

Wayland Orban Waters was born on February 5, 1926 in Vivian, Louisiana to O.C. and Buell Waters. His childhood was spent on a farm where his love of animals developed. When he was about 17 years old, his family moved to Edna, Texas. There he met his beloved Snellah at a church picnic. On May 15, 1944, Wayland and Snellah married, their union lasting 79 years and 10 months until her death in March 2024.

Upon graduating from high school, Wayland joined the Navy, serving aboard a landing craft carrier during the last part of World War II. After his return, he enrolled at the University of Houston where he studied engineering. When the Korean conflict broke out, he once again served his country, this time on a destroyer. In 1950, he and Snellah welcomed their son, Bruce, followed by Brian and Sarah. In 1956, the family moved to Lake Charles, LA. where they were active in The First Presbyterian Church and later, were charter members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. In 1968, the family moved to Pearland, Texas and joined The Pearland Presbyterian Church where Wayland served several times as elder and Clerk of Session. In 1976, Wayland formed his own company, Hydro Chem Services, Inc., which he operated until his retirement.

Wayland enjoyed an active life. He was quite a “fix-it” man and never seemed to find anything he couldn’t build, including furniture and additions to the houses his family lived in. He and Snellah loved antiquing, square dancing and travel, and often combined all three pastimes as they traveled throughout the United States and overseas. Wayland loved horses and owned three which he trained for trail riding. He and Snellah enjoyed delivering food for “Meals On Wheels”, until they moved to The Woodlands when Wayland was 91. Wayland doted on his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and was always happy to be with them, greeting them with “Hi Darling!” and always reminding them: “I love you.” All of them recall him reading to them and doing “the voices”, making his wonderful homemade fudge, taking them on special trips, and teaching them to play dominoes.

In 2017, he and Snellah were persuaded to move to The Forum in The Woodlands to be closer to their family. There they participated in fitness classes and “Mexican Train” groups. As always, they found a church home and joined WCPC where they were active in their Sunday School class, enjoying very special friendships with the other members.

Wayland was predeceased by Snellah and his son, Bruce. He is survived by his son, Brian, daughter, Sarah (Steve), granddaughters, Christine (Arthur), Rebecca (Mike), Jennifer (Kale), Tegan (James), and Stephanie (Chaz), great grandchildren, Priscilla, Alex, Charlie, Evan, Elliott, Jonah, Beckett, Natalie, and Roman. Wayland’s health declined following Snellah’s death and he passed into heaven on January 14, 2025 where he certainly greeted Snellah with “Hi Darling!” and his Savior, Jesus Christ, with “I love you.”

For those who would like to make a donation in honor of Wayland, please consider All Ears, a donation to WCPC for Christian Education, or a charity of your choice.

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“An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ.”

Service of Worship

and

Witness to our Faith in the Resurrection



*Given in Thanksgiving and Love for the life
of*

Wayland Orban Waters

February 5, 1926– January 14, 2025

I thank my God every time I remember you.

Philippians 1:3

Prelude Bruce Xu, organ
"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Sandra Eithun
Bells of Life and Jubilate Bells

Honor Guard

Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, Ps. 124:8
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord John 11: 25-26
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who live and believes in me
will never die.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

*Hymn 269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

Confession and Pardon

*Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts.
We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We
forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns.
We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived
as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Lord, in
your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free
from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and
forever. Amen.*

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us,, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem "Be Not Afraid" Taylor Davis
WCPFC Sanctuary Choir

Scriptures Psalm 23
James 1:17
1 Corinthians 15:42-58

*Hymn "Fill My Cup, Lord"

Meditation

*Profession of Faith Apostles' Creed
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

*Benediction

Postlude "For All the Saints"
Bruce Xu, organ

*Friends are invited to a reception immediately
following the service in the Church Fellowship Hall*

**Please stand*