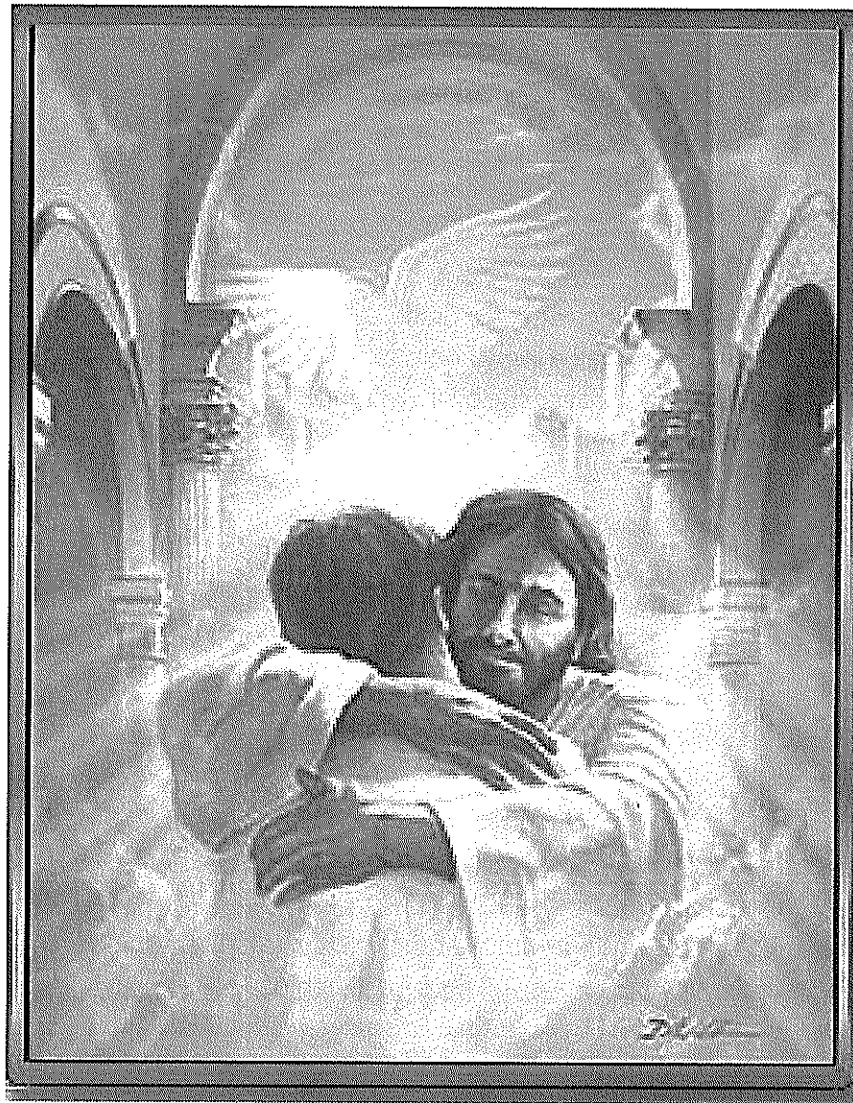




**The Christian Funeral Service
of
Donald B. Schultz**

July 21, 2026

INVOCATION & REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

M: We open this Christian funeral service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN CW 853 v.1-3

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.
Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand round me on ev'ry hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.

What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pilgrimage; Heav'n is my home.
And time's wild, wintry blast soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.

There at my Savior's side – Heav'n is my home.
I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.
There are the good and blest, those I love most and best,
And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.

M: In Holy Baptism, Don was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

The apostle also writes, "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

GOD'S COMFORT

M: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

M: The wages of sin is death,

C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.

M: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn the loss of Don and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. We thank you for keeping Don in saving faith and giving him the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GOD'S WORD

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

HYMN 420 v.1,5,6**“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”**

Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.

If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By your holy passion.
If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion!

Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heaven above Sing your praise forever.

SERMON**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18**

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.

Jesus rescued Don so he could cross the finish line in victory

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER

Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve, we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

SOLO "The Lord's Prayer"

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See his banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Onward, then, ye faithful, Join the happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages Saints and angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Janke

Sermon – Pastor Robert Hein

Organist: Mrs. Eileen Schmiede

Soloist – Pastor Don Scheuerlein

Donald B. Schultz

June 8, 1944 – July 15, 2026

Donald B. Schultz “Bear”, age 82 years, of West Bend was called home to be with the Lord on July 15, 2026, at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born on June 8, 1944, in Port Washington to Ken and Caroline Schultz (Opsahl). He was united in marriage to Mary Gawrisch on November 10, 1973, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Thiensville.



Don attended Calvary Lutheran Grade School in Thiensville and graduated from Homestead High School (Class of 1963) where he played football and wrestled. He was a member of the Thiensville Fire Department where he was one of the founding members of the rescue squad and EMT program. Don was also part of Sons of the American Legion Howard J Schroeder Post 457 Thiensville-Mequon. In his leisure time, Don enjoyed playing cards and board games with his family.

Those Don leaves behind to cherish his memory include his wife of 52 years, Mary; daughters, Marna (Robert) Kurbat and Cindy (Joe) Ciszewski; sister, Ellen (Rodney) Newlin; brother, Gordon (Chris) Schultz; and sister-in-law, Jane (Dave) Dolata. He is further survived by his uncle, Erhardt Opsahl; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his brother, David Schultz; nephew, Michael Schultz; and brother-in-law, Fred (Linda) Gawrisch.

VISITATION: Don’s family will greet relatives and friends on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 777 S Indiana Ave, West Bend, WI 53095.

SERVICE: A Funeral Service in remembrance of Don will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. A private family entombment will take place at Wisconsin Memorial Park in Brookfield.

Memorials in Don's name can be directed to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in West Bend. Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Don's arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence on the tribute wall, please visit www.myrhum-patten.com.