

They whom we love and lose
are no longer where they were before.
They are now wherever we are.
~ St. John Chrysostrom

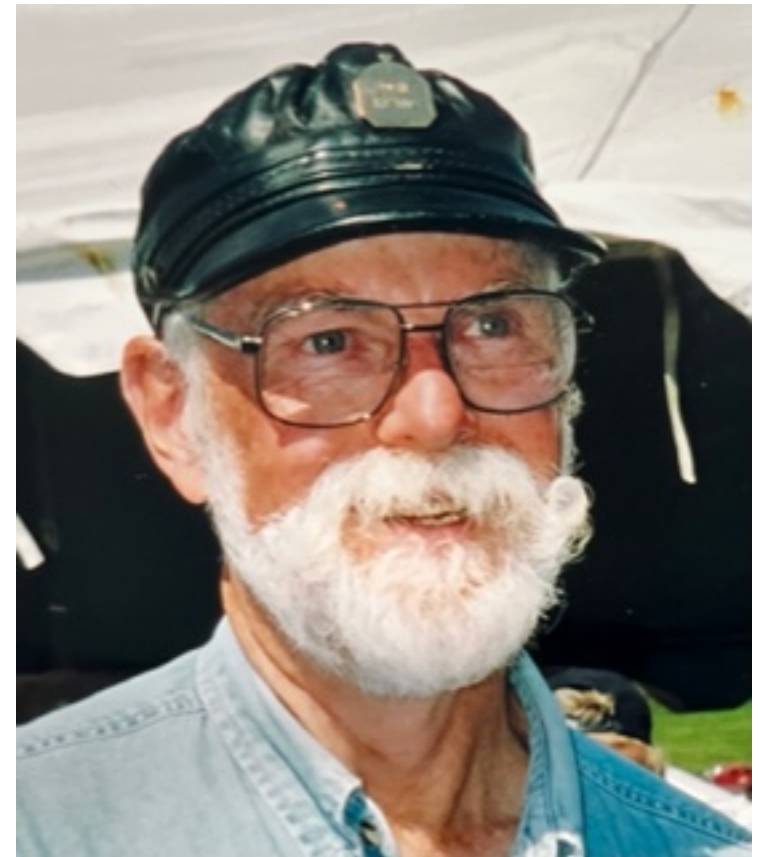


To live in this world you must be able to do three things:
To love what is mortal,
To hold it against your bones knowing
Your own life depends on it;
And when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.
~ Mary Oliver



A Celebration of the Life of Donald Brewster Rising

1936 ~ 2022



October 23, 2022



**First Parish Church of Stow & Acton
Stow, Massachusetts**

**A Celebration of the Life of
Donald Brewster Rising**

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Prelude *Prelude in D Major* J.K. Fischer
Canon in D J. Pachelbel
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach
Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach
Sanghee Kim, piano and organ

Welcome & Opening Words Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting Rebecca Rising, Rachel Rising
& Jonathan Rising

Ringing of the Bell Don's Family Members

By tradition at First Parish Church, our steeple bell is rung
once for every year lived by the person we remember.
Don knew of this tradition and requested it at his service.

Music *My Home* Andrew McIntosh, piper
Skye Boat Song

Reading *When Great Trees Fall* by Maya Angelou
Read by Cindy Rising

Scripture Reading *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

Moment of Silent Prayer or Meditation

Hymn #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Reading *Reluctance* by Robert Frost
Read by Camella Rising

Eulogy Matthew Rising

Reading *Silent, Strong Dad* by Karen K. Boyer
Read by Christopher Rising

Shared Remembrances

Hymn #159 *This Is My Song*

Closing Words

Postlude *Amazing Grace* Andrew McIntosh, piper
& additional selections
as we recess



The family invites you to join them for a reception in
Fellowship Hall following the service.



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Joe Stadolnik, Jonathan Daisy, & Ben Child, tech assistants;
and Carolyn Zettler, arrangements helper.