

**A Service
in Loving Memory**



Warren Richard Fay

August 22, 1929 – March 18, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

512 3rd Street SW
Rochester, MN 55902

April 6, 2024

12:00 noon





*The Fay family appreciates your presence here today.
At the end of the service, you are invited to the church patio
for the presentation of military honors
in appreciation of Warren's service,
followed by a luncheon reception in the Social Hall.*



The Farmer Leaves His Land

He is done forever with spring plowing,
And walking through the fields
on Sunday morning
to see all is well.

The meadowlarks, whose first call
he eagerly awaited,
return but he does not hear them now.
The acres that he loved,
tilled by another – yield a harvest
of grain and memories.

I have said that he is done with
fields and plowing –
Yet I wonder, on Life's other side
has he awakened to tend again the
farmlands of the Lord.

Participating in today's service:

Rev. Thomas J. Parlette, *Pastor*
John Stender, *Director of Music*
Chancel Choir, First Presbyterian Church

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***In Memory of
Warren Richard Fay***

Prelude

♦ **Processional Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

From the Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalms 23

Psalms 121

From the New Testament

1st Corinthians 13:1-13

John 14:1-6

Rachel Doblar, granddaughter

Grace Fay, great granddaughter

Nora Fay, great granddaughter

Robert Fay, grandson

Glenna Mohler, granddaughter

In Remembrance

Wendy Wade, family friend

Abbie Hoyle, granddaughter

Bill Fay, grandson

Anthem

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini, arr. Donald Busarow

Chancel Choir

Meditation

Rev. T.J. Parlette

♦ **Hymn 625**

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Memorial Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

♦ **Hymn 829**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Benediction / Dismissal

Postlude

Warren Richard Fay

Warren Richard Fay, age 94, of Byron, MN, a life-long farmer, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2024 at his home surrounded by family.

Warren Richard Fay was born August 22, 1929 in Waterman, IL to Wells and Jessie (Dean) Fay. He attended Brookside country school and graduated from Waterman High School in 1947. He then attended and graduated from Iowa State College where he met his wife, LaDonna. In 1951, Warren was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served for 2 years. A couple years later, he and LaDonna Stubbs made a life-long commitment and were married on February 14, 1954 in Iowa City.

Warren and LaDonna made their home on the Fay Family Farm in rural Somonauk IL. In 1971, they made the decision to move to Byron, MN, where they continued to raise their seven children.

Warren was an active member of the Somonauk UP Church in IL and continued this work at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester MN. In those churches he served as Elder, Deacon, and on various committees.

Warren truly was dedicated to farming. He was a member of Farm Bureau in Dekalb County IL and in Dodge County MN, where he served as both President and Vice-President. He was a Dekalb seed dealer for many years.

He loved gatherings with his family and enjoyed coffee with friends at Otto's in Byron. He also loved attending school sporting events, county fairs, and 4-H & FFA activities. Warren valued any social gathering, visiting friends and attending events at care facilities and retirement homes. He could strike up a conversation with anyone about anything and could easily form a connection with others.

Warren will be fondly remembered for helping his fellow farmers in the neighborhoods and his willingness to help anyone in need. He had such a cheerful demeanor and was ALWAYS smiling!

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Marjorie "Jerry" Vennerberg, Brother-in-law Dwight Vennerberg, and Nephew Dean.

Warren is survived by his wife of over 70 years, LaDonna Fay; Children, Randy (Romana Tinsley) Fay, Marlin (Diane) Fay, Jan (Rodney) Klagge, Russell (Karen) Fay, Paula Suffrins, Garry (Jolene) Fay, and Lynnette Fay; 21 Grandchildren; and 38 Great-Grandchildren and counting; Ryan and Staci Fay (Grace, Jacob, Lucas, Maxwell); Robert and Laura Fay (Nora, A J, George and Sarah); Patrick and Jamie Fay (Haylee and Whitney); Helkei and Jeff Hemminger; Effa Tinsley (Trenton Thorpe); Tim and Rochelle Fay (Aubrey, Declan and Margo); Cassandra Hinrichs (Hudson, Jack and Sawyer); Abigail and Jordan Hoyle (Paisley, Avery, Oliver and Easton); Zachary and Danielle Fay (Gemma, Braelynn and Harrison); Jay & Mimi Klagge (Dana, Kyndall, Jordyn and Ashlynn); Carrie and Jason Nolan (Madison and Natalie); Jesse Fay (Frank); Sydney Fay; Rachel and Alex Doblal (Boone and Nixon); Nicholas Suffrins; Bill and Brianna Fay (Aiden and Lucy); Elizabeth Fay and Alex Maslakow; Sarah and Derek Moore (Carter and Mason); Valerie Asleson and Sam Hershberger (Ollie and Axel); Glenna and Ben Mohler (Chloe and Bentley); Dylan Seydlitz.

The family expresses their heartfelt thanks to St. Croix Hospice for their support.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to First Presbyterian Church or a charity of your choice.