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Victoria Heins-Shaw and Stewart Shaw

10 August 2024

Stewart Shaw

11:00 am

March 15, 1938 - May 24, 2024

†Please rise in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE

Selections from oratorios

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETING

Rev. John Benbow

†HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

No 15 Vs. 1-4

READING

Sally Shaw

READING

Cathy Turton

†HYMN

My Life Flows On

No 821

PSALM

Psalm 98:4-9a

Sabrina Babcock

READING

Tom Turton

†HYMN

Sail On!

See Insert

READING

Revelations 21:1-5a

Julia Dotson

READING

Eva Shaw

SOLO

Johann Sebastian Bach, *Ich habe genug* ("I have enough"), BWV 82

Paul Young Jr., bass/baritone

"I have enough,

I have taken the Savior, the hope of the upright, upon my eager arms;

I have enough!

I have seen him, my faith has pressed Jesus to the heart;

Now I wish to leave today with joy."

REFLECTION

READING

Amee Wood

MUSIC

Members of the La Jolla Symphony Chorus and the Pacificaires

Dr. David Chase and Dr. Edwin L. Basilio, conductors

Eunice Williams, pianist

Shawn Kirchner, *I'll Be On My Way*
Denny Howe, soloist, the Pacificaires

James Erb, arr., *Shenandoah*

Alice Parker, arr., *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*

Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, arr., *What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor*

William Levi Dawson, arr., *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

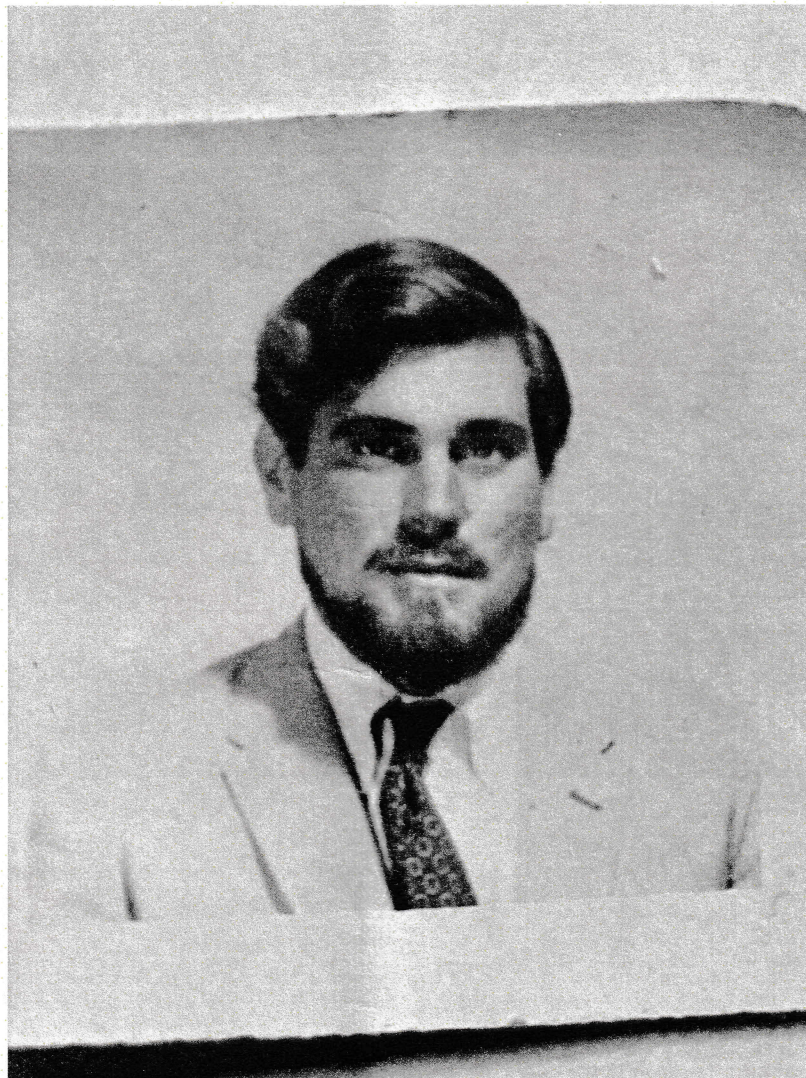
Paul Young Jr., soloist

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

Join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE



Sail On!

