



Walter M. Deans

Graveside Service

Old Tennent Cemetery

The Reverend Jessica Dixon-Ebner

454 Tennent Road, Manalapan, NJ 07763
Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Words of Scripture

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 103:1-5, 8-18

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who
made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber
nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right
hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor
the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and
your coming in;
from this time on and forevermore.



Prayer of Commendation

Lord Jesus Christ,
By your own three days in the tomb,
You hallowed the graves of all who
believe in you, and so made the grave a
sign of hope. That promises
resurrection. Even as it claims our
mortal bodies.

Grant that our brother may sleep here
in peace until we all join you in glory.
For you are the resurrection and the life.
Then he will see you face-to-face, and in
your light will see light, and know the
splendor of God. For you live and reign
for ever and ever.

Spirit of God, in gratitude for the love
we share, and the certainty of the life
we share in the resurrection of Jesus
Christ, we commend to almighty God
our brother, Walter M. Deans, and we
commit his earthly remains to the
ground;

(continued on reverse)



Earth to earth
Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust.
May Walter be held forever
in your embrace.

Dearest Jesus, who wept at the death of your friend and taught that they who mourn shall be comforted, grant us the comfort of your presence in our loss. As we say goodbye today, give us hope in knowing that the love we have shared with Walter continues, the joy he brought us goes on as long as we tell stories of his presence in our lives, and you are with us to be a comfort and companion in those moments where we miss Walter. We pray these things in the name of Christ. Amen.

Sending
The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus. Amen.



Bagpipe Music
Joe Simmons

“Amazing Grace”
“Skye Boat Song”
“Scotland the Brave”