

Remembering and Celebrating

**Brent Allen Eash**

Prairie Street Mennonite Church • February 10, 2018

Preservice Music

Selections from Fauré's Requiem Atlanta Symphony Orchestra  
and Chorus

Call to Worship and Prayer

Frances Ringenberg, Pastor at Prairie Street

Hymnal, #377

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

Special Music

Brandenburg Concert

Please join in as shown:



*Litany for a Funeral Procession*

John Becker

Special Music

Brandenburg Concert

Ruthann Adams, Oboe • Roxane Ewert, Violin

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Mack Wilberg

In Memoriam

Dave Funk, longtime friend

Carl Horner, friend and Co-Pastor at Shore Mennonite Church

Special Music

Osée Tschiwape, Brent's mentee in the Journey Program, soloist

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Scripture Reading

Ben Ollenburger, member of Brent and Heidi's small group

Micah 6:8; Philippians 2:5-11

Message

Nelson Kraybill, Pastor at Prairie Street

Hymnal, #519

Ellen Kraybill, soprano soloist, with congregation

*Shepherd Me, O God*

Hymnal, #472

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Announcements and Benediction

Carolyn Hunt, Pastor at Prairie Street

Hymnal, #493

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Instrumental Postlude

**Brandenburg Concert**

Soprano

Nancy Brandenburg

Kirstin Vander Giessen-Reitsma

Sue Ann Von Blon

Naomi Wenger

Tenor

Kurt Brandenburg

Willard Fenton-Miller

Bass

Dan Petry

David Wenger

Alto

Pat Butchbaker

Wendy Eash

Roxane Ewert

Diane Foghino

Kate Lind

Christine Nofsinger

Joan Robertson

Brent was a member of Brandenburg Concert and performed as a member of the tenor section for 24 years.

Additional Musicians

Verna Troyer, Piano

Naomi Wenger, Percussion

Willard Fenton-Miller, Guitar

Tracey Weirich, Tin Whistle

Brent's family wishes to thank all of you who helped on this journey. We have felt your prayers, your care and concern and are grateful for the immense outpouring of support we have received.

Family and friends are welcome to join us for lunch in the fellowship hall, followed by a time of informal sharing.

Christmas 2017



Brent Allen Eash, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, pastor, elder, farmer, musician, friend, and follower of Christ, died at home on Monday, January 8, 2018. He had been diagnosed with lymphoma and amyloidosis in 2014 and entered into hospice care in September 2017. He was cared for at home by his family until his death.

Brent was born to Ted and Darlene Eash on July 17, 1959. He was preceded in death by his father, Ted. He is survived by his mother Darlene, siblings Christina (Jim) Bromley, Mark (Kathy) Eash, Wendy Eash, and Tim (Malinda) Eash, his wife Heidi, and children Audrey (Nestor Luna) Eash, Daniel (Andrei Regalado) Eash, Hannah (Philip) Eash-Gates, and Lauren (Mark) Eash Hershberger. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Alexis, Elian, Jonah, Natalie, Charlie, and Leo, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Brent and Heidi graduated together in the 1977 class of Elkhart Central High School, and were married on July 22, 1978, at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church by Brent's father, the Reverend Ted Eash. Later in life, Brent earned a Masters in Divinity from AMBS, taking extra classes in Hebrew and Greek because he so enjoyed developing the ability to study the scriptures in their original languages. Brent was a devoted follower of Jesus and cared deeply for people and the church. He served as elder at Prairie Street and Bonneyville Mennonite churches, as overseer/coach of several area congregations, as pastor at Shore Mennonite for thirteen years, on the board of various organizations related to the Mennonite Church, and in leadership of the IN-MI Church Conference. He counseled and mentored many. He was eager to heed the call to volunteer, teaching Sunday School and ESL classes for many years.

While he relished the chance to make personal connections with people through various forms of ministry, caretaking of the land was also close to his heart. He was a lifetime farmer and cherished time spent in the fields dragging a plow, taking great pleasure in creating a perfectly straight furrow. Music was another passion, and he spent many years singing tenor with the Brandenburg Concert, a vocal ensemble based in Southern Michigan.

Brent was a man of tremendous moral integrity and compassion. He has taught those who knew him much about forgiveness, the importance of relationship, and following through on commitment through hard work. He was a quiet and comforting presence in a catastrophe, a fountain of wit, and loved his grandchildren, as well as raisins in anything, sweet or savory. He will be tremendously missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network or Prairie Street Mennonite Church.

Visitation and a memorial service were held at Prairie Street Mennonite Church, 1316 Prairie Street in Elkhart. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury handled the arrangements.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)



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**1959-2018**