

## **-The Dash by Linda Ellis-**

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone  
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth  
and spoke the following date with tears, but he said  
what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on  
earth. And now only those who loved them  
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own --  
the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live  
and love and how we spend our *dash*.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things  
you'd like to change? For you never know how much time  
is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and  
real, and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more,  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  
remembering this special dash  
might only last a little while.



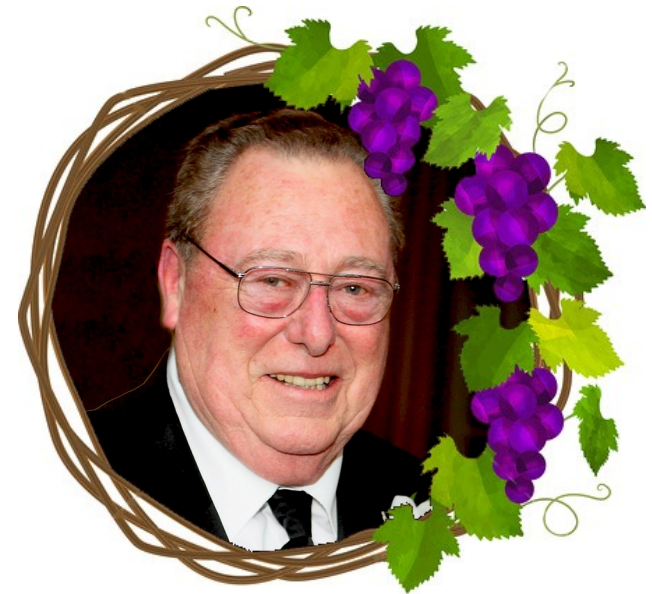
So, when your eulogy is being read  
with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say  
about how you spent YOUR dash?



**Pallbearers:** **Thomas M. Payne, III**  
**Tristan Payne**  
**William Payne**

**George C. Hanken, Jr.**  
**John F. Lees**  
**Joseph Soro**

## **Thomas “Mike” Payne**



**January 11, 1941—January 21, 2024**

**Beloved Husband of Sixty-two Years**  
**Cherished Father and Grandfather**  
**Loving Brother, Uncle and Loyal Friend**  
**Loving and Generous Man of Faith**

***“Blessed are those who have died in the Lord.  
Let them rest from their labors for their good  
deeds go with them.”***

***Revelation 14:13***



Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, January 27, 2024  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  Tappan, New York 10983

# Mass of Christian Burial

## SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

*“In the waters of baptism Thomas died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him eternal life.”*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

*Here I Am Lord*

*I, the Lord of sea and sky; I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin; My hand will save  
I have made the stars of night; I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

### **Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord; Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night; I will go, Lord  
If You lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart**

*I, the Lord of wind and flame; I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them; My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide; 'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them; Whom shall I send?*

### **Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord; Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night; I will go, Lord  
If You lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart**

*Here I am, Lord; Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night; I will go, Lord  
If You lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I will hold Your people in my heart.*

## EULOGY

**Thomas M. Payne, III** (son)  
**Deborah Payne** (daughter)  
**Tara Payne Vallin** (daughter)

## OPENING RITES

**Msgr. Nevin**

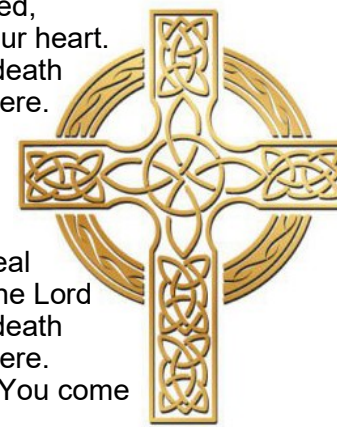
## OPENING PRAYER

**Msgr. Nevin**

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*We Remember*

We remember how You loved us, to Your death  
And still we celebrate for You are with us here.  
And we believe that we will see You  
when You come in Your glory Lord,  
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.  
Here a million wounded souls  
are yearning just to touch You and be healed,  
gather all Your people and hold them in Your heart.  
We remember how You loved us, to Your death  
And still we celebrate for You are with us here.  
And we believe that we will see You  
when you come in Your glory Lord,  
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.  
Now we recreate Your love  
We bring the bread and wine to share a meal  
sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord  
We remember how You loved us, to Your death  
And still we celebrate for You are with us here.  
And we believe that we will see You when You come  
in Your glory Lord,  
We remember, we celebrate, we believe,  
We remember, we celebrate, we believe!!



