

The family thanks you for the gift of your presence today and for every expression of kindness. Following the service, the family cordially invites you to join them in the Christian Education Building for a time of fellowship and refreshments prepared by the Presbyterian Women of Northwood and the Kitchen Krew.

*In lieu of flowers,
the family requests memorial donations be made to:
Northwood Presbyterian Church: Grand Piano Fund
or
Suncoast Hospice
164 W. Lake Rd. Palm Harbor, FL. 34684*

Obituary of Raymond F. Spigarelli (LTC Retired)

On May 17, 2025 surrounded by family, Raymond (87) transitioned to Heaven. He was born May 13, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan, grew up in Plymouth, Michigan, graduated from Michigan State University (BS) and the University of Detroit (MA), and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army following undergraduate graduation.

His duty assignments were in Germany, Vietnam (two tours), Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, California, Kansas, Virginia, North Carolina, Colorado, and Washington. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after over 22 years of active service following attendance at the Command and Staff College, Defense Systems Management College, and the Army War College as well as a number of artillery, guided missile, and computer branch schools.

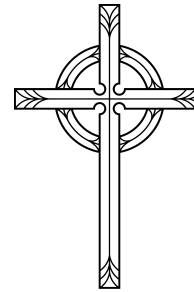
His major research and development assignments were the Tactical Fire Direction System and the Multiple Launches Rocket System. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Air Medal (3 awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 awards) and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

After military retirement, he had a successful 20-year civilian career as a senior staff engineer and program manager on government research and development programs for a number of defense contractors beginning with Sperry Gyroscope/Hercules Defense Electronics in 1982.

Raymond served as an Elder at Northwood Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College (ASPEC).

Survivors include his wife and best friend of 64 years JoAnne, daughters Pamela (Spigarelli, DMD) (Ward) Johansen of Clearwater and Barbara (Darien) Day of Vestavia Hills, Alabama and 4 grandchildren, Dane, David (Marie), Erik (Courtney), and Adrienne.

Rev. Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor
David Furr, Organist



A Witness to the Resurrection



**To the Glory of God &
In Loving Memory of**

Raymond F. Spigarelli

May 13, 1938– May 17, 2025

Northwood Presbyterian Church
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In Gratitude to God for the Gift of Life of Ray Spigarelli

Saturday, May 31, 2025
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Psalm 100

Psalm 23 (Unison)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

*HYMN “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds singing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *Refrain*

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*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

John 16:16-22; Revelation 3:20-22

MEDITATION

Chris Curvin, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Robert Hobby

(Please remain in the pews while the family is escorted from the Sanctuary.)

*Please stand if able.