



Flemington
Presbyterian Church



In Memoriam
Ronald O. Sickles
August 21, 1944 – March 31, 2026

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection Celebrating the Life of Ronald O. Sickles

Saturday, April 4, 2026

11:00 am

*Please stand if you are able.

Prelude	<i>Sheep May Safely Graze</i>	J. S. Bach
	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	Henry W. Baker
	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	J. S. Bach

Candle Lighting and Reading		The Grandchildren
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Sentences of Scripture		Rev. Amy Lincoln
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Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	No. 1
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First Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (pg. 537)	Nathan Sickles
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Anthem	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Zack Kelleher
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Second Reading	John 14:1-6, 25-27 (pg. 934)	Carrie Sickles
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Third Reading	1 Corinthians 13, selected verses	Jack Sickles
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Reflection		Rev. Amy Lincoln Rev. Steve McClelland
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Time for Sharing Remembrances		Scott Sickles Kim, Will, and Becca Kelleher
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ronald Osborne Sickles of Alexandria Township passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at the age of 81. Born on August 21, 1944, in Red Bank, New Jersey, he was the son of Tunis Osborne "Ozzie" Sickles and Ida (McQueen) Sickles. He was raised in Matawan, New Jersey, where his loving parents led by example, instilling the values that would become the cornerstones of his life: faith, family, perseverance, hospitality, and service to others.

From an early age, Ron learned the value of working hard to achieve a goal. From his first paper route at age twelve, to helping in his father's TV appliance store, Ron was able to put himself through school at Lafayette College, where he was President of his Fraternity, Sigma Nu, and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then went on to earn an MS from Newark College of Engineering. He had a successful career with Johnson & Johnson where he was part of the Research & Development team that helped to develop the groundbreaking technology of cardiac stents.

In 1961, while still in high school, he met Barbara Myers, who would become the love of his life and his soulmate. They married in 1966, beginning a love story that lasted over 59 years, and was admired by all who knew them. Perhaps the greatest testament to their bond came in 2004, when Ron needed a kidney transplant and Barbara proved to be a match. The successful surgery gave them the precious gift of more time together. Together, they made their home in Flemington, where they raised their two children. The Sickles home was always open—a place where special occasions, shared meals, and everyday moments brought people together. Their children's friends affectionately called them "Mom & Dad," knowing they were always welcome.

Ron enjoyed spending time at his home on Cape Cod, as well as boating, fishing, model trains, and woodworking. Above all, his greatest happiness was his family—his beloved wife Barbara, his cherished children and grandchildren, as well as his devoted dog, Rosie, all of whom were at the center of his world. Throughout his life, his faith in God was evident, and he exemplified the life of a faithful servant. He was an active member of Flemington Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder, a Deacon, and on the Buildings & Grounds and Fellowship Committees. His strong faith sustained him through many health challenges, which he faced with quiet strength and without complaint.

Ron was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Connie; and his brothers-in-law Ken Tonnessen, and David Smith. He is survived by Barbara, his daughter, Kimberly Kelleher; his son, R. Scott Sickles, and daughter-in-law, Caroline; his grandchildren, Zachary (Jaclyn), William, Jack, Nathan, and Rebecca; his sister-in-law, JoEllen Smith; and his nieces and nephew, Sandy, Kevin, and Amanda; as well as several great nieces and nephews.

Ron will be forever remembered for his humble, selfless devotion to others, his generosity, and his quiet wit. To his family, he was a hero and a role model, and they will continue to honor his legacy and carry forward his spirit.