



CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SERVICE

MYRON LOOSE

NOVEMBER 14, 2020

Obituary

Myron (Mike) Loose was welcomed into heaven on October 30, 2020, after succumbing to complications of COVID-19.

Mike was born to Milford and Rufina (Lau) Loose on September 2, 1936. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John St. James Lutheran Church in Reedsville. He graduated from Reedsville High School in 1954. He proudly enlisted in the United States Marines Corp and served from 1954-1957.

Upon returning from service he met the love of his life, Laone (Tuddy) Meyer. They were married on April 11, 1959, at Maple Grove. The Lord blessed them with 61 years of marriage, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

Mike was always quiet and humble and loved his family deeply. For many years, he enjoyed family vacations to their cabin in Pembine, and he always loved a good game of sheepshead. Mike was happiest when attending his grandchildren's sporting events or treating them to a meal and then slipping them some cash to help them enjoy life a little more. He will be a Grandpa who is greatly missed. Mike was a member of St Paul's Lutheran Church in Howards Grove for over 50 years. He attended faithfully each week and served as an usher and on the stewardship committee; he was a role model of Christian faith for his family and friends.

For decades, Mike worked at Consolidated Freightways and was a member of the Local Teamsters. Eventually he began a career in maintenance from which he retired in 2000 after working twelve years for Sheboygan County.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Tuddy and daughter Holly (David) Clappes and their children Megan Sixel (Adam Dircz) Jacob and Luke and his daughter Kelly (Brian) Stauss and their sons Zachary and Derek. He is further survived by his brother Donald (Jeannette) Loose, sister Marlene (Jerry) Lemke and brother Randall. He has many nieces and nephews who will miss their much loved uncle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, Gerad Sixel, a granddaughter Lily Stauss and many beloved brothers and sisters in law.

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This order of worship is intended for the memorial service of one who has departed from this life in the Christian faith. With the Word of God, the Christian church comforts the bereaved family and friends and confesses its lasting hope in the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

READING OF THE OBITUARY

GREETING AND PRAYER

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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 the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

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 for Myron, 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. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to 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 in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SOLO

In Christ Alone | 752 v. 1

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

RESURRECTION COMFORT

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

HYMN

In Christ Alone | 752 v. 4

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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

CONGREGATION: 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: We will be before the throne of God

C: **And serve him day and night in his temple.**

M: Never again will we hunger;

C: **Never again will we thirst.**

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C: **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | 152 v. 1, 5

1 SOLO: 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!

5 **He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

M: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | 152 v. 7

7 **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.**

THE WORD

LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

¹ Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ² all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³ the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.” ⁵ And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶ He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸ The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. ⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹ who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

GOSPEL

JOHN 11:38-44

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit

of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." 43
When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44
The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen,
and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes
and let him go."

HYMN

How Great Thou Art | 256 v. 1, 3, 4

1 SOLO: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

3 ALL: And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

4 ALL: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

SERMON

DEUTERONOMY 34

A Man Like Moses

He saw the lay of the land * His soul was strong * He gave you Joshua

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heavazen 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.**

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Myron, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving him to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

C: 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.

HYMN

Now the Light Has Gone Away | 593 v. 1, 5

1 Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,
Asking you to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.

5 Ah, my best and kindest Friend, You will love me to the end.
Let me love you more and more, Always better than before.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SOLO

Now the Light Has Gone Away | 593 v. 3

3 Let my near and dear ones be Safe with you eternally.
Oh, bring me and all I love To your happy home above.

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