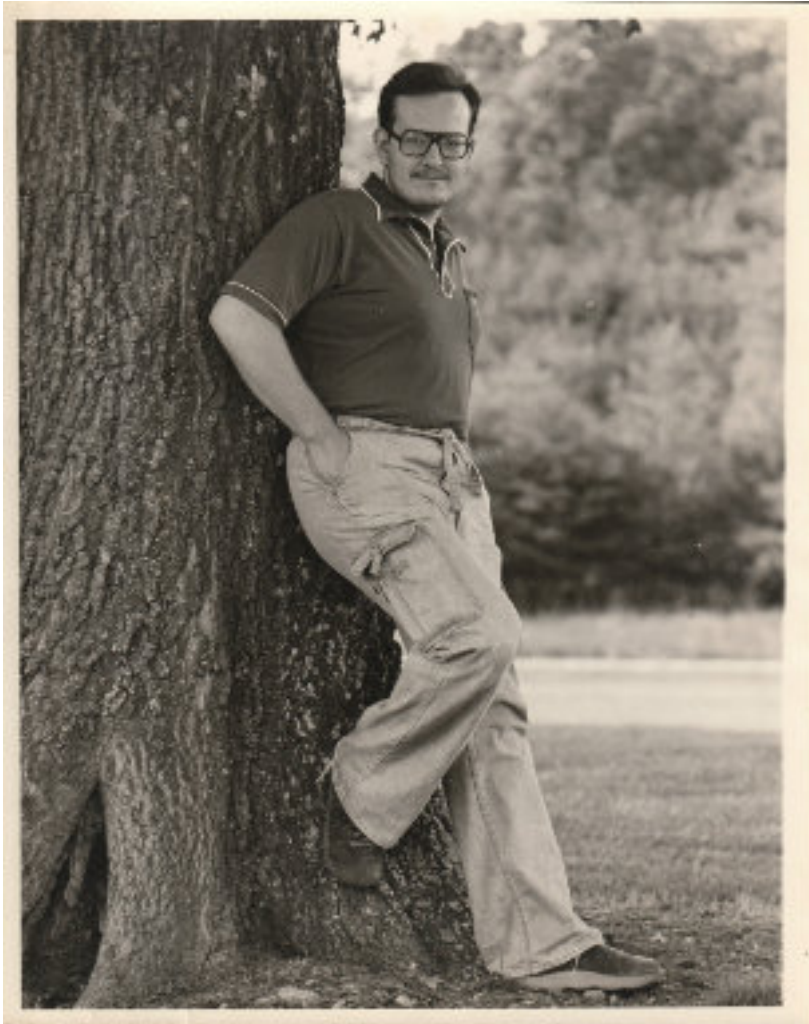


Memorial Service for Michael Lance Simon

July 27, 1957 - June 28, 2026



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Saturday August 1, 2025, 11 a.m..

In Loving Memory of Michael Simon

Opening hymn: "Morning has broken"

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All stand during the procession of the altar party to the front of the church as the Presider says:

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Presider addresses the gathered family and friends in welcome and sympathy then continues:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our loved-one Michael Simon. We thank you for giving to us, family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding:
Deal graciously with Michael and all of the Simon family and Michael's

friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the readings)

First Reading : Job (19:25-27)

25 I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
26 And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
27 I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 - *Dominus regit me*

The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul, *
and bring me forth 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 comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them
that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians (4:16-17)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look! I’m making all things new.” He also said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” he said to me, “All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring. who emerge victorious will inherit these things. I will be their God, and they will be my sons and daughters.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm (116:15)

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

Sequence Hymn: “Blessed Assurance” *{Hymns of Glorious Praise}* #44

The Gospel John (5:24) *(Rev. Dcn. Dottie Gutwein)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Remembrances of Michael by Sherry Simon and his family

The Apostles' Creed (*please stand as you are able*)

Dcn. Sherry: Please join in saying the Apostles' Creed together:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by
the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again 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.**

Prayers of the People:

Dcn. Sherry: For our beloved Michael let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
"I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Dcn. Sherry: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us
who mourn for and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to Michael eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring Michael to the
joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Michael was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give to
him fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows of Michael's death, let our faith be our
consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Hear us, Lord.

Presider: Gracious God, nothing in death or life, nothing in the world as it is,
nothing in the world as it shall be, nothing in all creation can separate us from
your love. We now commend Michael into your loving care Enfold him in the
arms of your mercy. **Amen.**

The Committal:

(The Presider, other ministers and immediate family take their places near the urn, and then all processed to the Columbarium.)

Deacon Dottie: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Michael Simon, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Deacon Dottie: He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

(The urn is placed in its niche)

Deacon Dottie: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother, Michael, and we commit his body to the ground; *

earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen**

Deacon Dottie: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon Dottie: Let us pray

All: 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, ever and ever. Amen.

Deacon Dottie: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: “Be thou my Vision”

Postlude:

Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.



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