

Ronald Bowman
Funeral Mass



October 8, 1933 -
September 25, 2025

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: #208

The strife is o'er, the battle done

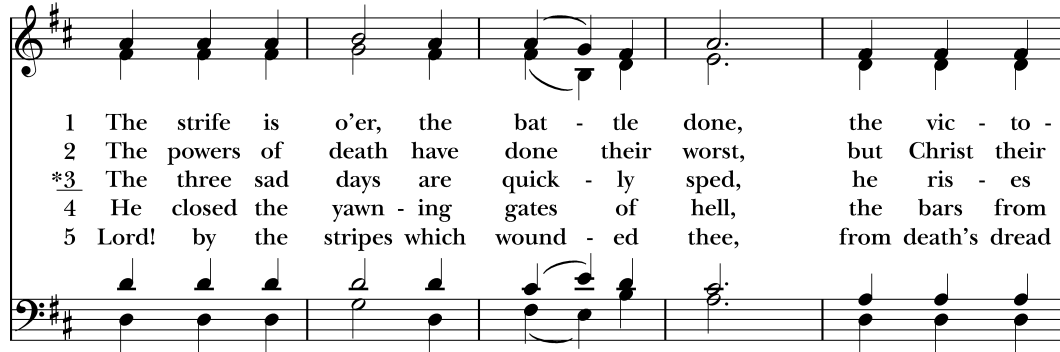
Please stand & sing.

Antiphon (at the beginning)

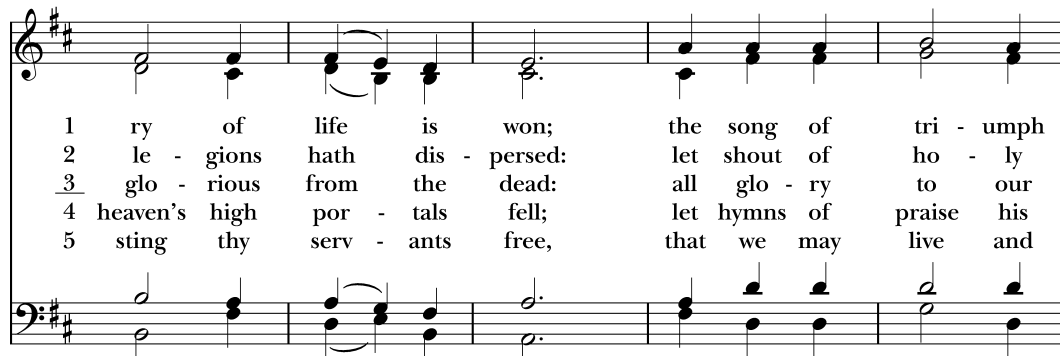


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

All continue standing while the following anthem is said by the priest.

Celebrant: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Collect for Burial

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Ronald. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-5,9

Please be seated.

Ashley: A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Ashley: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 23

Read responsively by whole verse.

Ashley: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

Ashley: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

People: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Ashley: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

People: **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-19

B.J.: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

B.J.: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

B.J.: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #8

Morning has broken (v. 1-2 before, v. 3 after Gospel)

Please stand as you are able.

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird._____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass._____
born of the one light E - den saw play!_____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!_____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass._____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!_____

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Gospel: John 14:1-6

Please stand to hear the Gospel.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily: The Rev. Omar Cisneros

Reflections: Steve Taylor; Chandler Engelbrecht

Apostles' Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

People & Celebrant:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers

Please sit or kneel.

Celebrant: For our brother, Ronald, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life." Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Ronald, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant: You raised the dead to life; give to our brother, Ronald, eternal life.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother, Ronald; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Celebrant: Father of all, we pray to you for Ronald, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements,

Please be seated.

