

# Acknowledgement

The family of William F. Jurist wishes to thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards, calls, support and the immeasurable acts of kindness bestowed upon us during this extremely difficult time. It has been a comforting blessing to each of us.

## Palbearers

Family and Friends

## Interment

Green Lawn Cemetery  
1000 Greenlawn Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43223



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## Celebration of the Life of



# William Frederick JURIST

JANUARY 5, 1947 - JULY 30, 2022

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

1889 GENESSEE AVE., COLUMBUS, OHIO 43211

VISITATION: 10:00AM SERVICE: 11:00AM

# A Life worth Living



**William Frederick Jurist**, known as "Bill" to most, was born on January 5, 1947, in Highland Park, Michigan, to Doris and Gustave Jurist. As a young boy, Bill exhibited a passion for math and science and excelled in school, earning honors at every level of his education. He was a pioneer in early computing in the 1960s and worked in database systems development at Goal Systems International, Columbia Gas, and Chemical Abstracts Service. Bill was masterful in building hardware systems and computer programming and was instrumental in establishing database systems for both eNet, Inc. and Columbus Micro Systems.



As a self-taught Systems Engineer, Bill used his vast technical skills to enrich the lives of countless local entrepreneurs and members of his community – which included serving as a guest lecturer at Columbus State Community College. Bill also facilitated seminars across the United States and internationally, including a stint in Australia.



His love for computing extended beyond the office. Bill could often be found tutoring many young people in mathematics, science, and computers – and also helping his children create elaborate reports and science fair projects. Bill's love and

# Order of Service

Prelude....."Avinu Malkeinu" - Barbra Streisand  
Parting View.....Immediate Family  
Opening Prayer.....James Wynn  
Congregational Song....."I'll Fly Away" - Troy Glover  
Scripture Reading..... Old Testament (Psalms 23).....Keith King, Jr.  
New Testament (Romans 8:28).....Sallie D. Gibson  
Prayer .....Mourner's Kaddish.....Tricia Taylor  
Selection....."Praise Is What I Do" - Shekinah Glory Ministry  
Acknowledgements.....Kendrea Mooror  
Remarks.....Family and Friends  
Reading of the Obituary .....Silently Read

## The Eulogy

Minister Emeritus Clyde Sales

Selection....."Someday" - Voices of Charity and Friends  
Benediction.....Pastor Vince Ford  
Recessional .....Clergy, Family and Friends  
"Victory" - The Clark Sisters

Excerpt from *"The Song of Hiawatha"* by Longfellow

"As unto the bow the cord is, so unto the man is woman.  
Though she bends him, she obeys him.  
Though she draws him, yet she follows.  
Useless each without each other."  
Bill and I were meant for each other. The Lord  
held us together through good times  
and through the times of testing.

# Mourner's Kaddish

(English Translation)

Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will.

