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Alford Cummings Bridges

SEPTEMBER 10, 1938 ~ AUGUST 4, 2022

THE STATION
By Robert J. Hastings

TUCKED AWAY in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long, long trip that almost spans the continent. We're traveling by passenger train, and out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls, of biting winter and blazing summer and cavorting spring and docile fall.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. There will be bands playing and flags waving. And once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true. So many wishes will be fulfilled and so many pieces of our lives finally will be neatly fitted together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damming the minutes for loitering, waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

However, sooner or later we must realize there is no one station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

When we get to the station that will be it!" we cry. Translated it means, "When I'm 18 that will be it! When I buy a new 450 SL Mercedes Benz, that will be it! When I put the last kid through college that will be it! When I have paid off the mortgage that will be it! When I win a promotion that will be it! When I reach the age of retirement that will be it! I shall live happily ever after!"

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

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FUNERAL SERVICE

*Sunday, August 7, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Gray*

ORDER OF SERVICE

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT - *Sandy Watson, Vocalist and Stan Pethel, Pianist*
STAR SPANGLED BANNER - *Phil McDevitt, Bagpiper*
WELCOME AND MESSAGE IN WORD - *Reverend Randy Darnell*
IN THE GARDEN - *Sandy Watson*
PERSONAL COMMENTS - *Dr. Paul Mossman*
CELEBRATION OF LIFE - *Ronnie Rollins*
THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD - *Sandy Watson*
MESSAGE IN WORD - *Reverend Dusty Reynolds*
AMAZING GRACE - *Sandy Watson leading Congregation*
PRAYER AND INVITATION TO GRAVESIDE - *Reverend Randy Darnell*

GRAVESIDE

Highview Cemetery, Gray, Georgia
MESSAGE - *Reverend Dusty Reynolds*

TAPS

MILITARY PRESENTING OF THE FLAG

GOD BLESS AMERICA - *Phil McDevitt*
CLOSING PRAYER - *Reverend Randy Darnell*

PALLBEARERS

*Daniel Bridges • Chandler Brooks • Taylor Bridgess • Bridger Rollins
Dr. Dan Bridgess • Russ Bridgess • Kenneth Cobb*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Pete Norris • Tony Collins • Don Floyd • Donald Green • Charles Morseman
Paul Mossman, MD • Ralph Beard • Bill Epps • Joe Timberlake
Butch Reese • Benjy Griffith • Ed Lunsford • Bryant Pyles
Brent Pyles • Cecil Ethridge • Mike Green*



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