



A SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
DAVID WILSON DIETZ

*FEBRUARY 19, 1940 - DECEMBER 25, 2020*

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MARCH 21, 2021

3:00 P.M.



## **PRELUDE**

A retrospective slideshow produced by Chris Allyn with a  
hymn medley performed by Jany Izaguirre

## **WELCOME AND SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

Rev. Stone

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Rev. Stone

## **“CONTEMPLATION ON PSALM 73”**

Composed by Fred Gramann in memory of David  
Performed by the Bell Choir of the American Church in Paris

## **THE FIRST READING**

Carter Ramquist, *Granddaughter*

## **THE SECOND READING**

Charlie Ramquist, *Grandson*

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

Performed by Min Kwon

## **THE THIRD READING**

Psalm 121

Nancy Dietz Donahue, *Sister*

## **HOMILY**

Rev. Stone

## **“FLIGHT SONG”**

By Kim Andre Arneson

Performed by the Raleigh Boy Choir’s Young Men’s Ensemble  
Charlie Ramquist is an Ensemble Member

## **WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Carl Dietz, *Brother*

Chris Allyn, *Friend*

**HYMN:** “Amazing Grace”

Performed by David Mitchell

## **REMINISCENCE**

Wendy Montgomery, *Friend*

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND COMFORT**

Rev. Dr. George Chorba

**HYMN:** “All things Bright and Beautiful”

Performed by Meghan Berryman

## **A WORD OF THANKS**

Jane Kendall

## **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Stone

## **POSTLUDE**

“Prelude and Fugue in F Major” by J.S. Bach  
performed by Fred Gramann,  
Director of Music at the American Church in Paris

The Postlude will be followed by a short film featuring memories of David from friends around the world, produced by Chris Allyn. You are invited to remain on the ZOOM and view this film with us.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made in David's memory to

NourishNj.org (formerly the Community Soup Kitchen)

The American Church in Paris (afcubridge.org, specifying ACP)

The First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon (PCNV.org)

Doctors without Borders (Médécins sans Frontiers,  
doctorswithoutborders.org)



**OFFICIATING MINISTER**

The Reverend William H. Stone, III



# DAVID WILSON DIETZ

David was a loving and generous man, whose arms enveloped you with a bear hug. The core of his life was his love for his family. He found the greatest joy in being with family and friends. His easy laugh and jovial nature left everyone in his life smiling after being in his presence.

His loved ones, friends, and colleagues will always remember his playful silliness, the twinkle in his eye and his generosity. Many will especially remember his amazing cheese buffets at holiday time, introducing admiring friends and family to exotic cheeses from around the world.

Born on Feb. 19, 1940, he had a happy early childhood with summers spent in Point Pleasant Beach and Newfound Lake, N.H., vacationing with extended family.

He loved hiking in the New Hampshire mountains, picking wild blueberries along the way, and instilled his deep love for the lake in his children and grandchildren. David loved his time at Lafayette College, where he majored in civil engineering and was president of his college fraternity, Theta Chi. He was an avid, lifelong supporter of his alma mater.

He joined AT&T after college and his love of exploring new horizons led him to a career in international telecommunications negotiating relationships in Eastern Europe as well as Austria, France and Switzerland. He met colleagues from all over the world and embraced each for his or her own merits.

After his years traveling back and forth to Europe, David and his beloved wife Jane moved to Paris, where he established the corporate office of AT&T France and served as managing director for six exciting years, before returning home to an assignment in International Public Affairs.

David and Jane's love of adventure led them on many exciting journeys: Northern Norway in the winter darkness, the coast of Newfoundland, Labrador and Nunavik, Quebec traveling on an Inuit-owned expedition cruise. They crossed the North Atlantic from Scotland to Greenland and slept in an "igloo" in Ilulissat, Greenland. They watched Old Faithful spout on New Year's when it was minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

David also loved exploring Southern Africa, the souks of Morocco, and the Andaman Sea. Switzerland was his most beloved country – he loved the warmth of the people, the majesty of the mountains, and its cheeses!

After retirement, David turned his energy to support Harding Township, where he served on the Planning Board for over 20 years, the Environmental Commission, the Harding Land Trust, Friends of Kemmerer Library, and the Harding Open Space Trust (HOST). He was also a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Morris County and volunteered with great enthusiasm at Nourish NJ.

David was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon, where he was an elder and worked with the youth group and the chaplaincy counseling program. David and Jane maintain a membership in the American Church in Paris as well. Throughout, David made time to provide financial services support to many people.

In addition to his wife, Jane Kendall, David leaves behind his son, Peter Dietz (Mary Dell), and daughter Susan Dietz Ramquist (Neil), as well as David's pride and joy – his two cherished grandchildren Carter and Charlie Ramquist. He is also survived by his sister, Nancy Donahue, his brother, Carl Dietz and his stepbrother, John Neff; along with a cadre of nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his stepsister, Corinne Neff Pawling.