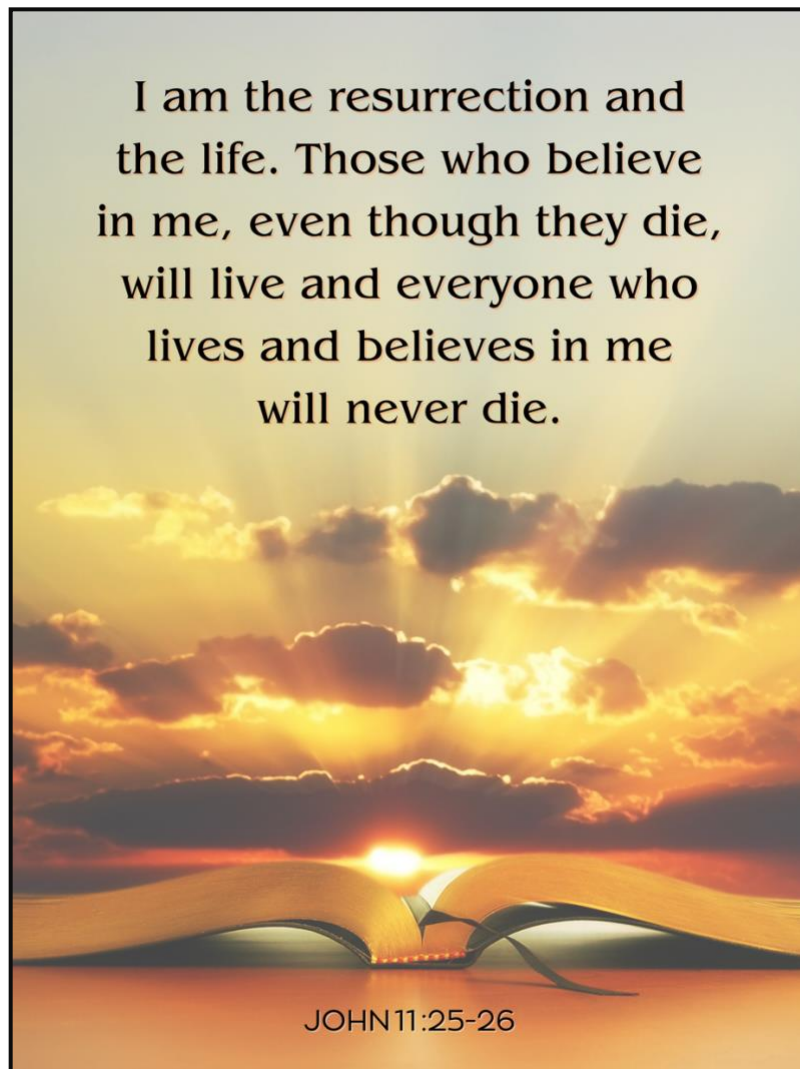


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A Witness to the Resurrection
In Memory of
E.E. "Al" Vargo
February 10, 2024
11:00 am

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church
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In Memory of
E. E. "Al" Vargo**

September 3, 1928 – December 27, 2023

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Prelude

Call to Worship [*responsive*] 1 Peter 1:3; 1 Corinthians 13:13

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Faith, hope, and love abide, these three;

but the greatest of these is love.

Trusting in God, confident in hope, overflowing with love, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Glory to God, #625

Verses 1, 3, 4

Thanksgiving from Al's Grandchildren

Haley Malloy

Connor Olson

Kelson Olson

Garrett Walker

Sarah Malloy

Ava Walker

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Psalm 23 – Connor Olson

John 14:1-3 – Garrett Walker

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”
Verses 1, 3, 5

Glory to God, #649

Thanksgivings from Al’s Daughters

Sharon Olson
Diane Malloy
Karen Walker

Prayers of Thanksgivings and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (in Hungarian)

Emy Corsini

Prayer of Commendation [*unison*]

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant Al.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray,
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.

Hymn

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Glory to God, #43

Benediction

Postlude

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*The congregation is asked to remain seated for the postlude.
Afterwards, please join the family at
Manor Country Club, 14901 Carrolton Road, Rockville, MD
12:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

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Participating in the Service:

Ms. Katherine Williams, pianist
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

E.E. (Al) Vargo Obituary



E.E. (Al) Vargo (95) passed away peacefully on December 27, 2023. He was born on September 3, 1928 in Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania to Louis Vargo and Rebecca Toth Vargo. Al spent most of his young life in Cleveland, Ohio where he was very involved in his church, The First Hungarian Reformed Church and where he met his beloved wife, Betty Hartman. They were married on June 15, 1957.

Al was extremely proud of his Hungarian heritage and was a member of many fraternal, masonic and cultural organizations and received numerous awards throughout his career recognizing his accomplishments. In 1992, he was honored as Fraternalist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress. Before his retirement in 1996, he served as the President of the William Penn Association, a fraternal life insurance company. After he retired, Al continued to stay active as Vice Chairman of the Board at WPA and worked with his daughter and son-in-law serving clients until he was 87 years old. He was also a dedicated volunteer at the Lord's Table and Fourth Presbyterian School. Al adored his six grandchildren, and they kept him and Betty busy with babysitting in their early days and then attended multiple sporting events throughout the years.

In addition to his wife, Al is survived by three daughters, Karen Walker (Don), Diane Malloy (Marty), Sharon Olson (Brad) and his six grandchildren, Garrett and Ava Walker, Haley and Sarah Malloy, Connor and Kelsey Olson. He is also survived by his younger brother Bob Vargo (Liz), brother-in-law Frank Hartman (Carol) and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his older brother Lou Vargo.

Al will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a true gentleman who was always willing to help those in need. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, and patriotism. A celebration of a life well lived will be held at 11 a.m. on February 10, 2024, at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the William Penn Association Scholarship Foundation, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.