

John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The family requests your presence at today’s 4 p.m. reception at the Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way in Monument

Are you mourning the death of a loved one or close friend?

One on One Encouragement and Support

Our Stephen Ministers are highly trained individuals who are available to listen, offer support and walk alongside those experiencing seasons of loss. They’re available to meet for an hour a week, at a time and place that’s mutually convenient or by phone.

Prayer

A group prays for concerns. Please email to prayer@firstprescos.org.

For more information, call our Caring Ministries Office, 884-6145.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Online at firstprescos.org/watch at 8:30 and 10 a.m.
In-person Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
In-person Worship Center: 10 a.m.



*Service to Celebrate
the Life of
Arthur Paul Martini
March 22, 1944 – October 18, 2020*



Thursday, November 5, 2020 • 2 p.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Order of Service

Prelude

Solo, “*Be the Center*”

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture, *Psalms 103*

Special Music, “*All His Benefits*”

Remembering Art With Gratitude to God
Rev. Dr. David Jordan Irwin

Scripture Readings
Isaiah 43:1–4, Psalm 23

Special Music, “*The Lord Is My Shepherd*”

Remembering the Resurrection
John 14:1–6

Hymn, “*How Great Thou Art*” (*verses 1, 3, 4*)

Prayer of Commendation / The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

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Officiant/Soloist: Rev. Matt Holtzman
Organist: Dr. Roderick Gorby
Coordinator: Rev. Linda Boyles

Arthur Paul Martini was born March 22, 1944, in Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York. He was raised and spent his primary school years in West Hempstead, New York, and graduated high school in 1961. He earned a Bachelor of Science from Iowa State University and then became an Associate City Planner for the Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission in Knoxville, Tennessee. Shortly thereafter in 1965, his New York Draft Board advised him that he’d be called to serve. Art elected to make his own choice of service and enlisted in the Air Force in 1966. He applied and was selected for Officer Training School and received his commission in April 1967.

Air Force life was full of travel, challenging work and irreplaceable experiences. After an initial assignment at Scott AFB, Illinois, he spent a year in Vietnam, where he traveled from Saigon to various locations around the country where facilities were being built by Air Force Heavy Construction Engineers. In January 1970, his next assignment started with the Distant Early Warning Line headquartered in New York/New Jersey. He traveled extensively to the 32 radar stations across the Arctic Circle from the Aleutian Chain to the Greenland Ice Cap. Then selected to participate in the USAF Air Staff Training Program, he worked for a year as an intern in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics). After an eventful year, he was reassigned to Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs. From there, he first traveled the world as the Civil Engineering Inspector for the 14th Aerospace Force Inspector General Team having numerous global space surveillance installations, then as the Executive Officer for the ADCOM DCS Engineering and Services, and finally as the Chief of Operations and Maintenance for the Civil Engineering Squadron at Petersen AFB Colorado.

After his marriage to Karen Eva Johannes of Gering, Nebraska, the newlyweds were reassigned to Yokota Base in Japan for three years. Art traveled throughout Japan, Korea and Okinawa as part of the 5th Air Force Engineering and Services Staff. After this tour he was selected for an Officer Exchange Program, serving as the Assistant District Engineer with the Omaha District of the Army Corps of Engineers where he oversaw the Air Force Design and Construction Program in the 12 states assigned to the district. His Omaha assignment was extended to a third year and he was then relocated to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the Construction /Operations Manager for a \$1.1 billion foreign military sales program where he was involved with constructing air bases and support facilities for aircraft being sold to Saudi Arabia. The young family with a toddler—son, Bryan, was born in 1981—enjoyed life and made the best of life in Saudi Arabia. Art finishing his tour in Saudi Arabia and completed his Air Force career as the Chief of Operations and Maintenance at Griffiss AFB in Rome, New York, retiring in 1986.

They moved to Colorado in order that their young son could have stability throughout his primary education years. They lived in Monument starting in 1986. As a second career, Art was blessed to be hired in 1987 by Harrison School District 2 in Colorado Springs. He cherished his 17 years with the school district and valued his accomplishments and the many wonderful people he got to be associated with. He retired in 2004 after serving in several positions and finally as the Director of Support Services and Director of Bond Management. At the school district, he was blessed and thankful for being recognized and appreciated for his accomplishments.

For many years, Art was active in the Monument Hill Sertoma Club, assisting with fundraising activities for local nonprofits. For about 10 years he enjoyed serving as the lineup chairman for the annual Monument Fourth of July Parade. He also served as a Board Member on the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation and for many years as the Associate Conference Director for the annual week-long Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference.

Art was blessed with treasured childhood memories as he grew up in West Hempstead with terrific parents, Arthur Harvey Martini and Florence Vivian Kettner, and three siblings, Carolyn Unger (Charlie), Nancy Walters (John), and Robert Martini.

He was also blessed to have been married to Karen for 36 years prior to her passing in 2011. They were so gratified by the birth of their son, Bryan, who survives with his wife, Wendy, and four daughters: Leah, Kara, Serafina and Elora, all of Sioux City, Iowa.

In 2012, God once again blessed Art when he was married to Susan Leigh Crofton, who he had met in Monument. He was additionally blessed to have known Susan’s mother, Jean Peterson, and stepfather, Vern Peterson.

Art and Susan enjoyed and were thankful for each and every year they got to share together. They were especially grateful for having two terrific pets. Golden Retriever Aspen loved to travel with them in their motor home—well, at least most of the time—and then Murphy, their compassionate Golden Doodle.

A private burial will take place in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to Pikes Peak Hospice, Monument Community Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs.