

A Service to Celebrate and Give Thanks for the Life of

NOLAN KIRK SIMON

August 27, 1943 – January 24, 2026



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FEBRUARY 21, 2026 AT 10 AM

CLERGY

The Reverend Imogen Rhodenhiser, Rector

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Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd

We are honored to welcome you today to The Church of the Good Shepherd as we join together to celebrate the life and love of our sibling in Christ, Nolan.

As you entered the church today, an usher handed you a guest card. Please take a moment to fill out the card and then leave it in your pew as you depart. The cards will be given to the family so that they will know of your presence at today's service and of your concern and support for them.

The Church of the Good Shepherd was formed in 1874 and since that time has been known as a welcoming and hospitable community of faith, and that is a reputation we continue to strive to uphold. We are an inclusive and affirming Episcopal parish that seeks to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions. It is our privilege to welcome you here today.

Yours in Christ's love,
The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser
Rector



In the Episcopal Church, the funeral is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, not height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

– Book of Common Prayer pg. 507

About this service:

- *Parts of the service not included in this service bulletin may be found in the Book of Common Prayer (noted on the following pages as BCP, followed by the page number). The Book of Common Prayer is the red book found in your pew.*
- *All are welcome to receive communion.*



In Thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Burial Office: Rite Two

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Opening Anthem

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 491

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

The Hymnal 1982, #657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Nolan. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Reader: Camm Fyfe

Reader A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 23

Reader: Adam Simon

King James Version

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.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Reader: Anders Fyfe

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn: Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

New Britain

The Hymnal 1982, #671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

The Gospel: John 14:1-6

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflections

Jon Simon and Maggie Fyfe

The Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

BCP, p. 497

Intercessor For our brother Nolan, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Nolan, and dry the tears of those who weep.

All Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

All Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

All Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

All Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

All Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

All Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Celebrant Father of all, we pray to you for Nolan, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Offertory Anthem: Angel Band

*My latest sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run.
My strongest trials now are past, my triumph has begun
O come Angel Band, come & around me stand
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home

O bear my longing heart to Him who bled & died for me
Whose blood now cleanses from all sin & gives me victory
O come Angel Band, come & around me stand
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

Invitation and Communion

Communion Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

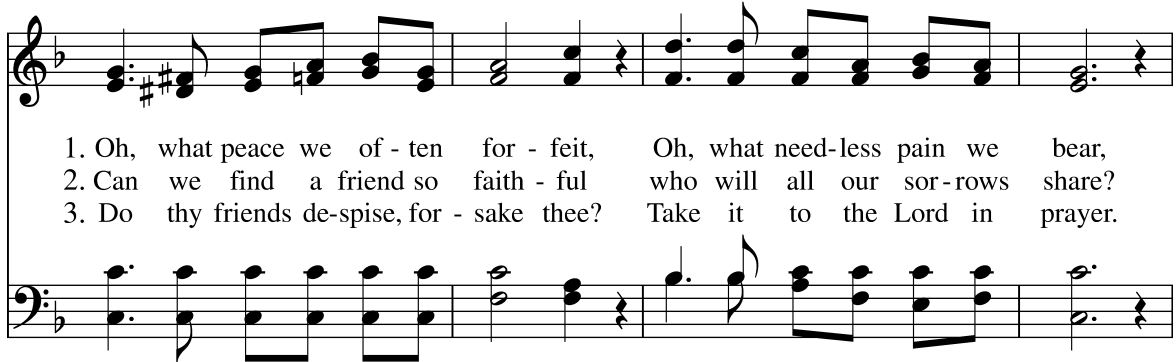
Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #109



