

HOW TO LIVE YOUR DASH

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on his tombstone
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came his date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said that what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
That he spent alive on earth.
And now only those that loved him
Know what that little line was worth.

For it matters not how much we own,
The cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

-Linda Ellis

Douglas Fletcher 1953-2006



“We make a living by what we get,
we make a life by what we give”
-Winston Churchill

Mass of Resurrection for
Douglas Joseph Fletcher
October 9, 1953 - October 17, 2006

Christ the King Church, Mashpee, MA
October 23, 2006
Celebrant: Reverend Sylva

Entrance Hymn: Be Not Afraid #413

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-4

Psalm Response: Shepherd Me O God
*Shepherd me, O God, beyond
my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.*

Gospel and Homily

Intercessory Prayers

Offertory Hymn: Prayer of St. Francis #382

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Amazing Grace #411

Recessional On Eagle's Wings #403

Greeters: Beth Traubert
Deanna Gears, SSJ

Military Flag Handlers: Bill Anthony, USMC
Mike Trainor, USMC
John Collins, USN

Placing of Pall: Susan Fletcher
Karen Smith-Rohrberg

First Reading: Jessica Smith-Rohrberg
Duncan Maru

Intercessions Sara Leathersich
Whitney & Amanda Fletcher

Offertory Gifts: Daniel Fletcher
Andrew Collins
Sam Traubert

Eucharistic Minister Kathleen Fletcher, SSJ

Eulogy John Fletcher

Pall Bearers Karl Koch
Jeremy & Jimmy Fletcher
Adam & Jared Reinhardt
David Smith-Rohrberg