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, 1908

Charles H. Gabriel & Homer A. Rodeheaver

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1. Up - on a wide and storm-y sea, Thou'rt sail - ing to e - ter - ni - ty, And
 2. Art far from shore, and wear - y worn, The sky o'er - cast, thy can - vas torn? Hark
 3. Do com - rades trem - ble and re - fuse To fur - ther dare the taunt - ing hues? No
 4. Do snarl - ing waves thy craft as - sail? Art pow'r - less, drift - ing with the gale? Take

ad lib. *Refrain*

thy great Ad - miral or - ders thee: "Sail on! Sail on! Sail on!"
 ye! a voice to thee is borne: "Sail on! Sail on! Sail on!" Sail on! Sail on! The
 other course is thine to choose, "Sail on! Sail on! Sail on!"
 heart! God's Word shall ne - ver fail. "Sail on! Sail on! Sail on!"

storms will soon be past, The dark-ness will not al - ways last; Sail on! Sail on! God
 sail on! sail on!

lives and He com-mands: "Sail on! Sail on!"
 sail on! sail on! sail on!

Obituary
Stewart Shaw
March 15, 1938 - May 24, 2024

Stewart Henry Shaw (age 86) died on May 24 following a heart attack and brief hospital stay. Born in Meriden, CT, he graduated from Meriden High School (1956) and from Amherst College (1964).

In Stewart's own words, in a 2009 article he wrote for Amherst alumni:

"After a tour with the Navy at the behest of Dean Porter, I returned to Amherst...My experience in the Navy opened my eyes to the lack of opportunity for low-income and inner city youth. Finding a focus for my own vocational confusion, I enrolled in a federal counseling training program...and spent the next five years working with Hartford's inner city people, developing and managing a multi-service center in the poverty program and setting up a learning center for the Hartford Board of Education. 'Not even a real principal - a m'f'ing hippie principal' said the kids. During those years, I completed an M.Ed. in counseling from the University of Hartford, taught at the University of Connecticut, performed in a bunch of semipro musical theater shows, played with the Hartford Wanderers Rugby Club and messed around with sailboats in Essex, CT.

"In 1969, after Hartford's particularly tough years of inner city turmoil, I left with a friend for the San Diego 'beach scene.' I married the friend and took a low stress job managing a large marina. Neither the marriage nor the job were low-stress or lasted for long. I was soon back on the streets, working in Mission Beach to develop and organize a medical, legal and social service clinic, the Beach Area Free Clinic, for the 'power to the people' community. After 3 [now 5] decades, the clinic still operates as the Beach Area Family Health Center. I spent the next 20 years in and out of community-based healthcare, as manager, trainer and community organizer. When hit with job burnout, I would bounce to food service management and restaurant ownership, and when revived, back to health and social services. This stage of my life culminated with the development of the St. Vincent de Paul Medical Clinic for homeless people.

"Delighted with a coming child from a second marriage, I cleaned up my act and confronted my long-term drinking problem. As I was 'not fun' anymore, the marriage failed and I became the single parent of my daughter, Eva. On the rebound, and looking for a new activity, I was discovered singing 'Happy Birthday' at a Chucky Cheese kids' party and invited to audition for the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus. I fell in love and married the talented world-class choral accompanist and singer Vicki Heins-Shaw from Albany, New York...and have been singing ever since.

“I have the same wife and three part-time jobs in music, all of which I have amazingly held onto for over twenty years. We have traveled widely with music.

Among many venues around the world, we were thrilled to be guests of the King of Bhutan...

“I daily bicycle the beach boardwalk and take coffee at the Pacific Beach Pier, prior to tennis and volunteer work with the Food Bank and Red Cross. I am not yet old enough for golf. I avidly follow OMBAC Rugby...Being of the traveling generation, we look forward to visiting Turkey this summer and perhaps a return stint helping manage Dennett’s Wharf Restaurant in Castine, Maine. I will never feel to be a southern Californian. Currently, I am a little less confused than I was at Amherst, or perhaps, I don’t care quite as much.

After publication of this article, Stewart continued his full life of travel, gardening and music with Vicki and enjoyed Europe, Asia, South America and Alaska/Canada among other destinations. For decades, he was bass section leader for the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus and the La Jolla Congregational Church. Last year, he joined the Pacificaires choir and explored Vietnam with his daughter Eva and her partner Dina.

Son of Jean Stewart Shaw and John D. Shaw, Stewart is predeceased by his loving wife of 40 years, Victoria Heins-Shaw, and his nephew Dan Turton. He is survived by his daughter Eva Shaw (and partner Dina Knight) and his sisters Sally Shaw (and her son Mike Shultz), Cathy Turton (and her husband Tom and sons Jon, Josh and Greg) and Jann Smoot (and her husband Bill and daughter Stacie Randolph), as well as extended family and friends. Loved for his irreverent wit, rich baritone, bear hugs and warm heart, Stewart will be missed dearly.

