

*The family thanks you for the gift of your presence today and for every expression of kindness. Following the service, the family cordially invites you to join them in the Christian Education Building for a time of fellowship and refreshments prepared by the Presbyterian Women of Northwood and the Kitchen Krew.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the organization of your choice in Pete's memory.*

### **Obituary of Pete Towns**

Duane (Pete) Towns, 92, of Palm Harbor, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2025, with his wife of nearly 70 years, Evelyn by his side. He was born on November 24, 1932, Thanksgiving Day, in Winchester, IN to Delilah and Ray Towns.

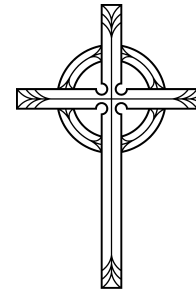
Pete served in the US Army from 1952 - 1954 including ten months in Korea. After returning to Winchester, he began working as a production planner at Anchor Hocking Glass Corporation, retiring from its successor, Anchor Glass Container Corporation in 1995. Pete and Evelyn were married in Winchester in 1955. They were transferred by Anchor over the years to Waukegan, IL; Lancaster, OH; and Tampa, FL.

The family took many road trips over the years, sometimes to travel to Florida, the Smokies, Yellowstone, Washington, DC, or Niagara Falls. There were many more trips from Waukegan to Winchester to visit family. Linda and Natalie have many good memories from those trips. In later years Pete and Evelyn took many more trips to locations in the US with friends, and other trips overseas. After retirement, Pete played golf with friends at Highland Lakes and was involved with organizations in that community. Both Pete and Evelyn went on a church mission trip to Merida, Mexico. In 2016, he participated in an Honor Flight with his grandson, Mark O'Leary, and in 2018, he and Evelyn participated in the Revisit Korea Program for veterans of the war, spending a week in South Korea. They both volunteered at the Palm Harbor Library and Pete enjoyed scouring the library shelves to read- and reread- historical fiction novels. Pete and Evelyn always enjoyed a good card game, playing weekly with friends for many years. Pete was an active member of Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater and served on its session. He enjoyed his retirement to the fullest, appreciating early mornings with cinnamon rolls or gingersnaps, and his cat.

He was preceded in death by parents Delilah and Ray Towns, sister Jeanne McDaniels, and grandson Mark O'Leary.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn of Palm Harbor and daughters Linda (Mike) O'Leary of Clearwater and Natalie (Jim) Brown of Hernando Beach, along with grandchildren Kevin (Laura) O'Leary, David O'Leary (Whitney Cox), and Kathleen O'Leary (Andrew Gorodetsky), and great grandchildren Shannon, Liam, and Erin O'Leary.

Rev. Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor  
Timothy Gay, Organist



## **A Witness to the Resurrection**



**To the Glory of God &  
In Loving Memory of**

**Duane "Pete" Towns**

November 24, 1932– June 16, 2025

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# In Gratitude to God for the Gift of Life of Pete Towns

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Friday, July 11, 2025  
11:00 A.M.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## INVOCATION

\*HYMN            “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalms 23 (Unison)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

\*HYMN

“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.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

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’d first begun.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a,13; John 14:1-3, 27

## MEDITATION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN

“God Be with You Until We Meet Again”    RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd’s care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you ,  
daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
when life’s perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love’s banner floating o’er you;  
smite death’s threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

\*BENEDICTION

\*RECESSIONAL    “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”    Robert Hobby

*(Please remain in the pews while the family is escorted from the Sanctuary.)*

*\*Please stand if able.*