

*In Memory and Celebration of the Life  
of  
George Timothy (Tim) Lawrence*



*August 16, 1943 - October 18, 2022*

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of  
G. Tim Lawrence  
1943 - 2022**

**Welcome:** Rev. Michelle LaGrave

**Opening Words:** *What I Know* by Kenneth Collier

I do not know where we go when we die;  
And I do not know what the soul is  
Or what death is or when or why.

What I know is that  
The song once sung cannot be unsung,  
And the life once lived cannot be unlived,  
And the love once loved cannot be unloved.

**Chalice Lighting**

**Prayer**

**Music:** *Amazing Grace* by The Oak Ridge Boys

**A Time of Remembrance:**

Steve Robinson

Tim Johnson

Ashley Kress

Milt Rose

**A Time for Sharing:**

*The gathered are invited to share a memory or a story about Tim.*

**Music:** *I'll Fly Away* by Alan Jackson

**Closing Words:** *Our Grief Is a Holy Thing* by Tracie Barrett-Wesler

Our grief is a holy thing. It is that proof that another life touched ours in a profound way. It is the mark of love, the mark of connection, and the mark of a life well lived.

We will mourn, we will cry, we will miss Tim. Time will move on and we may not hurt like we hurt now, but then a thought or a bit of music or a smell, will remind us of him and it will all come back. Those moments, too, are holy: they're reminders of that connection that will never fully go away. It's important to hold on to that connection, because it is through those memories that Tim stays with us. In our memories of him, that love and connection stay alive, and with it, a part of Tim.

We shared some of those memories today. Hold on to those memories, tell the stories that make you smile, the stories that make you laugh, share the memories with people who knew him and people who didn't. May they remind you of the beauty of Tim's life, of his passion and his connection to us. And may it bring you peace on this day. Amen.

**Extinguishing the Chalice:** by Greg Ward

We have come to share the loss we have felt in Tim's passing and some examples of the joy we carry from his life. This we have done. But before we extinguish this chalice, let us acknowledge that we will not – that we cannot – extinguish the love he showed us; or the memory of him; or the love we carry forward.

This congregation and many other lives have absorbed so much light from Tim. This congregation will continue to reflect that light into the lives of the people who enter our doors – even those who come years from now.

May we always be able to see that light as it is reflected in all we do. And remember. And smile, knowing his light is shining from us too.

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** *I'll Be Seeing You* by The Lettermen



*Following the service in the Sanctuary, guests may proceed to the reception in Westwood Hall, the building through the courtyard to your right as you exit the Sanctuary.  
The reception is hosted by the Emerson Caring Committee.*

Tim was born in San Diego, California to George and Daisy Lawrence in 1943. The family moved to Edinburg, Texas when he was three. Music was a big part of Tim's life from early childhood. He grew up singing harmony with his parents, big brother, Jon Dee, and little sister, Alma at church services, camps, and on road trips. He made All State Choir both his junior and senior years of high school and made a name for himself performing at multiple venues in the Rio Grande Valley, including regular appearances on a local TV show.

After graduating from high school, he attended Texas A&I on a full music scholarship, then transferred to Pan American College where he graduated in 1966. Tim was a natural entertainer and continued to perform throughout college in musicals, choirs, and other singing groups.

After college, Tim taught junior high history and music in Mercedes, Texas before following his family to Houston in 1969. Tim met Mindy at their apartment complex in January of 1973. Three months later, he proposed, and three months after that, they were married.

In 1974, Tim took a job with Zapata Offshore and he and Mindy moved to Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. They moved back to Houston in 1977. In the 1980's and 90's, Tim designed, sold, and installed communications systems for companies in both the US and Mexico. He was an entrepreneur who owned and operated various businesses, and he had a passion for his community. Tim served on the board of Cinco's master MUD for over 30 years.

Tim was an active member of Emerson Unitarian Church, which he joined with Mindy in 1980. He sang in the choir, sponsored the LRY, served on the board, and directed the Youth Follies. Tim loved to cook and won several competitions with his "Big City Boys" fajita team. He always loved working on cars... and driving fast. He loved flying, playing golf, hunting, fishing, and camping. He loved to sing and play guitar. No matter what he did, Tim was all in. More than anything, Tim loved his family, both those by blood and those chosen. Tim lived without regret, convinced that any change in the paths chosen would not have led to the family, friendships, and life he revered.

Tim is survived by his wife Mindy, daughter Sarah, son-in-law Jeremy, grandson Dylan, and sister Alma.

*To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.* - Thomas Campbell

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