

**In Loving Memory of**



**Phil Wiersema**

May 24, 1978 – December 1, 2024

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**PHILIP SHANE WIERSEMA**

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Predeceased by his Wife: Lori

Father of: Julia (Carson Toet)  
Ashley  
Kevin  
Shannon

Beloved Son of: Jannes and Cathy Wiersema

Brother & Uncle of: Dan and Conny Wiersema  
*Evalet, Lila, Avannah, Jacob, Violet*  
Janine and Shane Welfing  
*Jordan, Tyrell, Seth, Jade*  
Steve and Kristin Wiersema  
*Nico<sup>†</sup>, Tatiana, Inara, Damian, Annika*  
Stephanie and Sheldon Johannson  
Dave and Tonya Wiersema  
*Jack, Livianna, Abel, Ada*  
Debbie and Daniel Pol  
*Judah, Hudson, Evangeline*

Order of service for the funeral of

# Philip Shane Wiersema

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 1:30 PM  
Grace Canadian Reformed Church

**Rev. Joe Poppe officiating**

~ **Pallbearers** ~

Dan Wiersema  
Steve Wiersema  
Dave Wiersema  
Kevin Wiersema  
Carson Toet  
James Vanderlinde

~ **Accompanist** ~

Daniel Pol

~ **Ushers** ~

Ben Jonker  
Cody Kuik

~ **Livestream** ~

<https://gracecanrc.ca/funeral-pwiersema/>

*The interment already took place this morning  
at Transcona Cemetery with family present.*

# Order of Service

## Processional

**Singing:** *Psalm 42: 1, 3, 5*

- 1 As a deer will thirst in anguish  
for refreshing water brooks,  
so for you, O God, I languish;  
so my soul for comfort looks  
to the living God above.  
How I thirst for his great love!  
When shall I appear before him  
and within his courts adore him?
  
- 3 O my soul, why are you grieving,  
why disquieted in me?  
Put your hope in God, believing  
he will still your refuge be.  
I again shall see his face  
and extol him for his grace.  
He will show his help and favour,  
for he is my God and Saviour.
  
- 5 But the LORD will send salvation  
and by day his love maintain;  
he will grant me preservation,  
and I will rejoice again.  
I will sing and pray at night  
to the God of life and light.  
He will in his mercy hear me  
and for evermore be near me.

## Prayer

**Scripture reading:** *1 Corinthians 15: 35–58*

**Singing:** *Hymn 68: 1, 4, 5, 8*

- 1 Jesus is our sure defence.  
Why should we then fear or waver?  
All our hope and confidence  
rests on him, the risen Saviour.

Even in our darkest hour  
he will shield us with his power.

- 4 What is weak and mortal here,  
prey to illness and destruction,  
shall with glorious power appear  
in the hour of resurrection.  
What today is sown disgraced  
in great honour shall be raised.
- 5 God his own shall glorify  
in a wondrous transformation.  
Though not all of us may die,  
all shall gain their full salvation  
in the twinkling of an eye  
when the Lord comes from on high.
- 8 To our God be thanks and praise:  
he through Christ made us victorious.  
Be then steadfast all your days;  
see how death's defeat assures us  
that in him who comes again  
all your toil is not in vain.

## **Funeral**

**Text:** *1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Address:** *1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18*

**Singing:** *Hymn 64: 1, 2*

- 1 What is in life and death my only aid,  
my comfort when I am by troubles swayed?  
I am not mine but Christ's, who fully paid  
for all my sins and saved me.  
His precious blood for my offences gave he,  
freed me from all the devil's power and slavery,  
for in the book of life God did engrave me,  
and me his own he made.
  
- 2 My faithful Saviour keeps me in his care;  
without my Father's will cannot a hair  
fall from my head; he shall for me prepare  
a heavenly habitation.  
All things must serve to further my salvation.  
His Holy Spirit brings me consolation;  
he makes me willing now with dedication  
in hope his yoke to bear.

**Address by family**

**Singing:** *Hymn 66: 1, 2, 3*

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Refrain*

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain*

## Prayer

**Singing:** *Hymn 73: 1, 2, 4*

- 1 Lo, what a glorious sight appeared  
before admiring eyes:  
the former seas had passed away,  
the former earth and skies.  
From heaven the new Jerusalem came,  
for Christ as bride prepared.  
A voice resounding from the throne  
these wondrous things declared:
- 2 “Now God in glory down to men  
has moved his blest abode.  
He dwells with them; his people they,  
and he his people’s God.  
His gracious hand shall wipe the tears  
from every weeping eye,  
for pain and grief shall be no more,  
and death itself shall die.”
- 4 “Come, all who thirst! To you I will  
my healing waters give.  
Drink from my fountain without price  
and so forever live.  
Blest is the man who, conquering,  
his heritage has won,  
for I will be his faithful God,  
and he shall be my son.

## Recessional

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments  
in the church hall following this service.*

## PHILIP SHANE WIERSEMA

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On December 1, 2024, at the age of 46, after a brief but intense battle with cancer, our LORD called to himself our father, brother, son and friend.

Phil will be lovingly remembered by his children, Julia, Ashley, Kevin and Shannon, his parents Jannes and Cathy, his brothers and sisters, Dan (Conny), Janine (Shane), Steve (Kristin), Stephanie (Sheldon), Dave (Tonya) and Debbie (Daniel). He will also be remembered by many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Phil was sadly predeceased by his wife, Lori Wiersema (n. Poapst) almost 9 years ago.

Phil was born in Winnipeg and at a young age started to work in construction, building basements. He truly had a passion for his work and ran his own company for the last 6 years, prioritizing quality work and taking good care of the men he employed.

Caring for others was something Phil always did, quietly and without fanfare – never calling attention to himself. He would always show up when someone needed help, but wasn't one to ask for help in return.

Phil dearly loved his kids, and treasured time spent with them. He was a loving and playful father, whether camping with them, going on road trips, teasing them and training them in the art of debate, or just simply hanging out – they were his favorite company.

When Phil was diagnosed with cancer, his concerns were only for his children, his family and his employees. He disregarded his own discomfort and fought for them.

Phil loved the Lord and found comfort in the Gospel, and we know that he is resting and rejoicing pain free in heaven.