or reading the news on his computer.

He is survived by children Dana (Chris Hickman), Derek, Kristin Resch; grandchildren Theo Dahlén (April), Angela Resch, Darcy Resch; great grandchildren Felix, Noah, Arlo, Eliza and Asher; he also leaves behind nieces, nephews and many current and past associates, clients, neighbors and friends.

Bruce is preceded in death by his parents Edwin Julius and Clara (Howe) Rasmussen; brother Richard E. Rasmussen; sister-in-law Donna L. Rasmussen; former spouse Martha J. Rasmussen; former son-in-law Björn G. Dahlén, and grandson Keith L. Resch. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



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