

**The Things Unknown**  
**"The Love of My Life, 55 Years of Married Bliss"**



I could never tell and you would never know  
Why some things happen, But, they do, it has to be so.  
They sometimes trouble us; We hurt and feel the pain,  
And then the aching leaves; And life is the same again.

We feel so many times, The trial is o' so great  
Sometimes the burden comes And causes a grief we all hate.

It leaves us with heads hung; Our hands worn, our tears a  
flow And we think we would feel better If the mysterious we  
could know. And yet, each day unfolds,

A new dawning never seen we face it a hope of success;  
Because we love the peaceful and serene.

But still what will be, Is an unknown fact, only time will un-  
veil. But the grace of God will be sufficient,

To help us bear the unknown  
And victory will prevail

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**This Body Borne with Dignity By:**

Phillip Wilson  
Tom Trnka  
Deon Dean

Ron Adams  
Kelly Cox  
Greg Benefiel

**Honorary Bearers of The Bier**

Wilson Gafney  
Leon Rischer

Charles Dennis  
Columbus Walker

**The Family Expression of Appreciation**

We are grateful to our God for friends, such as you.  
Your thoughtfulness and kindness during this time of  
grief and sorrow has helped us greatly. Each act of  
sympathy shown to us will be cherished and remem-  
bered for years to come. May the Lord forever keep  
you is our prayer.

**"Continuing The Legacy of  
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A Celebration of Life for  
**Mr. Melvin Rischer**

"But they that wait on the Lord shall renew  
Their strength; they shall mount up with wings as ea-  
gles; they shall run and no be weary; and they shall  
walk, and not faint." Isa. 40:28 KJV



**The Celebration Begins**

Thursday, the Twenty-fifth Day of May  
Two Thousand Six  
The Eleventh Hour of the Morning

**Grand Prairie Family Church**

1513 S. Beltline Rd.  
Grand Prairie, Texas

**Pastor Brady Lane,**  
Officiating

## “FULFILLMENT”



I have worked in the fertile earth and planted a garden, So I know what Faith is. I have listened to the birds caroling in the morning and dusk So I know what music is. I have seen the morning without clouds after showers, So I know what beauty is.

I have sat before a wood fire with old friends,  
So I know what companionship is.

I have walked the path of quietness  
along the forest floor,  
So I know what peace is.

I have dwelt in the valley of  
remembrance on the hills of home,  
So I know what love is.

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I have seen the miracle of spring,  
the fruition of summer,  
And the beauty of autumn, followed  
by the repose of winter,  
So I know what life is.

And because I have perceived all of these things,  
I know what God is.

## Chronicles of Mr. Melvin Rischer

*Melvin Rischer was born January 18, 1918 in Streetman, Texas to Joe & Manervia Rischer. He attended the Freestone County Public Schools. On December 30, 1950, he was united in holy matrimony to Mary Ethel Dennis; a marital union which continued for 55 years, until his death. He is preceded in death by his parents Joe & Manervia Rischer, and two brothers, Lloyd and Herman Rischer.*

*He served in the United States Army from May 25, 1942, until he was honorably discharged on January 18, 1946. Melvin was employed at Lockheed Martin in 1947 and later moved to California in 1958, where he was employed with the city of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department for 48 years, retiring as a supervisor.*

*In 1994, Melvin and Ethel decided to move back to Texas, and took up residence here in Grand Prairie. They united with the Grand Prairie Family Church of the Nazarene, where he worked in various programs; most notably the Promise Keepers and the Hotdogs & Hope, a ministry to the homeless in Fort Worth.*

*On May 19, 2006, after an extended battle with cancer, the victory was won when the book of his life was closed and Melvin answered God's call for his child to come on home.*

*He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 55 years, Ethel; a sister, Mary Eliza Richardson of Fort Worth, Texas; a brother, Columbus Rischer of Streetman, Texas a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Of special note and affection to Melvin and Ethel are special friends that were considered family; Kristina, Shirley and Don.*

## The Celebratory Order of Service

The Processional

The Final Glimpse 'til Glory..... "The Directors"

An Uplifting Song..... "Because He Lives"

Comfort From The Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Isaiah 60:18-20

New Testament..... I Corinthians 15:51-58

The Invocation ... Rev. Barbara A. Moffitt Elliott

A Song of Peace ..... Rev. Rick & Julie Thompson  
"Going Home"

Remarks..... Two Minutes Please

A Song of Comfort..... Rev. Felter, Deon Dean  
"I Won't Complain"

The Message of Comfort..... Rev. Brady L. Lane

A Song of Inspiration ..... Tom Trnka  
"I Bowed On My Knees"

The Recessional

Melvin's Bed of Rest  
Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery  
Grand Prairie, Texas

