

*You would know the secret of death,  
But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of  
life?*

*If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your  
heart wide unto the body of life.  
For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea  
are one.*

*When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you  
shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is  
giving you joy.  
When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you  
shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has  
been your delight.*

*Some of you say, "Joy is greater than sorrow," and others  
say, "No, sorrow is the greater."  
But I say unto you, they are inseparable.  
Together they come, and when one sits alone with you at  
your board, remember that the other is asleep upon your  
bed.*

selections from *The Prophet* by Khalil Gibran



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## A Service in Celebration of the Life of

# James Alan Brooke

Organ prelude	
Entrance of the family	<i>Ich tu'g' zu dir</i> (J.S. Bach)
Scripture Sentences	
Greeting and Welcome	
Opening Prayer	
Opening Hymn	<i>For All the Saints</i> , VU 705, verses 1, 2, 4, 5
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13
Gospel	Matthew 5: 1-10, 1 Corinthians 13: 4-10, 12-13
Psalm	Jack Sotgielski Bill Bartley
Organ Interlude	<i>O me only and the death, the Promiser</i> (H. Willert) <i>In memoriam, Francis Coombs (grandfather to James)</i>
Friends' Memories	Dave Gillespie Jack Boudsky Wahid Alou Salem
Piano Interlude	<i>Harpichord Concerto No. 5, II. Largo</i> , BWV 1036 (J.S. Bach)
Meditation	
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern	
The Lord's Prayer	
Closing Organ Music	<i>Wir nur den Loben Gott laut wollen</i> (J.S. Bach)
Commemoration	
Blessing	
Organ Recessional	<i>Symphony: Dies Irae in G</i> (G.F. Handel)
Welcoming Friends:	Suzanne Sheppard Don Gilchrist Stephen Berman

*Please join us downstairs for refreshments immediately following the service*

## James Alan Brooke

*Age 64, James died 12 Oct 2014 at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton from advanced melanoma, his family's hands in his own as he passed. He is survived by his beloved wife Carolyn Chu, and sons Charles, and William. Born 8 Aug 1950 in Toronto, where he was raised, his early passion for mathematics and physics carried him through his entire life.*

*Earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mathematics from the University of Toronto (Trinity College), his education remained at the forefront of his life, as in 1980 he completed his PhD in Mathematics at the University of Alberta. In 1984, he began his professorship at the University of Saskatchewan in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Beyond his own research interests and his devoted commitment to upholding the academic institution, he sought to stretch his students' boundaries to the limit of their potential mirroring his own early university education. His insouciant professorism was often illustrated in evening-long lectures in response to queries from his sons about their elementary school mathematics homework. James discovered in his university colleagues devoted allies and friends who inspired him to follow his principles and moral instincts.*

*As a young man, James discovered lifelong passions for aviation and wine. He earned a private pilot's license, advancing his skills to perform rudimentary aerobatics. James' first aircraft purchase was a partnership in a unique prototype, a military trainer, and piece of aviation history once flown by prominent test pilots, winning various air races in 1950's England. Its acquisition from Yorkshire and ongoing custody required both fastidious precision, and a creative flair, necessitating his rewarding partnership.*

*James embarked on a unusual and social journey through his love of wine, allowing him to make enduring friends and to create a community of companions. After his introduction to wine societies, James was a founding member of a wine education group, and sat on its board continuously from its inception. Wine expanded the scope of his global travels, granting him the opportunity to express his enthusiasm to wine's creators directly.*

*Many summers had James leading his family on a pilgrimage in Toronto to visit his parents and family. The centerpiece of these voyages were visits to his family's summer cottage - a two-room log house built by his parents and god parents during James' infancy, this was the place he held most sacred. It was the setting for his most cherished childhood stories of growing up alongside his cousins, aunts, uncles, and parents.*

*Throughout his life, all James' endeavours included others. Self-described as a shy person, few who knew him would describe him thus, referring instead to his gregarious charm and friendly wit. When asked about his great energy for life's possibilities and how he might spend his time after his career had concluded, he responded simply, "I love people and the raising eye."*

*In Memoriam:*

## James Alan Brooke

8 August 1950 – 12 October 2014

8 November, 2014

Third Avenue United Church

Officiating:

The Reverend Donna Wilson

Organ:

Peter MacKinnon

Piano:

Kathleen Solose