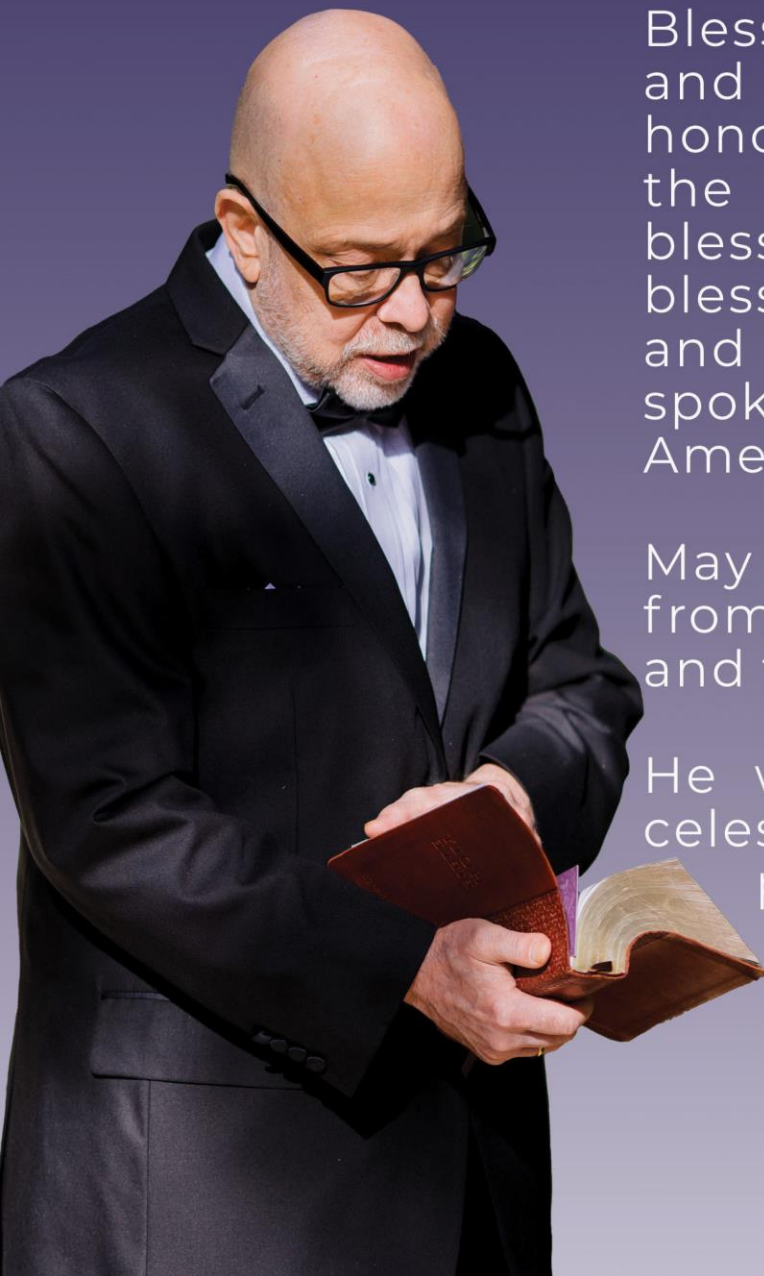
May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.



dedication to mentoring youth inspired many to pursue careers in Computer Science.

In 1968, Bill met the love of his life, Erena, at a ping-pong tournament at the YMCA.

They wed on February 28, 1970. Bill, born Jewish, accepted Christ in 1976 and was baptized at Hall's Memorial Temple C.O.G.I.C. – the church his wife's grandfather founded and in which Bill was a devoted member for many years. In 1986, Bill was ordained as an elder in the Church of God in Christ under Bishop Robert S. Fields. He was appointed to serve as a board member of the Ohio North First Jurisdiction Publishing Board and as a member of the State Administrative Committee.

Bill's passion and love for graphic design led him to start his own company, Jurist Graphics, in the mid-1980s. Affectionately known as "Billy Gadget," Bill loved the latest and greatest technology. Additionally, Bill served tirelessly as a longtime graphic designer for his church, creating impeccable event programs – deploying his specialized skills to glorify God.

Upon retirement, Bill transitioned his membership to the Church of Christ at Genessee Avenue, where he was an active member of the Golden Wisdom Senior Ministry, Men's Bible Study, and Men's Ministry. He also worked diligently with the B.R.E.A.D. Organization, managed the audio equipment to provide optimal sound throughout church services and read scriptures for Bible study and worship services. Bill loved his family, friends, and church family and was happiest when he was spending time with them. Bill also loved music and movies like Avatar and the James Bond 007 series. He was a true Trekkie as well.

Bill was a devoted husband and father. He leaves to cherish in his memory his wife of 52 years, Erena Jurist, his five children, Níel Jurist, René Jurist, Uri Jurist, Esq., Othni Turner (James), and his son William Jurist (Amanda); his grandchildren, Gihon Jurist, Caleb Turner, Viviana Turner, Ava Jurist and foster daughter, Memuna Kondeh. Bill is preceded in death by his daughter, Stoi Johnson. Bill will forever live in our hearts and minds.

