

Dear friends,

Thank you all for the wonderful expressions of sympathy, offers to help, etc. that came from you as my Dad suffered a fall and proceeded somewhat slowly to die. Your kindness and compassion truly touched me and affirmed just what a caring community of faith we have, in all its extended circles.

I know that death is part of the natural cycle and I trust that in death, we return to God, the source of life and love. Yet it is also a time of pain and bittersweet reflection. We, as followers of Jesus and his path to God, are ultimately people of resurrection. We trust that love trumps hate and life is stronger than death. Through this mystical Spirit of Christ, we experience resurrection too. This is seen not only in whatever we hope happens at our death but in our ability to put one foot in front of the other and continuing to live, to love, to hope.

Please know that my family is not the only one to grieve at the moment. Our beloved member, mentor, friend, as well as husband, father and grandfather to his family, Iver Yeager, also passed in the last two weeks. I know that expressions of love and sympathy to Natalee and Ruth and her brothers are well appreciated.

Praying that we may all be kind and gracious to each other and to this world that needs it.

In God's peace,

Pastor Lynn