

*In Celebration of the Life of*

**Dr. Albert Hybl**

January 8, 1932 - December 12, 2022



Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

1710 Dulaney Valley Rd

Lutherville, MD 21093

March 11, 2023

11:00 AM

# Order of Service

## **PRELUDE**

***Going Home from Largo***  
Antonin Dvorak's Symphony no. 9

## **OPENING WORDS**

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

## **CHALICE LIGHTING**

***Harvester of Light***  
a poem adapted from John Shippee  
chalice lighted by Zyad Phoenix Hybl  
delivered by SarahRuth Davis

**(read responsively)**

*You traveled all too briefly  
through our varied worlds,  
harvester of light.*

**YOU SAW**

**AN UNSEEN LIGHT**

**AND GAVE IT TO THE WORLD.**

*That light  
you saw with special eyes*

**AND WOULD NOT BE CONTENT**

**UNTIL IT WAS GATHERED IN AND**

**SHARED WITH ALL OF US**

**WHOSE EYES ARE BLINDER THAN YOUR OWN.**

*And now the light of distant places  
and of things as yet unseen  
have called you  
beyond the edges of the known,*

**AND THERE YOU REMAIN,**

**HARVESTER OF LIGHT.**

*Yet in our hearts  
go ever with the light.*

**SON, HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER,  
SCIENTIST, PATRON OF THE ARTS,  
FORAGER, DANCER,  
STEADFAST FRIEND  
GO EVER WITH THE LIGHT.**

**WORDS REGARDING GRIEF**

adapted from Adlai Stevenson

**WORDS REGARDING DEATH**

***Let us be honest with death***

anonymous

***The Cost***

Dorothy N. Monroe  
delivered by Marie Hybl

**READING REFLECTING ALBERT'S PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE**

Rev. Dan Higgins  
delivered by Nathan Hybl

**REMEMBERING ALBERT**

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger  
Lois Hybl  
Dr. Laura Seidel

**REMEMBERING ALBERT  
IN PHOTOGRAPHS AND MUSIC**

*Rusalka: Op.114. Ode to the Moon* by Antonin Dvorak

Sample of Favorite Music *Blue Danube Waltz* by Johann Strauss

**RESPONSIVE READING**

***We Remember Them***

Roland B. Gittelsohn

*In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.*

**IN THE BLOWING OF THE WIND  
AND IN THE CHILL OF WINTER,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.**

*In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.*

**IN THE BLUENESS OF THE SKY  
AND IN THE WARMTH OF SUMMER,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.**

*In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,  
we remember them.*

**IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR  
AND WHEN IT ENDS, WE REMEMBER THEM.**

*When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.*

**WHEN WE ARE LOST AND SICK AT HEART,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.**

*When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.*

**SO LONG AS WE LIVE, THEY TOO SHALL LIVE,  
FOR THEY ARE NOW A PART OF US,  
AS WE REMEMBER THEM.**

## **REMEMBERING ALBERT**

*If you would like to share a memory of Albert you're invited  
to raise your hand on-line or come up to the podium to do so.*

## CLOSING WORDS

Bessie A. Stanley  
delivered by SarahRuth Davis

## POSTLUDE

*The Moldau from Ma Vlast*  
Bedrich Smetana

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# Obituary

Dr. Albert Hybl, an Associate Professor of Biophysics at the University Of Maryland Medical School and a resident of Original Northwood, died of end-stage dementia at College Manor on December 12.

Born January 8, 1932, in Iowa City, Iowa, he was raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by his mother, Marie Hybl, and grandmother, Anna Rose Hybl. They were 1920 immigrants from Czechoslovakia who worked at the local meatpacking plant.

A high school and college wrestler, he graduated from McKinley High School and went on to earn a BA in math and chemistry at Coe College. Right after graduation in 1954, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and saw service in Germany and France. After his discharge in 1955, he headed to the California Institute of Technology and earned his PhD in Chemistry and Math, with a specialization in Crystallography. He then did postdoctoral work at Iowa State University. In 1964, he moved to Baltimore to work at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. At the end of his career, he worked in the IT division of the dean's office.

Al enjoyed classical music in addition to his many hobbies: mushroom hunting, chess, reading mysteries and science fiction and polka, waltz, folk and Irish social dancing. Because he still had relatives in the Czech Republic, he joined the Czech and Slovak Heritage Association where he studied the Czech language and helped with the language school and annual festivals. At one point, he performed with the Sokol Folk Dance Ensemble. With his wife, Lois, he traveled to the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Ireland for dance workshops and tours organized by Dvorana Travel. On one trip, he met his Czech relatives in Ceska Trebova.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Lois Hybl (nee Lois Ann Gleason), children Anton A. Hybl and his wife Muluye Gonfa of Germantown, MD and Tanya M. Sandroock of Salt Lake City, UT and grandchildren Marie Hybl, Zyad Phoenix Hybl, Nathan Hybl, Jessica Sandroock, and Cameron Sandroock and his wife Gaby.

## Thank you!

The Hybl family thanks you for your love and care.

You are invited to a reception in the foyer.

Gifts in memory of Albert may be made to WBJC FM Radio,  
or Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa,  
or the California Institute of Technology.