Offertory

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Music:

Amazing Grace

Shelley Smith, soloist

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

Sursum Corda

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant & People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: † Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." †††

Celebrant: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ††† Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Now as our savior, Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

Celebrant & People:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Communion Music:

Organ Voluntary

Oscar Ho, Organist

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: **Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places. This anthem is said:

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Ronald with your saints,

People: **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Ronald with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The Celebrant, facing the body, says:

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Ronald. 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. **Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving Today

Celebrant.....The Rev. Omar Cisneros

DeaconThe Rev. Tom Harrington

1st Reader.....Ashley Ann Morgan

2nd Reader.....B.J. Charbonneau

1st CrossB.J. Charbonneau

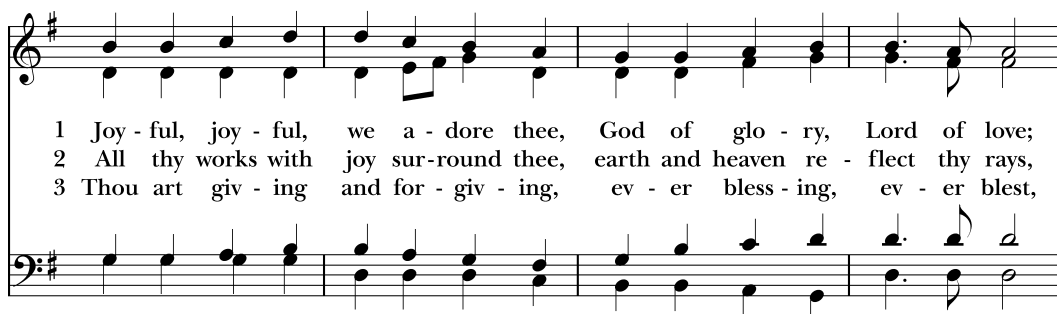
2nd CrossPat Wilcox

Altar Guild.....Marlene Odom

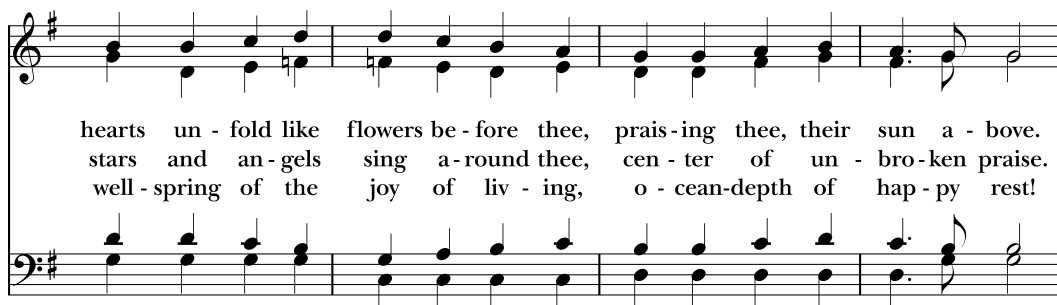
Organist.....Oscar Ho

Media.....Alex Wilson

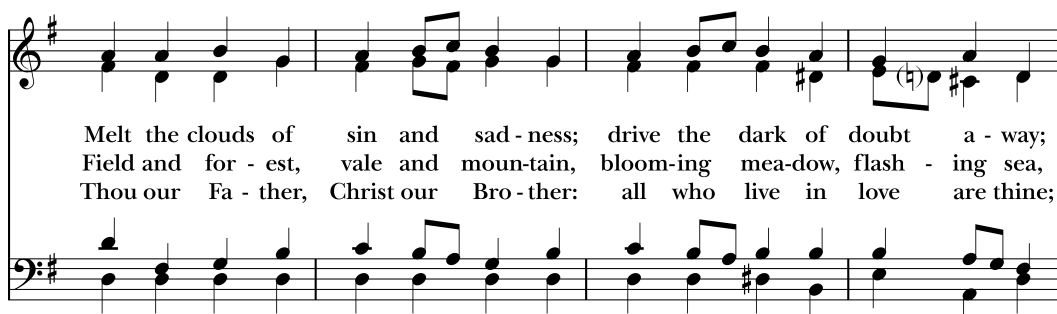
**The burial will be at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery following the service.
Everyone is welcome to attend.**



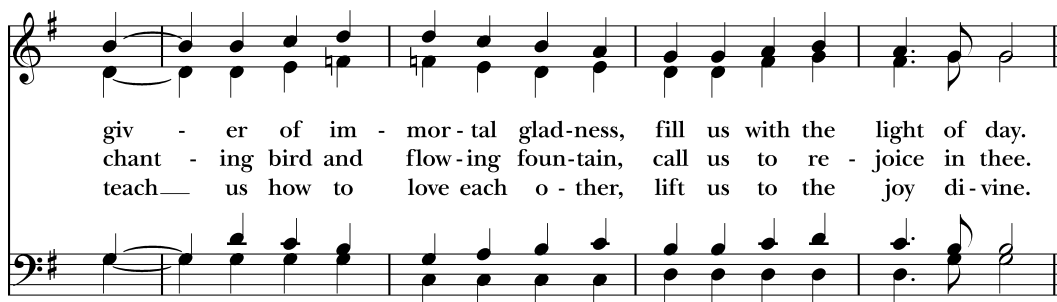
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach— us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Committal

