

**The Christian Funeral Service
of
Richard O. Krueger**

June 6, 2025

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.

M: In Holy Baptism, Richard 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!

HYMN 853

"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 over-past;
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

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 Richard 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 Richard 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.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, And he will be my Savior. (Repeat)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 3:14-17

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.

Amazing grace— how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

SERMON

Joshua 23:14

"Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.

God Kept his Promises to Richard Krueger!

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version)

**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.

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.

HYMN CW 441 v.1-2, 7-8

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

**I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Mueller

Sermon: Pastor Robert Hein

Organist: Mrs. Barb Olsen

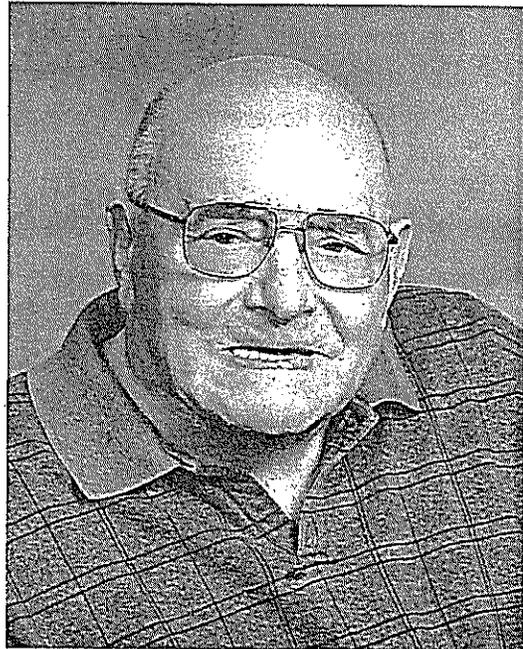
Richard O. Krueger May 28, 1921 — May 29, 2025

Richard O. Krueger, of West Bend, formerly of Lomira, was called home to be with the Lord on May 29, 2025, after celebrating his 104th Birthday, at Samaritan Health Care Center – The Fields in West Bend.

Richard was born on May 28, 1921, in Lomira to William “Bill” and Wilhemina “Minnie” Krueger (Enderle).

Richard attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse in Lomira and graduated from Lomira High School in 1939. He attended all his class reunions, until he was the last person who could drive. Richard worked on the family farm in Lomira. Later, he worked at the feed mills in Lomira and Theresa. He was also a part-time electrician’s assistant, working alongside his friend, Armand Behm. Richard then went on to work at Gehl Company in West Bend for 17 years until he retired in 1983.

Richard was an active walker and biker and lived on his own until he was 97 years old. He enjoyed camping, fishing, family gatherings, and playing horseshoes, frisbee, and board games like Trivial Pursuit. He was an avid reader of military history, travel books, and Time of Grace devotionals.



Richard was baptized and confirmed at his family's church St. John's Lutheran Church in Lomira where he was a longtime member. After moving to West Bend, he became a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Richard regularly attended Wednesday Morning Bible class at Good Shepherd, where he was also part of the lawn care team for several years.

Those Richard leaves behind to cherish his memory include his nieces and nephews, Norman Krueger Jr, Linda Krueger, Carl (Peggy) Krueger, and Bonnie Krueger; great-niece, Nicole (Matt) Bricco and their children, Brody, Nolan, Kira, Elijah, and Iris; and great-niece, Brittany (Barry) Mullins. He is further survived by cousins, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his two brothers, Vernon (Eleanor) Krueger and Norman (Bernice) Krueger; and many aunts and uncles.

VISITATION: Richard's family will greet relatives and friends on Friday, June 6, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (777 Indiana Ave, West Bend, WI 53095)

SERVICE: A Funeral Service in remembrance of Richard will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Church with Pastor Robert Hein and Pastor Matt Mueller officiating. The burial and graveside service will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Lomira.

Memorials in Richard's name can be directed to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Building Fund – West Bend.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at The Fields (especially Jeff) and Allay Hospice (especially Mikaela and Tracy) for their care and compassion, and also a special thank you to Reverends Hein, Janke, Mueller, and Schlicht for the spiritual care and pastoral visits.