

Celebration of Life / Memorial / Funeral Service singing summary

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In 2019, Mom Long asked if I'd ever done a summary of the singing done at memorial services. That seemed like a worthy project, so here's a starter...

- The first was with my mom during my college days – I was a stand-in for my dad who was dealing with laryngitis [wasn't that convenient? :-)] The service was at First Presbyterian in BG for Gavin George in 1979
- Tom Kendall @ TP White – perhaps the first memorial service LP did as MWPC pastor
- Janice Bader on April 9, 2005 @ UCC near Beech Acres – played Hymns: Lord of the Dance and Hymn of Promise plus duets with Kathleen Stewart of Boring Cry; His Eye is On the Sparrow plus the famed transposing of pages of music for the song I Find Jesus ! :-) [Tom Hern and Mom Long were attendees]
- Dick Yund @ MWPC on August 4, 2013 – included JNB singing Seek Ye First & Here I Am Lord; accompanied Sam Long on the song Mentor he wrote about Dick
- Lee Davis @ MWPC w/ JNB (I'll Fly Away)
- Gavin Gray @ MWPC – What Have You Done To Lift Somebody Up
- Greg Anderson (at wife, Tari's, request) @ MWPC – with Kathleen Stewart & Kim Long
- Sharon Fogwell @ Mt. Lookout Funeral Home with Chapel Folk – I Will See You Again
- Uncle Fred Cline @ Abingdon Christian Church with Long Bald Boys (minus Dad Long) 9/2012
- Aunt Ellie @ Brentwood church with Kim Long - 2013
- Dana Randall @ MWPC on August 13, 2015 - wrote a Dana Randall verse to What Have You Done and sang this with Kathleen Stewart and Jim Dockendorff
- Judy Brockschmidt @ MWPC on March 13, 2018 with Chapel Folk - I Will See You Again
- Wilbur Wiley @ Medina Funeral Home on October 20, 2018 - organized and facilitated the service, including leading the singing of the song Hymn of Promise
- Bob Davis @ Jesuit Spiritual Center on September 29, 2018 - this was done as a special part of the Men's Retreat as requested by his children. The largest group of Joyful Noise Boys sang I'll Fly Away
- Dean Shupe @ Union Presbyterian on June 30, 2019 - wrote a Dean Shupe verse along with an LP-inspired Friends life is short verse to What Have You Done To Lift Somebody Up; played Christ As a Light also

- Janet Hickman @ MWPC Chapel on December 12, 2019 - Flyin'/Marchin' group song arranged/led by Steve; played some songs with Connie West accompanying on piano
- Patty Davis with JNB on February 28, 2020 - Joyful Noise Boys sang a custom verse of Brighten the Corner Where You Are
- Lyda Davis (Sheri Kennington's mom) 2021 funeral @ TP White - Sweet Sweet Spirit
- Dick Pyles in 2022 with JNB @ Terrace Park CC
- Judy Parker's sister, Diane (though I didn't know they were sisters until the day of the celebration of life - was doing it at the request of HoC after doing some music with Diane to celebrate Reds Opening Day) @ HoC atrium in 2023 - Bridge Over Troubled Waters
- Bud Parker at Pinebrook on January 16, 2024 - solo (Bridge Over Troubled Waters), w/ Kathleen (I Will See You Again) and w/ Joyful Noise Boys (I'll Fly Away)
- Bill Brockschmidt @ MWPC on December 9, 2024 with Chapel Folk Trio (Jim & Kathleen) - Be Not Afraid (family requested this – we worked it up)
- Aunt Jo Cline @ Highlands Ridge Founders Hall on 3/1/2025: Cline Clan Singers sang It Is Well With My Soul (including custom Jo Cline verse), In the Garden; Video of It Is Well With My Soul is [HERE](#) and In the Garden is [HERE](#)
- Duane Allen @ Freedom City (old Salem UMC) on 3/29/2025 with Chapel Folk: Daddy's Hands (including Ann Marie and Emaline), I Will See You Again and I'll Fly Away
- Mimi McDonald @ MWPC Chapel in family-only service with Pastor Hannah on 7/10/2025: shared personal reflections at the request of Mimi and sang I Will See You Again and led the family in singing of Just a Closer Walk with Thee and Here Comes the Sun; played Rocky Mountain High at burial ceremony at Arlington Memorial Cemetery in Mt. Healthy; [audio on Google Drive](#)
- Bill Davis @ Arlington Memorial Cemetery Chapel on October 17, 2025; led family in singing I'll Fly Away and Country Roads and accompanied Stephanie Eldred as she sang the verses to On Eagle's Wing with the family joining for the chorus;
- Uncle Sam Cline @ Highlands Ridge Founders Hall with Cline Clan Singers - 1/19/2026: Great Is Thy Faithfulness and Here Comes the Sun
- Mom Long @ BG First Presby with Long Family Singers - 5/30/2026 I'll Fly Away;
- Melissa (Missy) Davis Pobanz @ MWPC Chapel with Joyful Noise Boys leading congregation in I'll Fly Away (including SAL verse) - 6/20/2026
- Mom Long @ Monmouth Cemetery on 7/19/2026 with Cline Family - I'll Fly Away; set up service with sibs participating
- Uncle Sam & Aunt Jo @ Warren County Memorial Park on 7/20/206 and then at Monmouth American Legion - It Is Well With My Soul; set up service with cousins and Mike's daughter participating - did some at Legion Hall because of heat coupled with smoke advisory due to wildfires out west

- Jean Wakefield @ Wakefield home - family service, with Cooper Wakefield joining me in playing and singing This is My Father's World and I'll Fly Away - 8/22/2026; this is one I organized at the request of Jean several years before (told her I wouldn't do this for just anyone...)

Others that I may have done?

- Jackie Tansey – February 12, 2018, during my Herbie experience; did the cemetery service at Mt. Moriah (not sure why MWPC pastor didn't do this - she did the funeral - but they asked me so I did)