## POST COMMUNION HYMN:

*Our Lady of Knock*  
**Matthew Surapine**

## FINAL COMMENDATION: (Sung)

*Celtic Song of Farewell*  
**Matthew Surapine**

## INCENSATION

## CONCLUSION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*When the Saints Go  
Marching In*  
**Matthew Surapine**

## BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

**Tristan A. Payne** (*Grandson*)  
**William M. Payne** (*Grandson*)  
**Abigail Rose Vallin** (*Granddaughter*)

### OFFERTORY SONG:

*Ave Maria*  
*Prayer of St. Francis*  
**Matthew Surapine**

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (Sung)

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: (Sung)

*We proclaim Your Death, Oh Lord, and pro-fess Your  
Res-ur-rection, until You come a-gain.*

### GREAT AMEN: (Sung)

*A-men, a-men, a-men.*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Recited)

### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

### AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD (Sung)



### FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

**Jennifer Bancroft Payne**  
(*daughter-in-law*)

A reading from the book of Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain He will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; He will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of His people He will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord

**Response: Thanks Be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm 26:

**Arlene Stewart**  
(*sister-in-law*)

#### **Antiphon: sung**

*Do me justice, O Lord! For I have walked in integrity, and in the Lord I trust without wavering. Search me, O Lord, and try me; test my soul and my heart.*

For Your kindness is before my eyes, and I walk in Your truth. I stay not with worthless men, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and with the wicked I will not stay. I wash my hands in innocence, and I go around Your altar, O Lord, giving voice to my thanks, and recounting all Your wondrous deeds. O Lord, I love the house in which You dwell, the tenting-place of Your glory.

#### **Antiphon: sung**

Gather not my soul with those of sinners, nor with men of blood my life. On their hands are crimes, and their right hands are full of bribes. But I walk in integrity; redeem me, and have pity on me. My foot stands on level ground; in the assemblies I will bless the Lord.

#### **Antiphon: sung**

**SECOND READING:**

Romans 14:7-13

**Danielle Hanken Soro**

*(God-daughter)*

A reading from the letter Paul to the Romans

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and rose again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall stand before the judgement seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So each of us shall give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us no longer judge one another, but rather judge this, that you should not put a stumbling block or hinderance in your brother's way.

The Word of the Lord

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Sung)

**R. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

*"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them."*

**R. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 5:1-12A

**Deacon Joe Dass**

The Lord be with you

**R. *And with your Spirit***

**HOMILY:**

**Msgr. Emmet R. Nevin**



**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS:**

**Response: *"Grant this O Lord, We humbly Pray"***

**Tristan Payne  
William M. Payne  
Abigail Rose Vallin**

For Mike, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may be admitted to the company of the Saints.

We pray to the Lord **R. *Grant this O Lord, we humbly pray***

For the family and friends of Michael, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of His friend, Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord **R. *Grant this O Lord, we humbly pray***

For the deceased relatives of Michael, especially his parents and brother, that the peace & happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

We pray to the Lord **R. *Grant this O Lord, we humbly pray***

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, especially all *our* grandparents, whose faith is known to You alone, that they may see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord **R. *Grant this O Lord, we humbly pray***

For all those who are sick or suffering, that they may be filled with God's consolation and that He may sustain them.

We pray to the Lord **R. *Grant this O Lord, we humbly pray***

For all those assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord **R. *Grant this O Lord, we humbly pray***

For all those who stand in defense of the weak, that they may be protected by God for their efforts.

We pray to the Lord **R. *Grant this O Lord, we humbly pray***