**Smoothing the Way**

An aged man on a country road
Was aptly hauling his heavy load
Dodging many a hole in the muck
With his well-worn, ancient and trusty, truck.
He knew the road, each bump and hole—
When to speed and when to slow.
Though some would consider the road quite bad,
He’d used the way as a strapping lad.

This eve he looked at the gaping land
And decided to give it his load of sand.
And so, in the hush of the twilight dim
He placed his load where it suited him.
A friend saw him patching hither and yon—
“Why take the time as the night comes on
To fill the holes that we already know?
We’ve used the road—we know how to go!”

The old man lifted his whitened head
“Dear friend, this road we do not dread
These rutted tracks taught us how to pray;
With faith that works, we’ve found the way.
But the younger ones who do not know
Those we must help, those we must show.
They’ll pass in the dark or the twilight dim—
Come, help me smooth the way for them.”
Jere Calvin Franklin
1939-2018

Jere is survived by: his wife, Linda, son, Jed (Amber), daughter Susan Fontana; six grandchildren; Olivia, Hannah, Andrew, Charity, Jonathan and Mercy; sister Samantha Sackett, niece Kelli-Ann Blais (Tim), and Holly Kelsey; five grand nephews; Kris Blais, Jayce Wolfard, Mitch Lickey, Matt Lickey, Trevor Lickey; and two grand nieces; Britani Blais and Desi Blais.

Jere is predeceased by his parents, John and Mary Franklin, and his nephew Ted Lickey.

Order of Service

Prayer…………………….……….…..….Phil Brewer
Congregation………………There is a Place of Quiet Rest
Song Leaders………………… Susan and Olivia Fontana
Pianist………………………..………Veronica Carson
Sermon………………………..……… Pastor Cavin Chwyl
Scripture and Special Music………… Franklin children
Memories of a Friend ……Phil Brewer
I Know Whom I Have Believed………..Neal Meyer
Eulogy………………………………..Linda Franklin
Benediction…………………Pastor Cavin Chwyll
Congregation……………… Open My Eyes, Lord
Open Mic……………. short heartfelt testimonies are appreciated
Blessing …………………………..….Pastor Bill Evans

Jere’s book, You Can Survive! is his legacy to help people through troublous times. It would be his desire for each family to take a copy of his book home today. The Beautiful Way is available from www.WDFsermons.org. in PDF format. Jere’s sermons and TV series, The Time to Prepare, can be viewed on YouTube. Today’s service will be posted on Jere’s website: www.youcansurvive.org. A simple vegetarian luncheon will follow this service. Take time to greet friends.

Volunteers to help with clean-up today are sincerely appreciated.

There is a place of quiet rest

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God;
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet,  
   Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,  
   Near to the heart of God;  
A place where all is joy and peace,  
   Near to the heart of God.

**Open Our Eyes, Lord**

Open our eyes, Lord,  
   We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him,  
   And say that we love Him.

   Open our ears, Lord,  
And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
   We want to see Jesus.