



CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETED LIFE OF

RICHARD ROLAND DAHLKE

NOVEMBER 11, 1974

THE OBITUARY OF RICHARD R. DAHLKE

We are gathered here to celebrate the completed life of Richard R. Dahlke. Richard was sent by God to live in this world, and now he has been called by God from his station. He was sent to be a part of the family of mankind. He was born in Chicago on September 24, 1933 and died his death in Chicago on November 7, 1974.

Richard was a husband, father, son, and brother. He was the husband of Elaine, the father of John and Kurt, the son of Dorothy Dahlke Nelson and the late Gustave Dahlke, and the brother of Charles and Ronald Dahlke and Mrs. Merle Wiegman. All except his father and brother Ronald survive him.

Richard was a citizen of Chicago and a member of The Order: Ecumenical within the Church of Jesus Christ and the People of God. He was currently assigned to the Chicago Nexus of the Global Management Centrum, where he served the Order in the area of international program liaison, playing a unique role in enabling the global assignments of Order members.

In 1951 Richard enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country during and after the Korean War in the field of radar installations. Discharged as a staff sergeant in 1955, he returned to the United States and continued his education in electrical engineering at the University of Illinois and in computer programming at The Automation Institute. He pursued his career as a computer technician with IBM in Chicago, marrying Elaine Goff in 1962.

Richard lived his life in this world as the Church of Jesus Christ. Baptized in the Lutheran communion, he was raised and nurtured by the historical Church. In 1966, he symbolized his life vocation to be the Church by moving his family to 5th City and becoming part of The Order:

Ecumenical. He served the Order and the Movement in the Continental Office, scheduling courses and arranging for faculty travel. In 1968, he pioneered in the founding of the Order's first religious houses, being assigned as a prior in the Los Angeles House. Returning to Chicago in 1970, Richard employed his considerable literary skill to the Order's research efforts, first in the area of the historical religious orders and later in the task of mapping the topography of 'The Other World. In 1971 he participated in Global Odyssey III as a sign of his care and responsibility for the globe.

An abrupt and massive heart attack in the fall of 1971 put severe limits to the degree of physical activity which had marked Richard's work to this point. An almost irresistibly active man, Richard was now called to care for himself through sharply reduced levels of physical expenditure.

Subsequent attacks left him under no illusion concerning the approaching completion of his life. Before the Order had a common language to describe the experience, Richard knew what it was to find himself in the Dark Night of the Soul. He was not a man who took disability easily, and he struggled to the end to maintain his full engagement in the life of this community and to find adequate ways in which to expend the one finite life which was his. His faithfulness in living the life of global servanthood in the midst of his own pain has resulted in the opening of doors across the globe through which the Order cares for a suffering world.

In death, Richard now claims his place among the congregation of the faithful and the triumphant. He lived his life with boldness and explored in his own being the mysteries of The Other World. His life is complete and he is now, in awesome tranquility, living his death. That life and death will remain forever a part of the eternal mystery that creates and shapes the world.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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3:00 pm Sunday

THE PRAYER WATCH

9:00 am Monday

NONE	VESPERS	COMPLINE	MATINS	LAUDS	PRIME	TERCE
3 pm G. Tomlinson L. Mathews	6 pm W. Slicker R. Rawson	9 pm R. Hamje M. Clements	12 midnight K. Hamje R. Harper	3 am D. Zahrt G. Flowers	6 am W. Grow F. Vance	9 am H. Greene T. Talkington
4 pm F. Wherry I. Bishop	7 pm J. Ockenfels I. Boivin	10 pm T. Dissmeyer J. Smith	1 am J. Wiegel S. Mueller	4 am J. Scoville W. Holcombe	7 am R. Talbott D. Baines	<p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <p>1. Report to Prayer Room one minute before the hour in Order dress.</p> <p>2. Canonical Hour context will be given by previous Watchers.</p>
5 pm J. Wenge K. Bauknight	8 pm W. Norton B. Compton	11 pm B. Johnson M. Bushman	2 am W. Kersh J. Miller	5 am F. Hess M. Corcoran	8 am D. Sinclair C. Haman	

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Funeral Service Liturgists

First Liturgist:	George Holcombe
Second Liturgist:	Marian Hamje
Third Liturgist: (OT)	Vinod Parekh
Fourth Liturgist: (NT)	George Walters
Fifth Liturgist: (WIT)	Richard Loudermilk
Sixth Liturgist: (OBIT)	Gordon Harper
Seventh Liturgist:	Judith Hess
Eighth Liturgist:	Mollie Clements
Band:	Charles Benson, 3rd; Mary Laura Bushman; Brenda Gilmour; G. Alfred Hess

Pallbearers

Congregation I

Bruce Bauknight
Frederick Haman

Congregation II

Eugene Boivin
David Horn

Congregation III

James Patterson
Philip Townley

Congregation IV

Robert Porter
Arthur Smith

Brief rehearsal Monday, 7:30 am in Great Hall

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THE VISITATION	THE WAKE	THE FUNERAL
KLANER FUNERAL HOME	PRAYER CHAPEL	GREAT HALL
SAT 3PM-9PM	SUN 3PM-MON 9AM	MON 10AM-11AM

The Order: Ecumenical celebrates the completed life of Richard R. Dahlke in a series of interrelated events, November 9 - 11, 1974. The visitation and remembrance of the family will take place at Klaner Funeral Home, Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. The body of the deceased will then be brought to the Prayer Room and lie in state, with a wake maintained by the Order. At least two representatives of the Order will be present from 3:00 p.m. Sunday until 9:00 a.m. Monday, with the Canonical Hours being observed hourly. The funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday in the Great Hall. Representatives of the Order and the family will participate in the committal service Tuesday.