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

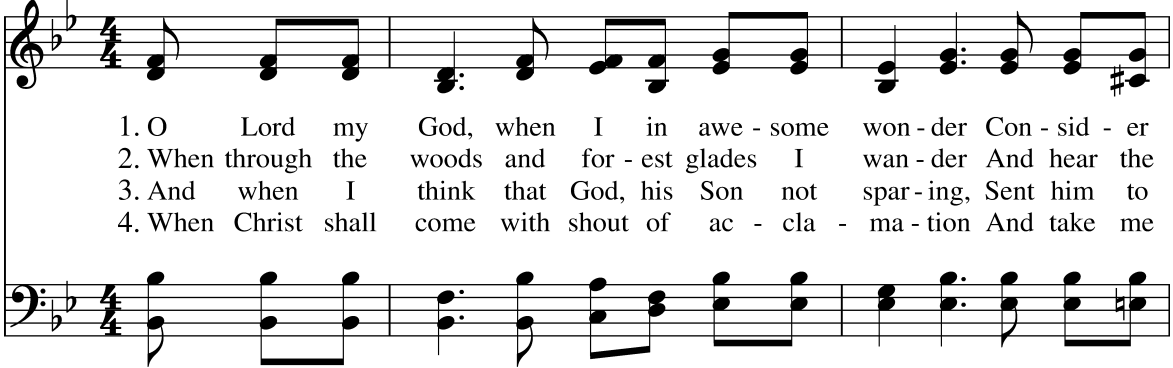


1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

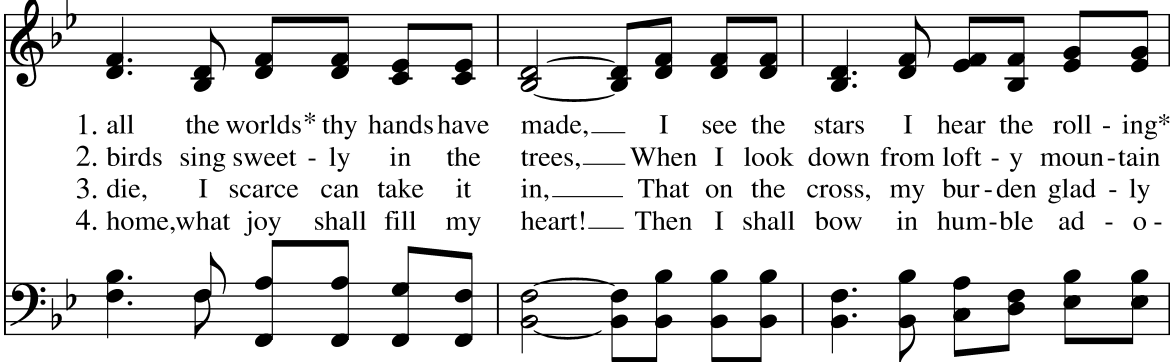
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Communion Hymn: How Great Thou Art

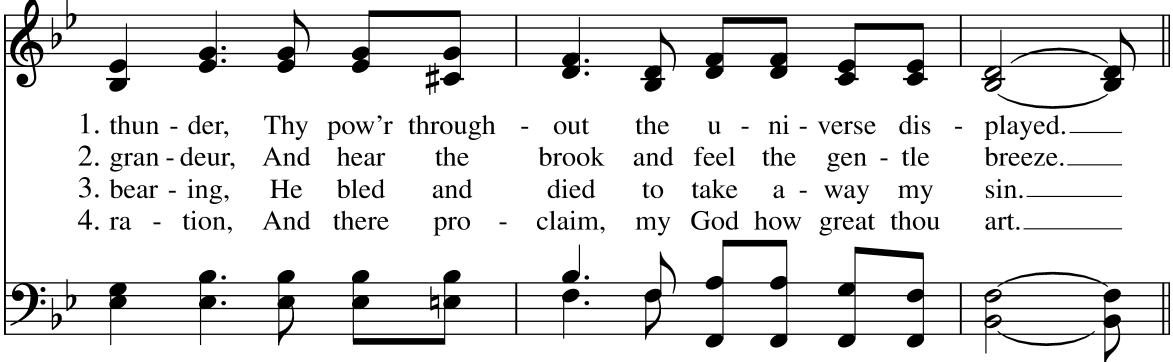
Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #60




1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to
Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 498

All Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

BCP, p. 499

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Nolan. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

The Blessing

BCP, p. 486

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: Lift high the cross

please see the facing page

Voluntary

*The family thanks you for your presence here with us today
and for your love and support.*

*Please join us for a reception in Shepherd's Hall
immediately following this service.*

Closing Hymn: Lift high the cross

Crucifer

The Hymnal 1982, #671

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



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Nolan Kirk Simon

August 27, 1943-January 24, 2026



Nolan Kirk Simon of Raleigh passed away peacefully on January 24, 2026. Nolan was born in Middletown, Kentucky, the first son of Helen Simon (née Kirkham), a teacher, bookkeeper, and homemaker, and Ansel Simon, a family physician. He is survived by his only daughter, Margaret (Paul), two grandsons Anders and Camm, a brother Jon (Linda) and numerous nieces, nephews and grand nieces and grand nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his wife of 37 years, Barbara (née Michel).

Nolan graduated from Eastern High School in Louisville, KY where he was first saxophonist in the marching band and struggled with algebra. He was known for driving sports cars, including a Saab named the Coffin II and a Triumph TR 6 which he painted green with white racing stripes. Nolan attended Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY, pledging Kappa Alpha fraternity. Midway through his studies, he discovered an interest in art and transferred to the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore. In 1966, he left school to enlist in the army to serve in Vietnam but was rejected for medical reasons. He then spent time working at Sears Roebuck, eventually returning to MICA to complete his BA and MFA. Nolan subsequently had a long career as an art teacher, first at Catonsville Middle School in Catonsville, MD and then at Randallstown High School in Randallstown, MD. During his early years of teaching he met Barbara Michel, an aspiring English teacher. They were married within six months. Five years later, their only child, Margaret (Maggie) was born. In addition to teaching, Nolan had a wedding photography business for some years. A talented calligrapher, Nolan completed various projects for individuals and local outlets including Bay Sailor magazine. After retiring from teaching, he worked for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), assessing fourth graders in reading. Nolan was a natural and gifted teacher, much loved by his students, especially those he worked with on Randallstown's Student Government and as coach for the Golf Team. A welcoming host, Nolan enjoyed nothing more than entertaining people in his home in Catonsville or at his and Barbara's cottage, Sunnyside, in Searsport, Maine. He had a lifelong close bond with his brother, Jon, with whom he shared a love of golf, Maine, and music. After the death of his wife, Nolan moved to Nokomis, Florida where he spent several years enjoying the beach and traveling. He moved to Raleigh in 2014. There will be a memorial service at 10:00a on 2/21 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh. In lieu of flowers, donations in Nolan's memory may be made to Public Schools First North Carolina (<https://publicschoolsfirstnc.org/donate/>) or to Swan Lake's Courtesy Boat Inspection Program to prevent invasive plants (Swan Lake Association, PO Box 483, Belfast, ME 04915).