

"Gone From My Sight"
by Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and
strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a
speck
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to
mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone"

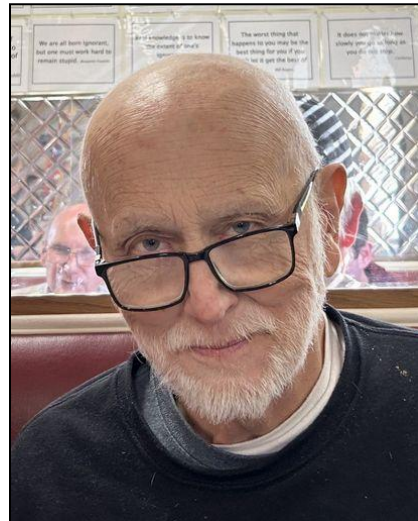
Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.
And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

*In an expression of his lifelong passion for science and his reverence for life, Larry wanted it known that he
gifted his body to UMass Chan Medical School, a public institution.
In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute or a charity of your choice.*



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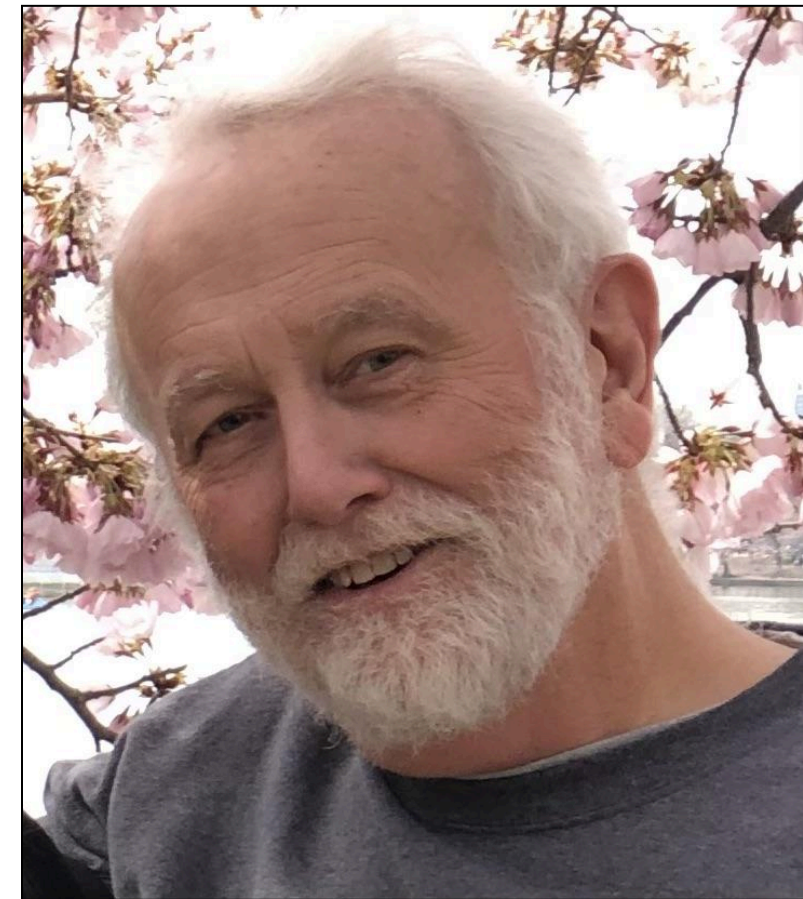
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April 26, 2025



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR Lawrence (Larry) James Hettinger

February 13, 1954 — April 7, 2025

* Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PRAYER

*SING

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We’ve no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we’ve first begun

READINGS

Psalm 23 Laura Sante

REMEMBRANCES

Dr. John Attwood
Dr. Tom Stoffregan

MUSIC

“Safe Within Your Arms”
(Mark Hayes)

WORDS OF COMFORT

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*All are invited to use words
according to their tradition*

**Our Father/Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed
be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts/trespasses, as we
forgive our debtors/those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver
us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the
glory for ever. AMEN.**

MUSIC

"Ripple"
(Jerry Garcia and Robert Hunter)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All are encouraged to gather for refreshments and connecting in Fellowship Hall
following the service and at the Hettinger home following the reception
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Musician: Charles Moncousky