



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rick Forschner

RICHARD ARTHUR FORSCHNER, JR.

1956 - 2025

Order of Service



Piano Prelude

Pastor Matt Leszczynski

Invocation

Dr. Carl J. Broggi

Memories

Slide Show

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Congregation

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 103:2-3 • Kelley Mohrmann

10,000 Reasons

Congregation

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:18-20 • Pastor Vince Smith

The Lord's Prayer

Chris Deans

Message

Dr. Carl J. Broggi

Final Word from Rick

Walter Rattray

Recessional Verse

Colossians 3:15-17

Recessional Song

Agnus Dei - Lucia Kryeziu

Benediction

*Pallbearers: Steve Guthrie; Walter Rattray; Jong Gamboa;
Anthony Vaughn; Chris Mohler; Kelley Mohrmann; Chuck Chapman*

Great is Thy Faithfulness



Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness
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Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

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Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside

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10.000 Reasons

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore



Obituary

Richard Arthur Forschner, Jr. quietly left the confines of this world and stepped into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 7, 2025, at the age of 68, after a multi-year battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Deborah, and his two sisters, Michele Forschner Mohrmann (Kelley) of Beaufort, and Pamela Forschner Thompson (the late Arch) of Sarasota, Florida. Rick also had a brother he never knew, Dicky, who died of leukemia before Rick was born.

Although they had no children of their own, Rick and Deb were blessed with numerous nieces and nephews, Pamela Amy Hart-Biles (Graham); Megan Fitzgerald; Kerry Anne Ward (Kelly); Robert Burzynski; and their Goddaughter Lisa Burzynski Strickland (Swain); Taylor Thompson Lyons (Matt); a nephew, David Richard Thompson, who predeceased Rick in 2020 at the age of 38 and a nephew, Jesse Stevens, son of Deb's sister, Kathryn, who predeceased her. Rick was also blessed with a niece who was like their daughter, Laura Williams Clifford, daughter of Deb's sister, Sandra, who predeceased her. Rick and Deb also rejoiced in numerous great-nephews and great-nieces.

Born in Washington DC in 1956, Rick felt ever-blessed. According to him, however, his best year ever was in 1982-1983, when he met and married the love of his life, Deborah in 1982, in Tampa, Florida. The following year, they moved to Beaufort, South Carolina.

A little more than a year after marrying, Deborah committed her life to faith in Jesus Christ and Rick did the same that October. For them, this was truly a turning point and when life began to be lived as intended.

Rick grew up the son of a foreign service officer who also was part-owner of the Richard A. Forschner Knife Company. Both Rick's mother and father served in the U.S. Navy, where they met and married.

By age 10, Rick had lived in Germany, Belgium, France, Bologna and Naples, Italy, with Italian being his first language.

Rick went on to get his Associates Degree at the University of South Florida, Tampa, and his Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a major in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Rick's radio career started in Salem, Massachusetts, where he was a disc jockey at WESX. He then moved to the Tampa Bay area in 1978 and worked at various radio stations including News Director at Gannett's WUSA. He met and married Deborah and the two decided to move to Beaufort, South Carolina, where he managed the South Carolina Properties of ACTON Cable



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TV. They then moved to the Puget Sound area of Washington State where he managed the Puget Sound Properties of Vista Cablevision of Denver. Then they moved to Orlando, Florida where he managed the Pay Per View Division of Time Warner Cable of Central Florida.

While working in Seattle, Rick began listening to Christian radio and immediately felt a calling to own or manage a Christian radio station. In 1992, Rick was offered an opportunity to return to Beaufort, South Carolina, a town he and Deb loved, where he returned to work for Charter Cable TV, which was later purchased by Hargray Communications. Rick was also asked to be the anchor of the local news on Beaufort's WJWJ-TV between 1992 and 1997. He also hosted the interview program, "Coastline".

Rick was privileged to serve on the boards of the United Way, the Child Abuse Prevention Association, and the Exchange Club. While in the Exchange Club, an organization that supports law enforcement, child abuse prevention and Americanism, he met Charlie Smith. Charlie was a retired Marine Colonel, an Elder at Community Bible Church, and served as a General Manager at WAGP, 88.7 FM. Charlie invited Rick and Deb to a service at CBC, Rick had never told Charlie about the calling he felt to work in Christian radio. One day Charlie told Rick he had decided to retire from the radio station and asked Rick if he would consider leaving cable television to return to radio. Rick and Deb knew this was an answer to prayer. On June 1st, 1997, Rick became Director of Communications at Community Bible Church and General Manager of WAGP where he worked until his passing. Rick and Deb always saw the move to ministry as a calling and gift from God.

Arrangements are being made through Anderson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to WAGP radio or to Community Bible Church.

Please join the family in the Fellowship Hall for a reception after the service. Burial will follow the reception at Forest Lawn Cemetery

A lighthouse with a white upper section and a dark lower section stands on a grassy hill. The lighthouse has a lantern room at the top with a weather vane. The background shows a cloudy sky and a distant shoreline with some buildings.

*12 Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap in accordance
with kindness; Break up your fallow ground,
For it is time to seek the Lord
Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.*

Hosea 10 : 12



*2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget
none of His benefits; 3 Who pardons all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases;*

Psalm 103 : 2 – 3