

The Garden
by Rush

In this one of many possible worlds, all for the best,
or some bizarre test?
It is what it is - and whatever
Time is still the infinite jest

The arrow flies when you dream, the hours tick away -
the cells tick away
The Watchmaker keeps to his schemes
The hours tick away - they tick away

The measure of a life is a measure of love and respect
So hard to earn, so easily burned
In the fullness of time
A garden to nurture and protect

In the rise and the set of the sun
'Til the stars go spinning - spinning 'round the night
It is what it is - and forever
Each moment a memory in flight

The arrow flies while you breathe, the hours tick away -
the cells tick away
The Watchmaker has time up his sleeve
The hours tick away - they tick away

The treasure of a life is a measure of love and respect
The way you live, the gifts that you give
In the fullness of time
It's the only return that you expect

The future disappears into memory
With only a moment between
Forever dwells in that moment
Hope is what remains to be seen

A Service of Remembrance
Honoring the Life of
Lonnie Eugene Givens
February 15, 1965 - May 3, 2023



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GREETING

MUSIC "Breathe"
by Pearl Jam

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:31-34,
Romans 8:35, 37-39,
1 Corinthians 13:12-13

WITNESS OF FAMILY Courtney Merritt

WITNESS OF FAITH

MUSIC "Amazing Grace/I've Been Set Free"
by Chris Tomlin

*BENEDICTION

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:
Dr. Thomas O. Brumett, Senior Pastor
Josh Brumett & Waverly Hammond, A/V Team

Obituary

Lonnie Eugene Givens, 58 died unexpectedly on May 3, 2023, at his home. He was born February 15, 1965, in Dallas, Texas, son of Gordon H. and Mary R. (McMullen) Givens.

Lonnie graduated from Mesquite High School and attended Richland College.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ruth (Givens) Julien, sister, Stacie Kaye (Givens) Elrod and brother, Michael Chad Givens. He is survived by his father, Gordon H. Givens and step-mother, Jerry L. Givens of Fairview, Texas, step-daughter Courtney Autumn Merritt and husband Kevin and their daughters Charity, Madison and Rae Lynn, step-son Bennie William Wasson III, nephew Kirk Brandon McKenna and wife Elizabeth, and their children Ella and Elliott, nieces Jordan Mari Givens and Paige Lee Givens and four great-nephews Jesse Edward Smith, Jayce Elijah Givens, Dallas Michael Givens and Ezekiel Isaiah Delarosa.

Lonnie's interest in Information Technologies resulted in him becoming a "self-taught" programmer in Cobalt and Assembler languages. These skills led to a career at ACS in Dallas and then Systemware, Inc. in Dallas where he worked for over 25 years. He was an avid musician and loved playing the drums! He performed with a rock band in the Dallas area. Lonnie followed the Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Stars, but his true passion was watching the Dallas Mavericks!

A reception will follow immediately after this service in Dyer Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the North Texas SPCA.