A Celebration of the Life

of

Paul O. Rawson

November 27, 1921 – January 11, 2022 Jesse Lee United Methodist Church Saturday, April 30, 2022 12:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

"Flying Free" by John Besig
"He" by Jack Richards

"Requiem" by Michael Kamen Joe Swindon

WORDS OF GATHERING

Pastor Fern Blair Hart Pastor Fern Blair Hart

WORDS OF GRACE AND GREETING

PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially, O Lord, we praise you for Paul, and those whom he knew and loved and who you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of their home not made with hand but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

*HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

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READING FROM THE PSALTER - Psalm 23(in 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 forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

*HYMN

"In The Garden"

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*GOSPEL READING CHORAL ANTHEM:

"On Eagle's Wings"

by Michael Joncas

John 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

choral setting by Douglas E. Wagner

MESSAGE:

"A Remarkable Man"

Pastor Fern

WORDS OF WITNESS: All who wish may share a story or a memory of Paul

Solo:

"What A Wonderful World"

Ioanne Kant

Words and Music by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

COMMENDATION

The Lord's Prayer; (In unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN

"Lord of the Dance"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

DE "Theme from the Piano Concerto in B-Flat Minor"

by P.I. Tschaikowsky organ arrangement by Joseph Swindon

"Theme from the Piano Concerto in C-Minor"

by Sergei Rachmaninoff, arranged for organ by Joe Swindon

*Please stand as you are able

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Paul Rawson by his family A Reception will follow the Service in Bennett Hall

Paul O. Rawson

Paul O. Rawson, accomplished industrial designer and artist, of Easton CT, late of Haverford PA, passed peacefully on January 11, 2022. Paul turned 100 this past November as sharp and witty as ever. Born in Worcester MA to Paul and Grace Rawson, Paul grew up in Thompson CT. He attended the Rhode Island School of Design and assisted in the design of destroyers and aircraft in World War II. In 1943 Paul married his high school sweetheart Lois Covell of North Grosvenordale CT. At one years old, Paul lost a kidney and Lois worried that he might be "a bad bet". Instead they were happily married for 73 years until Lois passed in 2016, spending most of those years in the house they had built in Easton in 1965, which incorporated much of his custom woodwork. Paul was known to shower Lois with beautiful hand-painted card poetry.

Paul's career as an Industrial Designer led to numerous design patents through his work first at the General Electric Corporation, then as Vice President of the Van Dyke Consulting firm and later at his own company, Rawson Design. Among the notable patents are the design of the first GE Toaster Oven, currently on display in the Smithsonian Institute; the first electric curling iron for Clairol Co.; the first computer-controlled milling machine for Bridgeport Machines, the first mid-size computer for Digital Equipment Corporation and many surgical instruments including the first surgical stapler. Columbia, Waring, Farberware, JC Penney, Timex, Hoffman LaRoche, Corning, Winchester and Black & Decker are among the many clients whose products carried his aesthetic touch.

However, he may best be remembered for his work as an artist. Paul delighted in spending time in his basement studio listening to classical and big band music while creating imaginative watercolor paintings. He had a wide range of subjects, and he could be bold or sublime. Many of his works tugged the emotions while others captured a mood. In later years he turned to sketching, often on post card sized mats which he would sign and send to friends in the mail. As Covid restricted visits, he created hundreds of these postcards to stay connected with his church family, friends and relatives.

Paul is survived by his two children Daniel Rawson and his wife JoAnn, and Nancy Rawson and her partner Jim Conmy, along with grandchildren Erica Lind and Richard Lind and his wife Liz and their two children, Richie and Emilia, nieces Susan Keach Sweeney, Lois Cohen, Joan Arsenault, nephew Stanley Jordan Keach and their families, his caretaker Robert Wright and family, and his church family at the Jesse Lee Church in Easton.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Jesse Lee United Methodist Church, 25 Flat Rock Rd. Easton, Connecticut 06612; (203)372-8250.

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In Loving Memory



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November 21, 1921-January 11, 2022