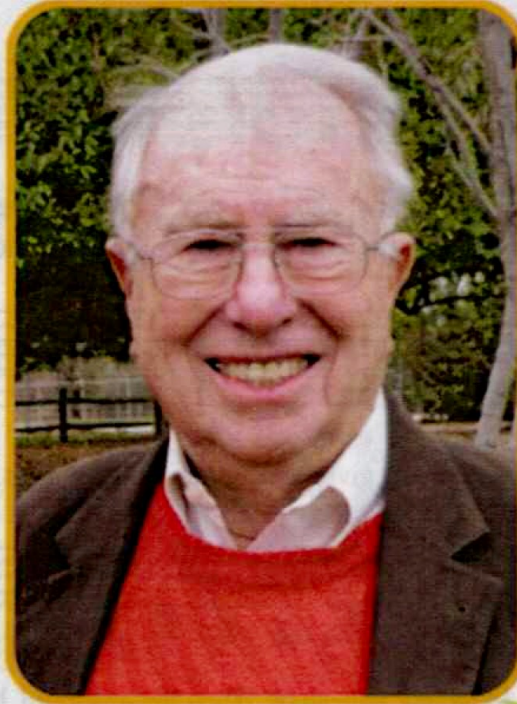


Celebrating the Life of



JOHN WESLEY ADAIR

March 19, 1929 - December 14, 2022

Saturday,
April 22, 2023

St Michael Lutheran
Church
13232 Blondo St,
Omaha
1:30 p.m.
Refreshments
Provided

GATHERING

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Vicar Riley Anderson-Reed

Opening Hymn

There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today

Joyfully ♩ = 88-104

1. There is sun - shine in my soul to - day, More glo - ri - ous and bright
4. There is glad - ness in my soul to - day, And hope and praise and love,
Than glows in an - y earth - ly sky, For Je - sus is my light.
For bless - ings which he gives me now, For joys "laid up" a - bove.
Oh, there's sun - shine, bless - ed sun - shine When the peace - ful hap - py mo - ments roll.
When Je - sus shows his smil - ing face, There is sun - shine in the soul.

Text: Eliza E. Hewitt, 1851-1920
Music: John R. Sweney, 1837-1899

Isaiah 60:19
Psalm 16:9, 11

Prayer of the Day

Vicar Riley Anderson-Reed

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:3-9

John was well-known among those he encountered as a "Sower of Ideas"

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. ⁶ But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. ⁸ But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Remembrance by the Family

Thanksgiving for Life

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Sending Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

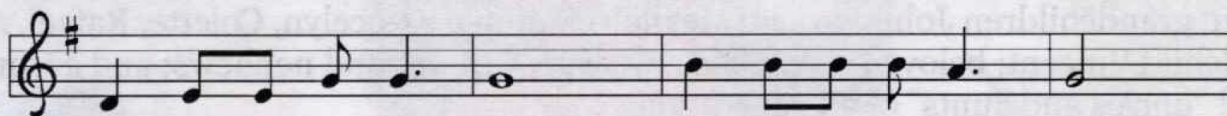
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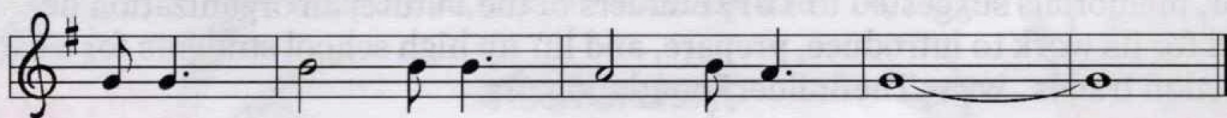
1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

Blessing

Vicar Riley Anderson-Reed

☐ Go in Peace. As Jesus came to be Light for the World so we are called to be light for one another. Share the light you have been given today and always.

Dismissal - Please usher yourselves out following the family

Recessional Music

This Little Light of Mine

Betty Baddley, Pianist

John Wesley Adair

March 19, 1929-December 14, 2022.

Native son of Redding, Iowa from where the roots of innovation, resourcefulness, neighborliness, and family were nurtured. Graduate of the University of Iowa and U.S. Air Force Officer Candidate School.

Insurance and commercial real estate broker and investor; co-founder of the Montessori Schools movement in Omaha; founder of the Consortium for Dementia Alternatives; Nursery Mat early childhood center; & on and on.... (and he had about a million more ideas just waiting to embrace any partner willing to jump on board and have fun building something meaningful together). John Adair was a “one man think-tank” and perhaps the world’s greatest champion of Connect-the-Dots — webbing together ideas, individuals’ talents and motivations, the possibilities, and their greater purpose.

Every moment in John’s life was a joyful exercise of finding ways to elevate others through his wisdom, innovation, enthusiasm, and personal support.

Preceded in death by parents Earl and Mary Adair, and sisters Margaret and Dorothy. Survived by his wife of 62 years, Rosemarie; sons Steve (Julian), Axel (Shelly), Tilman (Debra) and Torsten; grandchildren John Parker (Meghan), Camille, Gracelyn, Colette, Rafael, Aubrey; great grandchild Vincent; beloved sister Alice; treasured nieces and nephews; and a world full of non-related “uncles and aunts” of all generations. Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate John’s life. Each one of you made an impact in his and were always in his mind.

In his honor, memorials suggested to TBF/Builders of the Future, an organization he championed for its work to introduce, prepare, and lift up high school students for a career in the construction trades. www.TheBuilderFoundation.org

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