

ERNEST CHARLES MANNING

September 20, 1908 - February 19, 1996



FINISHED WELL ... FOUND FAITHFUL

PASTORS

Rev. Wendell Grout

Rev. Ray Matheson

MUSIC DIRECTOR: *Jason Erhardt*

ORGANIST: *Rev. Gerald Fowler*

PIANIST: *Elmer Riegel*

SOLOIST: *Jorge Aviles*

TRIBUTES

Rev. James Blackwood

Preston Manning

Andrea Manning

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Rt. Hon. Joe Clark

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Mr. Everett Wickens

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John Fuller

David Manning

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Nathan Manning

Immediately following the Celebration of Ernest's Life, friends and guests are invited to greet the family and have refreshments in the "Lower Auditorium".

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF ERNEST CHARLES MANNING

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE

Pastor Wendell Grout

HYMN

Sweet By And By

*There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.*

*We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.*

*To our bountiful Father above,
We will offer a tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love,
And the blessings that hallow our days.*

CHORUS

*In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

ERNEST MANNING: Committed Christian

Rev. James Blackwood

FAVOURITE SCRIPTURES

*Avryll Fuller
Mary Joy Manning*

ERNEST MANNING: Statesman

Preston Manning

HYMN

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne
still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*A thousand ages, in Thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home!*

ERNESTMANNING:

Husband, Father, Grandfather

Andrea Manning

MEDITATION

Pastor Wendell Grout

SOLO

Jorge Aviles

I Bowed On My Knees And Cried "Holy"

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Pastor Ray Matheson

PRIVATE INTERMENT

Edenbrook Memorial Gardens

*17th Avenue and Lower Springbank Road South West
Calgary, Alberta*

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ERNEST MANNING'S FAVOURITE SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto
thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy paths.*

Jeremiah 33:3

*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and
mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life.*

Psalms 103

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

*Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;*

*Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*The Lord executeth righteousness
and judgement for all that are oppressed.*

*He made known his ways unto Moses,
his acts unto the children of Israel.*

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.*

*He will not always chide:
Neither will he keep his anger forever.*

*He hath not dealt with us after our sins;
nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
For as the heaven is high above the earth,
so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame;
he remebereth that we are dust.
As for man, his days are as grass:
as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place
therof shall know it no more.
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
upon them that fear him,
and his righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep his covenant,
and to those that remember his commandments to do them.
The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens;
and his kingdom ruleth over all.
Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excell in strength,
that do his commandments,
hearkening unto the voice of his word.
Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his,
that do his pleasure.
Bless the Lord,
all his works in all places of his dominion:
bless the Lord, O my soul.*

Isaiah 26:3

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on thee:
because he trusteth in thee.*

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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