

And He will  
raise you up  
on  
eagle's  
wings,



Bear you  
on the  
breath  
of dawn,

Make you to  
shine like the  
sun,

And hold you  
in the palm of  
His Hand

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Emory C. Crowder Jr.

September 6, 1923 —

October 18, 2021

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WESTLAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Mollie Brown, Officiating

Anna Judkins, Organist

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October 23, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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## PROCESSIONAL

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Henry Van Dyke

## WORDS OF GRACE

## GREETING

## HYMN

“For All the Saints”

711, UMH

## PRAYER (by all)\*

**Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Emory, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF FAITH**

Psalm 121  
Isaiah 43:1-3a  
1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13  
John 14 *selections*

**SOLO**

“How Great Thou Art” Stuart Hine  
*Hailie Crowder - vocalist, Elissa Crowder, pianist*

**MEDITATION AND MESSAGE OF HOPE**

**ANTHEM**

“It Is Well with My Soul”  
*Chancel Choir*

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” 140, UMH

**PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (by 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, forever. Amen.**

**SOLO**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”  
William Whiting/John Dykes  
*Christopher Neely - tenor, Anna Judkins, pianist*

**HYMN**

“Amazing Grace” 378, UMH

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL**

“O Welt, ich muss dich lassen”  
Johannes Brahms

**MILITARY HONORS**

**WUMC MEMORIAL GARDEN**

It is with great sorrow that the family of longtime Westlake resident Emory C. Crowder, Jr announces his passing peacefully at home on Monday October 18, 2021, at the age of 98.

Emory was born on September 6, 1923, in Roanoke, Virginia to Nannie Edriss and Emory Cary Crowder, graduated from William Fleming High School and attended and played football for Roanoke College.

Emory served in the Navy during WWII from 1942-1945 and was trained as a hospital corpsman to serve with the Marines in combat. He was stationed in Tinian, Okinawa and Saipan for which he received both a Purple Heart and the prestigious Silver Star for “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity” in battle. Emory married his brown-eyed love of his life, Kathryn, in 1950.

Emory worked for N & W Railroad (Norfolk Southern) for over 42 years, retiring as Assistant to the General Manager in 1983. He handled a large region and moved often with Kathryn until they settled in Westlake, Ohio in 1968 and lived in the same home on Radcliffe Drive for 53 years.

For more than 40 years, EMORY led the Children’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bicycle Parade in the neighborhood and served as the unofficial community patriarch. Emory and Kathryn faithfully contributed to family, neighbors and Church members in countless ways, demonstrating their kindness and love.

In retirement, Emory continued living life to its fullest, practicing his strong work ethic. Extremely active in the Westlake United Methodist Church, both he and Kathryn worked tirelessly on the Church gardens as well as gardens of their own. His tomatoes were legendary, as was their applesauce. Married 65 years, he lost his beloved wife in 2016.

Emory was loved and revered by his fellow Navy sailors and Marines, and was the guest of honor at numerous military events including the Army / Navy game in 2019. He always wanted to keep busy and be productive even in his 90s, astounding people by what he could do. Watching the Indians and Browns (while sometimes hard) was an enjoyable pastime for him as was playing cards. His first choice though was always spending time with his loving family and multitude of dedicated friends. He had a profound impact on the lives of those who knew him, daily demonstrating the three core values which motivated him throughout his life – his faith, his love of life and his love for people. Knowing him changed and enriched our lives.

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***All are invited to join the family for lunch at the Westlake Community Services Center located at 28975 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145***

***The family extends their heartfelt thanks to all who shared their friendship, love and support to enrich Uncle Emory's life as he did for so many of us. He treasured each of you!***