



1960-2025

Memorial Service for:

Shawn McElmury

Celebration of Life for
Shawn McElmury

January 17, 2026

Officiant: Rev. Nathan Mugaas

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Tears in Heaven
Eric Clapton

GATHERING

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Shawn, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Shawn was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

All: We glorify you.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

All: We praise you.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

All: We worship you.

Pastor: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE

Read by Joelle McElmury, niece

MUSIC

Heaven Was Needing a Hero
Sung by Kristina Erickson, niece

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 4:13
2 Timothy 4:6-8
Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

REFRAIN

I'll fly away, Oh Glory; I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away

REFRAIN

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away

REFRAIN

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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 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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Shawn. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL SONG

**Somewhere Over the Rainbow
Israel Kamakawiwo'ole**

Following the service you are invited to a luncheon gathering in the Community Room on our lower level.

OBITUARY

Shawn Ramon McElmury, age 65 of Oak Grove, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 27, 2025 surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Winona, MN on February 17, 1960 to Ramon and Charlotte (Gamble) McElmury.

Shawn grew up in Minnesota City and graduated from Winona High School. He furthered his education at Winona Tech. He was a dedicated Engineer with Hoffman in Anoka for 38 years until his retirement in April 2019.

On March 25, 1995 Shawn married his soulmate Carman Erickson. Together they enjoyed the outdoors, their love of music and traveling with their Harley's. Seldom you saw one without the other. Shawn was the epitome of an outdoorsman. He enjoyed cutting and chopping wood (no dead tree stood a chance around him). He loved hunting, fishing, snowshoeing, traveling, and riding his Harley. His pride and joy were his son Nick and his grandkids. He had a special place in his heart for all his family, friends, and hunting dogs. Most often you would find Shawn in the garage tinkering and listening to his favorite songs.

Shawn was a champion for everyone he knew, his family, friends and coworkers, always wanting the best for them. He had the biggest heart and was one of the happiest and most fun loving individuals one would meet. He will be missed by all!

He is preceded in death by his mother, Charlotte McElmury; brother, Russell McElmury; and his grandparents.

Shawn is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Carman McElmury; son, Nick (Angelina) McElmury; grandchildren, Gunnar, Hughie, Daphne; father, Ray McElmury; brothers, Les (Heidi) McElmury, Mike (Kelli) McElmury; parents-in-law, Ernest and Carol Erickson; brother-in-law, Kevin (ShaVon) Erickson; and many nieces, nephews, family and numerous friends.