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places. This anthem is said:

Celebrant: Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words:

Celebrant: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother, Ronald, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him. The Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him. The Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you .**

Celebrant: Let us pray,

Celebrant & People: **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

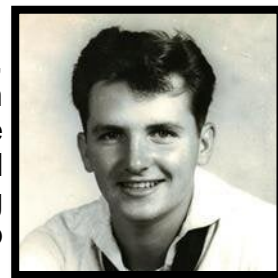
People: **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Celebrant: May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ronald Bowman

Ronald Bowman passed away peacefully at his home in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on September 25, 2025, at the age of 91, surrounded by his family. Born on October 8, 1933, in Henryetta, Oklahoma, Ronald was the second of five children of Lloyd and Jamie Holcombe Bowman. He grew up in Wagoner and attended Wagoner Public Schools, remaining a proud Wagoner Bulldog throughout his life. Even into his late 80s, he attended several championship games to support his alma mater.



Ronald served honorably in the United States Navy during the Korean War, enlisting on June 22, 1951, and receiving his honorable discharge in 1954. Following his service, he pursued higher education at Northeastern State University. Balancing work and studies, he drove a truck for Montgomery Trucking by day and attended classes at night, completing his bachelor's degree in just two and a half years.

On May 1, 1954, Ronald married Marion Montgomery in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Their marriage spanned 68 years and was blessed with three children: Kay, Paula, and Ronda. His family remained the center of his world.

Ronald built a distinguished career in banking that lasted over forty years. Outside of work, he was an avid golfer who found joy on the course with friends and family. A man of deep faith, Ronald was a devoted member of Grace Episcopal Church in Muskogee. He was also active in the Royal Order of Jesters, the Masonic Lodge, and the Bedouin Shrine Temple.

Ronald's legacy lives on through the love he shared and the values he instilled. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

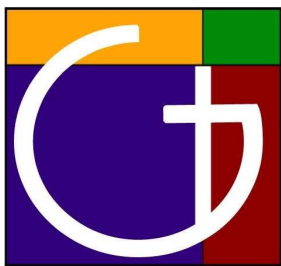
Ronald is now reunited with his parents, Lloyd and Jamie Bowman; his wife, A. Marion Montgomery; his brothers, James Bowman and Alfred Bowman; and his daughter, Kay Bowman. Ronald is lovingly survived by his daughters, Paula Morgan and husband Steve and Ronda Engelbrecht and husband John, all of Muskogee, Oklahoma; sisters, Donna LeBlanc and husband Bob of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; brother, Paul Bowman of Houston, Texas; sister-in-law, Loy Bowman of Edmond, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Ryan Hilton and wife Beth of Savannah, Georgia, Jacob Hilton and wife Christine of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Tyler Winkle and wife Allie of Bixby, Oklahoma, Gatlin Morgan of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Ashley Morgan of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Alex Baker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Carson Baker of Tulsa, Oklahoma, April Smith and husband Jacob of Bixby, Oklahoma, Chandler Engebrecht and wife Savannah of Moore, Oklahoma; great-grandchildren, Jake Hilton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Kole Hilton of Cedar Park, Utah, Max Hilton of Savannah, Georgia, and Kai Baker-Engelbrecht of Muskogee, Oklahoma; several great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; extended family; and many friends.

The family wishes to express a special 'thank you' to his caregivers, daughter, Ronda Englebrecht, granddaughter, Ashley Morgan, aide Ellie Currasco, and Emerald Hospice of Wagoner.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in Ronald's name to Grace Episcopal Church Meals on Wings, 218 North 6th Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401.

Ronald's life will be celebrated 10AM, Thursday, October 2, 2025, at Grace Episcopal Church in Muskogee with Father Omar Cisneros and Ronald's nephew, Steve Taylor, officiating. Committal prayers and inurnment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

The family of Ronald Bowman has entrusted his care and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com



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Deacon Emeritus: The Rev. Thomas A. Harrington

Organist: Oscar Ho

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